

OTAGO BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER 5th SEPTEMBER 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 5th	Teams
TUESDAY 6th	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 7th	Junior and Intermediate – Individual Ladder 6
THURSDAY 8th	Senior and Open - Individual Ladder 5
FRIDAY 9th	Friday Bridge - 10.30am

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

All tournaments can be entered on NZ Bridge Tournament page

- 10th September Wanaka** – Junior/Intermediate 5B Pairs - \$25 – Close 6/9
- 10th September Timaru** – Open 10A Pairs – 9.30am start - \$35
Prizes also for Top Junior and Int pairs. Closing date 2/9
- 11th September Balclutha** - Open 8B Pairs – 10am start - \$25. Close 7/9
- 17th September Winton** – Graded pairs – 10am start - \$25. Close 14/9
- 17th September Christchurch** – Teams Open 5A, Intermediate 5B, and Junior 3B – 10am start - \$25
- 18th September Christchurch** – Pairs Open 5A, Intermediate 5B,
Junior 3B – 9.30 start, \$25

CONGRATULATIONS:

ALMA DELAHUNTY PAIRS

JUNIOR

1st. Alan Nicholls

Cecylia Klobukowska

INTERMEDIATE

Mark Wilson

Pat Johnston

2nd. Catherine Smith Sharon Teasdale

Neil Stevenson

Wendy Fallon

3rd. Kim Carter Sally Stewart

Maureen O’Dea

Rochelle Palmay

SENIOR

1st. Jo De Bono Jenny Fieldwick
2nd. Raylene Ryan John Curran
3rd. Erin Flannery Jan Flood

OPEN

Matt Blakeley Christine Kerr
Robert Cowan Stewart Kerr
Sam Coutts Phil Noye

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

OFF THE STICK

1st. Ann-Maree Fox Ruth Airey
2nd. Lindsay Gunn Robyn Hawkesby
3rd. Murray Barron David Larsen

HANDICAP

Lynn Howson Margaret Tagg
Ann-Maree Fox Ruth Airey
Lindsay Gunn Robyn Hawkesby

OBITUARY

The club notes the passing last week of former member Pat Westgate. Pat was a regular player in her Division, at Women's Pairs and at Friday Bridge for many years until her resignation due to ailing health.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

The Management Committee held its final meeting before the next AGM on Wednesday 30th August.

Much of the business was concerned with receiving and checking the different reports required for presentation at the AGM. These will be attached to this newsletter for your information and are also available from the Club website and on the Club noticeboard.

In other business the Committee reviewed its protocols and guidelines regarding COVID.

When vaccination passes expired in May it was not clear how things would evolve and we decided to maintain an expectation that members would be vaccinated in order to play at the Club.

This decision was based on medical advice that vaccination was still relevant to slowing the spread of COVID. A vaccinated person who contracts the disease is likely to have much less virus in their system for a much shorter period of time. This means that not only are they less likely to be seriously affected themselves than a non-vaccinated person, but also less likely to transmit the illness to others.

Three months on this advice still stands, but since there is no longer any general vaccination control and we have no means of enforcing any vaccination requirement, we feel we should relax this expectation and accept non-vaccinated people back to the Club if they wish to play.

We are maintaining our requirement about mask wearing which is in line with Ministry advice for gatherings at Orange alert level and will review it in line with any alert level changes announced by the Government.

Rob Lawson President

AGM - MONDAY SEPT 19 6.30PM

The agenda and committee reports are included as a separate attachment.

The financial reports will be forwarded by separate email.

NEWSLETTER 12th SEPTEMBER 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 13th Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm

WEDNESDAY 14th Women's Pairs – 1.00pm

Junior – Welcome Pairs 1

Intermediate – Spring Pairs 1

THURSDAY 15th Senior and Open - Individual Ladder 6

FRIDAY 16th Friday Bridge - 10.30am

MONDAY 19th AGM – 6.30pm – please be there.

This is your Club, and your chance to have your say.

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NEW MEMBERS: The Club welcomes the following new members from the recently completed Learners Class. We wish them well as they join in with the Junior Division this week, and hope they enjoy their bridge and comradery with their fellow competitors.

Anna Louw-Young

Anne Tamati

Charlotte Harris

Doug Atrill

Glenys Bruce

James Cockle

Jamie Smith

Jan Bramley

Jennifer Moates

John Henderson

Lisa Warrington

Mike Cooper

Moana Smealey

Peggy Tompkins

Ramon Quennell

Sophie Rendall

A very big thankyou to their tutor **Matt Blakeley**, and helpers **Dot Cotton**, **Lydia Turley**, **Ruth Airey** and **Graeme Stout**.

