

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE WEEKLY – 7 SEPTEMBER



TOURNAMENTS –

SEPTEMBER

12 Wanaka Junior and Intermediate Pairs. \$25.
Bring your lunch. Start time 10.00 am.
Entries close 8 September.

13 Balclutha Open 8B Pairs. 9 Crown Street.
\$25. Start 10:00 am. 9:30 am Morning Tea
On-line entries at NZBridge.co.nz which
close: Tuesday, 8 September. Bring lunch.
Continuous tea/coffee, snacks. Finger food
at end of play. Tables are limited to allow
for social distancing. Support the Balclutha
Club with your entry.

19 Winton Open 8B Pairs

27 Taieri Junior 3B Pairs

OCTOBER

10 Gore 8B Multigrade Pairs Saturday October
10 \$25 per person. Bring your own lunch.
Start 10.00 am. Morning tea from 9.30 am.
Enter at
www.otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/gore/
Entries close at midnight, Wednesday
October 7

LABOUR WEEKEND OTAGO-SOUTHLAND CONGRESS ALEXANDRA BRIDGE CLUB

SATURDAY – Open 10A Pairs \$45
Intermediate 8B Pairs \$35

SUNDAY Open 10A Teams \$65
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If you are entering for both days the cost is \$100
for Open players and \$75 for Intermediate.
Lunch is provided both days. Start time on
Saturday is 9.30 am. Start time for Sunday
will be advised, depending on numbers.

Enter online at otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz by
21 October.

NOTICE OF MEETING

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
THE OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB
will be held on
MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
at 6.30 pm
in the
OTAGO BRIDGE CLUBROOMS

**The annual report and accounts are available
for your perusal on the website under Resources**

BRIDGE ZONE

<https://accessmedia.nz/Player.aspx?eid=001e87fd-0667-45ff-98ab-e0f668a2cc3d>

Wear a mask – help the country. Aucklanders –
behave yourself. We know some most definitely will
and some most definitely won't. Love the ones that
are doing the right thing. Congress – step right up.
Place your bets. Is CONGRESS on or not?

September 11th is the plug day. Can we hold it
without the Auckland players?

STOP PRESS *As per website*

We are pleased to announce that we will be re-
opening the Bridge Club for casual play in the week
commencing Tuesday 8th September. Sessions will
resume as per the Programme Book, but until there is
a decision from the Government re changing alert
levels, play will be **non-competitive only**.

- The management committee wishes to re-iterate the Covid Rules
- Stay at home if you are unwell
- Sign in with the tracer app, or manually in your designated playing room
- Wash/sanitise your hands regularly
- Wear a mask if you wish
- The Club Teams format will be reviewed once the club reopens.

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB BRIDGE WEEKLY – 14 SEPTEMBER

TOURNAMENTS – SEPTEMBER

- 19 Winton Open 8B Pairs Play commences 10.00 am. \$30. All catering by Hillside School PTA. Entries close 16 September.
- 27 Taieri Junior 3B Pairs. Morning Tea from 9.30 am. Start at 10.00 am. Bring your own lunch. \$20. Entries close 23 September.

OCTOBER

- 10 Gore 8B Multigrade Pairs. \$25. Bring your own lunch. Start 10.00 am. Morning tea from 9.30 am. Enter at www.otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/gore/ Entries close 7 October.

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MEMBERSHIP

Denise Carter's number is changed to a mobile number. It is 0212 670 348.

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The Agenda is under AGM Minutes 2020 or on the Noticeboard at the Club

There will be a session of Bridge at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, so do stay for that also.

BRIDGE ZONE

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Twits, twats and twots. Got an issue – see the Appeals Advisor. CONGRESS – fingers crossed. Stay positive. Judge Julie talks: Directors: Qualification criteria. Age and golf scores. Questions on planning to make tricks. Percentages. Guess how old Barry is. Auckland Inter Provincial Team. Wow what a team. Have fun on BBO, or, if you are lucky enough – at your Club.

CONGRATULATIONS

Balclutha Tournament

1st Brad Johnston and Lydia Turley

The top non-open pair - Alan Lewthwaite playing with Dale Cameron from Taieri.

Well done all who took part.

21 SEPTEMBER

TOURNAMENTS – SEPTEMBER

27 Taieri Junior 3B Pairs. Morning Tea from 9.30 am. Start at 10.00 am. Bring your own lunch. \$20. Entries close 23 September.

EXTRA TOURNAMENTS

We all hope that cancelling tournaments at short notice will become a thing of the past. These tournaments are being held to make up for the National Congress being cancelled.

INVERCARGILL are going to run a 5A tournament on Sunday 27 September.

Entry via NZ Bridge tournament page or there is a link on our club's homepage. Morning tea: 9:30 am. Two sessions starting at 10:00 am. \$25, payable on the day. BYO lunch. Nibbles at completion of the 2nd session. Entries close at 6:00 pm, Friday 25 September.

OTAGO – two tournaments

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3 - 5A SWISS PAIRS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 – 5A TEAMS

There are entry links on the homepage for these two tournaments. Details of cost and times will be published next week but may be on the home page before that. Ernie Sutton (Queenstown) is looking for a partner for the 3rd/4th. He already has teammates sorted.

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TEAMS will recommence at Level 1 with the Programme Book dates. There will be three groups

of six playing a round robin for the Championship, Gold and Silver. The Plate competition for the remaining 8 teams will play a 5-round Swiss.

