

# OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

## BRIDGE WEEKLY – 6 JUNE



### TOURNAMENTS

#### JUNE

- 12 Otago Winter 5A Teams. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$25. BYO Lunch. Continuous nibbles. Close 9 June.
- 13 Otago Winter Intermediate 5B Pairs. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$25. BYO Lunch. Continuous nibbles. Enter by clicking on the link on our home page or on the Tournament News board at the club. Closing date has been changed to Thursday 10 June at 10pm to allow for players who have had problems with using the NZ Bridge site. All Intermediate players are encouraged to enter.
- 13 Otago Winter Open 5A Pairs Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$25. BYO Lunch. Continuous nibbles. Enter by 9 June.
- 19 Winton Intermediate 5B and Junior 3B Pairs. \$25. Entries close 17 June on NZ Bridge site
- 27 Oamaru 8B All Grades. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$25. Tea, coffee, cold drinks provided throughout the day. Nibbles at end of play. Entries on Oamaru's website

**SENIOR DIVISION – Bronwyn Powell has resumed responsibility for finding partners.**

Brad Johnston attended last weekend's national conference and amongst the papers was the Victorian Bridge Assn's May Bulletin.

Here is the link for the full article

<http://vba.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/vbabulletin2105.pdf>

The editorial focused on declining club membership and what can be done to address this. Below are the key points which we could all ponder.

Ultimately the biggest influence on the growth or otherwise of bridge occurs at the club level.... Why do people leave bridge including not pursuing the game after a beginner's course?

- New players expect and deserve a welcoming, comfortable and non-critical place to play bridge.
- They do not like to be the recipients of rude, boorish and critical behaviour or to witness other pairs engaging in same, including berating each other for mistakes.
- People leave bridge because of bad behaviour and a non-welcoming environment.

The biggest reason for the success of some clubs is precisely because they create a place to play bridge where such things don't occur or have been eradicated under the influence of a warm, welcoming culture, completely averse to anti-social behaviours.

The ABF research reveals again and again that you can have top teachers, spick and span clubrooms and every creature comfort, but that will hold little weight if the culture is "off"

**"PLEASE PLAY YOUR PART IN MAKING OUR CLUB A GREAT AND GROWING CLUB!"**

### CONGRATULATIONS -

#### TEAMS COMPETITION – Swiss

- 1<sup>st</sup> Glenn Coutts, Bradley Johnston, Sam Coutts, Lydia Turley, Cameron Benson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Graeme Stout, Pamela Nisbet, Peter Macaskill, Jeff Miller
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Farnden, Kaye Wilson, Kristen Collins, Donna Ruwhiu

#### O/S REGIONAL TEAMS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Glenn Coutts, Sam Coutts, Graeme Stout, Jeff Miller
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Dean Eidler, Murat Genc
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Phil and Marilyn Noye, Christine and Stewart Kerr

#### O/S REGIONAL PAIRS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Graeme Stout and Jeff Miller
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## MEMBERSHIP

### Resignation:

It is with regret that we say farewell to Donella O'Dea, although the Bridge world won't lose her as she is moving to Arrowtown and will join the Queenstown Club. Our best wishes go with you Donella. You will be missed by all your friends at Otago especially those in the Intermediate Division.

### Bereavements:

It is with sadness that we record that **Arthur Patton** passed away last week. Arthur was recognised by the Club as an Honorary Member in 2009 for the sterling work he did as a member of the Finance Committee where he made many savings for the Club, particularly the insurances. Since then he studied for the Director's exam and passed, an achievement that as an 80 year old he was particularly proud of. Arthur was also an excellent proofreader and for many years checked the Bridge Programme Book before it was finally printed and was the first one to find mistakes in this newsletter. He was a member of the senior division and his presence will be missed on Thursday nights.

A past member of our Club also died last week. **Clare Mortimer** left the club in 2016 and loyally supported the Club in many ways including as a Tutor to our learners.

### Correction to your Programme Book:

The spelling of Cecylia Klobukowski (Junior) should be corrected to Cecylia **Klobukowska**.