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

Thankyou.

CONGRATULATIONS:

ALMA DELAHUNTY PAIRS OVERALL WINNER:

The Alma Delahunty Pairs Trophy is awarded to the Pair with the best average over all Divisions. This was a VERY closely fought contest between the two following pairs. Congratulations to you all.

1st Matt Blakeley and Christine Kerr 62.25% (Open Division)

2nd Mark Wilson and Pat Johnston 62.07% (Intermediate Division)

WANAKA JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE PAIRS:

1st Junior Pair – Barbara Galland & Mary McQueen – **WELL DONE LADIES**

BALCLUTHA OPEN 8B PAIRS:

2nd Ann Wood & Gillian Alexander

4th Ann-Maree Fox & Alan Geare

A bridge hand usually only seen in bridge columns and books turned up at Teams last Monday night....what happened?

11		♠T6	Dlr: S
		♥T8	Vul:
		♦7654	
		♣AKJ96	
♠KJ		♠72	
♥A3		♥952	
♦KJ932		♦AQT8	
♣8742		♣QT53	
		♠AQ98543	
8		♥KQJ764	
12	8	♦	
		♣	
12			
Par: 450			

	♠	♥	♦	♣	NT
N	-	-	5	5	-
S	-	-	5	5	-
E	2	3	-	-	1
W	2	3	-	-	-

Just 12 high card points but South must be thinking slam when they have sorted their hand.

In fact, if North has two key cards - the King of Spades and the Ace of Hearts – a grand slam looks lay down.

Here's the story from one match

One N/S pair had an uncontested auction.

South chose to open a 2C game-force, and forced to slam after North gave a positive in clubs.

2C P 3C P
3S P 4S P
6S P P P

Brad and Sam (fresh from topping the datum at the Sth Island teams the previous weekend) tried science (??)

1S	(2D)	P	(3D)
3H	P	3S	P
4D	X	P	P
XX	P	4S	P
5C	P	5D	X
XX	P	5H	P
6S	P	P	P

This is obviously a punt, but not an unreasonable one.

Brad commented everything was under control until the bidding reached 5Dxx:

Sam kicked off by opening 1S, not wanting to bury his second suit by opening 2C. Up to 3S is all 'normal'.

Sam found a 4D cue to show some slam interest.

- I passed, showing some interest
- *With no interest I could just sign off in 4S.*

Sam XX'ed to show a first round D control.

- As North holding two small hearts doesn't look great, so I just signed off in 4S.

Sam understandably kicked again with 5C.

- I still didn't really have anything useful to cue, but the AK of clubs might've been useful (they're normally 2 tricks, and Sam's made two slam tries opposite not much).
- I found a 5D cue, to try and show club values and East found a lead-directing double.

When Sam XX's this, warning bells should be going off for me.

Given that Sam's already shown a first round diamond control by XX'ing 4D, what can the second XX be but a first round club control?

- This type of hand (~6610 with stiff AD) counterfeits all of my values, and I have an easy sign-off in 5S.
- Sadly I was asleep at the wheel and gave some more encouragement with 5H (ascribing some value to my doubleton heart, for inexplicable reasons).

Can you really fault Sam for bidding the slam after I'd not shut him down with his last 3 slam tries?

This next hand worked a little better for us, suiting our base system of **2/1 game-forcing** quite well to reach a successful slam.

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♠ 84	<i>Dlr: S</i>
♥ KQ	<i>Vul: E-W</i>
♦ QT6	
♣ AQJ765	

♠ QJ73	♠ K962
♥ T85432	♥ 96
♦ 5	♦ J82
♣ 94	♣ KT82

	♠ AT5	
14	♥ AJ7	
3	♦ AK9743	
7	♣ 3	
16		

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	5	7	1	1	5
S	5	7	1	1	5
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Par: 1440

The advantages of this can be shown by the subsequent auction:

1D 2C*;
 2D 3D;
 3H* 4D;
 4N* 5C*;
 5H* 5NT*;
 6D

Sam got to open 1D and I responded 2C.

- This response conventionally shows 12+ HCP for us, and commits us to bid to the game level.

Sam's 2D rebid shows a 6th diamond, and my 3D bid confirms a diamond fit.

- Importantly, I'm not under any pressure to jump around for fear of being passed.

