

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 6 NOVEMBER

TOURNAMENTS

NOVEMBER

- 11 Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$20. Bring your own lunch. Nibbles available. Entries online at otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/invercargill and close 9 November. Sponsored by Rowena Jackson Retirement Village.
- 18 Canterbury Mixed and Same Sex 5A Pairs – Timaru.
- 25 Inter-Provincial Teams Championships – Wellington

DECEMBER

- 10 (Sunday) Otago Christmas 3A Pairs

SWISS PAIRS: Begins this Monday night.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE: This Saturday. Meal at 6.00 pm. Bridge starts at 7.00 pm

BABICH NZ WIDE PAIRS

According to Face Book, Taieri's 17 tables was the top number of tables playing this event.

WELL DONE TAIERI.

Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st Ellena Moskovsky and James Coutts
2nd Graeme Stout and Jeff Miller
3rd Arleen Schwartz and Murat Genc

All scores were combined with all others playing and Ellena and James were 14th overall. Overall results are available on the NZBridge website.

TEAMS

The Silver Division will complete their competition on 13 November – with 14 Teams the round robin requires 13 nights, whereas the Championship and Gold Divisions require 14 rounds and will finish on 27 November.

DEALING ASSISTANTS FOR 2018

New people are required for dealing cards for club events. Do think about volunteering for this very important task. You would be given training and someone would be with you for the first few times you do it. It does require some commitment, as boards for Divisional events require weekly dealing, teams and other events fortnightly. Sometimes friends do the dealing together, so you learn together which may make it less scary. There will always be backup people who will deal if you are sick, on holiday, etc. Get in touch with the Convenor of your Division if you are at all interested.

REMINDERS

- 1 Fresh flowers should not be brought into the Playing Rooms
- 2 Consider not wearing perfume and other strong smelling products to Bridge.
- 3 The soap products in the bathrooms are quite strong smelling, so do rinse hands well before returning to the playing rooms.

The above is in consideration of the increasing number of people who are sensitive to perfumes and can result in headaches, sneezing, dizziness, etc.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 13 NOVEMBER

TOURNAMENTS

NOVEMBER

- 18 Canterbury Mixed and Same Sex 5A Pairs – Timaru.
- 25 Inter-Provincial Teams Championships – Wellington

DECEMBER

- 10 (Sunday) Otago Christmas 3A Pairs. Morning tea 9.30 am, Start 10.00 am. \$30. Christmas lunch provided. Entries online and on the board close 7 December.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our new library shelves are now in place and look amazing! Mary and I will be putting the books back this week and the library will be up and running again. Please pop in to the Cargill Room to have a look, and perhaps a browse for something to help your bridge over the summer holidays.

Dorothy Butterfield, Librarian

TEAMS

The Silver Division will complete their competition this week on Monday night. The Championship and Gold Divisions will finish on 27 November.

DEALING ASSISTANTS STILL REQUIRED

A number of people do various jobs around the club, so if you would like to help out, but don't know what you could do, how about having a go at dealing cards. We all know how good it is to have the cards dealt, to have the slips on the backs of the boards, to have a hand record, to see the results and personal scores at home on the computer. This can only occur if we have the cards dealt on the dealing machine, to which the Club's scorer programme connects. You don't need to know about computers to do this job. Instruction will be given. Let your Convenor know if you are interested.

REMINDERS

- 1 The Christmas Pairs, which begins next week, will be the last competition for the year.
- 2 Your Division Convenor will let you know how the last night (the 6th or the 7th December) is to be organised – maybe bring a plate, maybe a shortened session. This is the night when prizes will be presented to winners. Try to be there, especially if you know you have won a prize, whether a trophy or for winning one of the 3-night matches, etc. It is always nice to see prizewinners receive their reward.
- 3 Holiday Pairs begins the following week – 11 December – and will continue each Monday and Wednesday (except Christmas Day night and New Year's night) until the 3rd of January. This is an inter-divisional event and there are prizes for Handicap as well as off the stick. Note the conditions on P 27 of your Programme Book, and book some partners now.

