



OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

3rd April 2023

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 4th April

Informal Practice – 1.30pm

WEDNESDAY 5th April

Women's Pairs – 1.00pm

WEDNESDAY 5th April

Junior/Intermediate – Easter Pairs 2

WEDNESDAY 5th April

Beginners Lessons – 7pm

THURSDAY 6th April

Senior/Open – Easter Pairs 1

FRIDAY 7th April

Easter Friday Bridge – 1.30 start

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER: If you have not yet paid your 2023 Subs, you will be receiving a reminder email this week.

If you do not intend to renew your subscription, could you please email office@otago-bridge-club.org.nz

CONGRATULATIONS:

FRIDAY MARCH HANDICAP:

- 1st Neil Johnstone
2nd Ann Wood
3rd Irene Hallberg

SATURDAY NIGHT:

- Ruth Airey/Elaine McDonald
Derek Tingle/Wendy Fallon

CAT RESCUE DUNEDIN FUNDRAISER:

Off – the – Stick

- 1st Pamela Nisbet/Gary Belworthy
2nd Lorraine Peacock/Barbara Hutton
3rd Donna Ruwhiu/Wyn Jones

Handicap

- Hilary Bissett/Pip Weber
Jen McCartney/Judy Gorman
Pamela Nisbet/Gary Belworthy

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

All tournaments can be entered on NZ Bridge Tournament page

- April 8-10th** Auckland Congress
- April 15th** Timaru Congress 5B Intermediate and 10A Open Team
- April 15th** Tauranga 5A Open Teams, \$30, 9.30 start, **ONLINE**
- April 16th** Timaru Junior 3B, Intermediate 5B, Open 10A Pairs
- April 16th** Invercargill 8B Swiss Pairs, \$25, 10am start, close 14/4
- April 22-25th** Wellington Bridge Congress – Pairs and Teams
All Grades – Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Open
- April 22nd** Wanaka 5A Open Pairs, \$35, 10am start, Close 18/4
- April 29th** Invercargill Murihiku 5A Teams, \$30, 10am start, close 26/4
- April 30th** Invercargill Murihiku 5A Pairs, \$35, 9.30am start, close 26/4

WHATS YOUR SYSTEM #2?

Bradley Johnston kindly commented on board 23 from The Otago Autumn Teams played on Saturday March 25.

This board was from the top of the table round 4 clash between eventual winners McManus and runners up Eidler, both teams the only ones to be three from three, with McManus at the Home table.

McManus	Matt McManus (Aust) & Sam Coutts Brad Johnston & Lydia Turley	Home NS Away EW
Eidler	Dean Eidler & Murat Genc Kristen Collins & Matt Blakeley	Away NS Home EW

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Opening Bid

Both Souths (Sam & Murat) exercised their discretion to get into the bidding early and put the pressure on with a 3H opening.

Not the text book play we teach at lessons, but this is the world of tournament competition.

WHY?

Looking at the hands, if South passes, West opens and EW should reach a 4S game with fairly straight forward bidding, making 5 for +650.

So South's 3H pre-empt is simply trying to make finding that contract a little more difficult.

WEST'S OPTIONS

Pass, 3S or Double seem the options available.

With North unknown and all vulnerable, stepping into the bidding battle was a risk to far for both Wests as they took the Pass option.

The pass from North was the easiest bid at the table.

EAST's OPTIONS

Holding probably the highest point count hand and knowing partner probably has some points East has an awkward choice, ie South's bid has achieved part of its goal!

East can't double as that would be for takeout and show a heart shortage, not it's longest suit!

So feeling robbed, East must decide "is the best score going to come from playing or defending? Or more succinctly, bid 3NT or Pass.

And that's exactly what happened.

- One team passed and immediately picked up +400 when 3H can only make 5 tricks.
- The other table bid 3NT, looking for +600 or better and a win on the board, and once dummy's hand was on the table game was guaranteed with overtricks likely, as long as East followed the teams' mantra – priority is to make your contract; overtricks are a bonus not necessity.
 - Note West really has no choice but to pass as partner might also have an unbalanced hand but with a heart stopper and long running minor.
- So 3NT paid off with a 6 imp win on the Board for McManus.

Bragging rights however went to Eidler who took out the match narrowly 22-19.

Eidler also were the only team to go unbeaten all day, but as often is the case in Swiss teams, it is the size of the wins as much as the number of wins that determines the final winner.

Editor's Comment:

Interestingly, for those Wests not so thoughtful and/or more of the risk taking nature, a double produced a huge dividend as NS have nowhere to run; East is very happy to pass; and instead of +400, 3Hx -4 rewards EW with +1100!

