

## 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a festive Christmas, and are looking forward to a great year of bridge, hopefully free of any disruptions.

This is my first newsletter, so please bear with me as I find my way. Any information on tournaments, results, players, or any bridge news will be gratefully accepted. Please contact me by email [noyemarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:noyemarilyn@gmail.com) or cell phone Marilyn Noye 021 060 9464.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Elaine McDonald, for firstly initiating these weekly newsletters, and then for doing such an amazing job over many years. The newsletters have always been very informative, relevant, and a great tool for communication within the Club. Thank you Elaine for all your hard work.

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

### JANUARY

- 15 Otago/Southland 10A Swiss Pairs – Invercargill, 9.30 morning tea, 10am start, bring your own lunch
- 22 & 23 South Island Pairs Open 20A – Christchurch
- 30 (Sunday) **OTAGO FESTIVAL PAIRS** – Open 5A - 9.30 morning tea. Start 10.00 am. \$25. Bring your own lunch. Prizes awarded to the three top Open pairs, top Intermediate and top Junior Pairs.

### FEBRUARY

- 10-17 NZB 2021 National Bridge Congress – Mt Maunganui – All grades
- 20 (Sunday) **SAVE THE CHILDREN CHARITY PAIRS - Otago**
- 26 Cromwell INTERMEDIATE Pairs – Cromwell

## CONGRATULATIONS:

### CENTRAL OTAGO HOLIDAY PAIRS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter McCaskill and Jeff Thompson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pamela Nisbet and Murat Genc

**HOLIDAY BRIDGE:** Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> is the final night of holiday bridge. It is great to see holiday bridge being so well supported, and to see so many Junior and Intermediate players coming along. Enjoy your last night, before we start back into competition on Wednesday.

**DIVISIONAL PLAY:** Begins this week – 2-night IMP match - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January for Intermediate and Junior, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January for Senior and Open.

Note that you should play with a different partner each night (if you want to win) and the scoring will be as for Teams – therefore not the same need to make overtricks as in duplicate – best to be in game or slam if it is obvious it is there.

\* Friday play will commence on January 14th

\* Teams and Women's Pairs will begin in February.

**TEAMS COMPETITION:** Entries for Teams competition are now required. Please enter your team online, on the front page of the Otago Bridge Club website.

### **BEREAVEMENTS:**

It is with sadness we acknowledge the passing of a longstanding member Edie Tingle.

Edie was first introduced to bridge as a 7year old, watching her parents play. Her father used to say “Cards were made for bridge”. She took classes in Geraldine, and played in Fairlie in the 1980’s, before moving to Dunedin. She joined the Taieri Bridge Club in 1993, where she met Derek, when he was asked to partner her one Saturday afternoon. In 1996 they both joined the Otago Bridge Club.

She played regularly in the Open Division, Women’s pairs, Friday and Saturday night

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bridge, until last year when ill health unfortunately prevented her doing this. She represented the Otago/Southland Intermediate team (playing with Jocelyn Kilcullen) in the mid 1990’s and in 2008 had success at Women’s Pairs with Carmen Hickling. For many years she was the Partner’s contact for Women’s Bridge.

Edie and Derek enjoyed many years travelling in their campervan to bridge tournaments around the country. Our sincere condolences go out to Derek.

Prizes awarded to the three top Open pairs, top Intermediate and top Junior Pairs. Entries are online, on the NZCBA tournament page.

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**HOLIDAY BRIDGE:** Thanks to all those who supported this event. It was great to see so many Junior and Intermediate players. Thanks to also those Open players who played with lesser experienced players. I am sure it was greatly appreciated.

The Moise Holiday trophies winners were

**Off the Stick** Brad Johnston

**Handicap** Hilary Bisset

**OTAGO/SOUTHLAND SWISS PAIRS – fantastic results for the Otago club – well done**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Barbara Hutton and Jenny Rowley

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Graeme Stout and Glenn Coutts

### EVENTS AT OTAGO:

#### 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

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**Wednesday/Thursday night – 1<sup>st</sup> night of the Summer Pairs**

Tuesday Informal practice sessions will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> February

Saturday Night Bridge 5<sup>th</sup> February

Women's Pairs will begin on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Teams competition begins February 14<sup>th</sup>. **At present there are only 12 teams entered. Please enter your team online**, using the link on the front page of the Otago Bridge Club website **as soon as possible**.

