

**OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB
NEWSLETTER
3rd July 2023**

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 4th July	Informal Practice – 1.30pm start – All Welcome
WEDNESDAY 5th July	Women’s Pairs - 1.00pm start
WEDNESDAY 5th July	Junior – Winter Pairs 1 – 7.00pm start Intermediate – Winter Pairs 2 – 7.00pm start
THURSDAY 6th July	Open/ Senior – 7.10pm start - Winter Pairs 1
FRIDAY 30th June	Friday Bridge – 10.30am start

Please note all players should be seated 10 minutes before starting time.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

All tournaments can be entered on NZ Bridge Tournament page

July 15th	Winton 5A Open Pairs, 10am start, \$30, Close 12/7
July 22nd	Taieri 8B Graded Pairs , 10am start, \$25, Close 19/7
July 29/30	Palmerston North National 15A Teams – face to face
July 30th	Otago 5A Open Swiss Pairs , 10am start, \$25, Close 26/7

NEW MEMBER: We would like to welcome **Ged Pfeifer** to the Club. Ged, who has more recently been playing in the UK, will be playing in the Open Division, and is looking for partners for the rest of the year (contact: 022 129 6810). We hope you enjoy your bridge at the Otago Club, Ged.

We also welcome **Brian Donnelly** (027 86 5925) to the Junior Division. Brian, recently graduated from classes at Taieri, and has already attended our Tuesday practice group and played his first Friday and Wed night session.

RESIGNATION – Bernadette Van Der Lem (Open) “I have retired to Ashburton with my partner Rob, and will be transferring my membership to the Ashburton Club. Thank you to all the members who work so tirelessly for the Otago Bridge Club. I have enjoyed my time at the Club and have made some

lovely bridge friends. In the future I look forward to seeing some of you across the bridge table at tournaments”

Bernadette has been a member for 10 years. We thank you for your participation in the Club, and wish you all the best for your future in Ashburton.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Saturday Night Mid Winter Xmas Pairs

	North/South	East/West
1 st	Joy Ward/Elaine McDonald	Matt Blakeley/Daniel Blakeley
2 nd	Glen Blanchette/Alec Weavers	Janice Munden/Cushla Colquhoun
3 rd	Murray Barron/David Larsen	Lindsay Gunn/Derek Tingle

NORTH ISLAND SWISS TEAMS:

4 th	Brad Johnston, Sam Coutts, with Matt Brown and Michael Whibley
8 th	Murat Genc, Graeme Stout, Jeff Miller and Anne Sommerville

RUBBER BRIDGE COMPETITION:

The winners of the Otago/Southland Rubber Bridge Competition are **Brad Johnston and Sam Coutts**.

Sam and Brad will now represent our province at the National Congress in Tauranga in September – we wish them all the very best for this.

They defeated Geoff Eyles and Harry Shepherd from Invercargill in a very high scoring affair 5220-4720 (3 making slams to 0), very hard fought, and enjoyable game.

Again, we are thankful to Brad to sharing a few insights from this match:

“Most of the hands that were dealt were pretty run-of-the-mill, but a few of them were 'rubber bridge specials' that seemed dictated by the peculiar scoring conditions of the event.

Due to the fact that you're playing a set number of deals, and the short-term target on each board is different due to the state of the match you can have some interesting things happening.”

Early on in the piece, Geoff Eyles (West) opened a weak 2 in hearts; and subsequently we had an uncontested auction to 3NT by North on the following cards:

Xx Qxx QTxx KJT9 opposite partners AQxx Jxx KJx xxx

The play went:

- AH lead; Diamond switch to the ace; KH cashed and heart continuation.
- Sam made a critical play by unblocking the QH under the KH, thus winning the JH, allowing him to then finesse the QC.
- When this forced the ace he was in surprisingly good shape. 3 diamond tricks, 3 club tricks & 1 heart trick.
- All he needed was to cash his long suits and then finesse in spades at the end for a very shaky 9 tricks.
- ***This board stemmed the tide of early swings we'd been losing***

How quickly this game can change when you have all the cards!

