

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 7th OCTOBER

TOURNAMENTS

OCTOBER

- 12 Gore Open 8B Pairs - 10 am. Morning tea from 9.30 am. Supply your own lunch. \$25. Entries close at 11:59 pm on 8 October.
- 20 West Otago Social – Town and Country Club, Tapanui. Start at 1.00 pm. \$30.00. Meal provided at end of day. Anyone with food allergies please let them know. Enter on West Otago Bridge Club website by 6 pm 14 October.

OTAGO SOUTHLAND CONGRESS: Labour Weekend, Otago Bridge Club

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NOVEMBER

1 NZ Wide Pairs – **Taieri Bridge Club** – details later

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FAILED EMAILS

The Club has had 40-50 emailed newsletters returned for the last two weeks. Not sure why this is happening – as far as I know email addresses are correct. Last week I sent the Weekly out as late as possible on a Sunday night and in four separate batches, but still they came back – some the same as the previous week and some different. If you don't receive your newsletter, you can always read it on the Club's website under *Resources/Bridge Weekly* (photos and other graphics are not included on the website). Alternatively if you like to have the actual newsletter come into your email, please email me at elaineandgordon@xtra.co.nz and I will be happy to send it to you.

SLOW PLAY

Slow play is annoying and unfair; but we all occasionally take longer than we should for a difficult hand. It is our responsibility to try to catch up but sometimes this is thwarted by other players also being slow.

Here are some things to help :

1. If you are in charge of the bridge pad you should have contract, by whom and lead entered by the time dummy has gone down. If you are leading, lead first, and then do the entering. If you are dummy, put dummy down and then enter the lead (you should have the rest in). At the end of play you will just have to enter the result. Entering information on your personal score card should be done the same way.

2. If you finish late or just on time *do not* discuss the hand or waste time with your personal score card. If West, move on briskly (you may be able to put the result on your card at the next table if there is a gap); if East agree the result on the bridge pad. You will not have time to study the percentage. A hovering director may bring the bridge pad to you to agree the score - allowing you to get to the next table quickly.

3. If you are waiting for a table or for a pair to arrive this is *not* the time to run off for cups of coffee.

4. If you are EW it would be helpful to find the free board to pass on to the next table (and players should arrange for the board to be easy to reach for this purpose).

Notoriously slow players are sometimes blamed after being held up by another pair! The director

will have a better idea of who is at fault and what efforts have been made by a pair to catch up.

If there is a bye, sitting in the empty chair and chatting while waiting for a slow pair may hide the fact that there is a delay from the director (especially a playing director, or one looking after two rooms).

Lindsay Gunn, Chief Director

2020 PROGRAMME BOOK

Last chance this week to check the Membership Lists in the Larnach or the Cargill Room.

CONGRATULATIONS

NATIONAL CONGRESS IN HAMILTON

Second in the Youth Teams

Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin, Serena Ha, Elizabeth Schuck and Brad Johnston (pictured)

Youth Test – NZ vs Australia

1st NZ - Brad, Jeremy, Vickie Bouton, Jack James, Ryan Song

NZ PAIRS PLATE

10th Glenn Coutts and Graeme Stout

MATCHPOINT SWISS PAIRS

1st Peter McCaskill and Jeff Thompson

MIXED PAIRS

4th Murat Genc and partner

SAME SEX PAIRS

4th Glenn Coutts and Graeme Stout

Well done all. I guess all those attending achieved their own goals, even though not in the first few places. Apologies, if I have missed anyone.

DIVISIONAL CONGRESS PAIRS

JUNIOR

1st AnneMarie Tangney and Stewart Whyte

2nd Val Rowe and Barbara Galland

3rd Karla O'Connor and partner

INTERMEDIATE

1st Graeme Donaldson and Rodger Paul

2nd Patsy Taylor and Ron McMurrin

3rd Barbara Clare and Avril Power

SENIOR

1st Catherine Delahunty and Fenny Fieldwick

2nd John Curran and John Henderson

3rd Liz Nidd and Joc Parkes

OPEN

1st Matt Blakeley and Adrien Dever

2nd Kay Dickson and David Larsen

3rd Christine Kerr and Stewart Kerr

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BRIDGE ZONE

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This week's show includes: Results from Congress, Numbers 6 and 66, Numbers – record breaking 730 odd.

