

NEWSLETTER 7th NOVEMBER 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 8th	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 9th	Women's Pairs – 1.00pm Junior/ Intermediate – Presidents Pairs 3
THURSDAY 10th	Senior and Open - Presidents Pairs 2
FRIDAY 11th	Friday Bridge - 10.30am Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs – 7pm

11th November Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs – Otago at 7.00pm - \$10pp

This tournament is held Nationwide with all Clubs playing the same pre dealt hands. It is scored across the whole NZ field and at each Club. It is open to all grades, and **there are prizes awarded for every grade**. After play you will receive a booklet containing commentary on each hand, from expert players.

Entries are on the NZ Bridge website.

We would like to encourage all members to come along and play, and have some fun with what are often very bizarre hands!!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

All tournaments can be entered on NZ Bridge Tournament page

11th November Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs – Otago Club – 7pm

12th November Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs - 9.30am start, \$25.

Closes 11/1

RESIGNATION: We are very sorry to receive the resignation of Mike Atkinson (Open Division). Michael has been a member of the Club for 23 years.

Mike has played at the top level of the club, and has also represented the Club in the Otago/Southland team.

We wish him well in his move overseas to Ottawa where his two daughters and their families live. Mike expects to leave Dunedin towards the end of the year.

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PROGRAM BOOK 2023: Next year's program book is currently being compiled but has been delayed.

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Brad supplied this hand from Monday's teams as one that showcases how a different style of bidding can lead to a radically different auction and defence, even if it ends up at the same final contract.

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At the other table, Sam could see two likely tricks in his hand, the AC and a top Diamond. Therefore he lead the KD to set up his diamond

trick while he still had a club entry.

- No good, as Donna could win the ace and had heaps of tricks.

While the 3S pre-empt may not be to everyone's liking (and certainly didn't work well on this board), it's becoming more and more common to pre-empt on especially weak hands when not-vulnerable—especially when dealer or in third seat.

- ***This is because you're more likely to get in the opponents' way in those seats*** (in the second seat you're just as likely to pre-empt your partner, so you want something a little more respectable).

At our table, Wyn judged not to open with a spade pre-empt, which let me open 1H and Kaye to introduce Diamonds. After Cam bid 2 spades (***new suits by responder are forcing unless you have explicit agreements to the contrary***), Wyn was able to support Diamonds.

Even though 2 spades would have been forcing if Wyn passed, Cam will get another bid when she raises diamonds. That means that I no longer need to bid, and choosing to bid shows some extras. Kaye jumped to 5D as a forward-sacrifice (trying to cut out our bidding space), and Cam reckoned that I'd need to be able to cover either the Diamond loser or the Club losers once I'd made my free bid, so he punted 6H.

All eyes were on Kaye now to find the killing lead.

Knowing that they had a big diamond fit, it's less likely that leading the KD will set up a diamond trick for their side, so Kaye lead the AC to Wyn's 6 and my 7.

- ***When choosing what card to follow with on the opening lead, Declarer should play the accurate card they'd play to encourage or discourage from their holding in the opponents methods.***
- ***This serves to make the card their partner plays harder to head, because then there tend to be more extreme spots (honours) missing from the opener leader's perspective.***

Having lead the AC, it's now like learning to cross the road - stop, look and listen:

- Look - All the values in dummy,
- Listen – Remember North's free – bid ...extra values...must have AD

So, there are no other chances to beat the slam than for Wyn to have started with a singleton club ... *“time to cross the road”*...Kaye closed her eyes and lead another club and Wyn was there for her with the ruff...Down 1

Now at this point I leaned forward and claimed, showing my hand and stating "I've got the rest, unless you've also got 7 spades".

- Despite being aware of the possibility, I was pretty unamused when I got informed that Wyn actually did have 7 spades;
- I then had to do a quick check that I wasn't going three off with another Club ruff.
- Thankfully that wasn't the case, so I limped away with -2 for the slam and a win on this board to our opponents with their defence.