**Wednesday/Thursday night – 2<sup>nd</sup> night of the Two Night Match IMP – try and play with a different partner to be eligible to win this event.**

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### MEMBERSHIP:

**Resignations:** Guy Howell (Junior), Peter Ashford (Junior), Ian Van Delft (Senior– moved to Timaru) and Annette Downey (Junior – moved to Wgtn). The Club thanks these members for their support over the years and wishes them well at their future bridge clubs.

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## FEBRUARY

10-17 NZB 2021 National Bridge Congress – Mt Maunganui – All grades. **This event has now been CANCELLED as a face to face event. NZ Bridge are currently working on a revised programme that will allow it to be played online. Further information will be available in the next 24hrs.**

20 (Sunday) **SAVE THE CHILDREN CHARITY PAIRS – Otago.** Start time 1.30pm. Please support this event – it is an important fund raiser for Save the Children. Raffles and afternoon tea.

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**NEW MEMBER:** A very warm welcome to **Carrie Reynolds** from Invercargill who has rejoined our Club, and will play in the Intermediate Division. Carrie can be contacted on **021 0284 9909**, and would appreciate partners for upcoming nights.

## CONGRATULATIONS: TWO NIGHT MATCH:

### Junior

#### Intermediate:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sally Stewart  
1<sup>st</sup> Judy Bevin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hilary Bisset
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sharon Teasdale  
3<sup>rd</sup> Trish Whelan

### Senior:

#### Open:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Raylene Ryan  
1<sup>st</sup> Paul Freeland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Spain  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Johnston
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanor Westoby  
3<sup>rd</sup> Matt Blakeley

## SOUTH ISLAND PAIRS:

3<sup>rd</sup> Arleen Schwartz and Murat Genc – excellent result – well done.

## COVID PROTOCOL REMINDER:

### Message from Rob Lawson (President)

**“Under the Red Alert level the Club can continue to operate its normal programme as long as we do not exceed 100 people in the Clubrooms at any one time. If we find that more people than this wish to play, we will have to implement a scheme to restrict numbers, probably by pre registering to play on any date”**

All people entering the Clubrooms must hold a current vaccine pass. If you have not already shown your pass to a Club official please do so when you next arrive at the Club. Ensuring that all players hold a vaccine pass is the best way we can help ensure the safety of our members, and at the same time enable us to most easily meet the numbers and other requirements of the Government Traffic Light System.

## BRIDGE AT THE DUNEDIN HOME

**SHOW:** NZ Bridge is organising and sponsoring a stand at the Home Show in the Edgar Centre on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. This is a new initiative being coordinated by the Regional Bridge Mate (Sonya Adams), with the aim of recruiting new members for our lessons in March.

Helpers will be needed for this event, primarily to play and demonstrate our great game, over the 3 days. There will be two 3 hour sessions each day, in the morning and afternoon (total of 6 sessions). If you are available to help with this venture on any of these days it will be very much appreciated. Please email Rob Lawson ([roblawson75@gmail.com](mailto:roblawson75@gmail.com)).

**New member:** Graham Wallis has joined the Club and will initially play in the Junior Division. Welcome to you Graham, and we hope you will enjoy your bridge at the Otago Club.

#### **CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER:**

Barbara Hutton (Open Division Partner contact) no longer has a landline and can now be contacted by cell phone **027 457 0202**.

#### **BEREAVEMENT:**

It is with sadness we note the passing of a very longstanding member Fay Lee. Fay

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

A big thankyou to everyone for cooperating so well last week with our new guidelines. If there are any real difficulties that you experienced, please let us know. We know we were late with the additional scanning posters at the doors – we were unable to get a person to the Club early enough to sort that.

