

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 5 SEPTEMBER

TOURNAMENTS

SEPTEMBER

10 Central Otago 5A Teams: Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$20. Take own lunch. Entries close 5 Sep. Phone 03 449 3131 email kelso90@hotmail.com

11 Central Otago 5A Pairs. Morning tea 9.00 am. Start 9.30 am. \$30. Lunch included Entries close and contact as above.

11 Waimate All Grades – Town and Country Club, John Street. Start 10.00 am. Morning tea 9.30 am. \$20, Entries close 5 Sep. Email janrobin@slingshot.co.nz or 03 689 6015

17 Wanaka 5B Intermediate Pairs, Bridge Club Rooms, 9 Cliff Wilson Street. 10.00 am start, morning tea 9.30 am. \$35. Mid-day meal and snacks.

18 Balclutha Open 8B Pairs. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$20. Bring your Own Lunch. Entries close 13 Sep sheilapat39@gmail.com 03 418 3179 or 0274 183 105

24 NATIONAL CONGRESS starts - Hamilton

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CORRECTION

Sam Bailey's phone number is as in this year's book.

Sam Coutts phone number is 027201122

RECIPROCAL PLAYING AGREEMENT

Neither the Otago Bridge Club nor the Taieri Bridge Club have been able to locate any formal documentation regarding reciprocal playing agreements but an informal arrangement has been observed for some time. The only documentation appears to be in the Otago Bridge Club programme book. Questions have been raised regarding which events should be included in the reciprocal agreement and in particular why Wednesday Women's Pairs is included, as this is a formal club event, not casual.

We wish to encourage all Otago bridge players to participate in casual events and the following reciprocal agreement will be in place with all Otago bridge clubs from next year. Please be aware of this Agreement.

Reciprocal Playing Agreement – effective from 01 January 2017:

Otago Bridge Club sessions on Fridays, Saturday nights, holiday bridge and charity events are open to all bridge players in Otago. Membership with the Otago Bridge Club is not required.

Any player from another Bridge Club within Otago who wants to play more than three sessions during the year at the Otago Bridge Club (excluding sessions detailed above) will be required to become full members of the Otago Bridge Club.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE will be held this coming Saturday night 10 September. All welcome. 6.00 pm meal, 7.00 pm bridge.

CONGRATULATIONS to winners at the Arthritis Charity – 4 September

1st N/S and 1st overall Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

1st E/W Michael Atkinson and Dai Redshaw

2nd N/ Kevin Farden and Kaye Wilson

2nd E/W Michael Joseph and Ann Wood

Highest Divisional Scores:

Junior: Allan Lockhart and Irene Scurr

Intermediate Dawn Brieseman and Bronwyn Powell

Senior Jenny Wanrooy and Val Wilson

Many thanks to director, Dennis McCaughan, and to those who helped make sandwiches, cakes and brought in all those beautiful raffles. In excess of \$1,200 was raised

TWO MORE STUDIES REQUIRING PARTICIPANTS

Andrew Reynolds, a member of our Junior Division, has two studies up and running at the moment, and is hoping for some interest from our members.

The first study is for “Postmenopausal Women Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes”. They are giving participants 30g of nuts or seeds (or none or both!) to eat each day for 12 weeks – they want to see if regular nut and seed consumption improves blood cholesterol levels. To talk to Dr Victoria Farmer who is managing the study at the moment, the email is nused@otago.ac.nz, or call 021 082 48880.

The other study Andrew is working on is for the School of Physiotherapy. “Activity and You” seeks to learn what people do, and what they think about physical activity, and it measures their normal level of physical activity using a small device worn around the waist for ten days. This study is for anyone (female and male) over 35 years who is at some risk of heart disease or type 2 diabetes, or who is diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. To find out if you are at risk we have attached some online risk tools and more information at www.otago.ac.nz/activityandyou. Andrew is managing this study at the moment, so anyone participating attends the clinic with Andrew.

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DRIVING MISS DAISY

Some of our members take advantage of this companion-driving service. More than a taxi service, drivers will accompany you to appointments, shopping trips and social occasions.

See P 43 of your Programme Book for phone numbers according to the area in which you live.

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WORLD BRIDGE GAMES

The New Zealand mixed team, which Ellena and James were playing in, missed out on qualifying by .01 of a VP! Such disappointment for the team. The Seniors (Chris Ackerley) also failed to qualify, but on the brighter side both the Open and Women's Teams qualified.

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of Senior Alma Delahunty Pairs

- 1st Grant Walker and Tim Webb
- 2nd Dot Cotton and John Henderson
- 3rd Helen Watson and Ann Hamilton

Open Alma Dealhunty Pairs

- 1st Dennis McCaughan and Michael Atkinson
- 2nd John Sheehy and Judith Smeijers
- 3rd Anne-Marie Russell and Adrien Dever

FRIDAY HANDICAP MATCH

- 1st= Brigitte Hudson
- Mary Taylor
- 3rd Rudi Prent

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TOURNAMENTS

SEPTEMBER

24 NATIONAL CONGRESS starts – Hamilton

OCTOBER

8 Winton 8B Pairs

16 West Otago Annual Social Tournament – Tapanui Town and Country Club. Start 1.00 pm. \$25. Meal provided at close of play – anyone with food allergies and seating rights let them know. Entries close 11 October on entry form at club or to anita@dynes.co.nz

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ATTENTION: ALL INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR DIVISION PLAYERS:

This is a reminder for everyone who plays Bridge on a Wednesday evening in the Junior and Intermediate rooms. We hope that you will all come along to this special tournament that we have arranged just for you on Sunday 25th September at 12 noon for 12.15 pm. This will be a fun event where you will play with a variety of members so there is no need to bring a partner. There will be loads of spot prizes, a delicious afternoon tea, and a time to enjoy the company of others. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, so note it in your diaries now if you have not already done so. See you there!