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

EASTER WEEK – Monday 10th to Thursday 13th – Bridge at 7.10pm

Play with anyone from any Division. No need for a partner.

MONDAY 10th April	Easter Bridge 7.10pm
TUESDAY 11th April	Informal Practice – 1.30pm
TUESDAY 11th April	Easter Bridge 7.10pm
WEDNESDAY 12th April	Easter Bridge 7.10pm
WEDNESDAY 12th April	Beginners Lessons – 7pm
THURSDAY 13th April	Easter Bridge 7.10pm
FRIDAY 14th April	Friday Bridge 10.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS:

JUNIOR EASTER PAIRS:

- 1st** Michael Cooper and Peggy Tompkins
- 2nd** Ramon Quennell and Daniel Blakeley
- 3rd** Peter McIver and Kathryn Newell

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CHARITY TOURNAMENT

1st May **Taieri Club – Hospice Charity Pairs, 1.30pm start, \$15**
Numbers are limited to 26 tables. Entries close 29/4
Entries to Jen McCartney 0278925258
Or on the otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz.taieri website.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Victor Weedn – recently moved to Dunedin from USA. Victor will be playing in the Open Division and is keen to find partners – normally plays 2 over 1, but could play Acol or Precision.

Contact number 021617849.

Welcome Victor – we hope you enjoy your bridge at the Otago Club.

BEREAVEMENT: Errol Chave (Senior Division).

It is with sadness we acknowledge the passing of Errol. He has been a member of our Club for at least 30 years, and was a regular player on Thursday and Fridays. The Club would like to extend our sympathies to his wife and our fellow member Rona, and their family.

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB 50th ANNIVERSARY

20th May – All past and present members very welcome to help us celebrate this milestone.

Bridge starting at 1.30pm, followed by nibbles and speeches.

Register your interest by 30th April for catering purposes

taieribridge@outlook.com or

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EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 17th April	TEAMS 7.10pm
TUESDAY 18th April	Informal Practice – 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 19th April	All Comers 1.00pm
WEDNESDAY 19th April	Junior – John Lawson Plate 3
WEDNESDAY 19th April	Intermediate – Easter Pairs 3
THURSDAY 20th April	Open/Senior – Easter Pairs 2
FRIDAY 21st April	Friday Bridge 10.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS:

TIMARU CONGRESS OPEN TEAMS:

- 1st** Brad Johnston (Matt Brown, Matt McManus and Glenn Coutts)
2nd Arleen Schwartz, Chris Ackerley, Dean Eidler, Murat Genc

TIMARU CONGRESS OPEN PAIRS:

- 1st** Brad Johnston with Matt Brown

Fantastic weekend of bridge Brad, well done.

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April 22-25th	Wellington	April 22nd	Wanaka 5A
Bridge Congress – Pairs and Teams		Open Pairs, \$35, 10am start, Close 18/4	
	All Grades –		
Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Open			

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Murihiku 5A Teams, \$30, 10am
start, close 26/4

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Murihiku 5A Pairs, \$35, 9.30am
start, close 26/4

May 6/7th Otago/Southland
Interprovincial Trials – ONLINE

May 13th Te Anau 8B
Pairs - \$25, 10am start, Closes 10/5

May 20th Gore
Intermediate 5B Pairs, 10am start,
\$25, Closes 17/5

May 21st Gore
Junior/Novice 3B Pairs, 10am start,
\$25, Closes 17/5

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND 2023 INTERPROVINCIAL TRIALS

MAY 6th and 7th

The Trials notice and Entry form for players wanting to participate in this year's trials for the regional Otago Southland Interprovincial teams have been emailed to all members during the week– Open, Senior, Women and Intermediate. **Entries close on Saturday April 22nd at noon. Please get your entries in ASAP.**

“TRANSFERS ARE AWESOME”

Brad Johnston has very kindly written 2 documents on Transfer Bids.

Part 1 – The Foundations

Part 2 – Neat things You Can Do

I would strongly recommend all players who play and are wanting to play transfers to read these.

Thankyou Brad for all the effort you have put into these works.

I will send them out as a separate attachment from the newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT – Neil Johnstone

The Club is legally required to upgrade its constitution in the coming year or two. As part of its initial planning for this, the Management Committee has become increasingly aware that our membership rules are now outdated and sometimes irrelevant. The

Committee is keen to hear individual member's views on the proposed ways forward into 2024 and beyond. To this end we have produced a series of information/consultation documents. These will be available on the club's webpage from early next week, and hard copies will be available at playing sessions from next Wednesday for those without internet access. Members are initially encouraged to give their opinions or suggestions in writing – preferably by the end of April - to office@otagobridgeclub.org.nz, or by “posting” through the office door. NOTE: Changes to our constitution can only be effected via a General meeting.

