

## **7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

### **COVID PROCEDURES: (Message from Rob Lawson – President)**

A big thankyou to everyone for cooperating so well last week with our new guidelines of mask wearing.

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

**Wednesday/Thursday night** 3rd night of the Summer Pairs

**Women's Pairs** begin this week, Wed 9th February. Please be seated by 12.55pm.

**Teams** competition begins February 14<sup>th</sup>. **At present there are only 16 teams entered. Please enter your team online**, using the link on the front page of the Otago Bridge Club website **as soon as possible**. Entries close 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:**

#### **FEBRUARY**

**10-17** NZB 2021 National Bridge Congress – **NOW ONLINE**.

**20th** (Sunday) **CHARITY PAIRS – Otago. 1.30pm.**

**26th** Cromwell INTERMEDIATE 5B Pairs – Cromwell

#### **MARCH**

**5<sup>th</sup>** Taieri Open 8B Pairs. 9.30am Morning tea, 10am start. \$25.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** Wellington National 15A Pairs

**6<sup>th</sup>** Oamaru Open 5A Pairs.

**12<sup>th</sup>** Invercargill Open 8B Pairs

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Tauranga Mini Congress – Consolation Swiss Pairs – 1<sup>st</sup> Murat Genc and Jeff Miller. Well done.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

**RESIGNATIONS:** Jerrald Mathias (Junior), Jeanette Crawford (Junior), Diane Stevenson (Senior) Barbara Cloughley (Junior), Annette Booth (Junior). The Club is very sorry to lose these players, and thanks them for their contribution.

**WELCOME BACK:** Tai Tua'i (Open Division). Tai is looking for partners for the year. Please phone him on **021 0820 575**

**COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Margaret Harraway has resigned as Health and Safety Officer. The club would like to say a huge thankyou to Margaret for filling this role for the last 4 years. Margaret has done an excellent job in the role, particularly over the last 2 years, with the Covid regulations.

**New Health and Safety Officer** – Lisa Harkness (Senior Division). Lisa has recently moved from Alexandra and has been playing bridge off-and-on for 7years. She is a Registered nurse with a Masters Degree. We would like to thank Lisa for volunteering for this role, and wish her well with the job and her bridge.

**2022 SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

Your account should **be paid by 28 February** to avoid penalty.

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## **14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

### **COVID PROCEDURES: (Message from Rob Lawson – President)**

*Everyone will be aware that Dunedin now has recorded it's first case of Covid for nearly 2 years. While this is significant, we do not see it as a reason to change our current strategy. While we are watching the situation closely, we want to keep the Club operating as normally as possible. The Traffic Light System is designed for mitigation and not elimination of the virus in NZ, and to avoid shutdowns if at all possible. The measures we have put in place over the last few weeks are all designed to keep things ticking over and to keep our members safe. We want the Club to be open and available for people to enjoy.*

*If you feel at all unwell, please stay at home and look after yourself. Also, if you are hesitant about playing, do not feel obligated to do so – partners and team members may be disappointed, but they will understand. Happy Bridging.*

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

**Monday Teams** competition begins tonight. The draw is on the Club website. Please remember masks to be worn. If there are any problems, please contact the convenor Lindsay Gunn.

**Wednesday Junior – Revision Night**

Intermediate - 1<sup>st</sup> night President's Pairs

**Thursday night** Open/Senior - Individual Ladder

**Thursday Open and Senior players please preregister to [ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz](mailto:ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz), so we can limit the numbers to 100.**

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#### **FEBRUARY**

**20th (Sunday) CHARITY PAIRS – Otago - now CANCELLED**

**26th** Cromwell INTERMEDIATE 5B Pairs – Cromwell

#### **MARCH**

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**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** Wellington National 15A Pairs – **Now Online**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Oamaru Open 5A Pairs.  
12<sup>th</sup> Invercargill Open 8B Pairs  
19<sup>th</sup> Queenstown Open 5A Pairs – now **CANCELLED**