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WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

David Green has provided a commentary on some of the hands from this event which many will find interesting. Thank you David for going to this trouble for us. See attached.

MEMBERSHIP

BEREAVEMENT: It is with sadness that we record the death of one of our valued members, as well as our oldest member, Marjorie Freeman, who was in her 100th year. Marjorie has been a stalwart of the club for many years and has always been willing to do her share. Until a short time ago she did a wonderful job as Partners Steward for Friday bridge and until recently served on the Friday Committee. She played most Fridays of this year and several times at Saturday night Bridge, her last game being just 3 weeks ago. Rest in Peace Marjorie.

RESIGNATION: Yvonne Fell has decided not to renew her membership next year. Yvonne came to the Otago Club in 2016, having a previous knowledge, but joined the lesson group to brush up her skills. She progressed quickly through to the Senior Division, providing many with a partner of fine playing skills. We thank Yvonne for her support of the Club and wish her well.

CONGRATULATIONS

SENIOR *Individual Ladder*

1st and winner of the Stan Asher Plate

Raylene Ryan

2nd Kate Vercoe

3rd Kathy Jermakoff

OPEN – *Individual Ladder*

1st and winner of the Jack Finigan Cup

Brad Johnston

2nd Paul Freeland

3rd Genevieve Webb

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 21st OCTOBER

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- 16 Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs: Morning tea: 9:30 am. Play starts: 10:00 am. BYO lunch. \$20. Entries close at 11 p.m. on 13 November 2019. (Note that the 16th is the correct date – not that noted in the last couple of the newsletter – thank you Phil for pointing this out)

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE –2 November. Last Saturday night bridge for the year – maybe it will be your first Christmas meal for 2019. Come along and join in a lovely meal before a game of bridge. Meal at 6.00 pm. Bridge at 7.00 pm. Meal \$7. Bridge \$6.

BRIDGE ZONE

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Snot – yes reach for the tissues, Puppy School – hear about Barry and Jenny’s new puppy – Rosa, X Club Learn all about, Mike Neels joins us today, What a great programme this is, Judge Julie: Smellies, bare feet, appropriate clothing at the Bridge table, Sydney Spring Nationals, Good luck to all the kiwis crossing the ditch. NZ Wide Pairs – The Babich tourney is coming up soon

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MEMBERSHIP

RESIGNATION:

We are sorry to lose Anne Marie Devereux, who says that although she has had many years of fun at Bridge, is still finding Bridge difficult to cope with after her accident some time ago.

NUMBERS:

As the Programme Book goes to print, membership of the Club is 318: Junior 50, Intermediate 83, Senior 121 and Open 164.

CONGRATULATIONS

Junior section:	2nd N/S:	David Larsen and Cory Hope
	2nd E/W:	Steven Moratti and Annemarie Tangney
Open section:	1st E/W	Christine Kerr and Stewart Kerr
	1st N/S	Barbara Hutton and Andrew Reynolds

UNDERLEADING AN ACE

Following on from David Green's commentary last week, a similar story is related in his book *The Night Sky*. He was playing with Cherie Potvine (some of you may remember her and certainly many will remember her daughter-in-law, Nola Potvine). Cherie had an extravagant manner and liked plenty of attention. She did David the honour of asking him to play with her on her 90th birthday in 1976. Fate must have intervened on this truly remarkable hand -

Dlr S	♠ T				
Vul: All	♥ K				
	♦ AQJ105	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>
	♣ KQ10652	1♠	2♣	P	P
♠ J63		2♥	P	3NT	P
♥ AJ53	♠ 952	4♠	All Pass		
♦ -	♥ 10987				
♣ AJ9743	♦ K9843				
	♣ 8				
	♠ AKQ874				
	♥ Q642				
	♦ 762				
	♣ -				

3NT would probably have made on a ♥ lead from David – Potty, as she was affectionately known, probably letting the first heart go to declarer's singleton ♥K. Declarer could then set up a club trick before running the spades. Four Spades looks pretty cold. In fact, most of the room scored 650 after the A♣ lead or 620 after a trump lead or A♥ and trump switch.