We by bid and made:

- 6NT, 5H, and 6D on back-to-back boards, and
- another 6C a few boards later

to win an uncontested and a contested rubber and pull ahead by a bit over 1000 points.

On the last board, Geoff and Harry trailed by 1320 points, with the score 5220-3900.

However all was not over as they were a vulnerable game in and their chances increased when Harry opened a strong precision club (16+), then

1C*	3C	4C	P
4H	P	P	P

For those of unfamiliar with rubber bridge this would seem very normal bidding.

But to win the match Geoff and Harry needed to bid and make a vulnerable slam, which would win them about 1600 points and would have been enough to win the match. Unfortunately for them they let the chance go begging....*(or being the 30th board did tiredness prevail, Ed?)*

MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB CHIEF DIRECTOR (Lindsay Gunn)

This is the third installment in the series from Lindsay on players Alerts and Announcements.

This week's topic: **Common bids that should be Alerted**

In general, our game's policy is one of open information to all players and no secret agreements between partners.

Bids showing more than one suit.

Examples of opening bids to be alerted are:

- Tartan Two bids showing 5+ of a Major and 4+ of another unnamed suit
- The multi-diamond bid of 2D showing two or three weak and strong bids.
- 2NT, when it is showing both minors, irrespective of playing strength

Examples of overcalls to be alerted are:

- 2NT overcall, usually the minors
- Blue Club bids, 2NT and 3C, showing two suit combinations

Any Defence to an opening NT where the suit called shows (or asks for) another suit or the possibility of more than one suit, even if one of those suits is the suit called.

- 2C bids showing either both majors or both minors.
- Suction bids showing either a long suit or two other suits
- Brozel bids showing neighbouring suits, etc

Other natural bids that convey additional information to partner

- **Pre-emptive jumps** (we often forget to alert these (especially after a double),
- a bid in a New suit which is **Non-Forcing** (except by a passed hand)
- **Non-Forcing** bids in a new suit after an opponent's take-out double (except by a passed hand)
- a NT bid which does not promise a stopper after an opponent's bid
- Fit-showing jumps, eg Jacoby and Bergen raises

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB
10th July 2023

NEWSLETTER

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 10th July

Teams – 7.10pm

TUESDAY 11th July

Informal start Practice – 1.30pm – All Welcome

WEDNESDAY 12th July

All Comers – 1.00pm – All Welcome

WEDNESDAY 12th July Junior – Winter Pairs 2 – **7.00pm start**
Intermediate – Winter Pairs 3 – **7.00pm start**
THURSDAY 13th July Open/ Senior – 7.10pm start - Winter Pairs 2
FRIDAY 14th July Matariki Friday Bridge – 10.30am start

Please note all players should be seated 10 minutes before starting time.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

July 15th **Winton 5A Open Pairs**, 10am start, \$30, Close 12/7
Entries urgently needed – we only get a few A grade tournaments in Otago/Southland – it is important we support these, otherwise we will lose them.

July 22nd **Taieri 8B Graded Pairs**, 10am start, \$25, Close 19/7

July 29/30 Palmerston North National 15A Teams – face to face

July 30th **Otago 5A Open Swiss Pairs**, 10am start, \$25, Close 26/7
PROGRAM BOOKS: Due to the large number of learners about to start in the Junior Division, we are in desperate need of more program books. If you have a spare one at home, or one that you are not using, could you please return it to the club ASAP.

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION: Brian Donnelly – Junior Division -
phone number - **0272 86 5925**

PROPERTY FOUND: In December last year a distinctive circular black leather purse with a zip around the circumference and writing on it was found after Thursday bridge, in the Hudson room. There is some small change in the purse.

