

**7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March** Improvers Seminar by Dean Eidler. 7.30pm

**STAYMAN and TRANSFERS**

**Please register with Dean at [dean.eidler@gmail.com](mailto:dean.eidler@gmail.com)**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** Womens Pairs 1.00pm

**Wednesday night** Junior – Revision night

Intermediate – Individual Ladder 1<sup>st</sup> night

**Thursday night** Open/Senior – 3rd night Vice President's Pairs

**Open / Senior** Pre register to [ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub@org.nz](mailto:ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz), if you did not play on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2nd nights.

**CLUB PAIRS - CHAMPIONSHIP/PLATE** – you must preregister for these events. Email [ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub@org.nz](mailto:ClubCaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz)

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:** There are several Teams and Pairs tournaments now online – check NZ Bridge Tournament Page for details of entry and whether a tournament may have been cancelled.

**MARCH:**

**26<sup>th</sup>** Otago Autumn 5A Teams – **OTAGO - CANCELLED**

**27<sup>th</sup>** Otago Autumn Open 5A and Intermediate 5B Pairs – **OTAGO - CANCELLED**

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

***February Friday Handicap Ladder***

**1<sup>st</sup>** Alec Weavers

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Pip Weber

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Joy Ward

***Intermediate Vice President's Pairs***

**1<sup>st</sup>** Greg Sligo & Neil Stevenson

2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Middlemiss & Ann Taylor

3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Nicolson & Wendy Fallon

*Saturday night bridge*

A big thankyou to Murray (Barron) for organising another very enjoyable meal before bridge play.

1<sup>st</sup> Julienne Armitage & Alison Giller

2<sup>nd</sup> Lindsay Gunn & Marion Russell

3<sup>rd</sup> Murray Barron & David Larsen

**NATIONAL PAIRS**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Sam Coutts (playing with John Davidson)

– **fantastic bridge Sam**

**NZ BRIDGE CONGRESS:** Please find attached 3 hands from the Congress that was held recently. These hands were kindly provided by Glenn Coutts and Brad Johnston, as being a couple of their “memorable moments”.

Thankyou both for going to so much effort. I hope you all enjoy reading them, and will also appreciate why these players did our Club so proud in this tournament.

## **14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March - Teams - Cancelled**

**Tuesday Afternoons – cancelled for remainder of March**

**Wednesday Afternoon - All Comers Bridge also cancelled until further notice**

### **PAIRS CHAMPS DEFERRED FOR ALL GRADES**

**Wednesday night** Junior/Intermediate – Otago Anniversary Pairs - Combined Divisions, 2 night match for next 2 weeks.

**Thursday night** Open/Senior – Otago Anniversary Pairs - Combined Divisions, 2 night match for next 2 weeks. **Please pre register by email**

**Friday 10.30am** – Bridge as usual

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:** Check NZ Bridge Tournament Page for details of online tournaments or if a tournament has been cancelled.

**We have had notices from these Clubs about their online tournaments**

19<sup>th</sup> March - Mt Albert BC - Junior/Intermediate Pairs - \$20

26<sup>th</sup> March – Marlborough – 5A Open Swiss Teams - \$20 per player

26<sup>th</sup> March – Hastings – 5A Open Teams - \$25 per player

26<sup>th</sup> March – Matamata – 8B Open Pairs - \$15

26<sup>th</sup> March – Howick – 5B Intermediate/Junior Pairs - \$20

27<sup>th</sup> March – Marlborough – 5A Open pairs - \$20

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Greytown BC – 3B Junior/Intermediate Pairs - \$25

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Winton – 5A Swiss Pairs – **Still a face to face tournament**

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

#### **Vice Presidents Pairs**

Open

Senior

1<sup>st</sup> Graeme Stout/Phil Noye

1<sup>st</sup> Helen Haig/Kate Vercoe

2<sup>nd</sup> Wyn Jones/Adrien Dever

2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Ebeling/Joy Kennedy

3<sup>rd</sup> Brad Johnston/Paul Freeland

3<sup>rd</sup>. Alison Martin/Josephine George

**Nelson Open Teams – 1<sup>st</sup>** – Matt Blakeley, Lydia Turley

Kristen Collins, Donna Ruwhiu - **WELL DONE**



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**RESIGNATIONS:** Barbara Cloughley (Junior Division), John Troop (Open Division)

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## **21<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**MESSAGE FROM ROB LAWSON (President)** – The good news is that we have not been made aware of any more Covid cases at the Club, and overall it seems that case numbers might be starting to come down. Both signs, we hope, that there may be a bit more normality soon.

