

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 3rd FEBRUARY 2020

TOURNAMENTS

FEBRUARY

15/16 National 15A Swiss Pairs – Christchurch

21 Gold Coast Congress

23 (Sunday) **Save the Children Charity Pairs** at Otago. Start time is 1.30 pm but be seated well before that. Raffles and afternoon tea. All proceeds to Save the Children Fund. Please enter on the Entry Form on the main notice board in the foyer.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE begins this week. These are informal practice sessions held every Tuesday, targeted at Junior and Intermediate players and also for people who are returning to Bridge, and feel they may need a little coaching.

WOMEN'S PAIRS begins this week. Wednesday afternoon beginning at 1.00pm, but it is important to be seated by 12.50 pm. This event is held each fortnight, and is open to all Women players. So if you would like another session of bridge come along and enjoy an afternoon with a congenial group of women.

TEAMS COMPETITION: This starts on the 10th of Feb, not the 3rd. There is no teams tomorrow. If your team is unable to play the first round on the night of the 10th (due to the *Queen* concert), could you please reply to this email; and we'll try to organise your first match to be against a similarly situated team.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE is being held on 15th February. This event is open to all Bridge players in the Otago region. The meal this month is a barbeque of steak, sausages and chicken with warm dressed potatoes and salad, followed by fresh fruit salad and ice cream. To register for the meal please see the notice on the door of the Larnach and Cargill Rooms. There is no need to register for the bridge game – just turn up with your partner. The bar opens at 5.30 pm, the meal is at 6.00 pm and you need to be seated for bridge by 6.50 pm. This is a really fun night – give it a try!

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EVENTS COMING UP IN MARCH

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16, 30 and April 13 **Improve your Bridge** Seminars

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YOUTH BRIDGE WEEKEND 7-9 August at Auckland Bridge Club

For players under 25 who are less experienced than those who have represented NZ at Youth level. See notice board for full details.

BRIDGE ZONE

<https://www.accessmedia.nz/Player.aspx?eid=efd39aba-40d5-4869-8ddb-16fb850a9d68>

Christchurch – Mixed Team Trials. 5 teams are trialling for NZ Mixed teams. How do you make your own luck? Barry has a tip. Good luck to everyone. Restricted Grade and Handicap Systems. We get the go ahead to make an Announcement. Tip of the week from the Book of the month. Winning NT leads.

YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR 2020: If you are interested in this position with NZ Bridge, see attached file entitled: *Expressions of Interest Youth Programme Co-ordinator 2020*

MEMBERSHIP Resignations: Best wishes to Elaine Wooliscroft who has resigned due to ill-health and also to Ann Dowie who has also resigned.

Change to Phone Number: Alison Paterson is now 0272 597 894

CONGRATULATIONS –

To Jude Smeijers who passed the Club Directors exam last year. Sorry that recognition was not acknowledged sooner than this to members. Well done Jude.

FRIDAY BRIDGE – January Match

1st Evelyn Tait
2nd Jenny Rowley
3rd Deslee Howell

THE TOP 200 ALL TIME MASTER POINTS EARNERS LIST

We have a number of our members on this elite list.

No	9	Graeme Stout	6258.22 Master Points
	13	Arleen Schwartz	5852.39
	17	Chris Ackerley	5485.00
	48	Jeff Thompson	3840.97
	53	Murat Genç	3721.89
	61	Margaret Perley	3600.91
	70	David Ackerley	3373.57
	90	Nina Hewitt	2939.88 (deceased)
	92	Paul Freeland	2922.83
	113	Peter McCaskill	2671.70
	173	Jeff Miller	1233.25

The full list and more detail can be found on the NZ Bridge website

OTAGO FESTIVAL PAIRS

1st Arleen Schwartz and Chris Ackerley(left picture)

2nd Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

Intermediate Winners

Dale Cameron and Alan Lewthwaite

Junior Winners

LeeWhyte and Stewart Whyte

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 10th FEBRUARY 2020

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TEAMS: Begins tonight 7.15 pm. If you are not in a Team but would be available to fill in on a Monday night, please put your name on the list on the Teams noticeboard.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE 15th February. To register for the meal please see the notice on the door of the Larnach and Cargill Rooms. The bar opens at 5.30 pm (own cost), the meal is at 6.00 pm (\$8) and you need to be seated for bridge (\$6) by 6.50 pm.

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FROM THE PLAYING COMMITTEE

Slow Play

Bridge Regulations state that everyone is entitled to the same amount of time to play a set of boards. Some boards are easier than others; and can be played faster. Other times, pairs take more time than the allotted time. That's fine, as long as the pair who fall behind make an effort to catch up in subsequent rounds. Any pair who plays at an **unduly slow speed** will be reminded by the director, of their obligation to catch up; and if they fail to – **will** be issued a slow play procedural penalty.