However, Cherie Potvine, decorated by Queen Mary for her nursing services in 1917, was made of sterner stuff. She led the ♥3 away from her AJ into declarer's second suit! This lost to dummy's bare K♥ but Cherie didn't even flinch. Declarer now took a reasonable line: he ruffed a Club, ruffed a Heart with dummy's 10♠ and attempted to return to hand to draw trumps by ruffing another Club.

David, however, played 9♠ which proved to be an uppercut, forcing an honour from declarer and promoting Cherie's J♠. He then cashed Ace and King of trumps, and could have made his contract by exiting with a Spade, but he was worried about losing to David and facing a Heart return. So he started with a small Diamond, and when Cherie showed out, he went up with the A♦ in dummy and tabled the K♣ pitching a diamond, but Cherie was not one to accept a gifthorse, so she ducked. Now declarer could not avoid losing four tricks.

Queen Mary would surely have presented her with another medal for this defence. She was Eleanor Coutts from New Plymouth born 12/11/1886, died 19/06/1984, aged 97, and served at Brockenhurst in the New Forest, Hampshire from 1916-1918. Cherie joined the Otago Bridge Club in 1939 and was a member until her death.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 28th OCTOBER

TOURNAMENTS

NOVEMBER

- 1 NZ Wide Pairs – **Taiari Bridge Club** – To enter go to the NZ Bridge website, click on the *Tournaments* tab, click on Tournaments. Scroll down to NZ Wide Babich Pairs and choose the Taiari event. Start at 7.15 pm. \$10. You will receive a book commentating on each of the hands, supper and a good night out.
- 16 Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs: Morning tea: 9:30 am. Play starts: 10:00 am. BYO lunch. \$20. Entries close at 11 p.m. on 13 November 2019.
- 23 Inter Provincial Teams

DECEMBER

8 Nina Hewitt Christmas Open 3A Pairs - Otago

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE –2 November. Last Saturday night bridge for the year – Meal at 6.00 pm. Bridge at 7.00 pm. Meal \$7. Bridge \$6. What better way to end the year of Saturday night bridge – a social time together, a Christmas meal, bridge and you will be home in time to see most of the final of the Rugby World Cup.

ALL COMERS BRIDGE year will be extended to two more days in November - 6th and the 20th. Start time is at 1.00 pm. **Make the most of it.**

BRIDGE ZONE

Here is the link to this week's show.

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Nigel Gresson interviews Malcolm Smith – National Recorder We learn about the role of the Recorders Barry has read a chapter of his old yet new book, Match Point Bridge – by HW Kelsey Yoga mats may well come into fashion at Bridge session – hmmm. Rona Driscoll joins us. News on Open Restricted tournaments, retiring from Directing and Mereana' annual trek to Taupo on the weekend. Tournaments coming up Otago and Hamilton Congress over the long weekends. X Men - X Women – X Club and X Grades – Mike Neels spreads more news on this wonderful freebie.

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MEMBERSHIP

Total numbers of members is 418, not 318 as mentioned in the last Weekly.

CONGRATULATIONS

Tapanui Charity (correction)

Junior section:: 1st N/S Steven Moratti and Annemarie Tangney
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OTAGO SOUTHLAND CONGRESS

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

1st Pam Hodgkinson and Judy Russell

INTERMEDIATE TEAMS

1st Pam Hodgkinson, Murray Barron, David Larsen, Steven Moratti

OPEN PAIRS

1st Matt Blakeley and Brad Johnston

2nd Arleen Schwartz and Chris Ackerley