Covid and other illnesses are making us very short of Directors, but we are still able to manage for the time being. Please be kind to Directors – they are scarce and valuable people!

With winter approaching, and Covid and other virus circulating, we have been concerned that we are still able to keep the Clubrooms well ventilated. Advice tells us that the system in the Larnach Room is very good. Please do not tamper with the room controls. We are now seeking expert advice on the Hudson Room, to ensure that we can make things as comfortable and safe as possible.

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**Wednesday Afternoon – Womens Pairs** – Blanche Wolken event ( no Pairs Champs)

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26<sup>th</sup> March – Hastings – 5A Open Teams - \$25 per player

26<sup>th</sup> March – Matamata – 8B Open Pairs - \$15 – special request from this Club for Junior and Intermediate players to enter – prizes for both grades.

26<sup>th</sup> March – Howick – 5B Intermediate/Junior Pairs - \$20

27<sup>th</sup> March – Marlborough – 5A Open pairs - \$20

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Greytown – 3B Junior/Intermediate Pairs - \$25

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Winton – 5A Swiss Pairs – **Still a face to face tournament**

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

**TARANAKI CONGRESS - Swiss pairs – 4<sup>th</sup> Arleen Schwartz & Murat Genc**

**KELLY PEIRSE MEMORIAL TEAMS – Rotorua**

**6<sup>th</sup> – Brad Johnston, Lydia Turley, Sam Coutts**

**7<sup>th</sup> – Graeme Stout, Jeff Miller**

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**THANKYOU:** We received a big thankyou from the Brain Injury organisation for supporting their Facemask Bracket Fundraiser – thankyou to all who bought these.

**RESIGNATIONS:** Val Dunbar (Senior) – moving to Timaru – “I will miss the Otago bridge club and wish you well for the future.”

Dianne Casey (Intermediate) – “I have enjoyed my time with the club, and wish you well. Grateful thanks for use of mobility park”.

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**NZ BRIDGE** - please find attached message from the NZ President - effects of Covid and the Ukraine invasion on NZ bridge. Look out for the fundraising event by the Auckland Bridge Club for Ukraine.

## **28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

**Tuesday Afternoons**      Cancelled for remainder of March  
**Wednesday Afternoon**   All Comers cancelled  
**Wednesday night**        Junior/Intermediate – 1<sup>st</sup> night Easter Pairs  
**Thursday night**            Open/Senior – Individual Ladder 2  
**Friday 10.30am**            Bridge as usual  
**Saturday night**            Pizza night - list is up in clubrooms

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31<sup>st</sup> March /1<sup>st</sup> April – Fundraiser for Ukraine Refugees – All Grades

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Greytown – 3B Junior/5B Intermediate Pairs - \$25

9<sup>th</sup> April – Tauranga – 5A Open teams

9<sup>th</sup> April – Timaru Congress – 10A Open Teams

9<sup>th</sup> April – Timaru Congress – 5B Intermediate Teams

9<sup>th</sup> April – Cambridge – Junior Pairs

9<sup>th</sup> April – Waitemata – 8B Open

10<sup>th</sup> April – Timaru Congress – 10A Open Pairs

10<sup>th</sup> April – Timaru Congress – 3B Junior and 5B Intermediate Pairs

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

## OTAGO ANNIVERSARY PAIRS

### OPEN/SENIOR

1<sup>st</sup> Michael Atkinson/Matt Blakeley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lyn Clark/Christine Samson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sue More/Lisa Harkness

### INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR

1<sup>st</sup> Rodger Paul/Brigitte Hudson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dawn Cope/Pip Weber  
3<sup>rd</sup> Irene Scurr/Wendy Fallon

### FRIDAY MARCH: Handicap

1<sup>st</sup> – Marilyn Stewart

2<sup>nd</sup> – Judy Bevin

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jen Macartney

**ONLINE BRIDGE RESULTS** – a great weekend by Otago players – well done and **CONGRATULATIONS:**

**Matamata Open 8B Pairs** 1<sup>st</sup> Kaye Wilson and her sister Carol Richardson

**Marlborough Open 5A Pairs** 1<sup>st</sup> Brad Johnston/Matt Blakeley

4<sup>th</sup> Graeme Stout/Jeff Miller

### 2022 INTERPROVINCIAL TRIALS:

Reminder that all players wishing to be considered for the trials for the 2022 Otago Southland IP teams need to have entry form and system card completed by **APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022** and emailed to [otagosouthlandbridge@gmail.com](mailto:otagosouthlandbridge@gmail.com).

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