

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 2nd DECEMBER

TOURNAMENTS

DECEMBER

8 **Nina Hewitt Christmas Open 3A Pairs – Otago.** Morning tea 9.00 am. Start 9.30 am. Christmas lunch provided. Entry fee \$30. Entries close at 6 pm on 4 December.

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JANUARY

3 and 4: Friday and Saturday nights. Alexandra Holiday 5A Pairs. Both sessions start at 6.30 pm. A light supper served during play both days. \$30.00 for both days. New Venue – New Clubrooms are 52 Boundary Road, Alexandra. Last left side road turning, towards river, before entering pines at Alex North. On left side, 1 km down or 3 blocks down on left, passing Beresford, Ellis and Success/McLean Rd, recessed from road three sections further. Maximum of 24 tables. Entries close at 11 pm on 1 January 2020.

18 O/S Regional 10A Swiss Pairs – Invercargill

SWISS PAIRS – third and last night on Monday – 7.15 pm

PROGRAMME BOOK FOR 2020

Is now at the Club – please make these changes in your Book -

Friday Bridge – First Friday in April should be 3 (not 6), 23 October is missing.

Phone Number – for Denise Carter (Open) is now 021 267 0348.

FRIDAY BRIDGE – continues through to 20 December – even though there isn't a line for your partner on 20 December, there will definitely be Bridge that day. Friday Bridge begins again on 10 January.

HOLIDAY BRIDGE : begins on Monday 16 December and continues through each Monday and Wednesday nights until 8 January 2020. See P 29 of your Book. Be seated by 7.10.

HOLIDAY REFRESHER FOR JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS: Our highly successful holiday refresher sessions will continue this year. These will be held on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th December alongside holiday bridge. Topics will be advertised in next week's newsletter. We already have several requests from the Junior Division. If you have anything in particular you would like discussed, please let John Sheehy or Rob Lawson know. We look forward to seeing you there.

INTER-PROVINCIALS: Our teams are to be congratulated for their determined efforts last weekend. The final standings of the teams were **Open 5th**, **Women 2nd**, **Senior 2nd**, **Intermediate 4th**. Most exciting of all is that they came **second** in the competition for the Dougal McLean Trophy scoring 30 points, coming in behind Wellington who scored 42 points. This is Wellington's fourth win running. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL. Next year Inter-Provincials will be in Wellington.

LIBRARY NEWS: A recent addition to our collection is a set of booklets from the House of Cards. These booklets are suitable for new and improving players, and are a continuation of the book learners receive at the lessons. They are written by Tina McVeigh and Graeme Tuffnell, who became friends as a result of playing at the local Bridge Club in Christchurch. The 'House of Cards' was born over a late night drink after bridge in 1998! Titles include Slam Bidding, Stayman & Transfers, Weak 2s, Double without trouble, and many more. These booklets can be found in the Beginners section of our Library. You might also like to check out the excellent Bridge magazine which Lindsay Gunn donates. They are well worth a read! Reading about

bridge is one way to improve your game, and if you want to see what other people have been reading take a look in the Recent Returns shelf.

Dorothy Butterfield, Librarian

BRIDGE ZONE: I haven't got the link for this week's Bridge Zone, but it was great to have Mereana Cullen from Hamilton, playing at the Club on Friday. She encouraged all to listen to the broadcast each week as it shows the media there are lots of people interested in Bridge. Mereana and Barry are the hosts and there are always have some good Bridge tips, lots of banter between the two and Judge Julie always gives full explanations of rules.

FINAL NIGHTS OF DIVISIONAL BRIDGE are 11 and 12 December.

Two of the Trophies to be presented are in memory of two past stalwarts of the Club - Alma Delahunty and Dulcie Duckworth (pictured below), who gave these trophies to the Club. The Alma Delahunty Cup goes to the best average over all Divisions in the Alma Delahunty Pairs. and this year goes to Raylene Ryan and John Curran in the Senior Division. The Dulcie Duckworth Rose Bowl is presented to the person winning the most C Points in the Senior Division – at the moment there is no clear winner, and will be decided on the last night.



Alma Delahunty & Dulcie Duckworth, known as '*The Gnomes of Zürich*' no doubt after their small size and endless hours of apparently secretive financial & secretarial work 'underground' in the committee room

Photo from David Green's Publication "The Night Sky" - with thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER HANDICAP MATCH

- 1st Marion Rusell
- 2nd Rod Waugh
- 3rd = Gareth Hughes and John Jones

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