## CONGRATULATIONS -

### Otago Winter Teams

- 1<sup>st</sup> Glenn Coutts, Sam Coutts with Moss Wylie and Max Morrison from Invercargill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristen Collins, Donna Ruwhiu with Joan Scarlet and Anne Sommerville from Invercargill
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Kerr, Stewart Kerr, Maria Godfrey, John Sheehy

## Otago Intermediate Pairs

2<sup>nd</sup> Cushla Coulquhoun and Jan Munden

## Otago Open Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Chris Ackerley and Murat Genç

2<sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Noye and Philip Noye

3<sup>rd</sup> Diane Daly and Neil Johnstone

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### JULY

- 3 Te Anau Open 8B Pairs \$25. Entries close 30 June
- 3 South Island Pairs – Marlborough
- 17 Winton Open 5A Pairs
- 18 **OTAGO JUNIOR 3B PAIRS** Enjoy a fun afternoon of bridge in a tournament setting. Start time 1.00 pm. Afternoon tea and hot drinks provided. \$10 for the day.  
**Entries close at 6.00 pm on 16 July.**
- 24 Taieri Graded 8B Pairs

### AUGUST

- 1 **Otago Open 5A Swiss Pairs**

## SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

### 3 JULY

A mid-year celebration dinner will be served at 6.00 pm followed by Bridge at 7.00 pm. Please add your name to the lists posted on the doors of the playing rooms if you wish to register for the dinner.

## BACK TO THE FUTURE TEAMS

P 13 of your Programme Book has this scheduled for 17 July. It will be played on **19 JULY**. Teams of four with at most one player from the Open Division. Three rounds. You must play each round with a different partner from your team.

## NATIONAL CONGRESS

The 2021 Congress will be running from Friday 24 September until Saturday 2 October, contrary to the date in your Programme Book (which has only the 2 October date). Congress is being held this year at

the Lion Foundation Centre, Bay Park, 81 Truman Lane, Mt Maunganui.

## WOMEN'S PAIRS

Women's Pairs this week will begin at 12 noon with a shared lunch, followed by Bridge at 1.00 pm.

## CONGRATULATIONS -

**Gustavson Medallions** – Friday Bridge Handicap

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Rowley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lorraine Peacock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janice Munden

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*Peter and Julia Watson from Waipukurau have contacted the region. They were entered for the 15A National Teams on the 28th/29th of August in Invercargill but unfortunately their teammates had to withdraw. They are both graded Life Master, Open. They played in the O/S Swiss pairs in January. If this is of interest to you, please contact that Invercargill Bridge Club at [invbridge@gmail.com](mailto:invbridge@gmail.com)*

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**19 JULY.** Teams of four with just one player from the Open Division. Three rounds. Play each round with a different partner from your team. Open players – gather up 3 players from other divisions and enter this event. It has not been well supported over the past couple of years. If few entries are received this year, it may not continue.

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back to Grant Dowland who hasn't played for 3 or 4 years. Grant will play in the Intermediate Division for the rest of the year and may be contacted on 027 473 2234.

**BEREAVEMENT:** It is with sadness we record the death of Eileen Hastie a member of the Open Division until last year.

## Proposed lease of Hudson Room

Just an update to let you all know that the feedback from members is overwhelmingly in favour of renting out the Hudson Room. So the Committee is progressing matters as fast as we can. While nothing has been finalised the arrangement will likely be:

- \* The proposed tenant (they run health & safety training for businesses) would lease the Hudson Room as their offices. (That means that the Club would need to operate in the two remaining rooms.)
- \* If the proposal proceeds they will also rent one or other or both the two larger rooms (when available) to run their courses (possibly two/three times a week).
- \* They would likely have a few dedicated carparks for their own use.
- \* People attending their courses would use the carpark if we are not using it.
- \* They will share the kitchen, ablution areas.
- \* The direct costs (such as rates, insurance, heating etc) for the Hudson Room would be met by the tenant either directly or by incorporating those costs in the rent.
- \* The lease requires resource consent from the Dunedin City Council and that involves paperwork and discussion with our neighbours. This is all well under way and hopefully will be filed with the DCC any day.
- \* We are also checking to see if we need to do any repairs and maintenance on the Hudson room. .
- \* It is too early to give a time frame, but we are

hopeful of making substantial progress in the next few weeks.

Any queries or suggestions talk to me or one of the committee members.

*Rob Lawson*  
President

## **CONGRATULATIONS -**

... to Pamela Nisbet and Peter McCaskill who have won the right to represent the Otago/Southland region in the Rubber Bridge Competition at the NZ Bridge Congress.

## **REFRESHER COURSES**

The Taieri Bridge Club are holding refresher courses over the next two Sundays at their club, run by Kristen Collins. They will start at 1.30 pm and will cost \$10.00 per person per session. You can just turn up on the day.