

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE WEEKLY - 15 JUNE 2020

Bridge is ready to start again with the **Re-opening Pairs** on Monday 15th June and Tuesday 16th June. The first two nights – will be inter-divisional fun nights, to help us back into the swing of bridge. They will commence at 7.15 pm – please be seated by 7.05 if possible. While it is hoped you can arrange to play with a partner, it is *not necessary* to bring one. Results are off the stick and handicap.

LESSONS

Lessons will recommence Wednesday 24 June at 7.00 pm and Friday 26 June at 10.00 am. The lessons will recommence with refresher sessions (as we only reached week 3 before the lockdown) and continue until Sept/Oct to allow the learners to join the Junior Division before the end of the year.

NEW ENROLMENTS WELCOME

Now is also the ideal time for new enrolments as we can incorporate newcomers alongside the refresher sessions. So talk to family and friends and get them enthused to enrol. Enrolment is through the club's webpage.

CHANGES TO PROGRAMME

- **All divisional pairs champs events to best 4 of 6 nights** (there's 1/2 nights already played and 4/5 nights unplayed for the Thursday/Wednesday respectively).
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- **Divisional individual champs to best 3 results** (3 of 3 for Thursday and 3 of 4 for Wednesday).
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- **For Women's pairs:**
 - The Blanch Wolken Pairs*: Best of 3 nights already played.
 - The Winter Pairs*. Best 3 of the 4 sessions to play
 - The Spring Pairs* will (hopefully) continue as normal.
 - Pairs Championship* – will be changed from best 15 of 21 to best 10 of 14.
- **For Friday:** Ladders will be discussed with the Friday committee.

- **Teams will change to an 8 round Swiss qualifying** (until 17th Aug), and a single round robin. **We will be ringing/emailing captains to see if their teams still want to play; need to know before teams restarts on 22 June.**

TABLE MONEY

To assist with minimising our risk to future illness it would help if members could endeavour to bring the correct table money on their playing nights. This will minimise the need to handle coins and dispense change to players at each table.

I donated half of a Yellow Peony Rose (they are quite rare) to Shirley Ford's daughter with a note to say "In Memory of Shirley Ford, From Derek and Edie Tingle and on behalf of the Otago Bridge Club. I think one of her NZ homes is in Central Otago and she asked me for a cutting as she was making a garden in Central. I hope that does not offend anyone in the Club. I will report on its progress in the couple of years (God willing and Covid Willing).

Cheers *Derek*

BRIDGE ZONE

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Countdown on...to our 100th show. Which is not the only one that is ageing!!! We have a *special guest* getting primed to share the milestone with us. And we announce the name of our new segment of The Bridge Zone. Judge Julie Is off someone's Christmas card list. Tip of the week.

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TOURNAMENTS

Winton Open 5A Pairs:

Saturday 18 July. Morning tea 9.30 am Play starts 10.00 am. Bring your own lunch. Nibbles during play. Supper after play. \$30. Entries online by Wednesday 15th July at otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/winton

OTAGO JUNIOR PAIRS

Sunday 19 July

Taieri Graded 8B Pairs

Saturday 25 July. Morning Tea from 9.30 am. Start at 10 am. Bring your own lunch. \$20.
Entries close at 7 pm on 22 July.

THIS WEEK

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Monday	7.15	Teams
Tuesday	1.30	Informal Practice
Wednesday	1.00	All Comers Bridge
	7.15	Junior and
Intermediate		
Thursday	7.15	Senior and Open
Friday	10.30	Friday Bridge

SATURDAY BRIDGE

Next Saturday night - 4th July at 6.00 pm. Murray will do a mid-year dinner of Ham and Roasted Vegetables with Plum Pudding to follow. Please register for the meal (\$7) on one of the notices at the Club. Bridge begins at 7.00 pm if you want to just play Bridge.

RUBBER BRIDGE

Final call for pairings wanting to enter the Otago/Southland Rubber Bridge Competition. Players enter as a pairing and a draw is formed from locals and eventually the region. Thirty

boards are hand dealt and played, with the winners progressing to the next round. Overall winners then represent the region at Hamilton. Flights are paid for to the successful pairing. Any interested pairs please contact Maria Godfrey 467 5171 or John Sheehy 027 528 4655. Or see us at teams this Monday night at the latest - as entries close then.