3H showed H values, and might just be a probe for 3NT; but my 4D showed a hand unsuitable for playing in no trumps (holding no spade values).

Sam pushed on:

- 4NT keycard ask had me own up to 1 keycard for diamonds - AC;
- 5H was asking for the Q of trumps (as 5D would be a sign-off).

Conventionally, we sign off with 5 trumps without the Queen and only one outside king, ie 5S here.

With the Queen of trumps we also try to show any outside kings.

5NT for us has a dual purpose:

- It can show the QD and the KH, or
- Can show the KS+KC (and an inability to count 13 tricks);

Either answer allows Sam has an easy stop in 6D.

If I had held more solid clubs like AKQxxx, then I could've comfortably bid 7D, but on the given hand it's on a ruffing C finesse and you don't really want to be there.

NEWSLETTER 19th SEPTEMBER 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 19th

AGM 6.30pm – all members are asked to please be there.

TEAMS – 7pm

TUESDAY 20th

Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm

WEDNESDAY 21st

All Comers – 1.00pm

Junior – Welcome Pairs 2

Intermediate – Spring Pairs 2

THURSDAY 22nd

Senior and Open - Congress Pairs 1

FRIDAY 23rd

Friday Bridge - 10.30am

SAT OCTOBER 1st

Dinner – Chicken & Chips, Dessert

List on Noticeboard

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23rd – Open Teams and Intermediate Teams – 10am start

NZ BRIDGE ONLINE LESSONS: NZB are planning to do another set of online lessons on Wednesday evenings 7-9pm, starting on 28th September, running weekly until the end of the year. Cost is \$80. If you know anyone who is keen to learn before our Club lessons start next year, you can let them know about this option.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

OPEN – JACK FINIGAN CUP

- 1st Brad Johnston 59.91%
- 2nd Matt. Blakeley 58.99%
- 3rd Christine Kerr 57.22%

SENIOR – JS ASHER PLATE

- Jenny Fieldwick 57.59%
- Kathy Jermakoff 55.63%
- Rod Waugh 53.04%

WINTON GRADED OPEN B PAIRS:

- 1st Kristen Collins and Donna Ruwhiu – **WELL DONE LADIES**



WANAKA JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE PAIRS:

1st Junior Pair

Barbara Galland & Mary McQueen –
WELL DONE LADIE

CHRISTCHURCH CONGRESS OPEN TEAMS:

- 1st Sam Coutts, playing with his brothers James and Glenn, and Matt McManus (Aust)
- 3rd Brad Johnston, playing in a Composite team.

CHRISTCHURCH CONGRESS OPEN PAIRS:

- 4th Pamela Nisbet, playing with ChCh player Liz Fitzgerald.

NEWSLETTER 26th SEPTEMBER 2022

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 27th	Informal Practice Session - 1.30pm
WEDNESDAY 28th	Women's Pairs – 1.00pm Junior – Welcome Pairs 3 Intermediate – Spring Pairs 3
THURSDAY 29th	Senior and Open - Congress Pairs 2
FRIDAY 30th	Friday Bridge - 10.30am
SAT OCTOBER 1st	Dinner – Chicken & Chips, Dessert List on Noticeboard

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NZ Bridge Congress: 1st to 8th October – The Club would like to extend best wishes to all the players attending this year's Congress – happy bridging.

CONGRATULATIONS:

GORE OPEN PAIRS : 4th Alan Geare & Debbie Cooper (Invercargill)

2022 AGM: Thank you to all the members who attended this year's AGM.

Officers elected for the 2022-2023 Season are

President: Neil Johnstone

Vice President: No nominations

Treasure: Matthew Baird

Club Captain: Phil Noye

Secretary: Dawn Cope

Membership Secretary: Pam Hodgkinson

Committee: Paul Spain, Grant Walker, Amanda Inwood

There are still vacancies for Vice president, and one more Committee Member. If you have any interest in either of these positions, please contact Neil Johnstone for more information.

Congratulations to you all, and we wish you all the best for a successful year.

A huge thanks must go to outgoing President Rob Lawson for his roll over the last 2 years. In what has been a very trying period with Covid, Rob worked very hard, and I know personally he was always very clear in his sharing of information and policies that were to be followed by the club. Thankyou Rob, and we wish you well.

NEW MEMBER: The Club would like to welcome back Jet Quennell who has rejoined. Jet's son Ramon has just completed the lessons and has joined Junior. She will be playing casually.

NAME CORRECTION: New Junior member – Moana Smedley

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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

He has provided a phone number as 07834191959