POWER

The Club has recently made a change in its electricity provider. Power costs, particularly through heating, are a significant cost so it was decided to go to the market and check options. As a result, the decision was made to change from Genesis to Pulse. The change represents a reduction in the June bill from \$984 to \$815 which would have saved \$169 for that month. Annual savings around \$1,500 can be expected.

CONGRATULATIONS to Individual Ladder winners

JUNIOR: John Lawson Plate

1st Geraldine Scanlan
2nd Wayne Adam
3rd Nicki White

INTERMEDIATE: Trix Robertson Plate

1st Mary Brady
2nd Bronwyn Powell
3rd Grant Walker

SENIOR: Stan Asher Plate

1st Wendy Cruden
2nd Val Wilson
3rd Helen Watson

OPEN: Jack Finigan Cup

- 1st Paul Freeland
- 2nd John Revie
- 3rd Philip Noye

CENTRAL OTAGO TEAMS

- 1st Arleen Schwartz, Murat Genc, Graeme Stout, Peter Hall

CENTRAL OTAGO PAIRS

- 1st Graeme Stout and Peter Hall

WANAKA Intermediate and Junior Pairs

- 3rd Junior Pair: Grant Walker and Denise Carter

BALCLUTHA Open 8B Pairs

- 2nd Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins

AUGUST SCRATCHY WINNERS

Wednesday won by Anne Marie Devereux

Friday won by Bev Ross

Thanks to all who contribute.

WORLD BRIDGE GAMES

The awards for 2016 were announced and presented this last week in Poland at the World Bridge Annual Meeting. The winners of the “Simon Award” for the most sporting gesture of the year went to our own **James and Sam Coufts**. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH.



James



Sam

James, who was in Poland as part of the NZ Mixed team was there to receive the award and perhaps made up a little for the disappointment of failing to make the top 16 Mixed Teams by a solitary imp. He describes the circumstances that led to their nomination:

“At the Australian Nationals in Canberra this year, Sam and I had thought we had won a pairs tournament. Later in the evening, it was discovered that there was a scoring error at one of the other tables. This table was that of those who had been told they finished in second-place. Unfortunately for all involved, the error was not discovered until outside the correction times, after the results had become "final". We asked the Tournament Directors to change the result, but were told they could not do so according to the tournament

regulations. This was disappointing for all involved. As nothing official could be done, the only thing we could do was to present the real winners, Joan Butts and GeO Tislevoll, with the medals and the prize money when it came time for the prize-giving.

Sam and I both had no hesitation in knowing this was the obvious and right thing to do. So, we are both somewhat surprised that these actions have received such high praise. But at the same time we are proud and honoured to be the recipients of an award that emphasises how the game we love should be played. Apparently this award is not given out that often, and we would like to thank GeO for the nomination.

The only thing that we would like to come out of any publicity from this award is the reiteration of the idea that rewarding the real winners of events, based on bridge merits, is what we should all strive for.

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KAY DICKSON Ph 021 478 276
or catch her in the Cargill Room on a Thursday night.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 26 SEPTEMBER

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SATURDAY BRIDGE -this Saturday, 1 October. Meal 6.30 (register on one of the notices at the club). Come along to Bridge at 6.50 pm.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting last Monday evening the following were elected/appointed.

Paul Hudson - President

Jennifer Macmillan - Vice President and Development Committee Chair

John Henderson - Treasurer

Barbara Hutton - Club Captain and Playing Committee Chair

Mike Rendall - Property Manager

Jacqui Johnston - Committee Member

Stephen Johnston - Committee Member

Marion Dent (Secretary) and John Yates (Finance Chair) have one more year left of their term and make up the 9 members of the committee.

We wish the new committee well and know that they will continue the fine achievements of the previous committee.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

YOUTH TEAMS

Players from Otago featured in both top teams in the final. Congratulations to:

1st Glenn Coutts and Vickie Bouton in the Coutts Team

2nd Brad Johnston, Sam Bailey and Sam Coutts in the Johnston Team

NATIONAL PAIRS

79 pairs qualified out of 164 pairs. Several Otago pairs featured:

5th Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout

24th Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

34th Murat Genc and partner

51st Chris Ackerley and partner

50th Brad Johnston and Nicholas Mitchell

70th Sam Coutts and Sam Bailey

Finals will be held tomorrow (Monday). Go to the NZ Bridge website to follow our players. Watch players in the NZ Teams Final and the Australia v NZ Youth Match online on Bridge Base Online (BBO) later in the week.

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE FUN DAY

Players had an afternoon of playing bridge and learning from others. Thanks to Phil Noye for organising the day and thanks to the other helpers also. Each player played two boards with different partners, with the object of getting to know others and seeing how anyone can play with anyone else if they are playing the same system. Lots of prizes and a scrumptious afternoon tea were also part of a most enjoyable day. If you weren't there, look out for a similar day next year and come along.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:

Roger Gutsell from Katikati who is playing in the Senior Division

Michael Rombouts who has been playing at Taieri and will play at Otago in the Senior Division next year.

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