Please contact Lindsay Gunn if this belongs to you – she has tried several people she thought it may belonged to.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Hamilton Online Open Teams:

3rd Murat Genc, Jeff Miller, (Brian Cleaver and Debbie McLeod)

5th Brad Johnston, Ged Pfeifer, Lydia Turley and Phil Noye

MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB CHIEF DIRECTOR (Lindsay Gunn)

This is the fourth installment in the series from Lindsay on players Alerts and Announcements.

As we have commented each week, in general, our game's policy is one of open information to all players and no secret agreements between partners.

This week's topic: **Pre-alerts and delayed alerts**

If your bidding system includes some bids which are unexpected

- Doubles that are neither for penalty nor for takeout,
- High-level transfer pre-empts,
- Unusual carding (such as leading low from doubletons),

these should be pre-alerted as opponents will not be aware of the need to ask.

Examples of a Pre-Alert include:

- Acol, 5-card spade suit, 12-14 NT,
- Precision, 5-card Majors, 15-17 NT,
- 4-level opening bids are transfer pre-empts, etc

Calls that must be alerted during the auction need not be pre-alerted.

And please remember, whilst you may have correctly pre-alerted your system, subsequent bids may still need to be alerted.

A common example is when you are playing a strong NT, but open a one of a suit and rebid 1NT.

- In ACOL, this rebid will show 15-16 pts, but it is likely you now play this as 12-14 HCP.
- Your opponents they may not be aware of this lower point-count of the rebid.
- This need not be alerted but a delayed alert should be made.
- A small + in one corner of the appropriate square of the bidding pad warns the opponents of something a bit different.

If you are not sure whether a call should be alerted either

- because you have forgotten the system, or
- are not sure whether it applies in this instance

it is safer to alert and, if asked, explain the circumstances.

It can be wise to call the director, who may ask quiz you or your partner (away from the table) about the normal meaning of the bid.

But the uncertainty about the meaning is unauthorised information for you partner.

Finally, please remember that simply naming a convention (Landy, Michaels, Lebensohl etc) is not an explanation as there are many variations of most conventions. Nor are the terms 'weak', 'strong' etc necessarily sufficient.

**OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB
NEWSLETTER**

17th July 2023

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 18th July	Informal Practice – start 1.30pm – All Welcome
WEDNESDAY 19th July	Women's Pairs – start 1.00pm
WEDNESDAY 19th July	Junior – Winter Pairs 3 – 7.00pm start Intermediate – Individual Ladder – 7.00pm
THURSDAY 20th July	Open/ Senior – 7.10pm start - Winter Pairs 3
FRIDAY 21st July	Friday Bridge – 10.30am start

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

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July 22nd **Taieri 8B Graded Pairs**, 10am start, \$25, Close 19/7
Payment is cash on the day.
Please enter ASAP

July 29/30 Palmerston North National 15A Teams – face to face
See flyer below.

July 30th **Otago 5A Open Swiss Pairs**, 10am start, \$25, Close 26/7
This is our only local face to face tournament for a couple of months. **Please support, and enter ASAP.**

Introduction to Swiss Pairs

Swiss Pairs is a very popular format for bridge competitions. For many players their first experience of an event other than club duplicate sessions will be in Swiss Pairs. A Swiss Pairs event is a pairs competition using a “Swiss draw” to determine who plays who in each match. One attraction of the format is that as the event progresses pairs “find their level” and are matched against pairs with similar results.

How does it work

A Swiss Pairs event will consist of a number of rounds, each round being matches of a fixed number of boards. For example, a one day event may consist of 6 rounds of 7 boards.

At the beginning of the competition the pairs in the field are ranked and given a pair number. The pair numbers are fixed for the duration of the event. Various methods are used to provide the initial ranking. Often it is simply done on the basis of masterpoints.

The “draw” for a round specifies which pairs will be playing each other, at which tables, and in which directions (for example, pair 1 playing NS at table 1 against pair 8). How the draw for the first round is done can vary. In many cases it will be a random matching of the pairs from the top half of the field with pairs from the bottom half.