RESIGNATIONS:

Anna Louw-Young (Junior) “I do enjoy playing bridge, but find that as my children are school aged, I have no extra time to invest at the level I wish. I do hope to come back in a few years. I really appreciated the classes and would like to thank Matt and Phil for their time and effort”

Carrie Reynolds (Junior) “Am not returning to bridge this year as too busy. Do plan to return next year”.

Thanks Anna and Carrie – all the best, and we hope to see you back at the bridge table in the near future.

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CAT RESCUE FUNDRAISER:
Report from Kristen Collins

On behalf of Cat Rescue Dunedin I would like to thank our local bridge clubs for their support and generosity with our recent fundraising efforts. We were extremely happy to raise \$1189.20 and this will benefit so many local cats and kittens.

Winners of the Bridge fundraiser were:

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1	Pamela	Gary Belworthy	354/520	68.08	-
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	Nisbet				
2	Lorraine Peacock	Barbara Hutton	341/520	65.58	-
2	Donna Ruwhiu	Wyn Jones	341/520	65.58	-

EW

1	Neil Johnstone	Diane Daly	310/520	59.62	-
1	Margaret Wheeler	Elaine McDonald	310/520	59.62	

Winners of the scratchy boards were Jenny Moates and Charlotte Harris both from the Otago Bridge Club Junior Division

Winner of the Hamper is Andrew McGregor (Vetent Mosgiel client)

Winner of the crochet blanket is Pam Hodgkinson (Otago Bridge Club Open Division)



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24th April 2023

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 25th April	Informal Practice – 1.30pm – All Welcome
WEDNESDAY 26th April	Women's Pairs 1.00pm
WEDNESDAY 26th April	Junior/Intermediate – Pairs Championships 3
THURSDAY 27th April	Open/Senior – Pairs Championships 3
FRIDAY 28th April	Friday Bridge 10.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS:

EASTER PAIRS:

Intermediate

1st	Eunan Cleary/Pip Weber
2nd	Jean McAlevey/Sally Stewart
3rd	Mary McQueen/Graham Wallis

Senior

Peter Pfeifer/John Henderson
Archie Crawford/Jan Flood
Paul Spain/Adrienne Dearnley

Open

1st	Pam Hodgkinson and Judy Russell
2nd	Kevin Skoropoda and Philip Noye
3rd	Murray Barron and David Larsen

WANAKA OPEN PAIRS:

1st	Peter Hall and Lindsay Glover (Invercargill)
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TAIERI HOSPICE CHARITY PAIRS:

- 1st** Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins
- 2nd** Laurie Smeijers and David Jones
- 3rd** Murray Barron and David Larsen

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- May 6/7th** Otago/Southland Interprovincial Trials – **ONLINE**
- May 13th** **Otago Junior 3B Pairs – NB CHANGE OF DATE**
- May 13th** Te Anau 8B Pairs - \$25, 10am start, Closes 10/5
- May 13th** Canterbury Congress Open and Intermediate Teams
- May 14th** Canterbury Congress Open, Intermediate and Junior Pairs
- May 20th** Gore Intermediate 5B Pairs, 10am start, \$25, Closes 17/5
- May 20th** Gisborne 5A Pairs **ONLINE**, \$25, 9.30am start, close 18/5
- May 21st** Gore Junior/Novice 3B Pairs, 10am start, \$25, Closes 17/5
- May 28th** Taieri 5A Pairs

VOLUNTEERS FOR CARD DEALING URGENTLY NEEDED:

We are in urgent need of volunteers to help with card dealing. You would only be required once a fortnight and it takes no more than an hour. You would be dealing 2 sets of boards for Women's Pairs and All Comers. Ideally you do not play in either of these events....but if you do, and are able to help, we would still love to hear from you. Full training and support will be given.

Please contact Raylene Ryan 027 6621189.

RESIGNATION: Rod Waugh (Senior): *“Due to unforeseen circumstances, I will not be able to continue playing bridge. I have been able to contact my partners for the next few weeks. For anyone playing with me for the rest of the year on Thursdays and Fridays, please find alternate partners.*

I would like to pass my thanks on to members over the past 5 years for their friendship and camaraderie, especially those who assisted with my “brownie points.”

We are sorry to lose you Rod, and wish you all the very best. Thankyou for your participation in the club, and your help every week with Card Dealing – this has been very much appreciated.

CONDOLENCES: Hamish Ryan (Queenstown). It is with great sadness we acknowledge the sudden death of Hamish. He was a frequent tournament player at Otago, and has been a representative in both the Open and Seniors Otago/Southland Provincial Team. Our thoughts are with his wife Annette at this sad time.

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