

## **NEWSLETTER 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**NB: NO TEAMS TONIGHT –**

**NEXT TEAMS NIGHT OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

All Comers – 1.00pm

Junior – Spring Pairs 1

Intermediate – Congress Pairs 1

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

Senior and Open - Congress Pairs 3

**FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

Friday Bridge - 10.30am

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:**

**All tournaments can be entered on NZ Bridge Tournament page**

**16<sup>th</sup> October      West Otago Social tournament at TAPANUI**

**1pm start. Evening meal provided. \$30. Closes 9/10**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October      Otago/Southland Congress at Otago.**

This is a “Covid Recovery” Congress – highly reduced fees - \$20 per event. Entries close 19/10

**22<sup>nd</sup> – Open Pairs and Intermediate Pairs – 10am start**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – Open Teams and Intermediate Teams – 9.30am start**

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

#### **JUNIOR WELCOME PAIRS :**

**1<sup>st</sup>**      Jean McAlevey & Alan Nicholls

**2<sup>nd</sup>**      Doug Atrill & Charlotte Harris

**3<sup>rd</sup>**      Jamie Smith & Anne Tamati

## **INTERMEDIATE SPRING PAIRS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Andrew Nicholson & Mark Wilson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Margaret Middlemiss & Mary McQueen
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Julie Leyden & Ron McMurrans

**Special mention needs to be made of the above two divisions, who on their last night of this competition, bid some outstanding contracts. There were 2 Junior Pairs who bid Grand Slams and Minor Slams, and the same in the Intermediate Division. Well done to you all – what an exciting night of bridge you must have had.**

## **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER HANDICAP LADDER:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>=** Dawn Cope
- 1<sup>st</sup>=** Pip Weber
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Deslee Howell

**PROGRAM BOOK 2023:** Next year's program book is currently being compiled.

We are seeking additional advertisers for the book – anyone interested please contact Phil Noye - 021424676.

Any members who have changed their phone numbers or email addresses throughout the year, please also reconfirm to [clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz](mailto:clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Otago is hosting the Otago/Southland Labour Weekend Congress on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

We urgently need volunteers to assist with morning and afternoon teas on both days.

If you are able to help, please contact Phil Noye or Lindsay Gunn.

## **UK VISITOR**

John Armstrong from the Wakefield bridge club in Yorkshire has contacted our club looking for partners to play bridge whilst he is in Dunedin visiting his son, who has lived here for 10 years.

John describes himself as a senior player and is available to play between:

Saturday October 1 to Friday October 7 (inclusive), and

Sunday October 16 to Sunday October 23

John is available to play in All Comers (Wed afternoons); Senior/Open, Friday and Saturday night

He can be contacted at: [armstrongjohna@aol.com](mailto:armstrongjohna@aol.com)

He has provided a phone number as 07834191959

## **NEWSLETTER 10th OCTOBER 2022**

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

**TUESDAY 11th** Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 12th** Women's Pairs – 1.00pm

Junior – Spring Pairs 2

Intermediate – Congress Pairs 2

**THURSDAY 13th** Senior and Open - Spring Pairs 1

**FRIDAY 14th** Friday Bridge - 10.30am

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:**

**All tournaments can be entered on NZ Bridge Tournament page**

**16<sup>th</sup> October** West Otago Social tournament at TAPANUI

1pm start. Evening meal provided. \$30. Closes 9/10

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October** **Otago/Southland Congress at Otago.**

This is a “Covid Recovery” Congress – highly reduced fees - \$20 per event. Entries close 19/10

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – Open Pairs and Intermediate Pairs – 10am start

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Open Teams and Intermediate Teams – 9.30am start

**This event is very low in numbers – this is our local tournament so please try and support.**

**5<sup>th</sup> November** **Timaru Anniversary Graded Pairs** – 9.30 start, \$30.

**11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**12th November Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs - 9.30am start, \$25. Closes 11/1**

If you are entering this tournament you are very welcome to come and play on the Friday night also in the NZ Wide Pairs.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**CONGRESS PAIRS**

**SENIOR**

**1st** Josephine George/Jo Torrance

**2nd** John Curran/John Henderson

**3rd** Catherine Delahunty/Jenny Fieldwick

**OPEN**

Pam Hodgkinson/Judy Russell

Matt Blakeley/John Sheehy

Gillian Alexander/Barbara Hutton

**SATURDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Off-the-Stick**

**1st** Derek Tingle/Wendy Fallon

**2nd=** Julienne Armitage/Alison Giller.

**2nd=** Mavis Hastie/Ruth Airey

**Handicap**

**1st** Derek Tingle/Wendy Fallon

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Margaret Middlemiss/Lisa Harkness

**3rd** Mavis Hastie/Ruth Airey

**PROGRAM BOOK 2023:** Next year's program book is currently being compiled.

We are seeking additional advertisers for the book – anyone interested please contact Phil Noye - 021424676.