THE 51st NZ INTER PROVINCIAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS are being hosted in Wellington this year from 25-27 November. (Otago hosted it last year). The Otago-Southland Region held their Trials over two days in May. Several of our members made the team and will be travelling to Wellington:

OPEN	Murat Genç, Arleen Schwartz, John Sheehy and Robert Cowan
WOMEN	Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins
SENIOR	Kevin Farnden and Wyn Jones
INTERMEDIATE	Tim Webb and Grant Walker

The IPs began in 1967 and has run every year since. Initially an Open event, in 1978 the Intermediate event was added, then in 1986 the Women's and in 2000 the Seniors. All seven NZB regions – Auckland-Northland, Waikato Bays, Central Districts, Wellington, Top of the South, Canterbury and Otago-Southland - are represented at each level.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Invercargill Swiss Pairs winners -

- 1st Ann Woodhead playing with Greg Buzzard from Invercargill
- 3rd Nik Mitchell and Brad Johnston

- to Saturday night winners – final night of the year

Off the Stick

North-South

- 1st Jocelyn Kilcullen and Marion Russell
- 2nd Derek Tingle and Edie Tingle
- 3rd Joy Kennedy and Bev Ross

East-West

- 1st Ron Robert and Shirley Bosworth
- 2nd Christine Kerr and Clare Gillies
- 3rd Stewart Kerr and Lydia Turley

Handicap

North-South

- 1st Jocelyn Kilcullen and Marion Russell
- 2nd Joy Kennedy and Bev Ross
- 3rd Derek and Edie Tingle

East-West

- 1st Ron Robert and Shirley Bosworth
- 2nd Nola Turnbull and Margaret Middlemiss
- 3rd Christine Kerr and Clare Gillies

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 20 NOVEMBER

TOURNAMENTS

NOVEMBER

25 Inter-Provincial Teams Championships – Wellington

DECEMBER

10 (Sunday) Otago Christmas 3A Pairs. Morning tea 9.30 am, Start 10.00 am. \$30. Christmas lunch provided. Entries online and on the board close 7 December.

CRUISE SHIP CHALLENGE – Wednesday 13 December

This bridge cruise has been arranged from Sydney and there could be up to 44 people looking for a game of bridge with the Otago Club. The session will begin at 10.30 am, so please bring your lunch. There will be a wide variety of abilities, and would be good to have all levels of our players too. Do come along and have a fun day. Usual table money, but please register your intention to play on the tournament notice board, as it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers.

NZ INTER PROVINCIAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS: Wellington, 25-27 November. We wish our representatives well this weekend. As well as prizes in each category they will be competing for the biggest prize at stake which is the Dougal McLean Trophy. Dougal McLean was a keen Wellington bridge player and bridge administrator for around 30 years. He wrote a lot about the game and was a true enthusiast in the nicest way. He was both Treasurer and President of NZ Contract Bridge Association. The cup was named in his honour after he died in 2008. The results from all four categories are combined to produce the overall winning Region. The current holders are Wellington. (With thanks to *NZBridge* Facebook Page for the above information). Players are being profiled on the NZB Facebook and there will be live coverage of play on BridgeBaseOnline, the viewing schedule to be published on the facebook page just before the event begins. GO OTAGO-SOUTHLAND REGION.

MEMBERSHIP

It is with sadness that we record the death of Iris Faulkner, a member of our Intermediate Division. Iris joined the club in 1992 and played regularly on a Wednesday night. In NZBridge terms she was a Local Master with one star. For the last few years Iris hasn't played at night, opting to play daytime bridge only - Women's Pairs every second Wednesday and each Friday, but unfortunately ill-health meant that she has been unable to play since early this year.

REMINDER

ON FRIDAYS it would be helpful for our mobility impaired drivers if the two parks on the left past the marked mobility parks, were left free until at least 10.20 am. We do have a number of disabled members playing on a Friday and this would mean that if all the marked parks are used, then they could use these two parks, rather than having to find a park further away, making it difficult for them to walk into the Club.

CONGRATULATIONS to President's Pairs winners ...