We are using the official guidelines as well as we can, to fit them to our particular premises and situation. We know things are perhaps less comfortable, but that has to be traded against trying to keep people safe.

At the moment we are not changing the advice we circulated last week, but we know there will be more information about mask wearing in the next day or so and the rules are set to change from Thursday night. As soon as we have these changes we will look to implement what is necessary.

#### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

joined the Club in 1972 and was a member of the Open Division for at least the last 25 years. During her time at the Club she has given wholehearted support, being a regular attender on Monday and Thursday nights, Womens Pairs and Friday bridge. She won the Womens Pairs Championship in 1997 (with Ena Leckie) and in 1999 (with Joan Petch). She will be sadly missed by all.

#### **OTAGO /SOUTHLAND REGIONAL NEWS:**

Our region welcomes Sonya Adams (Wanaka Club) as our new Regional Bridge Mate. Last year Sonya promoted our game at the Wanaka A&P show and attracted over 40 new members for her club as well as referrals for other clubs from visitors to the show. In her new role with NZB she has started the year with daily Mini Bridge afternoons at Glendhu Bay Motor Camp for all ages.

#### **31st JANUARY**

**Wednesday/Thursday night**

2nd night of the Summer Pairs

**Thursday players** – those who played last Thursday are registered for the next 2 rounds. **If you do not intend to play either of these rounds, please email [tutor@otagobridge.org.nz](mailto:tutor@otagobridge.org.nz), so we know spaces are available. If you did not play the first round, and wish to play the next 2 rounds, please also email to see if there is available space, as we are nearing full capacity.**

**Tuesday Informal** practice sessions will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1.30 to 4.30pm

**Saturday Night Bridge** 5<sup>th</sup> February – please be seated for bridge by 6.50pm. A meal is served at 6pm – Chicken, Salad and Chips – please pre register for meal on list on Clubroom Noticeboard. \$15 for dinner and bridge. \$7.00 for bridge only.

**Women's Pairs** will begin on 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**.

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### **FEBRUARY**

**10-17** NZB 2021 National Bridge Congress – Mt Maunganui – All grades. This event has now been **CANCELLED** as a face to face event. There is a revised programme that will now be played online, on the NZ Bridge website. There are several different competitions, Open , Restricted, and Intermediate grade – a great chance to play bridge at home without the cost of traveling to Mt Maunganui.

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

Please support this event – it is an important fund raiser for Save the Children. Raffles and afternoon tea.

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

### **MARCH**

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

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

## **2022 SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

Your account should have been emailed or posted to you this week. If you did not receive yours please contact us. Your account should be paid by 28 February to avoid penalty. The bank account number for the Bridge Club is **06-0911-0020619-00**. Use your computer number and Surname as reference. If you are a full member it is \$105. Enquire if you are a secondary, country or student member.

### **RESIGNATIONS:**

Raewyn Prattley (Junior), and Diane Stevenson (Senior)

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

#### ***Otago Festival Pairs Cup***

**1<sup>st</sup>** Chris Ackerley and Murat Genc

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Matt Blakeley and Lydia Turley

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Wyn Jones and Adrien Dever

#### ***Otago Festival Pairs Intermediate Cup***

**1<sup>st</sup>** Lyn Clark and Christine Samson

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Di Gorman and Marie Robson  
(East Otago)

#### ***Ina Anderson Junior Cup***

**1<sup>st</sup>** Maureen Hawke and Sue Orbell  
(Wanaka)

### **FRIDAY January Bridge – Handicap Ladder**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Derek Tingle

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Archie Crawford

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Pip Weber

### **BRIDGE AT THE DUNEDIN HOME SHOW:**

CANCELLED due to Covid restrictions . Thank you to anyone who did offer their services.

**BRIDGE LESSONS:** 2022 lessons are due to start mid March. Please encourage friends, family, neighbours etc to enrol their interest on the club website. Enquiries to **tutor@otago-bridge.org.nz**