

4th July 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUES 5th July Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm

WED 6th Women's Pairs – 1.00pm

Junior – Winter Pairs 1

Intermediate – Winter Pairs 2

THURSDAY 7th Senior and Open - Winter Pairs 1

FRIDAY 8th Friday Bridge - 10.30am

ALL COMERS BRIDGE – Due to resume on Wednesday July 13th, at 1.00pm.

Many people have asked for this to restart.

Please support if you can.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

16th July Winton 5A Open Pairs

23rd July Taieri 8B Graded Pairs – 10am start - \$25 – bring own lunch

31st July **Otago 5A Swiss Pairs**

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CONGRATULATIONS:

OTAGO JUNIOR PAIRS: A very successful Junior tournament was held on Sunday. A big thankyou to John Sheehy for organising and directing this. Also a big thankyou to Barbara Hutton and Denise Carter for the great catering.

1st Andrew Nicholson and Mark Wilson

2nd Alan Nicholls and Graham Wallis

3rd Brian Ellis and Fiona Ellis



Winners: Andrew and Mark

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE: Mid Winter Xmas Dinner

Thankyou Murray for another great meal.

- 1st Bob Gillanders and Dianne Carruthers
- 2nd Pam Hodgkinson and Judy Russell
- 3rd Joanne Currie and Philip Gillen

MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Pam Hodgkinson)

“Could I please remind members that if you have a new address, email or phone number, you could please email these details to the office. Thankyou.”

NEW CONTACT PERSON FOR INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

PAM BARDSLEY – 487 8866

VISITOR TO JUNIOR DIVISION: Deborah Pearson

“ I’m about to come to Dunedin for 4 months, arriving Sunday 3 July. I’m keen to continue with my bridge playing which started a year ago in Perth Western Australia. I attended two lots of lessons - Beginners and advanced beginners and a good amount of supervised sessions in between. We were using American Standard rather than the system you use. Could I please attend your Wednesday evening supervised sessions?” We look forward to welcoming Deborah.

REPORT FROM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Rob Lawson (President) is away for the next 5 weeks. Neil Johnstone will be fulfilling the role during this time.

RESIGNATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER:

Lisa Harkness has resigned her role as Health and Safety Officer. The Club thanks Lisa for her time spent doing this job.

Grant Walker will be overseeing any H & S issues in the interim.

11th July 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 11th Teams – post section - 7pm

TUES 12th Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm

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WED 13th Junior – Winter Pairs 2

Intermediate – Winter Pairs 3

THURSDAY 14th Senior and Open - Winter Pairs 2

FRIDAY 15th Friday Bridge - 10.30am

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

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- **Auckland Bridge Club – Friday 15th July, 7pm (Free)**

12 Hands with David Bird. Play 12 hands and then join a zoom discussion with David Bird, the most prolific bridge writer in the world. Links are on the Auckland Bridge Club website. Please preregister. No need for a partner.

TRAINING FOR SETTING UP BRIDGE SESSIONS:

Covid has presented us with several challenges, one of which is our reliance on a very much appreciated, but very small band of members – our Directors.

Lindsay has been running training sessions for anyone willingly to take on this role.

We have become aware however that there might be others in the club willing to help and minimise the load on our directors, by learning how to set up bridge sessions on the computer and what to do with the bridge pads.

If this sounds like a role where you could help, Lindsay will be running a training session on Monday July 18th at 7pm. See you there.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

TEAMS: Swiss Teams Norman Allan Trophy: **Winner: FREELAND TEAM:**
Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Murat Genc, Dean Eidler and Arleen Schwartz

NZ RUBBER – Otago/Southland Play Offs – A big congratulations to Brad Johnston and Sam Coutts who have won this competition, and will now represent Otago/Southland at the NZ Bridge Congress. They beat Hamish Ryan and Phil Hensman (Queenstown) in the Final.

NZ BRIDGE TOP 200 ALL-TIME MASTERPOINT EARNERS AT 30/6/22

10th - Graeme Stout

13th - Arleen Schwartz

BADEN WILSON TROPHY AS AT 30/6/22 OVERALL

FEMALE 13th Arleen Schwartz

MALE 4th Sam Coutts, 7th Brad Johnston, 11th Murat Genc, 18th Jeff Miller

2022 MATCHPOINTS LADDERS AS AT 30/6/2022 – Top 20 by Grading

Gold Grand Masters

Murat Genc (7th), Graeme Stout (12th), Arleen Schwartz (17th)

Grand Masters -

Sam Coutts (1st), Brad Johnston (2nd), Jeff Miller (11th)

National Master

Marilyn Noye (18th), Philip Noye (19th)

Master Matt Blakeley (2nd)

Provincial Master Barbara Hutton (9th), Lydia Turley (11th), Murray Barron (18th)

18th July 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 18th

7pm - Training for Setting Up Bridge Sessions

Being Run by Lindsay Gunn – all welcome

TUESDAY 19th Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 20th Women's Pairs 1.00pm
Junior – Winter Pairs 3
Intermediate – Trix Robertson Plate 4
THURSDAY 21st Senior and Open - Winter Pairs 3
FRIDAY 22nd Friday Bridge - 10.30am

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WINTER PAIRS – Intermediate

1st Mark Wilson and Pat Johnston

2nd Dawn Cope and Pip Weber

3rd Anne Paterson and Grant Dowland

TEAMS: Swiss Teams Norman Allan Trophy: **Winner: FREELAND TEAM:** Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Murat Genc, Dean Eidler , Arleen Schwartz and **Chris Ackerley** (my apologies Chris for missing your out name last week)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER:

This is YOUR newsletter. I would very much welcome any notices from members – whether it be an interesting hand you have played during the week, maybe help needed as to how to bid, play or defend a hand, or just any bridge news at all.