Note well: Harrying the opponents to hurry them up does NOT count as an effort to speed things up.

FACEBOOK PAGE: Peter Pfeifer has resurrected Otago Bridge Club's Facebook page and will be putting on it relevant information about the Club, photos, etc. Search for Otago Bridge Club – you may see information from a few years ago when Jared Fudge first set it up.

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Team Carter did it – they are off to Pizza land in August. I chat with Barry and Judge Julie about the weekend's tournament, the entry criteria, potential costs, how do they select the remaining pair that joins the team. There is an awful lot that goes on behind the scenes. What a difference 12

months make. Thanks to Christchurch Bridge who hosted the event, they got a thumbs up for their hospitality. An appreciation shout out to all the participants who competed in great spirit. Jenny and Julie will be tasting some beautiful Italian *medicines* and coffee. Lesson season is about to start. Tutor, Sally Whittaker fills us in with what the Te Awamutu Bridge Club plans are for 2020.

MEMBERSHIP

BEREAVEMENT: It is with sadness we record the death of one of our valued members, Marlene Duncan. Marlene joined the Club in the 1990s and progressed up through the Divisions and into the Open Division in 2016. While in the Senior Division she took on the role of Partners Steward going to great lengths to find and match up partners for those who phoned her. Marlene's contribution is appreciated by the Club. She will be missed by her many friends.

CONGRATULATIONS –

to Ex-Otago players Jo and Sam Simpson who have been selected to join Pat Carter-Julie Atkinson and Jenny Millington-Barry Jones in the New Zealand Mixed Team at the World Championships in Italy in August.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 17th FEBRUARY 2020

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8 Oamaru Open 5A Pairs
14 Taieri Open 8B Pairs, Morning Tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. Bring your own lunch. \$20. Entries close 11 March.
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16, 30 March and April 13 **Improve your Bridge** Seminars Each seminar will be on a specified topic (to be advised) and will run from 7.10 pm to 9.15 pm. There will be up to 12 hands to play with a discussion of the hands to follow.

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It's a *numbers* show. Who would have thought that we talk numbers so often. **ROTORUA TEAMS.** Grand slams for Africa at Rotorua – wow – plenty to be had there. **Forcing Bids:** Barry yaks about these - it should be so simple. Game force is game force. Support with support. **Gold Coast Congress:** Another excellent Congress to go to. The Corona virus – we wonder what if any impact it may have on the event. **Post card from Scotland** We have an update from Sam Punch Keep Bridge Alive Pro Am is next weekend in London. **Judge Julie.** Here's looking at you darling... **Tip of the week.** At the 5 level - no wrinkles here.

MEMBERSHIP

PHONE NUMBER: Rosalie Douglas is now using only her cell phone – 0274 778 323

HOME CLUB MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS : These were sent to us this week by NZ Bridge. Otago-Southland figures have been extracted

Alexandra 67	Balclutha 28	Cromwell 50	East Otago 40
Gore 81	Invercargill 165	Maniototo 17	Milton 29
Oamaru 162	Otago 389	Queenstown 110	Taieri 86
Te Anau 48	Wanaka 175	West Otago 26	Winton 87
Total for Otago Southland 1560		Total NZ Bridge membership is 13,920	

CONGRATULATIONS – SUMMER PAIRS WINNERS

JUNIOR

1st Deidre Bruce and Andrew Nicolson
2nd Barbara Galland and Andrea Purton
3rd Fiona Ellis and Brian Ellis

INTERMEDIATE

1st Cath Ellis and Wendy Fallon
2nd Jennifer Macmillan and Ritchie Fieldwick
3rd Karen Hogg and Irene Scurr

SENIOR

1st Victor Chou and Alistair Mackay
2nd Josephine George and Mary O'Neill
3rd Lynne Newell and Alan Lewthwaite

OPEN

1st Genevieve Webb and Tim Webb
2nd Gillian Alexander and Ann Woodhead
3rd Michael Atkinson and Dai Redshaw

AN EMAIL RECEIVED FROM VIL GRAVIS

Dear Club Secretary or Manager

The new bridge year is upon us, so I would like to update my files of contacts with players who have been following my articles, both on line at X-Clubs and also directly. As well as that, I still have a few of my two books, “Tips and Quips” (the ‘green book’) and “Thirteen tricks and Evil Acol” (the ‘red book’) that I would like to offer your club or any interested members, at a cost that will cover basic production and postage. I would also be happy to subscribe any interested in receiving the X-Files direct (no charge). Here is the latest “X-Files” to give an example. (*See attachment*). While the X-Files articles are sourced from play at the clubs that are part of the “X-Clubs” group, I do have subscribers from clubs outside that family.

