

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE WEEKLY- 7 NOVEMBER



THIS WEEK:

Tuesday afternoon Practice Sessions: 1.30 pm.

Wednesday All-Comers - 1.00 pm

Wednesday: 2nd Night of President's Pairs

Thursday: 2nd night of President's Pairs

Friday Bridge as usual

Rowena Jackson 5A Swiss Pairs

Saturday 13 November

Enter online at NZ Bridge. BYO Lunch. \$25 Pre-payment Inv Bridge a/c 03 1355 0532940 00

BABICH WINES NZ WIDE PAIRS

Friday 12th November at 7.10 pm

This will be going ahead at the Taieri Bridge Club. Please be seated for 7.00 pm. Cost is \$10 which includes a book of the hands. Only ten pairs have entered so far. Please support this event. Register online at NZ Bridge or email Judith Smeijers at jude.smeijers@xtra.co.nz or phone 489 7143.

The Rabbit

T'was a Friday bridge session in early November
Just this very day, so I am well able to remember
When Cushla saw a rabbit right outside the door.
Must have hopped inside: Did you see the
floor???

Evidence of his visit was widespread under a
chair.

It was shortly after one, when along came a pair
Who remarked on the pellets strewn far and wide
Neither Marion nor Paul "Saw a thing" they cried

Perhaps the rabbit was simply an innocent
bystander

It may well have been vittles that went on a
meander

Betwixt lunch box and mouth: Surely not food
fighting,

But caused such a laugh when combined with the
sighting!

From the pen of Ann Wood

FROM PRESIDENT ROB

Covid Vaccination Requirements

Over the last two months many members have suggested that only vaccinated people (or those with a medical exemption) should be allowed to play at the Club. The Management Committee supports this idea but have not acted to date because it has been unclear as to what we are legally entitled to demand and enforce. Also vaccinations have only been available to some younger members since winter.

However, the new Traffic Light Framework for managing Covid which should be with us soon, allows any organisation to restrict itself to vaccinated people only (and those with a medical exemption) if they wish. We believe this is the right thing to do in order to make the Club as safe a place as possible for its members and their wider family and friends. It also ensures that the Club can continue to operate pretty much as normal under the new Covid framework. There are much tighter requirements in terms of numbers and distancing if unvaccinated people are allowed. Those requirements would severely restrict our ability to operate as we currently do.

The next few weeks gives us an opportunity to start collecting vaccination information from members who are willing to give it to us at this time, and also for any members who have not yet got around to getting jabs to do so. We will be working out precisely how we are going to record and safeguard vaccination information over the next few days and will let you know how it is to be done.

Rob Lawson (President)

THANK YOU

... to Margaret Middlemiss who has sewn new covers for some of the cushions from old tablecloths. Ever so smart!

14 NOVEMBER

THIS WEEK

Monday: Teams Final night, Gold section

Tuesday afternoon Practice Sessions: 1.30 pm.

Wednesday All-Comers - 1.00 pm

Wednesday: 3rd night of President's Pairs

Thursday: 3rd night of President's Pairs
Friday Bridge as usual

Women's Pairs – End-of-year Lunch

A shared lunch will be held on **Wednesday 24 November** beginning at 12 noon with Prizegiving and bridge to follow.

ONE NIGHT OF SWISS PAIRS

Monday 29 for all players. Pre-entry not needed. Just grab a partner and come along. It will be fun.

TROPHIES

If you still have trophies, please return them to the Club as soon as possible. Many thanks to Pauline Crawford who is now cleaning the trophies. However, if you have cleaning material at home it would be appreciated if they came back clean and shiny.

2022 PROGRAMME BOOK

Advertisers wanted for Programme Book...half page and full page options...please email office@otagobridgeclub.org.nz

Other Helpers wanted

both small time commitment

- **Trophy Steward**
To keep a record of where our trophies are?...who the current year winners are?
- **Advertisers Liaison**
To email or ring our annual advertisers re next year's programme book. To act as a contact for any changes/feedback.

PROMOTIONS FOR 2022

Congratulations to the following people who have been promoted to higher divisions.