**DIVISIONAL, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,
AND FRIDAY COMPETITION BRIDGE** will start when we are at Level 1.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE will not be held on 3 October because of the extra tournaments being held at the Club over that weekend.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Despite the recent disruptions we managed to hold the AGM as scheduled on 14 September and a special thanks to all those who made the effort to attend on what was not a normal Teams evening. All the normal business was satisfactorily conducted and a new set of office bearers were elected to the Management Committee as follows:

<i>President</i>	Rob Lawson
<i>Vice President and Property Manager</i>	Neil Johnstone
<i>Secretary</i>	Judy Russell
<i>Treasurer</i>	Matthew Baird
<i>Club Captain</i>	Paul Freeland
<i>Finance Chair</i>	Paul Spain
<i>Members</i>	Amanda Inwood, Grant Walker

The meeting also approved a resolution to increase Table Monies to \$7 when the Club programme resumes in January 2021 after Holiday Bridge. Table monies were last increased in 2014 and much of the \$1 value of that increase has now been eroded by cost of living increases. This year has obviously been a difficult one financially and despite some generous donations that have offset some of our losses, the increase is needed to prepare for significant maintenance spending on the building and car park over the next few years.

Full minutes from the meeting will be available on the Club noticeboard and the website in the next few weeks.

Rob Lawson, President

CONGRATULATIONS

to Kristen Collins and Donna Ruwhiu on their win at the Winton Tournament on Saturday.

to Brad Johnston and Sam Coutts for their win at the Christchurch Congress Open Pairs on Sunday.

Youth Bridge Players and Supporters

Youth Bridge continues online every Sunday in September on BBO

(<https://www.bridgebase.com/>) starting at 7pm and finishing before 9pm. Please let me know if you are keen to play, I am happy to find you a partner. Remember, it is easy to sign up and get a BBO account. We would love for you to join us. The instructions for joining the event are below. Please pass on to other Youth Players who may not have received these messages. After logging into BBO, Click on "Competitive" and then "Free Tournaments." Our Tournament is called "Pairs Youth NZ Sundays" – click on that one, it will show up 2 hours before we start. When you register for the tournament your partner needs to be on-line. After clicking on the tournament name in the Title column (not the host name), it will ask you for your partner's BBO username, and your partner will see an invite pop up. When the tournament starts, you are automatically transported into the tournament from whatever else you might be doing on BBO. And lastly, please don't be late. If there are any issues between 6:30 and 7pm you can text me on the number below or message my BBO account which is phmcoleman.

Thanks,

Paul Coleman,
New Zealand Youth Bridge Coordinator.
phm.coleman@gmail.com Ph 0210862 3307

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New Bridge Regulations. Judge Julie gives **Barry** a migraine. **Mereana** heads for the **medicine** cabinet. **The BOSS** – Allan Morris and Congress. We are out – Level 1 is not there for the all kiwis. **Regions** get an opportunity to host 5A tournaments over both Congress weekends.

Andrew Robson up next with The Bridge Zone

E tautoko ana tenei whakaaturanga mai te arawhata o Aotearoa

28 SEPTEMBER

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TAIERI -

HOSPICE CHARITY PAIRS – SUNDAY 11

OCTOBER – 1.30 pm. \$10 (includes 5 raffle tickets). Limited to 26 tables. Entries close noon Friday 9 October. Enter at the Club or on Taieri's web page. So many charities have had to be cancelled this year, so go along, make this a good one and raise lots for the Hospice.

PLEASE NOTE that the West Otago Charity to have been held this month is cancelled.

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WOMEN'S PAIRS will take a 3 week break and resume on 14 October.

WEDNESDAY ALLCOMERS will be held this week – the 30th and also next week on 7 October.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE will take a break during October and will be back in November.

PROMOTIONS

This has been a disruptive year, but one thing that we need to sort out is anyone who wants to move up (or down) a division for 2021. Normally we would have already started this process; for some reason it wasn't the first thing on our mind this year. In order to get everything sorted before next year's Programme Book is due at the printers The Playing Committee will accept promotion requests from now until 6.00 pm on Friday 16th October.

If you're interested, please apply by either: replying to this email, emailing the Otago Bridge Club,

filling out a paper promotion request at the Otago Bridge Club and handing it to your

convenor or put it into the letter box on the committee room door (just outside the Larnach room). Remember that all those who have won the Division Championship Pairs and/or the Individual Ladder competition are automatically promoted and do not need to apply.

However if you do not want to be promoted, we need to know that too.

Here's hoping for a more successful and bridge-filled 2021, than 2020 has been for all of us. Feel free to discuss this with your peers, and I apologise about the short lead time on this announcement.

Regards, Brad

TROPHIES

Please return any trophies that you still have at home. Bring them back to the Club as soon as possible – leave on the Committee Room table. If it is locked then leave in your Playing Room

CONGRATULATIONS

TAIERI JUNIOR 3B PAIRS

2nd Dawn Brieseman with John Aitcheson (Taieri)

INVERCARGILL 5A PAIRS

3rd Arleen Schwartz and Murat Genç

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Holy Moly – Mereana feels chuffy The trick to avoid a rusty brain. *Judge Julie* gives the official word on *tempo*. At the tables and also on BBO. Who, like me does other things when playing online. *Vacancy*: Want a job, are you game enough to join the Zoners - send a crazy resume into us. We're looking for someone to join the Bridge Zone to handle our Facebook, our tweets, twats, twots and twitter. Don't be shy. Introducing the *Bridge Zone hotline*, send us a text, say hello, apply to join the crazy team, **027 4447 127**. **Andrew ROBSON** – gets zoned

He joins our list of International Guests. Listen to the Rule of 6 in Britain Hear how Andrew and a mobile library really cemented his life time journey into Bridge. His Bridge Club started a whopping 25 years ago and has staggering membership numbers. Bridge and nightclubs – a marriage made in heaven and disco balls. Check out his Bridgecasts – highly recommend. Andrew Robson Bridgecasts. They are very popular so look on in – I have and enjoyed the content. *Distributional Points* topic of the week.

Take care