During a round all tables play the same set of boards (eg boards 1 to 7 in round 1). The pairs remain in the same direction for the match.

At the end of each round the results are calculated and published. Each pair is awarded a win, loss or draw for the match. The field is re-ranked based on the cumulative results and the draw for the next round is determined. In a Swiss draw each pair is matched against one of the pairs nearest to them in the current ranking. Normally this will be a pair that they have not played before. Again the draw specifies for each pair which pair they will be playing in the next round, at which table, and in which direction.

This process is repeated for each round. The ranking after the final round is the final result of the event.

Why it is popular

The Swiss draw means that as the event progresses pairs are matched against other pairs who have similar results. This means that you are more likely to play against people of a similar standard which can make for a more enjoyable event.

The match format, and the reranking between rounds gives immediate feedback about your performance which can be both exciting and challenging. At the end of the event you have both your final overall placing and your individual match win/loss/draw record. Having a good match result against a particular pair may be a highlight, regardless of your final overall placing.

In most Swiss Pairs events masterpoints are awarded for each match won or drawn, as well as for top places in the overall results. Frequently the vast majority of the field will win some masterpoints across a Swiss pairs event.

Scoring

Some people associate Swiss Pairs exclusively with IMP (International Match Point) scoring. While many Swiss Pairs events are IMP scored, some are matchpointed. See the separate Introduction to Matchpoint Scoring and Introduction to IMP Scoring for details. The entry form or event description will normally specify the number of rounds, the number of boards per round and the scoring method to be used. It is important to know which scoring method is in use as it impacts strategy.

NEW PHONE NUMBERS:

Andrew Nicolson (Intermediate) – **027 3068469**

Christine Kerr (Open) – **022 3202468**

PARTNER WANTED: Ged Pfeifer (Open) is looking for a partner for the Otago Swiss Pairs on the 30th July. Please drop him an email if you are interested in playing. **Gerald.pfeifer@gmail.com**

CONGRATULATIONS:

Intermediate: Winter Pairs

1st	Judy Bevin and Brigitte Hudson
2nd	Ramon Quennell and Daniel Blakeley
3rd	Dawn Cope and Pip Weber

HAND OF THE WEEK:

Brad (reviewed by Murat) has very kindly provided this hand from last week's team competition,

'Easier in the long suit'

"It's commonly the case that when one hand has an excessively long suit, that this is likely to be one of that side's best strains even if it's not always their best fit."

This hand from Monday teams does nothing to challenge that notion!

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Here's the action when the top qualifiers from the first round robin RR X (Coutts) met RR Y (Freeland).

Table 1

NS: Sam **Coutts** Lydia Turley
 EW: Murat Genc Dean Eidler

<i>N</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>W</i>
P	1S	2H	3C
4C	4D	4H	5D
All Pass			

Table 2

NS: Margaret Perley Paul **Freeland**
 EW: Cam Benson Brad Johnston

<i>N</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>W</i>
P	1S	2D*	3C
3H	P	P	5C
All Pass			

Auction recap:

The 1S opening bid at both tables on only 9 HCP may look adventurous to some, but with 6-5 shape and all values working in the long suits this hand is *definitely* worth a 1-level opening.

Likewise the 2H bid might look a little under-strength, but when not vulnerable vs vulnerable it's really valuable to overcall on good suits to find lucrative sacrifices. Paul and Margaret play transfers here, so the 2D* overcall is effectively also a 2H overcall.

The 3C bid is a new suit at the 3-level by responder, bids like this should be **100% forcing to game** (West's hand here is enormous, East can't get cold feet because it's starting to look like a misfit).

Now things started to change:

Sam's 4C was a 'good raise' to 4H, and tried to convey the club shortness to help guide Lydia's further bidding decisions. At the other table, Margaret chose a simple competitive 3H rather than the more ongoing 4C.