Please feel free to email me at noyemarilyn@gmail.com

2022 AGM - Call for Nominations for Officers, Committee and Sub Committees

It's that time of year for you to consider how you might assist in your club's management. We are looking for some fresh faces and additional help in running our club.

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- The President and Vice President are elected for one year terms, traditionally each serving a two year term
- Committee positions are for two year terms, with members able to seek re-election.

We have operated with one committee vacancy all year and have some members this year deciding not to seek re-election. Only our current Club Captain Phil Noye, is not required to seek re-election.

Nominations forms for these roles are on the main noticeboard. Each nomination must be signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder. Completed nominations can be left in the internal mailbox in the office door and must be received by August 29 7.30pm.

Our club also operates with appointed members to our Playing, Development, Finance and Discipline sub committees and with members holding special designated roles - Secretary, Membership Secretary, Club Captain, Chief Director, Tournament Secretary, Health & Safety Officer, Computer Manager and Property Manager.

If you have the skills, time and energy to also assist on a subcommittee or support a specialised role we would also love to hear from you. Please contact a current committee member or also drop a note into the office mailbox.

The disruption Covid has caused to all of us has highlighted the social strength bridge contributes to our lives. We are also interested to hear from anyone who is interested in participating in a new Social Committee to add to the events and activities we can offer to our members.

Treasurer

The outgoing Management Committee is required to appoint our Treasurer and we are happy to re-confirm Matthew Baird in this role for the 2022/3 year

The AGM is scheduled for Monday Sept 16, at 6.30pm (prior to Teams that night).

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SPLINTER BIDS

A splinter is normally a double-jump in a suit; which shows a shortage in the suit bid, great support for partner's suit, and slam interest assuming partner doesn't have lots of wasted values in your shortage.

If your partner opens 1S, what do your 2C, 3C and 4C bids mean?

As players develop their bidding skills and partnership understanding they look for ways to use what would normally be wasted bids to convey extra information, so

- 1S 2C would normally be a natural C suit with 10+ points, forcing
- 1S 3C becomes some style of Spade raise
 - Common is Bergen raises (something like 6-9 points and 4S)
- 1S 4C is a splinter.

Brad Johnston has provided this example from last Monday's teams.

There were two different opening bid choices which lead to two very different auctions, but both of them used splinter bids as a way to show extra values and slam interest and therefore successfully navigate to a good slam.

- One East player chose to open his stronger suit, 1C; planning to bid spades (showing 4) and rebid spades (showing 5). The fact that he didn't open 1S but is showing 5 would show that he had a 5/6 (or longer) shape in the blacks.
- The other East player chose to open Spades, and treat the hand as a strong 5/5 style hand (by jump-shifting in Cs after his partner's expected 1NT reply.)

Both openers were in for a bit of a surprise:

Partner 1 responded 1S to the 1C opening

- it's correct to bid 5 card suits down the line, but 4-card suits up the line

Over the 1S response opener 1 has an enormous hand;

- holding 5 card support,
- a solid source of tricks, and
- two singletons.

What can he bid?

2D would be natural and a reverse (showing extra values), so 3D becomes a wasted bid and opener 1 used this bid as a **splinter in support of spades to show his shortage in diamonds.**

A series of control showing cue-bids followed (3H p 4C) then Roman Keycard Blackwood 4NT had this pair settle in 6S.

- Opener's keycard reply showed opener had two keycards, one of which was the AC (shown by the 4C bid), so either AD or KS was missing
- The 3D splinter showed at most only one diamond loser.

At the other table (where the opening was 1S) responder 2 showed a game-forcing spade raise with slam aspirations and a club shortage by *splintering* 4C.

- Opener didn't like his hand opposite the splinter, so signed off in 4S;
- Responder wasn't dissuaded and showed an *even better hand* and a club *void* by cue-bidding 5C over the game sign-off.
- The auction continued 5S from opener (another sign-off), and 6S from responder; bidding one for the road.

Note: In this sequence asking for aces with 4NT would have not been helpful, as he wouldn't be able to tell if opener held the AC (which is pretty worthless) or the AD (a fantastic card). And when opener chose 4S over 4C, rather than 4D, it seems unlikely a diamond control is held.

Thanks Brad for supplying this hand

25th July 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 25th	TEAMS
TUESDAY 26th	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 27th	All Comers Bridge 1.00pm – open to everyone Junior – Pairs Championship 7 Intermediate – Pairs Championship 7
THURSDAY 28th	Senior and Open - Pairs Championship 8
FRIDAY 22nd	Friday Bridge - 10.30am

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE – AUGUST 6th – PASTA NIGHT

Please put your names on the list ASAP

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

31st July. Otago 5A Swiss Pairs – 10am start - \$25 – bring own lunch
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14th August	Oamaru Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs – 10am start
20th August	Invercargill Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs
27/28th Aug	South Island Open 20A Teams - Invercargill

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WINTER PAIRS

JUNIOR

1st Catherine Smith & Graham Wallis

2nd Andrea Purton & Jean McAlevey

3rd Jenny Turnbull & Connie Mackay

SENIOR

1st Archie Crawford & Jenny Fieldwick

2nd Rod Waugh & Eleanor Westoby

3rd Glenys Shum & Jan Flood

OPEN

Matt Blakeley & Brad Johnston

Stewart Kerr & Philip Noye

Pam Hodgkinson & Judy Russell

TAIERI GRADED PAIRS:

1st Donna Ruwhiu & Kristen Collins

2nd Ann Wood & Gillian Alexander

3rd Lorraine Peacock & Kaye Wilson

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