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January 14th

**Otago/Southland Swiss
Pairs – Invercargill – 10A Open**

10am start. \$30.

Entries close 12/1

**January 29th Otago Festival
Pairs – 5A Open**

10am start. \$25.

Entries Close 25/1

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Intermediate Pairs – 5B**

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Entries close 21st Feb

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

WEDNESDAY 18th **Junior/Intermediate** – 2nd night of 2 night match

THURSDAY 19th **Senior/Open** – 2nd night of 2 night match

2 night match: 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.

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- ***KINGS BIRTHDAY O/S PROVINCIAL PAIRS AND TEAMS 3rd/4th June – WILL NOW BE HELD IN **QUEENSTOWN*****
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RESIGNATION: Gordon and Margaret Arnold (Senior Division).

“We have reluctantly made a decision to resign after not playing for the last 2 years. We have enjoyed our time as members and wish the Club all the best for the years ahead”

The Club thanks you for your membership and wishes you both well in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS:

HOLIDAY BRIDGE:

	Off-the-Stick	Handicap
1st	Brad Johnston	Ramon Quennell
2nd	Ramon Quennell	Lydia Turley
3rd	Paul Yates	Brad Johnston

A special congratulations to Ramon Quennell who is in our Junior Grade. Off the stick he averaged 59.2% over 8 nights of holiday bridge. An awesome effort Ramon.

ALEXANDRA HOLIDAY PAIRS:

- 1st** Peter Hall and Arleen Schwartz
- 2nd** Anne-Marie Russell and Moss Wylie
- 3rd** Murat Genc and Chris Ackerley
- 4th** Jeff Thompson and Peter McCaskill

WELL DONE OTAGO CLUB MEMBERS – 7 out of 8 current or past members in the winners circle.

INTERESTING HAND – SENT IN BY ROBERT COWAN

Board 6

♠ AQT852		Dir: E
♥ J8752		Vul: E-W
♦ J5		
♣		
♠ 93	♠ J7	
♥ AT3	♥ Q4	
♦ 863	♦ T94	
♣ AT974	♣ KQJ862	
♠ K64		
8	♥ K96	
8 9	♦ AKQ72	
15	♣ 53	
Par: 920		
Bd 6, 7 January		

On a heart lead from West, the slam is set up – 5 diamonds, 6 spades and KH.

Likewise the AC lead, gives you 5 diamonds, 6 spades and a club ruff.

You must also play the contract the same way on a spade or trump lead, **ie win in South and ruff a club before drawing trumps.**

Of course, you also need trumps to be 3/3.

Thanks Robert for sending this.

Here's another hand that keeps our game interesting – this time from Kurow.

Sitting West, All Vul, you pick up this beauty:

S K
H AQT872
D AQT843
C -

And instantly think - Red Suit slam???

I thought this hand from Taieri was interesting.

The only making slam is diamonds, but of course the whole room were in the black suits, either NS in spades or EW in clubs.

But of course partner as dealer, opens a pre-emptive 3C, quickly followed by 3S from South.

- What's your bid?
- What would you have bid if South had bid 4S?

'CUEBIDS' BIDDING APP

Lydia Turley has found this bidding app which might help you find the answer, or at least improve your partnership bidding. Her review of this app is attached.

Thanks Lydia for sending this through.



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THURSDAY 26th **Senior/Open** – Summer Pairs 1

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CONGRATULATIONS:

2 NIGHT MATCH:

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE

1st Wendy Fallon
2nd Neil Rhodes
3rd Hilary Bisset

OPEN

1st Lydia Turley
2nd Murray Barron
3rd Tim Webb

SENIOR RESERVE

John Henderson
Paul Spain
Catherine Delahunty

CANBERRA SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE: **Brad Johnston** was in Canberra this last week, playing in this tournament. He played with an ex Otago Club member Fraser Rew in the TBIB Open Swiss Pairs, finishing in 4th place – an excellent result Brad.

2023 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:

Liz Nidd (Senior) – “As we are now living in Wanaka I will not be renewing my subscription this year. I have been a member for 40 years and would like to thank all those who do so much for the Club”

The Club would also like to thank you so much Liz. You have been a very valued member of our Club, and have contributed in so many ways – a regular Advertiser in our program book and Sponsor of many tournaments. We wish you very well in your retirement and hope you continue to enjoy your bridge in Wanaka.

Keri Teavae (Junior) – The Club wishes you all the best Keri, and thanks you for your regular attendance on Junior nights and Friday bridge.

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

WEDNESDAY 1st Feb	Junior/Intermediate – Summer Pairs 2
THURSDAY 2nd Feb	Senior/Open – Summer Pairs 2
FRIDAY 3rd Feb	Friday Bridge - 10.30am
SATURDAY 4th Feb	Saturday Night Bridge 6.00pm – Dinner – Chicken, Salad and Chips 7.00pm - Bridge

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OTAGO FESTIVAL PAIRS:

Open



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2nd Jeff Thompson and Peter McCaskill

3rd Murat Genc and Chris Ackerley

4th Wyn Jones and Lorraine Peacock

Intermediate



1st Marie Robson/Di Gorman

2nd Marilyn Stewart/Pat Chaplin

Junior



Annie Simmons/Sylvan

Karen Wood/Chris Wood

TAURANGA CONGRESS: Peter Hall has been playing this weekend in Tauranga. He finished 2nd in the Pairs, and 1st in the Teams.

Great results Pete – well done

FRIDAY Dec/Jan Handicap Ladder

1st Gary Belworthy

2nd Jenny Rowley

3rd Janice Munden

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RESIGNATIONS:

Gareth Hughes (Senior) – “I have enjoyed my Friday bridge for many years, but now reluctantly resign as I am too busy with other commitments.”

Thankyou Gareth for your participation in the Club, and hope we may see you back in the future.

Barbara Hudson (Junior) – (change of circumstances) “I enjoyed my short association with the Club and wish them all the best”.

Thankyou Barbara. The club wishes you all the best for your future.

NEW MEMBERS: The club would like to warmly welcome 2 new members.

If you are in the Senior or Junior Division, and have free spaces in your book, please invite these new players for a game.

Margaret Wheeler (ph 0273380884) – Senior Division

Daniel Blakeley (ph 0225855608) – Junior Division

We wish you both well with your bridge.