NEWSLETTER 14th NOVEMBER 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 14th	TEAMS – 7pm
TUESDAY 15th	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 16th	All Comers – 1.00pm Junior/ Intermediate – Teams Night Come on your own, as a pair or as a “team of 4” to have a go at teams play. Lots of fun - practice team techniques and scoring.
THURSDAY 17th	Senior and Open - Presidents Pairs 3
FRIDAY 18th	Friday Bridge - 10.30am

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

All tournaments can be entered on [NZ Bridge Tournament page](#)

December 4th Nina Hewitt 3A Christmas Pairs – Otago
10am start, \$25, bring own lunch, Close 1/12

This is our last tournament for the year.

Nina Hewitt was a past member of our Club (very sadly passing away mid 2018). Nina was a top level player, and also highly involved with the administration of our Club – President, Vice President and Club Captain.

Her husband Chris and family donated a Cup for us to play in memory of Nina, and we would like to encourage all members to come and enjoy this day of bridge.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT - NEIL JOHNSTONE:

We are still experiencing individual cases of Covid within the Club. These people are symptom free when playing and have later tested positive. If this happens to you, can you please advise either the President or Club Captain.

A reminder again, that if you are unwell, please don't come and play bridge.

RESIGNATION: We are very sorry to receive the resignation of Moana Smedley from our Junior Division. Moana has just recently completed classes at Otago. We are sorry to lose her membership, and wish her well in any further bridge pursuits she may do.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

President's Pairs:

	Junior	Intermediate
1 st	James Cockle/Ramon Quennell	Hilary Bisset/Terry Evans
2 nd	Catherine Smith/Bruce Dowland	Mark Wilson/Pat Johnston
3 rd	Helen Jappy/Jean McAlevey	Judy Bevin/Frances Witchall

5th November Saturday Night Bridge:

	Off- the- Stick	Handicap
1 st	Ruth Airey/Betty Laing	1 st Pam Hodgkinson/Judy Russell
2 nd	Frances Best/Bev Ross	2 nd . Jack Holt/Maureen Scott

Final Off-the Stick Ladder

- 1st= Julienne Armitage
- 1st= Alison Giller
- 3rd Ruth Airey

Final Handicap Ladder

- 1st Margaret Tagg
- 2nd Lynn Howson
- 3rd Wendy Fallon

The Club would like to say a big thankyou to Murray Barron, and all of his kitchen helpers, for once again catering 10 wonderful meals throughout the year. We are very grateful for all your help Murray.

LoveBlock NZ Wide Pairs:

- 1st Marilyn Noye & Philip Noye
- 2nd Donna Ruwhiu/ & Kristen Collins
- 3rd Murray Barron & David Larsen

Invercargill R Jackson Swiss Pairs:

- 1st Sam Coutts & Brad Johnston – **WELL DONE GUYS**
- 5th Donna Ruwhiu & Kristen Collins

NZ InterProvincial Championships: The IP's are being held Online from the 18th to the 20th November. There are 7 provinces represented, in 4 different grades.

Teams representing Otago/Southland are:

Open Team

Sam Coutts/Brad Johnston
Graeme Stout/Jeff Miller
Kevin Skoropoda/Moss Wylie

Intermediate Team

Jan Brown/Yvonne Hughes
Barbara Hutton/Jenny Rowley
Genevieve Webb/Tim Webb

Women's team

Kristen Collins/Donna Ruwhiu
Wyn Jones/Kaye Wilson
Kaye Shand/Anne Sommerville

Senior Team

Murat Genc/Arleen Schwartz
Peter Hall/Peter McCaskill
Marilyn Noye/Phil Noye

Chefs De Mission: Greg Buzzard & Harry Shepherd (Invercargill)

We wish all of our players all the very best, for a great weekend of bridge

NEWSLETTER 21st NOVEMBER 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 22nd	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 23rd	Women's Pairs – 1.00pm Junior/ Intermediate – Christmas Pairs 1
THURSDAY 24th	Senior and Open - Christmas Pairs 1
FRIDAY 25th	Friday Bridge - 10.30am

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January 6th/7th Alexandra Bridge Club – 5A Open

Friday 6.30pm start, Saturday 1.30pm start.

