

NEWSLETTER

4th September 2023



EVENTS AT OTAGO:

- MONDAY 4th September** Teams – **7.10pm**
- TUESDAY 5th September** Informal Practice –**1.30pm** – All Welcome
- WEDNESDAY 6th Sept** All Comers – **1.00pm** – All Welcome
- WEDNESDAY 6th September** Junior/Intermediate – Individual Ladder 6
7.00pm start
- THURSDAY 7th September** Open/ Senior - Individual Ladder 5 - **7.10pm**
- FRIDAY 8th September** Friday Bridge – **10.30am**

Please note all players should be seated 10 minutes before starting time

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

All tournaments can be entered on NZ Bridge Tournament page

- September 9th** **Wanaka Intermediate 5B Pairs**, 10am start, \$35, close 9/9
- September 9th** **Canterbury Regional Open 10A Pairs – Timaru**
9.30am start, \$40, Close 4/9
- September 16th** **Winton 8B Open Pairs**, \$25, close 13/9
- September 17th.** **Charity Tournament at Otago. 1.30pm start**
For Camp Quality (children living with Cancer)
\$10 (includes 5 raffles), afternoon tea, entries close 15/9
- September 24th** **Taieri 3B Junior Pairs**, close 28/9

CONGRATULATIONS:

ALMA DELAHUNTY PAIRS:

Intermediate

- 1st Barbara Galland/Mary McQueen
2nd Brigitte Hudson/Wendy Fallon
3rd Kim Carter/Sally Stewart

WELCOME PAIRS:

Junior

- Bruce Dowland/Brian Donnelly
Hazel Mihaka/Ewi Mihaka
Cheryl Tapp/Judith Mann

ALMA DELAHUNTY PAIRS:

Senior

- 1st Raylene Ryan/John Curran
2nd Kate Vercoe/Jenny Fieldwick
3rd Archie Crawford/Croisella Trengrove

Open

- Matt Blakeley/Sam Coutts
Tim Webb/Paul Freeland
Stewart Kerr/Donna Ruwhiu

CENTRAL OTAGO TEAMS:

- 3rd Philip Noye, Marilyn Noye, Brad Johnston, Kevin Skoropoda

CENTRAL OTAGO PAIRS:

- 2nd Brad Johnson and Kevin Skoropoda
3rd Peter Hall and Lindsay Glover
4th Graeme Stout and Peter McCaskill

THANKYOU: A big thankyou to *Georgie Roberts* for offering to ring advertisers for the program book. Your help is very much appreciated.

AGM REMINDER:

A reminder to everybody that our AGM is 18th September at 6.30pm in the Hudson room.

11th September 2023

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

TUESDAY 12th September Informal Practice – **1.30pm** – All Welcome

WEDNESDAY 13th Sept Women's Pairs – **1.00pm**

WEDNESDAY 13th September Junior - Alma Delahunty Pairs 1 - **7.00pm**
Intermediate – Spring Pairs 1 - **7.00pm**

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or email wendy.copeland@cluthadc.govt.nz

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1pm start. \$30 – includes evening meal. Closes 8/10

CONGRATULATIONS:

TRIX ROBERTSON PLATE:

Intermediate

1st	Greg Sligo
2nd	Mary McQueen
3rd	Hilary Bisset

JOHN LAWSON PLATE:

Junior

Kim Carter
Jamie Smith
Peggy Tomkins

AGM REMINDER:

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in the Hudson room.**

Nominations for Committee will be accepted from the floor.

ROSS HADDOW: Ross is returning to Dunedin around the 24th of October. He is keen to be playing bridge again over the summer months. His contact details are ross@rattys.co.uk or +[64 \(0\)2041022093](tel:64(0)2041022093)

JUDY BRIGGS: Judy is a member of the Wanaka club (Silver Division) and will be in Dunedin over the next five weeks. Judy is keen to play on either **Wednesday afternoons or Thursday evenings**. Judy and her husband will be staying at Daffodill house and she will need a ride to the bridge club. Her contact details are jwbat44@gmail.com or +[021 708 421](tel:021708421).

RECENT CHALLENGES FROM TEAMS COMPETITIONS

1. What do I signal at trick 1?

You are playing in the Central Otago Teams and the bidding goes 1C - P - 4H – All Pass. Partner leads AS.

Dummy is tabled as:

♥ Kx
♠ Qxx
♦ Axxx
♣ KJxx

And you hold:

♥ x
♠ KTx
♦ Kxxx
♣ Axxx

What do you signal – an encouraging or discouraging signal to partner?

Encouraging of course, you have KS and want to win the next trick!

But take time to think rather than just play in automatic mode

Your aim is to defeat the contract, and to do that you and partner need to win 4 tricks.