## CONGRATULATIONS:

### SUMMER PAIRS

#### OPEN

- 1<sup>st</sup> Graeme Stout & Brad Johnston  
2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Hutton & Christine Kerr  
3<sup>rd</sup> Murac Genc & Dean Eidler

#### SENIOR

- Joy Ward & Kate Vercoe  
Jenny Fieldwick & Kate Aisi  
Ritchie Fieldwick & John Henderson

#### INTERMEDIATE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rodger Paul & Ron McMurrin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brigitte Hudson & Wendy Fallon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dawn Cope & Mary McQueen

#### JUNIOR

- Connie Mackay & Graham Wallis  
Kim Carter & Kathryn Nevell  
Helen Jappy & Catherine Smith

**NZ CONGRESS:** We have had several players competing online this week in the NZ Teams and NZ Open Swiss Pairs.

**NZ Teams:** A huge congratulations to *Glen Coutts* and his brother *James* (now playing in Australia), who have been part of the Milne Team. They have made the FINAL of this event. This can be viewed on RealBridge from 11.30am tomorrow...Best of luck Glen and James, from everyone here at Otago..

**NZ Swiss Pairs:** *Murat Genc* was our top finisher – 8<sup>th</sup> – playing with Invercargill's Anne Sommerville. Well done Murat.

For those players who are competing next week in the NZ Pairs...the Club wishes you all the very best of luck.

If you are interested in watching (kibitzing) our Club players, and also NZ and Australia's top internationals – go online to **REALBRIDGE Kibitz** – a great way to improve your bridge, and to see they can also make silly mistakes – just not as often!

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## 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

### EVENTS AT OTAGO:

**Wednesday Women's Pairs** 1pm start (there will be no afternoon tea until further notice)

**Wednesday Junior – John Lawson Plate 1**

Intermediate – 2nd night Vice President's Pairs

**Thursday night** Open/Senior – 1<sup>st</sup> night Vice President's Pairs

**Thursday - Open and Senior players please pre register to [ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub@org.nz](mailto:ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz), so we can limit the numbers to 100.**

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#### FEBRUARY

**26<sup>th</sup>** Cromwell Intermediate 5B Pairs – **CANCELLED**

#### MARCH

**5<sup>th</sup>** Taieri Open 8B Pairs. 9.30am Morning tea, 10am start. \$25.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** Wellington National 15A Pairs – **Now Online** – 10am start - \$60

**6<sup>th</sup>** Oamaru Open 5A Pairs – **CANCELLED**

**12<sup>th</sup>** Invercargill Open 8B Pairs

**19<sup>th</sup>** Queenstown Open 5A Pairs – **CANCELLED**

**26<sup>th</sup>** Otago Autumn 5A Teams - **OTAGO**

**27<sup>th</sup>** Otago Autumn Intermediate 5B Pairs - **OTAGO**

**27<sup>th</sup>** Otago Autumn Open 5A Pairs - **OTAGO**

### CONGRATULATIONS:

**NZ CONGRESS:** We had several players competing online last week in the NZ Teams and NZ Open Pairs.

**NZ Teams: WINNERS:** A huge congratulations to *Glenn Coutts* and his brother *James* (now playing in Australia), who were part of the Milne Team, on winning this event. The competition was played over 5 days. There were 70 teams entered

who played for 2 days. The top 8 teams then went through to the play-offs, culminating in a final of the top 2 teams. The Milne Team had a very convincing win 136.59 to 33 IMP's after 3 rounds, and the last match was conceded by the opposition. *Fantastic achievement Glenn and James.*

**NZ Pairs:** There were 96 pairs entered in this event. Qualifying rounds were played over 2 days, with the top 28 pairs going through to the final. We were very well represented in the final with Brad Johnston and Sam Coutts, and Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout.

Huge Congratulations to **Brad and Sam finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Jeff and Graeme finishing 5<sup>th</sup>.**

These results are outstanding – well done to you all.