Senior to Open Heather Beckett

Junior to Senior Ian van Delft

Junior to Intermediate James Airey, Colette Bolger, Dawn Cope, Cecylia Klobukowska, Mary McQueen, David Mackle, Janis Tizard, Trish Whelan, Elizabeth Wilson

LIBRARY NEWS

It is great to see people using the Library in its new position in the Larnach Room.

Thanks go to Philip Gillen for the books he donated to the Library, and also to an unknown donor of several bridge books. These books are now in the New Books section. Look out for

David Bird's '**Famous Bridge Disasters**'.

If you are finding defending the hands a more challenging aspect of your play, you might like to try Mike Lawrence's '**Dynamic Defense**'. We have three copies of this book in the Library. Also look in the Defence section for the following;

Demon Defense & Demon Doubling by Augie Boehm
Pathways to Better Defense by Danny Roth
Defend These Hands With Me & Masterpieces of Defence by Julian Pottage

CONGRATULATIONS

TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS and winners of the Booths Gin Trophy

Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Murat Genc,
Arleen Schwartz Dean Eidler

2nd Glenn Coutts, Sam Coutts, Lydia Turley, Brad Johnston and Cameron Benson

3rd Graeme Stout, Jeff Miller, Pamela Nisbet, Peter McCaskill

BABICH NZ WIDE PAIRS – Taieri results

1st Murray Barron and Phil Merchant
3rd Kristen Collins and Donna Ruwhiu

Here is the link for the booklet for the boards played in this year's event. NZWP Booklet 2021.pdf (2.91MB) [read more here](#)

21 NOVEMBER

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Practice Session: 1.30 pm.

Wednesday Women's Pairs shared lunch and Prizegiving starting at 12 noon followed by Bridge at 1.00 pm

Wednesday: 1st night of Christmas Pairs

Thursday: 1st night of Christmas Pairs

Friday Bridge as usual

ONE NIGHT OF SWISS PAIRS

Monday 29 for all players starting at 7.15 pm. Pre-entry not needed. You will need a partner and arrive at about 7.00 pm.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY FUNDRAISER IN THE SPIRIT OF NINA

Sunday 5 December. This replaces the Nina Hewitt Pairs which was to have been held that day. This provides an opportunity to support those less

fortunate in our community as well as to all come together as a Club to remember Nina and in a pre- Christmas event of fellowship.

\$10 entry and bring an item for the Food Bank or a Christmas gift. Raffles on sale, afternoon tea provided. To help with catering we would prefer entry on OBC website, (which should go up soon) but walk-in entries on the day will be accepted. Start time 1.30 pm, but be there by 1.15 pm to enable the director to set up in time.

This will be a social afternoon for all 'in the spirit of Nina'. Nina died three years ago and the tournament was named after her to celebrate her engaging personality, her friendliness, her helpfulness to all and the work she did for the club over many years as a member, as Club Captain, Vice President and President.

NEW COVID RULES AND BRIDGE

We can now update our earlier advice about the new Covid rules and vaccination requirements for bridge. While the Government has not yet confirmed the exact date, they have said that the new Traffic Light framework will be in operation by 15 December when the Auckland boundary opens. The new framework essentially separates people according to vaccination status allowing vaccinated people much more freedom to live normally whilst unvaccinated are only guaranteed access to essential services.

In order to be prepared for this and implement a vaccinated only player policy when the new system comes in, we are asking members playing over the next few weeks to verify their vaccination status by showing their existing card, or new certificate, to a Club official. The status will simply be recorded against the name in the membership list. We are not seeking any medical information, medical numbers or any other personal data, and for security reasons we do not wish to keep copies of anyone's certificates or cards.

Since there is a 6 month expiry date on certificates because people will need booster shots, we anticipate having to do this again next May/June but hopefully collecting the information like this will mean that we can avoid people having to scan their certificate every time they enter the Club. Visitors to the Club will of course have to scan or show certificates.

Rob Lawson, President OBC

THANKS

Thank you to the people who responded to the appeal for helpers in the last newsletter.

- To **John Curran** who has offered to undertake the Trophy Steward role.
- To **Alan Nicholls** who will take up the Advertisers Liaison role for the Programme Book.

MEMBERSHIP

Resignation

Jenny Wanrooy has decided to resign from the Otago Club and has joined the Taieri Club. We send our very best wishes to her and thank her for her support over the many years she has been a member.