- You hope for 2 certain tricks – partner's AS, and your AC
- Probably add the KS
 - with six spades to the Ace partner would probably have overcalled, so declarer will have at least a doubleton spade
- So, the KD looms as possibly the very vital 4th trick

So, time to play a discouraging signal and get partner to switch suits.

If your discarding is advanced enough to show a diamond switch, or if partner simply guessed right, you have found the winner.

If declarer wins AD, or takes the finesse to their QD, you can win KD, KS and AC to defeat the contract.

Continuing with a spade, switching to a trump, of playing a club all allow declarer to make the contract – by drawing trumps and setting up a black suit to discard the losing diamond.

2. What do I bid?

Last week's club teams posed a couple of bidding posers?

2	♠QT63 ♥92 ♦QJ72 ♣Q32	<i>Dir: E</i> <i>Vul: N-S</i>									
♠AKJ ♥KQ ♦A985 ♣K654	♠5 ♥AJT8653 ♦T63 ♣A9										
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For those pairs that opened a standard 3H pre-empt, partner with a 20 count (including ♥KQ) mostly bid a quick 4H, expecting a lot worse at favourable vulnerability.

Brad Johnston and Graeme Stout both commented East's hand was far too strong for a pre-empt with two Aces plus a very solid long suit with the ultimate result being 6H, rather than just game.

Brad was playing **2 over 1** and proposed this bidding:

1♥	2♣	(2 level is game force)
2♥	2NT	(2NT shows hand shape)
3♥	3♠	(3S keep going; agrees Hs)
4♣	4NT	(4C is a control; 4NT asks)
5♥	5NT	(5H shows 2 not QH; 5NT anything more?)
6♥		That's it!

However, at the table, Brad opened not 1♥ but 4♥ trying to eliminate any chance of the opponents finding a spade game.

Partner guessed correctly and didn't overvalue the opening bid to stop in 6♥

For those **ACOL / Precision / SAYC** with more enthusiasm and less discipline, the bidding might have been much quicker:

1♥	4NT	(ie 20 and 12+ = slam)
5♥	5NT	
6♥	6NT	(No Kings!)

A constructive West can bid slowly to find more about partner's hand and on

discovering the hand shape should consider a lower point count in partner's hand, using the 5NT to see if the final bid is 6♥ or 7♥

1♥	2♦	
2♥	3♣	(3C becomes GF)
4♥	4NT	(4H disinterested in more)
5♥	5NT	(5NT really not 7H?)

3. How do I compete (or bid) ?

For most Board 18 probably got messy and the final outcome depended upon on if and what East decided to open, how South responded and if North bid, or had to bid.

18	♠7 ♥K876542 ♦T762 ♣5	Dlr: E Vul: N-S
♠A654 ♥QT9 ♦5 ♣J9832	♠QJ2 ♥AJ3 ♦QJ984 ♣T7	
3	♠KT983 ♥ ♦AK3 ♣AKQ64	
7 11 19		
Par: 110		

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

Brad comments: “ This hand is really hard to get away from; because both hands in isolation are quite promising and it's only when they're combined that the degree of mis-fit sadness is revealed.

If North had QJ to 7 Ds instead of K to 7 Hs then the hand would be objectively 'weaker'; but the fit with the South hand would be so much stronger (I reckon 6D South would be a really good contract).

It's just that the time it takes to diagnose how screwed you are on this hand often takes you past the last safe harbour”

Below Brad considers some of the possible outcomes:

Scenario 1: East Opens 1♦

West has 3 choices, a simple overcall of 1♠; a 2♦ cuebid or a double (X).

In this case overcalling 1♠ and planning to freely bid Cs the next time to show a good hand is likely to produce the best option – being passed out, played in 2S or 3H.

If partner bids Hearts, and it needs to show a Non Forcing hand - weak with a long (6+) suit and no interest/support in any other suit - South should (very, very grudgingly) respect this bid and pass.

If South cuebids 2♦ to show a two suited hand (either Spades and another, or clubs and another) the likelihood of the bidding getting too high for this hand is very high.

If South doubles, and its a common trend to double first then bid your own suit when you are very strong, the best outcome is a non forcing 2H from partner as bidding on is unsuccessful.

Scenario 2: East Opens 1NT (12 – 14)

Yes, we're taught a weak NT is 12 – 14 balanced, not 11 but aggressive partnerships will take the opportunity first in hand with a long suit with multiple touching honours and a fit for either major if partner transfers.

South will double without blinking and West will get out the running shoes, using whatever approach they have to escape 1NTX. In steps North, either pulling the double or overcalling any rescue bid with 2♥, knowing partner is smelling blood but has nowhere else to help.

Again, South should just breathe deeply and pass as partner should now be extremely weak with no interest in defending.

Scenario 3: East Passes; South opens 1♠

At some tables an opening 1♠ might be passed out, after North passes with 3 points and East also decides not to bid guessing South must have a powerhouse, so concede a part score.