Any members who have changed their phone numbers or email addresses throughout the year, please also reconfirm to clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Otago is hosting the Otago/Southland Labour Weekend Congress on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

We urgently still need volunteers to assist with morning and afternoon teas on both days.

If you are able to help, please contact Phil Noye or Lindsay Gunn.

**ROSS HADDOW BACK IN DUNEDIN:** Ross has been a frequent visitor to our bridge club in the Open Division over recent years. He is back in Dunedin, and is keen to restart playing, from the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. He can be contacted on **02041022093**, or email [ross@rattys.co.uk](mailto:ross@rattys.co.uk), if you have a free night to play with him.

### **UK VISITOR**

John Armstrong from the Wakefield bridge club in Yorkshire has contacted our club looking for partners to play bridge whilst he is in Dunedin visiting his son, who has lived here for 10 years.

John describes himself as a senior player and is available to play between:

Saturday October 1 to Friday October 7 (inclusive), and

Sunday October 16 to Sunday October 23

John is available to play in All Comers (Wed afternoons); Senior/Open, Friday and Saturday night

He can be contacted at: [armstrongjohna@aol.com](mailto:armstrongjohna@aol.com)

He has provided a phone number as 0783419195

**NZ BRIDGE CONGRESS SUMMARY:** Several members from our Club have just returned home from this year's NZ National Bridge congress, held at Bay Park, Mt Maunganui.

This is a new venue for the Congress, and overall proved to be a very good facility. There were a few issues, the worst being the intermittent inability to control the air conditioning – I have never seen so many people playing bridge wrapped up in jackets and scarves!! However, the playing rooms are large, plenty of car parking,

good café facilities, and plenty of room to relax between sessions. NZ Bridge are hoping to continue with this venue for the foreseeable future.

**NZ OPEN PAIRS:** 5 of our members qualified for the NZ Open Pairs Plate

Pamela Nisbet, Phil and Marilyn Noye, Brad Johnston and Sam Coutts.

**Brad and Sam finished 3<sup>rd</sup> – excellent result guys**

**NZ OPEN TEAMS:** 3 of our members reached the Final Round of 16.

**Sam and Brad (Johnston team)** – were unlucky to draw the **Hung Team** in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, the team consisting of Sam's 2 brothers James and Glenn. It was a closely fought match, with the Johnston Team leading after 2 rounds. Unfortunately they had a big loss in the final stanza, and lost overall.

The Hung Team carried on their great play to progress through to the final, eventually losing to the Bach team. They proved to be a great example of how the game is not over until the last card is played – in their semi-final against **Geromboux Team** they were down 126 to 91 with one round to play. The Hung team won the last stanza 53 – nil to progress into the final. Well done Glenn and James – I think we can still consider them both as our own Dunedinites.

**Pamela Nisbet (Jarvis Team)** – reached the quarter finals after winning their 1<sup>st</sup> round match against the **Mace Team**. They then lost to the Fisher Team. This team contained 2 past Club members – Sam and Jo Simpson.

**WELL DONE PAMELA**



**Sam Coutts and Brad Johnston:**  
Sam and Brad completed a fantastic week of bridge. Everything they entered they were in the Prize Money. Congratulations to you both – very well deserved.

**NZ Open Pairs Plate – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**NZ Open Teams – Final Round of 16**

**Open Swiss Pairs NS – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**National Rubber Bridge** – Sam and Brad were representing Otago/Southland in this event. They played each night (after playing the other competitions during the day), and progressed through to the final against Auckland. They unfortunately lost this match (“didn’t get any cards!”)...but did our province very proud. **Well done.**

**Below is a summary from Brad about the Rubber Bridge – thanks Brad**

After making it to the Congress rubber knockouts for the first time, I was a bit nervous that our good luck might run dry in an early match.