If you or any of your members would like to avail themselves of this offer, I would be happy to oblige, they can email me direct at villyn@xtra.co.nz

With best wishes to you and your club for a happy 2020 of bridge, *Vil Gravis*

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 24th FEBRUARY 2020

TOURNAMENTS

MARCH

- 7 Invercargill Open 8B Pairs. Morning Tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. Catered lunch. \$30 Entries close at 8 am on 4 March.
- 8 Oamaru Open 5A Pairs: Morning tea at 9.00 am. Play starts at 9.30 am. \$ 25.00. Coffee/tea/cold drinks provided and finger food at the end of play. Enter online on Oamaru's website. Entries close at 6 pm. on 4 March.
- 14 Taieri Open 8B Pairs, Morning Tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. Bring your own lunch. \$20. Entries close 11 March. Enter online on Taieri's website.
- 21 Queenstown Open 8B Pairs
- 29 Winton Intermediate 5B Pairs

Otago/Southland Bridge
RUBBER BRIDGE 2020

Entries close – 7 April

Play Commences once draw is released

Play to be completed by - 30 June (or sooner depending on entry numbers)

Cost - \$10 Per person

Winners to play in the NZ National Competition at Congress in Hamilton 26-27 Sept
The draw will be sent to all participating players so that matches can be played in your own area

Send entries with contact name, email and payment to:

Frances Sheehy 1 Warren St Oamaru fsheehy@xtra.co.nz

Or payment can be made via internet banking to:

NZ Bridge Otago/Southland 02 0912 0102165 00

Please show name of depositor

2020 LESSONS begin this Wednesday at 7.00 pm and a repeat session is scheduled for Friday starting at 10.00 am. If you know of people who would like to learn Bridge, then please let them know they will be welcome at either or both of these sessions. To date there are just 20 enrolments, but we would like a lot more, so do encourage friends, family, workmates to give it a go. Flyers are around the Club for you to take to put in your local dairy, workplace or mailbox. If someone can't make it the first week, then the following week will be fine.

EVENTS COMING UP IN MARCH

- 7 Saturday Night Bridge: Meal 6.30 pm. Bridge at 7.00 pm
- 11 All Comers Bridge starts 1.00 pm
- 13, 14, 15, 16 Interdivisional Easter Week – Play four nights of Bridge for just \$6, play with anyone – see notices around the Club. Note that the Easter Pairs is a 3-night match for Juniors and Intermediates, but is just two nights for Senior and Open.
- 16, 30 March and April 13 **Improve your Bridge** Seminars. Each seminar will be on a specified topic. The first Seminar will be on **Reverse Bids**. “What is a Reverse Bid?” you ask. Come along and find it – it will improve your bridge. Your tutor will be our talented Dean Eidler.

REMINDER Fragrance sensitivity is a condition in which someone displays irritation or an allergic reaction to ingredients or chemicals in fragrances. These people are often allergic to the scents in a variety of daily-use items like toiletries, cosmetics, cleaning products and pesticides .It is often worse in indoor spaces, and this is why we ask players **not to wear perfume or bring fresh flowers into the Club**. While many people think fragrance sensitivity is a minor issue, it's a very common condition and **can be quite severe**. Symptoms vary from nausea, headaches, watery and itchy eyes, sneezing, breathing difficulties as well as skin reactions such as burning, itching and redness. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

SAFETY WHEN LEAVING THE CLUB

We would ask all members to be aware of those who are less physically able or whose sight is not good at night and assist them to their cars. We encourage people who are in this category to wait at the door and ask someone to help them, rather than risk falling.

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MEMBERSHIP

RESIGNATIONS

John Bartlett and Pat Westgate have not played at the Club for some years and now wish to resign. We thank them for their support during those years. Christine Marr joined the Club last year but is not now able to continue.

CONGRATULATIONS –

Save the Children Charity Tournament

Over \$1000 was raised by Save the Children which would go to help finance a school in Bangladesh. Thanks you to all who supported this event.

PRIZEWINNERS

1st N/S and 1st overall Dorothy Butterfield and Barbara Hutton
1st E/W Ann Wood and Joanne Curry
2nd N/S Kristen Collins and Lee Whyte
2nd E/W Karla O'Connor and Philip Noye
1st Junior Pair Mavis Hastie and Jen Macartney
1st Intermediate Pair Daphne McCoy and Coral Paris
Closest to 50% Cushla Colquhoun and Jan Munden

Some of the happy Prizewinners