If East does consider to compete simply to push the auction higher, it's a winning strategy as South rebids 3♣ and now is already a level to high.

The question is should North respond.

Brad considers passing with a 6+ card heart suit is usually a big loser. Obviously, the safe bid is a non forcing weak jump shift, ie 3♥, hoping partner will pass but the alternative if this option is not in your system is a 1NT reply, aiming to pass a 2♠ rebid or overcall opener's 2 minor rebid with hearts. Unfortunately not today, as the rebid is 3♣, not 2♣.

So it's a now a choice of pass, or hope partner will pass your reply of either 3H or 3S. Damage has already been done whatever the final bid 3♣, 3♥, 3♠, 3NT, 4♥, 4♠.

Scenario 4: South opens Acol 2♣

Is South a game forcing hand?

It looks like a potentially three loser hand but Brad dislikes this option...

"this hand isn't worth that much unless you have a fit, and its also very hard to accurately determine the final contract – spades, clubs, NTs but it could be diamonds or even hearts). The 2♣ opening preempts your ability to bid naturally to show one of your suits and leaves you very badly off, especially if the opponents overcall and preempt your auction"

Scenario 5: South opens Precision 1♣

Two options are for South to open a strong 1♣, 16+ any shape, and North replies 1♦, negative. Partnerships might manage to then bid and pass to either 1♠, 2♠, 2♥, or still go on enticed by the hope of a vulnerable game.

18th September 2023

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

MONDAY 18th September

AGM – 6.30pm – your attendance is required please

TEAMS – 7.10pm, or when AGM is finished.

TUESDAY 19th September Informal Practice – **1.30pm** – All Welcome

WEDNESDAY 20th Sept All Comers – **1.00pm** - All welcome

WEDNESDAY 20th September

Junior - Alma Delahunty Pairs 2 - **7.00pm**
Intermediate – Spring Pairs 2 - **7.00pm**

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CONGRATULATIONS:

JACK FINIGAN CUP:

Open

1st	Brad Johnston
2nd	Robert Cowan
3rd	John Sheehy

J S ASHER PLATE:

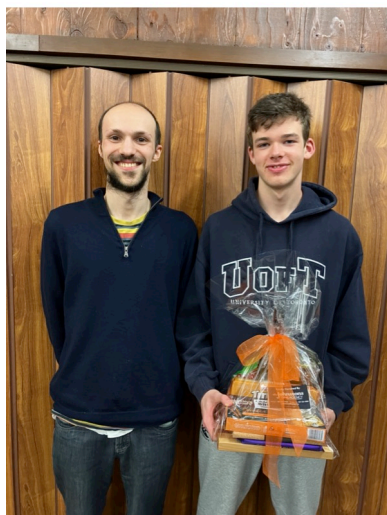
Senior

Mark Wilson
Cathy Thomson
Archie Crawford

LIONS CHARITY AFTERNOON – for Camp Quality

An excellent afternoon was had this Sunday. Thank you to all who attended – it was very pleasing to see so many Junior and Intermediate players there.

Thank you to Lindsay and Brad for Directing, and to the Port Chalmers Lions Club for organising and supplying a great afternoon tea and many wonderful raffles. They raised \$876 for Camp Quality, which was a superb amount.



1st Daniel Blakeley
Brad Johnston

2nd Gillian Alexander
Ann Wood

3rd= Dot Cotton
Ann-Maree Fox

3rd= Alison Giller
Julienne Armitage

CHRISTCHURCH CONGRESS – Open Teams

2nd Pamela Nisbet, and 3 Cantabrians

ANNUAL PROMOTIONS – Junior, Intermediate & Senior Divisions

The winners of the Pairs Championships and Individual Ladder in each of these divisions are automatically entitled to be promoted to the next grade.

Other players that have recorded an above average result in their Division throughout the year can apply to be considered for promotion. Players wishing to apply please email clubcaptain@otagobridgeclub.org.nz by **6pm Thursday 29th September**. Promotions will be ratified by the Management Committee at its October meeting.

NATIONAL BRIDGE CONGRESS: Starts this coming Saturday.

We would like to wish all our members who are competing the very best of luck, and to have an enjoyable week of bridge.

Special best wishes to Sam Coutts and Brad Johnston who are representing Otago/Southland in the Rubber Bridge Competition – all the very best.

OBITUARY: Marion Russell – Open Division (joined 1988)



Marion was a regular attendee on Thursday night, Women's Pairs and Friday bridge, until recently, when ill health prevented her from doing so.

She always had a smile on her face, and a kind word for everyone. She will be sadly missed, and our thoughts go out to her family.

"Sadly, Marion passed away yesterday in the care of The Grange Lifecare resthome. She is now at peace and at rest after a long struggle.