### **Game 1 v Central Districts**

After picking cards for line-ups, we sat down for our first match against Michelle England and Phil Beale from Central Districts. This match was quite a close affair, the lead changing several times but never being larger than 700 points to either side.

We had one unusual hand half-way through where I bid up to 5S in a competitive auction and ended up two down, undoubled. When I claimed 100 honours (for holding 4 of the top 5 spades in one hand) this amounted to a net score of zero for the board.

Michelle and Phil took charge of the match soon after, and Sam and I found ourselves needing a score of +420 on the last board to win.

We shuffled and dealt the following hand:

<i>North (Sam)</i>	<i>South (Brad)</i>
AK	9xxx
Jxxxx	x
X	AQxx
AQTxx	KJ9x

After a competitive auction, which saw me opening 1D and East overcalling Spades (with West raising them), Sam ended as declarer in 3NT.

On a spade lead around to the J and A, Sam could count 2S + 5C + 2D (assuming the finesse worked), which was 9 tricks. Normally this is a fine number of tricks for a 3NT contract, but he needed 10 to better that 420 target.

Sam set off by cashing 5 rounds of clubs, which saw E/W both pitching lots of hearts and diamonds. He followed this up with exiting a heart (!) trying to build a trick there. This went to the King and Ace, so that West could push the QS through. Sam won his King and exited another heart, setting up the suit but being bereft of entries to the long heart. West won this, and played a third Spade.

East held Tx spade at this point; and could hold us to 9 tricks by winning the T and endplaying dummy with the 13th spade. Instead they inexplicably ducked, so Sam could win the 9 and play a S to their T.

East now had to play a Diamond and Sam closed his eyes while calling for the Queen. When it held, he had his overtrick and we were through to the semi-finals by 20 points.

### **Semi Final v Wellington**

In the semi-finals we played Joan Waldvogel and Joan McCarthy from Wellington - who were hot off dispatching Tim Schumacher and Pam Livingston (Canterbury) the night before.

This match we were a bit luckier, and after watching them declare a successful partscore on board 1; Sam and I took the lead on board 2 and never relinquished it. The Joans conceded with one board to go, being down over 2000 points.

### **Final v Auckland**

In the finals we had to play two seasoned rubber bridge players, Duncan Badley and Chris Marshall from Auckland/Northland.



This match didn't start so hot, with them getting an uncontested rubber in 3 deals and another contested one shortly thereafter.

Halfway through we were trailing by over 3000 points and feeling almost paralysed by not having any cards.

Some of our friends showed up to kibitz for a bit and support us, and we rallied behind them by dealing ourselves the following hand:

<i>Sam</i>	<i>Brad</i>
Kx	AJxxx
X	AJx
KQxxx	AJxx
Axxxx	Q

We had the following auction to 6D:

1D	1S	
2C	2H*	Artificial game force (4th suit forcing)
3C*	3D*	3C = 5/5 ;
		3D = D fit
3S*	4D*	3S = a Spade honor,
		4D =slam interest in Ds
4H*	4N*	4H = Heart control -shortage or honor
		4NT = Roman Keycard Blackwood
5S*	5N*	5S = 2 keycards for Ds + the QD
		5NT = 'Got anything else?'
6D;		6D = 'nah'

Sam could claim an overtrick after trumps were 2-2 and spades were 3-3.

Sadly the rally behind this hand soon petered out, and we dealt the last board more as a formality than anything else. Being behind 1600 points isn't the time you want to be dealt a balanced one count, but it sure seemed to sum up the tone of the rest of the match.

Duncan and Chris were a pleasure to play against, and certainly felt a bit guilty by how well they'd be shuffling and cutting the decks.

Overall we both really enjoyed playing the rubber, and would encourage more people to try give it a go next year, even if you only intend to play the local matches.

## **NEWSLETTER 17th OCTOBER 2022**

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

<b>MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Teams – 7pm
<b>TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup></b>	All Comers – 1.00pm Junior – Spring Pairs 3 Intermediate – Congress Pairs 3
<b>THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Senior and Open - Spring Pairs 2
<b>FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Friday Bridge - 10.30am

### **XMAS SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

The final night of Saturday bridge is on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**.