Murat didn't need to bid over 4C (despite 3C being forcing to game, Sam's overcall relieved his obligation to act), and as such this free bid of 4D shows great shape in the pointed suits (at least a 5/5 shape). Cam took a different view and chose to pass over the 3H bid in an attempt to slow down the auction under the light of a big mis-fit looming.

Dean now had an interesting choice (whether to 'go alone' in clubs or play in the known diamond fit)...he 'trusted his partner' choosing 5D. Cam's lack of a free rebid of anything like 3S made it very likely that he had a modicum of club support; so Brad bid what he thought he could make opposite that, and he chose 5C.

Play recap Table 1 5D by East

Having extra heart length, and therefore envisioning not many defensive heart tricks; Lydia looked elsewhere for tricks and started by leading an attacking club.

There are a few good outcomes that might have arisen from this lead: Sam might've been able to immediately ruff it and score multiple trump tricks; it might've cut

the communication for declarer; or forced them to commit to either taking or eschewing the club finesse before trumps have been drawn.

Murat hopped up with the Ace and set about trying to cross-ruff the hand (ruff a club, ruff a spade, ruff a club, ruff a spade, etc).

This served to get him up to 8 tricks but no more, for *a result of -3*.

Play recap Table 2 5C by West

Here Margaret lead the AH and (upon seeming dummy with 1-1 in the round suits), switched to a club to stop any Heart ruffs in dummy. Paul inserted the 10C and Brad's Jack won.

The AC was played (if clubs were initially 2-2 then the contract is cold), but the 3-1 trump break combined with Paul **not** playing the

KC on the first round meant that there was a trump loser and a heart loser. Brad needed to avoid a diamond loser to make, and deal with the other heart loser in his hand.

The AS would provide a discard for the QH, but that involves getting to the dummy - and the only way there is in diamonds.

Given Paul's overcall, and Margaret only raising to 3H, it's quite likely hearts started out being 4=6.

When combined with the 1=3 club break, Margaret has 8 cards in spades/diamonds to Paul's 4.

This means that Margaret's over a 2:1 favourite to hold any particular diamond, and the odds actually favour playing a diamond to the T - finessing Margaret's supposed queen.

At the table I lazily played a diamond to the Ace, took a pitch on the AS and played a diamond back towards my KJ.

When Paul discarded on it (ruffing with his winner wouldn't do his side any good -- here it'd let me discard my losing JD on my losing trump), I still had a club and a diamond to lose.

Result -1 and a slightly chagrined 5 imp pick-up.

Board Summary:

Both teams would feel like they missed opportunities on this board.

- Sam was regretting not having X'ed 5D, Dean and Murat would have been rueing playing there, and
- I wasn't ecstatic in having gone down.
- Hopefully there was something of interest for all levels of readers here

But this just highlights how such distributional hands can be hard to accurately judge, both in the bidding and the play.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB CHIEF DIRECTOR (Lindsay Gunn)

We continue the commentary on players' requirements during the bidding process.

This week's topic: **Stop Cards**

You are studying your hand.

- Do you have enough to open? And at what level?
- Might you make an overcall if RHO (Right Hand Opponent) opens?
- Do you have a Yarborough and have given up thinking?

RHO then pre-empts, opening 3 Diamonds. Wow!

If you have a Yarborough, the decision is easy - you pass immediately

With the other two hands you have to rearrange your thoughts. You might also have to remember what you might, or might not, have discussed with your partner before play on what to do in this situation.

Partner now has **inadvertently received the information** that when you passed quickly you had nothing to think about, while if you thought for a bit you were contemplating a bid.

Now, of course, this outcome was not of your making, but arose from your opponent's sudden and unexpected bid. So, the onus in these situations is on **the player making the unexpected bid**.

There is no penalty for not using a stop card, but not doing so might later be **to your disadvantage**.

