

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE WEEKLY – 1 AUGUST



TOURNAMENTS

AUGUST

- 8 East Otago Charity** Waihemo Lodge, Palmerston, starts at 1.30 pm. Enter either on tournament news board or by emailing by Tuesday eobridge@outlook.com
- 15 Oamaru Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B.** Morning tea 9.40 am for a 10.00 am start. \$25. Take your own lunch. Register on the Oamaru Bridge Club's website by 11 August.
- 21 Invercargill Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B.** Register on nzbridge.co.nz
- 28 and 29 National 15A teams tournament** at Invercargill . Morning tea – 9.30 am. Starts - 10:00 am. Catered lunch. Pre-payment to Invercargill Contract Bridge Club 03 1355 0532940 00. \$30. Prize money will be paid by direct bank credit.
- 29 Taieri Cancer Society Charity Pairs**

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

7 AUGUST – Beef Casserole. Register for the meal which is served at 6.00 pm on one of the sheets on the notice board. Bridge at 7.00 pm. \$15 all inclusive.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to **Lisa Harkness** who comes to us from Alexandra. She is registered in the Intermediate division at the moment, but would be happy to play on Wednesday or Thursday nights as well as a fill-in for teams on a Monday night, depending on family commitments. Lisa can be contacted on ...
027 361 3373

Club members in the various divisions are:

Junior	54
Intermediate	66
Senior	109
Open	<u>157</u>
Total	386

- Five years ago the membership was 434.
- In 2007 it was 550.

CONGRATULATIONS

Senior Winter Pairs – correct results

- 1st Martin George and Dorothy Jacobsen
2nd Ann Hamilton and Alison Paterson
3rd Eleanor Westoby and Rod Waugh
Thanks to those who let me know of the error.

Friday July Handicap

- 1st Cushla Coulquhoun
2nd Margaret Middlemiss
3rd Cecylia Klobukowska and Elizabeth Wilson

Otago Swiss Pairs

- 1st Barbara Hutton and Lydia Turley
3rd Matt Blakeley and Brad Johnston

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Nomination Forms are on the notice board and if you would like to be a member of the Committee of Management of our Club fill in one of these forms and deliver to the Club not later than three weeks prior to the date of the AGM.

CONGRATULATIONS

Championship Pairs decided

Junior

1st and winners of the *Dr C R Johnstone Cup*

Pip Weber and David Mackle

2nd Helen Jappy and Ian Van Delft

3rd Connie Mackay and Andrea Purton

Intermediate

1st and winners of the *Otago Bridge Club Cup*

Ron McMurran and Rodger Paul

2nd Maureen O'Dea and George Friedlander

3rd Brigitte Hudson and Rochelle Palmay

East Otago Charity

1st E/W Pair Patricia Larsen and David Larsen

A successful event with over \$800 raised for the Palmerston St John Ambulance.

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- 11 Wanaka Intermediate 5B Pairs
- 12 Balclutha Open 8B Pairs
- 18 Winton Open 8B Pairs
- 26 Taieri Junior 3B Pairs

The Annual Reports and Accounts will be posted on the website soon (under Resources) and will be available for you to pick up at the Club if you require a paper copy.

UPDATE ON LEASING PART OF THE CLUBROOMS

From Paul Spain, Chair of the Finance Committee

"The club is making very good progress in letting part of our club rooms. Our club will be getting a tenant who is compatible with the bridge club's activities. This is the critical part of the arrangement. We will also be getting a good income stream to support the club's long term financial viability. The club in return will provide appropriate spaces for the incoming business and car parks when not needed for bridge members. We are waiting on permission from the DCC, the finer points of the negotiations and our lawyer to prepare the documents. All being well, November 1st is our target starting date, but preparing the room for lease and rearranging how we do things will start sooner."

Paul

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Senior

1st and winners of the *Baden Wilson Plate*

Raylene Ryan and Karyn Jaffray

2nd Patricia Larsen and AnneMarie Tangney

3rd Jenny Fieldwick and Allan Lockhart

Open - Plate

1st and winners of the *Fontana Challenge Cup*

Judith Smeijers and Laurie Smeijers

2nd Ruth Airey and Denise Carter

3rd Marion Dent and Rob Lawson

Open – Championship

1st and winners of the *President's Cup*

Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout

2nd Samuel Coutts and Brad Johnston

3rd Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland
**Oamaru Intermediate and Junior
Tournament**
Junior

1st Patricia Larsen and Ian Ven Delft
Intermediate

3rd David Larsen and Stephen Moratti

David Green sent through a charming photo from 50 years ago (1971) when Dr Henry Levy, who was to become one of the all-time stars of the Otago Bridge Club, received his first prize at the Club (a propelling pencil) from former first lady president (1965), social convenor and life member (1975), professional florist, Esther Burrowes, a lady of enormous standing in the Club.