JUNIOR

- 1st Yvonne Walsh and Kate Aisi
- 2nd Terry Ebeling and Kate Vercoe
- 3rd Niall Grant and Irene Scurr

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st Jean Bretherton and Gaye Wright
- 2nd Shirley Collins and Noeline Lawson
- 3rd Jacquie Wright and Maureen Kensington

SENIOR

- 1st Ian McPherson and John Henderson
- 2nd Graham Cowles and Val Dunbar
- 3rd Barbara Wilkes and Andrew Reynolds

OPEN

- 1st Paul Freeland and Michael Joseph
- 2nd Annabelle Molloy and Christine Kerr
- 3rd Margaret Perley and Murat Genc

TIMARU MIXED AND SAME SEX PAIRS

- 2nd Bernadette Van der Lem and Alan Geare and 1st for the Mixed Pairs

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 27 NOVEMBER

TOURNAMENTS

DECEMBER

- 10 (Sunday) Otago Christmas 3A Pairs. Morning tea 9.30 am, Start 10.00 am. \$30. Christmas lunch provided. Entries online and on the board close 7 December.

TEAMS 2018

Please enter your team for next year on-line.

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LIBRARY

All of the new library adjustable shelving is in, the books loaded onto the shelves, and doesn't it all look marvellous. Some people have wondered who Wayne Thurlow was, as the library has a plaque over it "The Wayne Thurlow Memorial Library". The following was taken from Chris Ackerley's book "A History of the Otago Bridge Club" Chapter 4: "The New Building"

"The Club had brought from High Street a motley assortment of books and magazines, but little had been done to ensure that they were properly catalogued, and borrowing was a rather random issue. In 1978 a proper library was proposed, and books solicited, at first without much response until Chris Scott gave some. In 1981, however, Wayne Thurlow's father donated 180 books in memory of Wayne's tragic death; it was decided that the collection should form the Wayne Thurlow Memorial Library, a suitable plaque to be engraved, and Mary Cahn began to catalogue and supervise the collection, each division to have a key-holder and books to be borrowed at 20c. There were further donations from Jo East and Edna McDonald after their deaths, and the Club became more systematic in its purchases. In 1987 it was found that some 33 books were missing, and a general amnesty was called, with what effect is unrecorded."

Dennis McCaughan tells me that Wayne Thurlow played Bridge at the University with him and several other present members. He suffered from epilepsy.

There have been a number of Librarians since Mary Cahn, the books are now digitally catalogued, many more purchases and donations have been received, there is no charge and no lock and key required, although I believe we still do have lots of missing books!

FROM THE NOVEMBER MANGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

1 HEALTH AND SAFETY

We need someone with a knowledge of this subject to take responsibility of it for the club. All the base work has been done - hazards identified and listed, electrical connections all checked etc - and now we need a suitable person to maintain this and ensure the periodic checks are carried out as required.

2 PROPERTY

The same applies here. Mike Rendall is the Property Manager but we need someone to share the load.

In each case we are not looking for the person to join a committee but to help the club by sharing their expertise.

3 LAND PURCHASE – see attached

CONGRATULATIONS

TEAMS

The Silver Division was won by the Blok Team – Robert Blok, Maria Kaspers, Jenny Wanrooy, Val Wilson, Annaleise Seifert,

WOMEN'S PAIRS

SPRING PAIRS

Off the Stick

- 1st Anne Harry and Daphne McCoy
- 2nd Ruth Airey and Betty Laing
- 3rd Marion Dent and Judy Parkinson

Handicap

- 1st Ruth Airey and Betty Laing
- 2nd Joanne Curry and Lee Asher-Simpson
- 3rd Ainslie Eidler and Moira Andersen

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

Off the Stick

- 1st Margaret Harraway and Irene Hallberg
- 2nd Ruth Airey and Betty Laing
- 3rd Julienne Armitage and Janice Munden

Handicap

- 1st Anne Harry and Daphne McCoy
- 2nd Ruth Airey and Betty Laing
- 3rd Moira Andersen and Ainslie Eidler

FRIDAY HANDICAP NOVEMBER MATCH

- 1st Joy Ward
- 2nd Alec Weavers

3rd Ruth Matthews

INTER-PROVINCIALS

With two rounds to go, Otago-Southland are placed:

Open - 4th

Senior - 6th

Women - 3rd

Intermediate - 6th