For example: You have made a skip bid of some sort; your opponent thinks for a while and passes; then their partner makes a doubtful bid based on their partner's thinking time.

In these circumstances, there will be **no recourse to you** to challenge that bid.

And if you do use the stop card it must be **used correctly**.

Picking up the stop card, waving it in front of LHO and putting it away is a waste of time. **You have not stopped opponents from inadvertently giving information**.

Correct Use of Stop Cards

- **Place the stop card in front of you before making the bid,**
- **Fully answer all questions about your bid**
- **Count slowly (and silently) to 10 and then remove the stop card.**

This will allow your opponent's time to thinking, or not, without giving information to anyone else.

Note: your opponents should immediately ask questions about your bid, not wait until you have removed the stop card.

**OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB
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24th July 2023

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 24th July	Teams - 7.10pm start
TUESDAY 25th July	Informal Practice –1.30pm start – All Welcome
WEDNESDAY 26th July	All comers - 1.00pm start – All welcome
WEDNESDAY 26th July	Junior/Intermediate – Pairs Champs – 7.00pm
THURSDAY 27th July	Open/ Senior – Pairs Champs - 7.10pm start
FRIDAY 28th July	Friday Bridge – 10.30am start

Please note all players should be seated 10 minutes before starting time.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE 5th AUGUST

**DINNER 6PM – Beef Casserole, Vegetables, and Dessert
BRIDGE 7PM**

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July 29/30 Palmerston North National 15A Teams – face to face

July 30th **Otago 5A Open Swiss Pairs**, 10am start, \$25, Close 26/7
This is our only local face to face tournament for a couple
of months. **Please support, and enter ASAP.**
Play should be completed by 6pm, for those football fans!

August 13th Oamaru Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs
10am start, \$25, close 9/8

August 19th Invercargill Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs,
10am start, \$25, close 17/8

August 26/27th South Island 20A Pairs, (run by Otago) **ONLINE**

CONGRATULATIONS:

WINTER PAIRS:

Junior

1 st	Kim Carter and John Henderson
2 nd	Bruce Dowland and Brian Donnelly
3 rd	Jamie Smith and Anne Tamati

Senior

1 st	Mark Wilson / Erin Flannery
2 nd	Adrienne Dearnley / John Henderson
3 rd	Alison Martin / Cathy Thomson

Open

Matt Blakeley / Tim Webb
Graeme Stout / John Sheehy
Lydia Turley / Philip Noye

TAIERI GRADED PAIRS:

1 st	Kaye Wilson and Kevin Farnden
2 nd	Dean Eidler and Brad Johnston
4 th	Maria Godfrey and Frances Sheehy
5 th	Bob Gillanders and Murray Barron

MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB CHIEF DIRECTOR (Lindsay Gunn) Correct Use of Stop Cards (**CORRECTION**)

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- Fully answer all questions about your bid
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This will allow your opponent's time to thinking, or not, without giving information to anyone else.

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**OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB
NEWSLETTER**

31st JULY 2023

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 1st August Informal Practice –1.30pm start – All Welcome

WEDNESDAY 2nd August Women's Pairs - 1.00pm start

WEDNESDAY 2nd August Junior/Intermediate – Pairs Champs – **7.00pm**

THURSDAY 3rd August Open/ Senior – Pairs Champs - 7.10pm start

FRIDAY 4th August Friday Bridge – 10.30am start

SATURDAY 5th August **Saturday Night Dinner and Bridge**

Please note all players should be seated 10 minutes before starting time.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE 5th AUGUST

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August 13th Oamaru Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs
10am start, \$25, close 9/8

August 19th Invercargill Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs,
10am start, \$25, close 18/8

August 26/27th **SOUTH ISLAND 20A PAIRS**, (run by Otago) **ONLINE**
9.30am start, \$45, pay before 24/8 to 0209120192165 00
Please include your email address in reference for prize
distribution.

