

OTAGO BRIDGE CLU

NEWSLETTER 1st AUGUST 2022

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Please put your names on the list ASAP
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CONGRATULATIONS

CHRISTCHURCH MID WINTER TEAMS (23rd July)

2nd – Sam Coutts and Brad Johnston (with Glenn Coutts and Leon Meier)

OTAGO SWISS PAIRS:

A big thankyou to sponsor DF Transales (Peter Hall)

- 1st Dean Eidler & Murat Genc
2nd Margaret Perley & Paul Freeland
3rd Alec Weavers & Murray Barron
4th Maria Godfrey & John Sheehy

FRIDAY - JULY HANDICAP LADDER

- 1st Frances Best
2nd Dot Cotton
3rd Mavis Hastie

2022 AGM - Call for Nominations for Officers, Committee and Sub Committees

It's that time of year for you to consider how you might assist in your club's management. We are looking for some fresh faces and additional help in running our club.

Our constitution requires the club to give a minimum of six week's notice to call for nominations for our President, Vice President and 6 committee members.

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The disruption Covid has caused to all of us has highlighted the social strength bridge

Improving your Defence

(thanks Brad for this hand)

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“Broadly speaking, Defenders should not win tricks unless they

- *want to win* them, or
- if they *have to win* them.

If you're always entitled to win a trick, then *you should choose to do so when it's advantageous to you, and not when declarer is prepared for you to win it.*

An example from last week's teams match:

In this championship section match reported both Souths got to show a weak NT

- One opened an ACOL NT (12-14)
- The other was playing a strong NT (15-17) so opened 1C and rebid 2NT over partner's 2C inverted minor raise [where 2C is strong and forcing for at least 1 round, and 3C immediately from North would be weak]).

Both Norths then chose to jump to 3NT.

- They only have 11 HCP, and their partner's showing 12-14.
- This would indicate that they should only make an invitational raise to 2NT, *however* there is a lot of trick taking potential in North's club suit.
- The hand is worth far more than the 11 HCP total implies, and bidding 3NT on the power of the club suit is quite warranted.

Both Wests led the 4th best 2 of Hearts against this bidding.

- On the given layout it's the most challenging lead for declarer, but West's heart suit is so empty (and only 4 cards long)
- an alternative could have been leading a top spade and hoping that partner has a holding like JTxxx which will develop into length tricks after the AS is gone.

On the given H lead,

- declarer wins the Ace
 - (if they duck a round, the defence will surely play another H to knock out the outside entry in case the Cs don't behave), and
- crosses to hand with a D to run the 10C.

West can see that there's no benefit to covering the 10.

- The point of covering honours in spots like this is to promote your sides intermediate pips/smaller honours.
- With 7 clubs in view on dummy you're not going to promote anything for your side.

After the TC holds, declarer plays another C and West plays low again.

Now comes the message from this hand

- Is it correct to take another finesse with QC, or
- Should I play AC - wary of a sneaky East (who started with Kx) but ducked the first round?

It seems simple doesn't it ?

- There were only 4 clubs missing and West has followed twice, meaning at best East could only have started with Kx,
- so surely with that holding East have taken the first round finesse?
- It must be right to finesse again!

So, just in case I'm wrong says declarer – why would East with just Kx of clubs duck first time?

- Given the initial Heart lead and having to play AH quickly I now have no outside entries to dummy.
- I opened or rebid NT, so implied a balanced hand (ie least two clubs).
- If East won the KC on the first round, then I will have an entry to cross back to dummy and enjoy those long clubs.
- If I take a second round finesse playing the QC, and lose to East's KC; I'm now successfully cut-off from dummy.
- Is East that sneaky???

There are many cases where a defender ducking when declarer takes a 'losing' finesse could be the right thing to do.

- Declarer might waste an entry to cross back to hand and repeat it, or misplace some other key honours in the deal.

One thing that makes it 'clearer' for East to see that ducking could have been the correct play if it had held the KC comes from West's lead of the 2H.

- Playing 4th highest leads away from an honour, this means partner has Qxxx.
 - Dummy has AH and you have KH,JH.

- And if partner held five cards, the 2h wouldn't have been the 4th highest.
- If you had the KC and won it on the first round, you'll only be able to cash at most 3 more heart tricks.

This was a teams match where taking risks to defeat a contract outweighs giving away a potential overtrick.

- You would still need a fifth trick to defeat the contract, and to be able to cash it immediately.
- Thus, how can we help declarer may a wrong play?