\$40. Entries close 4/1/23

There is a maximum of 24 tables, so be in early.

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MESSAGE FROM LIBRARIAN – Dorothy Butterfield

Thanks go to Michael Atkinson for his very generous donation of a number of bridge books for our library. These will be processed soon.

It is a timely reminder to return your overdue library books, and maybe select some new books for your holiday reading

RESPONSE FROM DAVID GREEN (apologies for not printing this in last week's newsletter)

I was interested to see Hand 8 in the Nov 7th Newsletter and thought I should comment. Brad has made some useful points, but here are a few more.

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At the other table, the auction was as follows:

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All Pass

At our table had the following auction:

Wyn	Brad	Kaye	Cam
Pass	1H	2D	2S
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All Pass

Brad pointed out:

Pre-empting 3S with the West hand may indeed work against weaker opposition, but with a 4-c minor suit on the side it may do more damage to your side, especially, as here, where partner has a big fit with your second suit.

Assuming West passes and North bids 1H, East now has a chance to pre-empt the auction with a bid of 4NT showing the minors. East realises that it is unlikely that their side has any defence to a N-S contract, so it is an ideal time to put them on the spot. South will probably just bid 6H, but if he tries something tricky like bidding East's suit with a call of 5D, West will double, and on lead against 6H, East will see no future in a diamond lead.

On lead against 6H East should lead his CA and North is best to play his CK.

This is a similar play to one made in a Bermuda Bowl match in 1972 by NZ's Roy Kerr for which he won a Brilliancy Prize – creating a loser in a suit when you are fearful of a ruff if the suit is continued, but at the same time, having the opportunity to discard the loser(s) later if East discontinues the suit. East now has to wonder why West has played the C6 from 764, and seeing the QT9 on the table may decide to switch, hoping partner holds the DA which is possible if N has opened 1H on a long suit and few hcps. Also, playing the CK as North ensures East will know partner does not hold K6 of clubs.

CONGRATULATIONS:

President's Pairs:

	Senior	Open
1 st	Mary O'Neill/Jenny Fieldwick	Christine Kerr/Robert Cowan
2 nd	Cathy Thomson/Kate Aisi	Donna Ruwhiu/Kristen Collins
3 rd	Archie Crawford/Ross Haddow	Mike Atkinson/Brad Johnston

NZ InterProvincials

This annual competition between NZ's seven bridge regions was held on line from Friday evening to Sunday evening. The event featured four separate competitions – Open, Women, Seniors and Intermediate - and was played as a double round robin of 12 board matches. The overall winners of the Dougal McLean trophy were Wellington – two 2nds, a third and a fourth placing.

OPEN (incl Brad Johnston / Sam Coutts and Graeme Stout / Jeff Miller)

The team finished with a 6 win 6 loss record to finish 4th behind winners Auckland/Northland. Their last match of the weekend went down to the wire before losing to Waikato Bays 13-14.

WOMEN (incl Donna Ruwhiu / Kristen Collins and Kaye Wilson / Wyn Jones)

The team finished with a 7 win 5 loss record to finish 5th behind winners Auckland/Northland, who only lost one of its 12 matches.

INTERMEDIATE (incl Barbara Hutton and Genevieve & Tim Webb)

The team finished with a 7 win 1 Draw 4 loss record to finish 4th to winners Central Districts. The team beat Waikato Bays by 17 imps in the last match but finished behind their opponents by just 0.40 VPs in the overall ladder.

SENIOR (Arleen Schwartz / Murat Genc; Peter Hall / Peter MaCaskill; Marilyn and Phil Noye)

The team finished with a 6 win 6 loss record to finish 6th, to overall winners Canterbury, who they did beat in their return match.

A special thank you to Chef de Missions Greg Buzzard and Harry Shepherd, both from Invercargill, for great organisation and also giving up their weekend.