CONGRATULATIONS:

FRIDAY BRIDGE JULY HANDICAP LADDER:

1st Margaret Borland
2nd Gordon Smith
3rd Adrienne Dearnley

OTAGO SWISS PAIRS:

This was a very well attended tournament with 36 pairs – thank you all for your support. A very big thank you to Lindsay for once again doing a great job directing, and to Pip Weber and Jean McAlevey for keeping us all very well fed and watered throughout the day..

Overall Placings:

2nd Paul Freeland &
Margaret Perley

4th Kristen Collins &
Donna Ruwhiu

5th Philip Noye &
Marilyn Noye

Best Intermediate/Junior Pair

12th Mark Wilson & Tash Lundin



HAND OF THE WEEK:

This week, it's thanks to Graeme Stout for his comments on this hand:

Board 23

♠ KJ83		Dir: S	
♥ J7		Vul: Both	
♦ KJ6			
♣ AQT9			
♠ A742	♠ 5		
♥ KT52	♥ A943		
♦ T754	♦ 932		
♣ 3	♣ 86542		
15	♠ QT96		
7 4	♥ Q86		
14	♦ AQ8		
	♣ KJ7		
Par: 600			
Bd 23 of Thur, 20 Jul 23 (A)			

♣	♦	♥	♠	N
				21 - 33
				S 21 - 33
				E - - 1 - -
				W - - 1 - -

This defensive hand from the third and final night of the Winter Pairs for the Open and Senior divisions.

15 Pairs bid 4S with 9 declarers making the contract and 6 going down one.

7 pairs found the more likely 3NT for a 4/3 success rate.

Graeme submitted this hand as *“it is pleasing in its simplicity.”*

- West is on lead against a routinely-bid four spades and tries a singleton club.
- Declarer wins on table and immediately plays a trump to his queen, which West wins with the ace.

West wants to put partner on lead to secure a club ruff, but which red suit to play?Either one could be right.

West can eliminate the guess by simply ducking one round of spades.

- When he wins the next round of trumps, East is able to signal for a heart by dropping the nine (or three, whichever the partnership has agreed is encouraging).
- West now exits with a heart, receives his club ruff and cashes the king.
- Simple.....one light!

Reminder of AGM for 2023

Date & Time: 18th September 6.30pm. Hudson Room

Nominations are required for:

- **President**
- **Vice President**

The above positions are currently for a 1 year term, with annual elections.

The Treasurer is appointed by the outgoing Management Committee and this appointment is required to be ratified by the AGM. This is also a one-year position but does not require nomination.

- **Committee**

There are six Committee members on the Management Committee.

Election at the AGM is for a two year term and retiring members may seek re-election. Committee members co-opted and appointed during the year to fill vacancies must be re-elected at the AGM.

Nominations for the above positions must be in writing, signed by the candidate and the two nominees. All candidates must have been a member of the club for at least twelve months prior to the nomination closing date.

The Nominations forms are available from the main club noticeboard just inside the doors to the Larnach playing room. Additional forms are available by request to Dawn Cope (Club Secretary) by email office@otagobridgeclub.org.nz

Completed Nomination forms can be placed in the mailing slot in the office door, handed to Dawn or scanned and forwarded to office@otagobridgeclub.org.nz.

Nominations must be received by 5pm Friday August 25.

Motions:

If a member wants a matter considered and decided on they may submit a formal motion. All motions must be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder (who must be full members of the club). It is helpful to the meeting if the reasoning behind the motion is also provided at this time.

All motions maybe scanned and forwarded to office@otagobridgeclub.org.nz ; placed in the mailing slot in the office door, or handed to the Cub Secretary.

Motions must be received by 5pm Friday August 25.

General Business

Any member wishing to raise items under General Business for discussion is asked to submit the item to the Club Secretary in advance also by the above deadline. Note that if the member wants a motion considered it needs to be provided as outlined above.