Bereavement

Angela Henderson joined our Club last year after attending the lessons – she was an enthusiastic member and played most divisional nights winning the Junior Summer Pairs earlier in the year, she played some Fridays and played in the Junior tournament. Consequently it was sad to read of her untimely death in the ODT this week. She will be missed by all who knew her at the Club and by her colleagues and students at Logan Park High School. Condolences from the Club have been posted on her Tribute page.

CONGRATULATIONS

GOLD TEAMS WINNERS and winners of the Gold Section Trophy

Genevieve Webb,
Tim Webb,
Christine Kerr,
Stuart Kerr,
Annabelle Molloy

2nd Adrien Dever, Judy Robertson, Alan Geare,
Anne-Marie Fox

3rd Murray Barron, Phil Merchant, David Larson,
Steve Moratti

DIVISIONAL PRESIDENT'S PAIRS *JUNIOR*

1st Colette Bolger and Dawn Cope
2nd Kim Carter and Sally Stewart
3rd Jean McAlevy and Mary McQueen

INTERMEDIATE

1st Deidre Bruce and Grant Dowland
2nd Graeme Donaldson and Ron McMurrin
3rd Hilary Bisset and Andrew Nicolson

SENIOR

- 1st Kathy Jermakoff and Paul Spain
2nd Jo De Bono and Jenny Fieldwick
3rd Ken Nicholls and Rod Waugh

OPEN

- 1st Peter McCaskill and Graeme Stout
2nd Lorraine Peacock and Kaye Wilson
3rd Lyn Clark and Barbara Cowie

INTER-PROVINCIAL TEAMS

This was held on-line over the weekend. We thank those who took part and especially Phil Noye who was their Chef de Mission in what must have been quite a stressful time for all. Seven regions take part in the annual event which is keenly contested. Final results for the Otago/Southland region were:

OPEN TEAM

Matt Blakeley, Paul Freeland, Brad Johnston, Kevin Skoropado **6th**

SENIOR TEAM

Arleen Schwartz, Pamela Nisbet, Murat Genç, Jeff Miller **5th**

WOMEN'S TEAM

Donna Ruwhiu, Kristen Collins, Joan Scarlet, Anne Sommerville **2nd**

INTERMEDIATE TEAM

Lydia Turley, Barbara Hutton, Pam Hodgkinson, Judy Russell **1st**

There were four Youth Teams competing – Auckland, Waikato Bays, South Island and Barbarians. The South Island team included Glenn Coutts and ex- Otago member Bronwyn Bouton. They were third in the Final, if I read the website correctly.

Well done all.

STOP PRESS

from an excited Phil Noye ...

Intermediates WON!!!! By beating leaders Canterbury in final round and then surviving a belated appeal from an earlier round. Lydia and Barbara topped the individual datums.

Women second to Auckland Northern finishing with a comeback draw against them in the last round - both pairs Donna & Kristen and Anne Sommerville and Joan Scalrett in

top 5 datums.

Seniors finished 5th and Open 6th

28th NOVEMBER

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Practice Session: 1.30 pm.
Wednesday: 2nd night of Christmas Pairs
Thursday: 2nd night of Christmas Pairs
Friday Bridge 10.20 am Christmas Party

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You must be double vaccinated to enter.

Keep those entries coming in. Only 13 pairs entered by 10.00 pm Sunday. That's 6½. Let's triple that and get at least 18 tables. All in a good cause.

NEW COVID RULES AND BRIDGE

Hopefully everyone is aware that the change to the new Covid alert system takes place on Thursday night. The Government has not yet told us what colour code will be applied in Dunedin, but assuming it is not Red, this means that the Bridge Club can operate normally if all players are vaccinated. So Friday bridge, the Nina Hewitt charity competition, and the final night of the Christmas pairs become our first events under the new system.

We want to give a big thank you to everyone who has helped so far by letting us sight vaccination certificates and record cards. We will continue to sight them this week and after Thursday we will be requiring anyone who has not yet confirmed their vaccination status to show evidence before they can play.

Rob Lawson

CONGRATULATIONS

Friday November Handicap

- 1st Judy Bevin
- 2nd Denise Carter
- 3rd Barbara Hutton

Championship Women's Pairs - won this year by Ann Wood and Barbara Hutton.