TABLE MONEY

It would be helpful to bring the correct change to Bridge. This obviates the need to provide change, thus saving time as well as being more hygienic.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME to Jo De Bono who comes to us from Tauranga. She will be playing on Thursday nights at Otago and Wednesdays at Taieri. She would welcome partners from 8 July onwards. If you have some spare nights available please phone her on 02108 330 990.

CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS: Contact Ann Woodhead: now on 021 744 724 and Bob Lawrence on 027 222 46208.

SEATING RIGHTS: Paul Hudson has requested North-South seating rights.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: There are still a number of members who have not paid their 2020 yearly subscription. If you are not sure whether your sub is paid or not, please contact me on 464 0639. If you know you haven't paid, then you may pay by the normal methods otherwise please advise that you wish to resign. The Club's account number is ANZ 06-0911-0020619-00. Use your Computer No and Surname as reference

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The **Electronic Movement** is making itself known – some Bridge Clubs are looking to implement vouchers, electronic payment for table money, Auckland and Hamilton are reviewing programmes to deduct from the Bridge Mates etc – some Clubs are already there. **Hamilton Bridge Club** is making available Breakfast before Bridge on Friday morning! etc etc

Message from the Chair is also attached

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE WEEKLY - 29 JUNE

TOURNAMENTS

Winton Open 5A Pairs:

Saturday 18 July. Morning tea 9.30 am Play starts 10.00 am. Bring your own lunch. Nibbles during play. Supper after play. \$30. Entries online by Wednesday 15 July at otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/winton

OTAGO JUNIOR PAIRS

Our Club has over 100 players rated as Junior. Let's see you all at this Tournament.

Sunday 19 July. Enjoy a fun day of bridge in a tournament setting \$20. Start: 10.00 am. Enter

online at: otagobridgeclub.org.nz by **Friday 17th July** Hot drinks and nibbles provided. Bring your own lunch.

Taieri Graded 8B Pairs

Saturday 25 July. Morning Tea from 9.30 am. Start at 10 am. Bring your own lunch. \$20. Entries close at 7 pm on 22 July.

OTAGO 5A SWISS PAIRS

Sunday 2 August Time: 10:00 am start (9:30 am morning tea) \$25. Continuous tea/coffee and nibbles Bring your own lunch Online entries to: otagobridgeclub.org.nz. **Entries close 6.00 pm Wednesday 29 July.**

SATURDAY BRIDGE

This Saturday night - 4th July at 6.00 pm. Mid-year dinner. Register for the meal (\$7) on one of the notices at the Club. Bridge begins at 7.00 pm if you want to just play Bridge.

FINANCE

The club's income from table fees to the end of May is some \$25,000 less than last year. Some expenses have reduced but not to the same extent. The club is still in a sound financial position but further donations in lieu of table fees would be appreciated. Thank you to those who have already made donations.

The club's bank account is 06-0911-0020619-00.

John Henderson

Acting Secretary of the Finance Committee.

URGENT MESSAGE FROM NZ BRIDGE

National Congress 2020

Last Thursday the Management of the Distinction Hotel Hamilton advised New Zealand Bridge that they would not be honouring our booking for the 2020 National Congress. The venue is to be used as a quarantine facility for returning Kiwis until at least January 2021. We will, over the next 10 days, be looking at options to relocate the Congress. This if at all possible, may be at a different time, and is likely not be in Hamilton.

At this point we ask that you hold off making any travel and accommodation bookings. Please don't make any online entries or payments.

We are exceedingly disappointed with this situation and will do our absolute best to find a workable alternative for 2020. *Alister*

MEMBERSHIP

CORRECTION: The phone number for Bob Lawrence in last week's newsletter should have read - 027 224 6208.

RESIGNATIONS: Graham Cowles and Brian Stuart from the Senior Division have indicated they will not be back to Bridge and we do thank them for the years of support to our Club. Fred Foss and Michelle Rein wish to resign, but hope to be back when the time is right.

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Singing Happy Birthday, 100th episode – it's here. Welcome Alan Morris. Alan shares with us what's been happening within NZ Bridge. Catching up with the Clubs and gaining feedback has proved a positive initiative He talks with his counterparts and confirms the jealousy. We agree – the Bridge World is envious of us **Judge Julie** racks 50+ shows with The Bridge Zone.