**GOLD GRAND MASTER:** The Club congratulates Murat Genc on this achievement– well done Murat.

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**MEMBERSHIP:** Resignation – Karen Hogg (Intermediate Division)

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## **28th FEBRUARY**

### **MESSAGE FROM ROB LAWSON – President**

We are continuing to watch the Covid situation closely. While the number of cases in Dunedin has grown very quickly indeed, it is still mostly confined to the student population. It will clearly spread from there, so we are currently discussing some proposals to adjust our Club program from next month which may help. We are trying to balance keeping the Club open and allowing those who want to play to do so, while keeping people as safe as possible, and taking any pressure off people who would rather not attend at the moment. We will keep you updated as soon as decisions are final....Management Committee are meeting tonight.

In the meantime, please keep safe, and stay at home if you do not feel well. If you are playing at the club please wear your mask correctly. If you finish a hand early you might want to slip outside for a minute to remove the mask, for a bit of temporary relief – this is how they are managing at schools.

Though the contact tracing system is not working as it was with notified “places of interest”, remember it is important to keep scanning. More than ever people need their own diary as to where they have been, and the scanning app enables you to do this easily.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Resignation – Tony Anderson (Open). Tony wrote this letter to the Club. “It is with considerable regret I now proffer my resignation. I have had a number of health issues over the last couple of years and that with the accumulating years, I have noticed a distinct diminution in my ability. I will reach 93yrs in a few weeks. I have been playing at the Club over 60 years and have enjoyed every moment of my association with other members either as partner or opposition. My first games of bridge were at the High Street premises.”

The Club wishes you all the best Tony, and thanks you for your many long years of active participation and service.

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** Teams Round 2

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** All Comers Bridge – open to all players – 1.00pm start

**Wednesday night** Junior – John Lawson Plate 2

Intermediate – 3rd night Vice President’s Pairs

**Thursday night** Open/Senior – 2nd night Vice President’s Pairs

**Open / Senior** Pre register to [ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub@org.nz](mailto:ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz), if you did not play on the 1<sup>st</sup> night.

**Saturday Night 5<sup>th</sup> March** Meal 6pm (Chicken, Chips and Salad, and Dessert), Bridge 7pm. Please register on noticeboard at Club.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm** Improvers Seminar by Dean Eidler  
Topic – **Stayman and Transfers**

Please register with Dean at [dean.eidler@gmail.com](mailto:dean.eidler@gmail.com)

**CLUB PAIRS - CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE** – you must preregister for these events. Email [ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub@org.nz](mailto:ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz)

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:** There are several Teams and Pairs tournaments now online – check NZ Bridge Tournament Page for details of entry and whether a tournament may have been cancelled.

#### **MARCH:**

**5<sup>th</sup>** Taieri Open 8B Pairs. 9.30am Morning tea, 10am start. \$25.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** Wellington National 15A Pairs – **Online**

**12/13<sup>th</sup>** Taranaki Congress Open teams – **Online**

**12<sup>th</sup>** Taranaki Congress Intermediate and Junior teams - **Online**

**26<sup>th</sup>** Otago Autumn 5A Teams – **OTAGO**

**27<sup>th</sup>** Otago Autumn Open 5A and Intermediate 5B Pairs – **OTAGO**

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**BRIDGE LESSONS:** 2022 lessons have been deferred until **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**, to hopefully minimise any disruptions.

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**LIBRARY NEWS: (Dorothy Butterfield – Librarian)** It is pleasing to see a number of players making good use of our great library. A big thankyou to Margaret Harraway for her kind donation of some of her bridge books. These can be found in the new book section. Also she has donated some very good novels to our second hand book collection.

### **FACEMASK BRACKETS FUNDRAISER**

The Brain Injury Association is a charitable organisation.

They rely heavily on fundraising in order to provide assistance to those affected by a brain injury.

They are selling these brackets for \$5.00 each.

They make breathing easier and allow you to speak more easily through your mask.

**Available in the Bridge Club Foyer.**