NEWSLETTER 8th AUGUST 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 8th	Teams – 7.10pm
TUESDAY 9th	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 10th	All Comers – 1.00pm Junior – John Lawson Plate 5 Intermediate – Trix Robertson Plate 5
THURSDAY 11th	Senior and Open - Pairs Championship
FRIDAY 12th	Friday Bridge - 10.30am

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CONGRATULATIONS - PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

JUNIOR:

- 1st Catherine Smith & Jean McAlevey
2nd Sally Stewart & Sharon Teasdale
3rd Alan Nicholls & Bruce Dowland

INTERMEDIATE:

- 1st Brigitte Hudson & Rochelle Palmay.
2nd Greg Sligo & Neil Stevenson
3rd Anne Paterson & Grant Dowland

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE:

Handicap

- 1st Lynn Howson & Margaret Tagg
2nd Bev Walker & Margaret Borland
3rd Catherine Delahunty & Lindsay Gunn

Off the Stick

- Julienne Armitage & Alison Giller
Catherine Delahunty & L Gunn
Derek Tingle & Wendy Fallon

NEWSLETTER 15th AUGUST 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

- TUESDAY 16th** Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 17th Women's Pairs – 1.00pm
Junior and Intermediate – Alma Delahunty Pairs 1
THURSDAY 18th Senior and Open - Alma Delahunty Pairs 1
FRIDAY 19th Friday Bridge - 10.30am

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

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\$20 - Closing date 18/8
- 27/28th Aug** South Island Open 20A Teams – Invercargill – 10am start
\$85pp – Closing date 20/8
- 28th August** Taieri Bridge Club – Charity Tournament – 1.30pm - \$10
Enter on the Taieri Website
- 3rd September** – Central Otago Teams and Pairs - **CANCELLED**
- 10th September** Wanaka – Junior/Intermediate 5B Pairs - \$25
Closing date 6/9
- 10th September** Timaru – Open 10A Pairs – 9.30am start - \$35
Prizes also for Top Junior and Int pairs. Closing date 2/9
- 11th September** Balclutha - Open Pairs

PAIRS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP:

- 1st** John Sheehy & Robert Cowan
- 2nd** Sam Coutts & Brad Johnston
- 3rd** Philip Noye & Dean Eidler

PAIRS OPEN PLATE:

- 1st** Bob Gillanders & Alan Lewthwaite
- 2nd** Lyn Clark & Christine Samson
- 3rd** Dorothy Butterfield & Kathy Jermakoff

PAIRS SENIOR:

- 1st** Rod Waugh & Archie Crawford
- 2nd** Paul Spain & Ann Taylor
- 3rd** Glenys Shum & Mary O'Neill

OAMARU INTERMEDIATE PAIRS:

1st Jenny Rowley & Barbara Hutton – great result ladies

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Update from the Management Committee

The Club's Management Committee held its monthly meeting on August 12. Each month there is a standard update from the three subcommittees for Finance, Development and Playing, as well a report from the property manager and any liaison issues with Workplace Safety. Further to the regular items we deal with other one off or seasonal issues.

Important issues at the moment include responding to New Zealand Bridge's consultation initiatives on online bridge and generally what bridge might look like in the future. It is not clear how online bridge will develop nor how it will affect face-to-face bridge. Though regarding the latter it seems that across both New Zealand and Australia evening sessions are becoming less popular while daytime play becomes more desirable, especially with a social focus. In consequence we are looking at ideas for changes to our programme for next year and we will be seeking some feedback on possibilities over the next few weeks.

We have already received indications that some members would like a Sunday afternoon session run through winter – perhaps May to September but the main restriction on developing new activities like is our current shortage of directors. The Club really does need a dozen or so new people to step forward into these and other roles – assisting with property or purchasing as examples and we encourage everyone to consider if they can help in some way.

Another key task for the Management Committee at the moment is preparing for the **AGM** to be held before the Teams competition on **September 19th**. Nominations for the new committee are now open and offering your services this way is a good way to contribute to the Club. If you might be interested please have a talk with any of the current committee for further information.

Message from the Club Captain

Teams – We urgently require some assistance in setting up the tables prior to play each night. Currently Lindsay is doing this in addition to her coordination, directing and scoring and we want to reduce her workload. For one person Lindsay advises this takes about 45 mins.

If there was a small group of players willing to share this role it could be completed either on rotation or as a group before play each Team's night.

If you can help please email clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz

Finish of Play – A reminder to everyone that we are a club and all rely on each other doing their bit. At the finish of play this means each of you!

Please ensure your table is left neat and tidy

- boards returned to the front of the playing room
- bidding pad, pencils, stop cards and bridge pad all left tidy on the table
- all the rubbish removed and/or left in the rubbish bin.