It will be a Xmas Dinner. Murray would like to encourage you to put your names up as early as possible for this, to make catering easier for him. The list for names is on the noticeboard in the Larnach Room.

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:**

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October      Otago/Southland Congress at Otago.**

This is a “Covid Recovery” Congress – highly reduced fees - \$20 per event. Entries close 19/10

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – Open Pairs and Intermediate Pairs – 10am start

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Open Teams and Intermediate Teams – 9.30am start

**MORE ENTRIES NEEDED, ESPECIALLY IN INTERMEDIATE GRADE. IF YOU ARE NOT GOING AWAY FOR LABOUR WEEKEND, PLEASE COME AND PLAY.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY:**

We urgently still need volunteers to assist with morning and afternoon teas on both days. If you are able to help, please contact

Phil Noye 021424676. or Pip Weber 0274892558.

**5<sup>th</sup> November      Timaru Anniversary Graded Pairs – 9.30 start, \$30.**

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> November      North Island Pairs – Auckland**

**12<sup>th</sup> November      Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs - 9.30am start, \$25. Closes 11/1**

If you are entering this tournament you are very welcome to come and play on the Friday night also in the NZ Wide Pairs

**11<sup>th</sup> 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!!**

**PROGRAM BOOK 2023:** Next year's program book is currently being compiled.

We are seeking additional advertisers for the book – anyone interested please contact Phil Noye - 021424676.

Any members who have changed their phone numbers or email addresses throughout the year, please also reconfirm to clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz

**ROSS HADDOW BACK IN DUNEDIN:** Ross has been a frequent visitor to our bridge club in the Open Division over recent years. He is back in Dunedin, and is keen to restart playing, from the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. He can be contacted on **02041022093**, or email [ross@rattys.co.uk](mailto:ross@rattys.co.uk), if you have a free night to play with him.

## **NEWSLETTER 24th OCTOBER 2022**

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

<b>TUESDAY 25th</b>	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 26th</b>	Women's Pairs – 1.00pm Junior/ Intermediate – Presidents Pairs 1
<b>THURSDAY 27th</b>	Senior and Open - Spring Pairs 3
<b>FRIDAY 28th</b>	Friday Bridge - 10.30am

### **XMAS SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

The final night of Saturday bridge is on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. It will be a Xmas Dinner. Murray would like to encourage you to put your names up as early as possible for this, to make catering easier for him. The list for names is on the noticeboard in the Larnach Room.

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

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

**5<sup>th</sup> November**      **Timaru Anniversary Graded Pairs** – 9.30 start, \$30.

**5<sup>th/6<sup>th</sup></sup>** **November**      **North Island Pairs** – Auckland

**12<sup>th</sup> November**      **Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs** - 9.30am start, \$25. Closes 11/1

If you are entering this tournament you are very welcome to come and play on the Friday night also in the NZ Wide Pairs

**11<sup>th</sup> 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!!

## CONGRATULATIONS:

### OTAGO SOUTHLAND CONGRESS:

#### OPEN PAIRS:

**1<sup>ST</sup>**      Chris Ackerley                      Kevin Skoropoda

**2<sup>nd</sup>**      Sam Coutts                              Brad Johnston

**3<sup>rd</sup>**      Pamela Nisbet                          Graeme Stout.

### **INTERMEDIATE PAIRS:**

- |                       |              |                         |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | Graham Dale  | Vivienne Clifford-Marsh |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | Jenny Rowley | Barbara Hutton          |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | Di Gorman    | Marie Robson            |

### **OPEN TEAMS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Pamela Nisbet, Graeme Stout, Chris Ackerley, Kevin Skoropoda
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Sam Coutts, Brad Johnston
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Alan Geare, Ann-Maree Fox, Bob Gillanders, Alan Lewthwaite

### **INTERMEDIATE TEAMS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Barbara Hutton, Jenny Rowley, Genevieve Webb, Tim Webb
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Karen Palmer-Hall, Lee Davies, Vivienne Clifford-Marsh, Graham Dale
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Mark Wilson, Elizabeth Wilson, Matheus Smits, Dorothy Jacobsen

### **SPRING PAIRS - Junior**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Peter McIver & Bruce Dowland
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Anna Louw-Young & John Henderson
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Jamie Smith & Anne Tamati

### **CONGRESS PAIRS – Intermediate**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Andrew Nicolson & Frances Witchall
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Greg Sligo & Neil Stevenson
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Brigitte Hudson & Ron McMurrin

**PROGRAM BOOK 2023:** Next year's program book is currently being compiled.

We are seeking additional advertisers for the book – anyone interested please contact Phil Noye - 021424676.