Henry, who now lives in Tauranga with his wife, Janet, will be 82 this week, and we all wish him a very happy birthday with very fond memories of his time at the Otago Bridge Club.

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SEPTEMBER 4 – The menu will be chicken, chips and salad, followed by dessert.

ALERTS - provided by Lindsay Gunn

As a general rule you alert a bid which does not mean what it says, or may have two meanings eg the unusual 2NT showing both minors. Doubles and cue bids have so many meanings that they are regarded as *self-alerting*. It is up to the opponent to ask. THIs also applies to bids at the 4-level or higher *except* for conventional bids on the *first* round. A cue bid is either a bid in the denomination showed by the opponent *or* a bid in a suit shown although not named by the opponent eg if opponent plays a system where an opening 1D shows spades, 1S and 2D are both cue bids!

However it is assumed that 2C Stayman over an opening 1NT, an opening 2C game force or 23+HCP and the responding 2D negative bid are so common that although they do not mean what they say they are **not** alerted. If 2D is a relay rather than a negative bid it must be alerted.

If you play that 2C over an opening 1NT is natural you must alert it! And if there is an intervening double, you must alert 2C whether it is Stayman *or* natural. A 'Stayman' 3C over a NT bid must also be alerted.

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If you play 2D as your game force bid, and 2C as something like 19 or 20 – 22, you must alert the 2C *and* the 2D response whatever it means.

If your bid shows the suit named it usually does not need to be alerted – eg 2S need not be alerted whether it is a weak 2 bid , a strong bid or an 8-

playing trick bid in spades. However if you are playing tartan 2-bids, 2S would show spades and another suit and must of course be alerted.

There are other natural bids that *do* need to be alerted such as pre-emptive jumps or non-forcing bids in a new suit after an opponent's take-out double – except by a passed hand.(we often forget to alert the preemptive jumps); or, after an opponent's overcall, a bid in a new suit that is non-forcing (except by a passed hand) or a NT bid which does **not** promise a stopper.

If your bidding system includes some bids which are unexpected – doubles that are neither for penalty nor for takeout, high-level transfer pre-empts, - these should be pre-alerted as opponents will not be aware of the need to ask. And usual carding (such as leading low from doubletons) should also be pre-alerted.

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Wellington 15A Teams have been
rescheduled to 18/19 December

Covid Advisory Update from Chair of NZBridge

We all know that we cannot resume Club sessions until we are at Alert Level 2. For events with more than 100 participants we need to be at Alert Level 1, this certainly the case for our National Congress scheduled for late September. The big question is when do we think that might happen? Earlier this week the Government announced an extension of the Level 4 lockdown until Friday 27th at 11.59pm. Auckland however will remain at Level 4 until Tuesday 31st at 11.59pm. The Government will make a further announcement this coming Friday and Monday on any changes to Alert Levels. This means Clubs will remain closed and any scheduled tournament will be cancelled until such time as we receive clearance. We have received a number of enquiries about Congress which is scheduled to start on Saturday the 25th of September. We understand the desire for some certainty, with travel and accommodation in the air. We could adopt a pessimistic position and say the likelihood is remote or be more optimistic and pray that we will be a Level 1, and the event proceeds. We have decided to reassess the position this time next week, at which point we will issue a further advisory. Whatever happens the latest date we can go to before making a final decision is 13th September. Many players have already entered Congress. Some have

paid and others are waiting until the end of the month to pay. To help we have extended the discount period until the 14th of September. So, if you haven't paid, please hold off. You will still get the discount if we press the green light. If you haven't entered there is still time to enter. We ask that you defer paying the entry fee until we give a green light and ask for payment. You will still get the discount. It will be

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most disappointing if we have to cancel Congress for the second year running but we must adopt a safe position to protect players and staff. Fingers crossed. Stay safe, stay well and care for family and friends. Cheers *Allan*

BRIDGE BASE ONLINE

Contributed by Lydia Turley During the lockdown, the Auckland bridge club is running online "Kiwi pairs" events which are open to all New Zealand bridge players. These events are held on BBO and occur daily at 1pm and 7pm (a rest day may be established in future). There are also similar events targeted at less experienced players. As far as I can tell, these are on Mondays at 7:30.

If you are new to online bridge, they have links to instructions on how to join BBO and how to register for a tournament here:
<https://www.akbc.co.nz/tournament.html>

The kiwi pairs events are popular, places are limited and often fill up fast so I recommend registering early - up to two hours before the event. You'll need a partner. Give it a go and have **fun**