Thi NEWSLETTER 22nd AUGUST 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 22nd	Teams 7.10pm
TUESDAY 23rd	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 24th	All Comers – 1.00pm – All grades very welcome Junior and Intermediate – Alma Delahunty Pairs 2
THURSDAY 25th	Senior and Open - Alma Delahunty Pairs 2
FRIDAY 26th	Friday Bridge - 10.30am

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE 3rd September, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Bridge

Slow Roasted Pork, Veg, and Dessert

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

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- 17th September** **Winton** – Graded pairs – 10am start - \$25. Close 14/9
- 17th September** **Christchurch** – Teams Open 5A, Intermediate 5B, and Junior 3B – 10am start - \$25
- 18th September** **Christchurch** – Pairs Open 5A, Intermediate 5B, Junior 3B – 9.30 start, \$25

CONGRATULATIONS:

WOMEN'S WINTER PAIRS:

Off the Stick

- 1st** Ann Wood & Barbara Hutton
- 2nd** Ann Woodhead & Gillian Alexander
- 3rd** Wyn Jones & Kaye Wilson

Handicap

- Frances Best & Bev Ross
- Ann Wood & Barbara Hutton
- Alison Giller & Marion Russell

RESIGNATION: Gary Henderson – Open Division.

Gary has advised that due to ill health he has decided to end his bridge playing days. He joined our club in 1994. We thank him for his support and membership, and wish him all the best.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER : Heather Bunn (Open) - 0211618789

CONDOLENCES: The Club would like to extend our sincere condolences to our life member Elaine McDonald, on the recent passing of her husband Gordon.

Our thoughts are with Elaine and her family, at this very sad time.

OBITUARY: Paul Hudson

It is with great sadness we acknowledge the passing of a very long standing member **Paul Hudson**.



Neil Johnstone comments:

I don't think there has been a more prominent surname than **HUDSON** in the history of our Club. Paul's father Bob joined in 1954, and was an international class player and dedicated club administrator. He played a major part in driving the club's move to its present location in the mid 1970's.

Paul's mother Nan joined in 1962, so from that time on there would almost certainly have been an awful of bridge chat (euphemism for advice and argument!) around the dinner table.

Despite that, Paul took up the challenge, and joined the Club in his very early 20's (after having started a Bridge group at the University). He learnt quickly and became a very accomplished player in his own right. Paul joined the Otago Bridge Club in 1970 and he won 2 Pairs titles with his father and other titles with varying partners.

He was a great supporter of the Club, serving on the committee – Vice President 2015, and as President from 2016 to 2018.

He played a very significant role in helping navigate a way whereby the club was ultimately able to acquire the formerly leasehold land that we are situated on.

Paul's standing as a kind and thoughtful influence within the Club can be gauged by the large number of Club members who attended his funeral last Friday, and by the possibly unprecedented delay of Friday bridge until 1pm.

The South seat at Table 5 on a Friday will be sadly empty of Paul's presence, and its long term occupant deeply missed.

Rest in peace Paul, and thank you so much for all you did for The Otago Bridge Club – we will be forever grateful.

s will reduce the workload on our directors and ensure the playing rooms are left ready for the next session.

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NEWSLETTER 29th AUGUST 2022

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WEDNESDAY 31st	Women's Spring Pairs – 1.00pm Junior and Intermediate – Alma Delahunty Pairs 3
THURSDAY 1st Sept	Senior and Open - Alma Delahunty Pairs 3
FRIDAY 2nd Sept	Friday Bridge - 10.30am

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FRIDAY AUGUST HANDICAP LADDER:

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SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS: Very well done to all the Otago players

2nd **Coutts team – Sam Coutts, Brad Johnston**, Jack James, Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin

4th **Wu team – Mindy Wu, Sandra Coleman, Arleen Schwartz, Paul Freeland**

TAIERI CHARITY TOURNAMENT:

1st Ann Wood Gillian Alexander

2nd Lyn Clark Christine Samson

3rd Judith Smeijers Laurie Smeijers

RESIGNATIONS: We have had resignations from the following members.

Margaret O'Connor (Intermediate), Bruce Milne (Senior), Caroline Ruckstuhl (Intermediate), and Robert Blok (Open).

We thank them for their contribution to the club, and wish them all the best.

WELCOME BACK – Looking for partners

Ross Hadlow (UK) visited our club in 2019 and is returning again in late Sept for the summer and is looking for partners Senior / Open, possibly Fridays.

His contacts are: 020 418 27650 or ross@rattys.co.uk

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