Any members who have changed their phone numbers or email addresses throughout the year, please also reconfirm to clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz

**ROSS HADDOW BACK IN DUNEDIN:** Ross has been a frequent visitor to our bridge club in the Open Division over recent years. He is back in Dunedin, and is keen to restart playing, from the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. He can be contacted on **02041022093**, or email [ross@rattys.co.uk](mailto:ross@rattys.co.uk), if you have a free night to play with him.

## **NEWSLETTER 31st OCTOBER 2022**

### **EVENTS AT OTAGO:**

<b>MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Teams 7pm
<b>TUESDAY 1st Nov</b>	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 2nd</b>	All Comers – 1.00pm Junior/ Intermediate – Presidents Pairs 2
<b>THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Senior and Open - Presidents Pairs 1
<b>FRIDAY 4th</b>	Friday Bridge - 10.30am
<b>SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Xmas Dinner 6pm, Bridge to follow

### **XMAS SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

The final night of Saturday bridge is on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. It will be a Xmas Dinner. Murray would like to encourage you to put your names up as early as possible for this, to make catering easier for him. The list for names is on the noticeboard in the Larnach Room.

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

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

**5<sup>th</sup> November**      **Timaru Anniversary Graded Pairs** – 9.30 start, \$30.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> November**      **North Island Pairs** – Auckland

**12<sup>th</sup> November**      **Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs** - 9.30am start, \$25. Closes 11/1

If you are entering this tournament you are very welcome to come and play on the Friday night also in the NZ Wide Pairs

**11<sup>th</sup> 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!!

## UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS FOR INTERMEDIATE GRADE:

Players looking for a Partner to play with on a Wednesday night in the Intermediate Division please contact **Pam Bardsley 0277636983**

**RESIGNATION:** Deslee Howell (Open Division) – the club wishes her and husband well as they retire to Matamata, and hope you will enjoy your bridge up North, Deslee.

**NEW MEMBERS:** The Club welcomes new Associate members Jann and Allan Dyer, and Judy Gorman.

The club also welcomes new member Anthony Coory



**CLUB TROPHIES:** With the end of year approaching fast, can all Club Trophies please be returned ASAP. Please leave in Larnach Room on the front table.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**SPRING PAIRS - Senior**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Archie Crawford & Jenny Fieldwick
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Erin Flannery & Ken Nicholls
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Kate Vercoe & Jan Flood

**SPRING PAIRS - Open**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Sam Coutts & Tim Webb
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Stewart Kerr & Robert Cowan
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Chris Ackerley & Brad Johnston

**FRIDAY OCTOBER HANDICAP LADDER**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Lindsay Gunn 65.75%
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Pip Weber 65.55%
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Judy Bevin 65.02%

**PROGRAM BOOK 2023:** Next year's program book is currently being compiled.

We are seeking additional advertisers for the book – anyone interested please contact Phil Noye - 021424676.

Any members who have changed their phone numbers or email addresses throughout the year, please also reconfirm to [clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz](mailto:clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz)

**A BIG THANKYOU:** Our Club relies heavily on volunteers in many areas.

A big thankyou needs to go to the people who helped with last weekend's Congress tournament.

Starting with Director Lindsay Gunn, and Scorer Judith Smeijers – a great job under very trying conditions especially on Sunday.

Catering – a huge thankyou to Pip Weber who took on this role for the first time.

You did a wonderful job Pip, and a special thankyou also goes out to her helpers Fiona Ellis, Judy Bevin, Jean McAlevey and Hilary Bisset.

### **VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

The Management Committee invites all of its willing volunteers to the Volunteers Christmas Party, on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 5.30-7.30pm.**

The Club would not be able to function without such willing help. If you have helped in **ANY WAY** we would like to acknowledge your contribution by inviting you and your partner to attend.

This party is a great way to say Thank You.

This invitation is also for past long term helpers and Office Bearers.

Drinks and Nibbles provided.

RSVP to Dawn Cope: [dawncope@hotmail.com](mailto:dawncope@hotmail.com) or phone 0272755981, by 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