It was Marion's wish to have a private family funeral, this will be on Tuesday afternoon.

Marion thoroughly enjoyed playing bridge and was an advocate for the game. She met so many people and participated in many tournaments as well as Masters Games, travelling with other bridge members to tournaments was a highlight for her. Could you please put a notice in the next newsletter to let the members who knew her know." Regards, Russell family.

OBITUARY: Elma Balfour McRobbie (joined 1975)

Some of you will remember Elma, a small, Scottish woman, with an infectious laugh. Her daughter is Sandra Goodchild, who, with her husband David, also played bridge.

Elma was the eldest of seven children and was brought up by her grandmother. She joined the RAF in 1939, married and had Sandra and Ian. In the 1950s, Australia and New Zealand were advertising for immigrants to work and Elma and her husband decided on New Zealand. After a three week long boat trip, they arrived in Wellington and made their way down the Island to Dunedin. I do not know why they settled on Dunedin, but maybe it was because it was a Scottish city.

I met Elma in the late 1960s, at a ballroom dancing class, and we had a lot of fun together. Elma would come out to my place and we would practice our steps up and down the front path. Elma and her husband were cleaners for a high rise building in the Octagon, occupying the top floor rent free - a great job for the

sixties.

Elma was a great swimmer, knitter, sewer, baker and cake icer - you name it, Elma could do it. At the age of 90, she went for a jet ski ride and, at 100 years of age, a helicopter ride.

Her motto was, “Just get on with it.”

Elma passed away in her 107th year, on the 6th of September, at Birchleigh.

Beverly Ross.

25th September 2023

EVENTS AT OTAGO:

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WEDNESDAY 27th Sept Women’s Pairs – **1.00pm** - All welcome

WEDNESDAY 27th September Junior - Alma Delahunty Pairs 3 - **7.00pm**
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THURSDAY 28th September Open/ Senior – Congress Pairs 2 - **7.10pm**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Thank you to all of you who turned up for our AGM, not only ensuring we had the required quorum but also were able to start our meeting on time.

The new Management Committee had it first meeting the next night and was pleased to welcome Christine Kerr and Mike Hickling to the committee . They both bring considerable knowledge and skills that will help us administer the club.

Dawn Cope is our secretary and is the primary point of contact for the club unless it relates to a specific area allocated to another Committee member

We agreed to the following allocation of responsibilities for the following year and if you have a query relating to these areas please contact the appropriate committee member in the first instance

Playing Committee: Phil Noye will chair in his capacity as Club Captain and Christine Kerr will assist him. Lindsay Gunn is the Chief Director

Development Committee: Christine will be the Management Committee representative on the Development Committee whose membership is Matt Blakely , John Sheehy, Dorothy Butterfield, Gillian Alexander and Marjo Prent.

Property Committee: Catherine Smith will lead the Property committee assisted by Mike Hickman. We would also like to acknowledge that Grant Walker has agreed to continue to manage the relationship with our tenant

Club Finances: Judy Bevin continues as our Finance Director assisted in the day to day tasks by Mathew Baird, our appointed Treasurer .

Membership Secretary and Privacy Officer: Pam Hodgkinson is continuing in these roles and will be joining us at our Management Committee meetings.

Vice President: This one year position remains vacant and if you feel you have the skills to contribute to our small group please contact me.

The committee had a brief discussion about our priorities for the year and agreed to discuss these further in the context of a longer term plan at our next month meeting. Should any member have something they wish to bring to our attention please advise Dawn or myself before the 10th October

Enjoy your bridge

Murray Barron
President

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7th OCTOBER - SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Dinner 6pm Pasta and Dessert
Bridge 7.00pm

OTAGO/STHLAND CONGRESS - OTAGO

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Open 10A Pairs, \$40, 10am start, closes 17/10

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**LABOUR WEEKEND CONGRESS 21st and 22nd Oct– Helpers needed
please**

Otago is again hosting the two day Otago Southland Congress, with Pairs on Saturday and Teams on Sunday.

We are looking for helpers to assist in the kitchen providing nibbles over the two days.

If you can help for a half day please contact Lindsay or myself.

CONGRATULATIONS:

NATIONAL CONGRESS:

NZ PAIRS: Sam Coutts and Brad Johnston – qualify for Monday's final
(good luck)

NZ RESTRICTED PAIRS PLATE: 2nd Victor Weedn and Phil Merchant
2 sessions to go – good luck

1 DAY JUNIOR PAIRS: 1st. Mark Wilson and Tash Lundin

2024 PROGRAMME BOOK - Advertising

Georgie Roberts is currently liaising with our advertisers for the 2004 Programme Book. If you, or anyone you know, would like to place an ad in the book please contact Georgie without delay:

<http://georgieroberts2016@gmail.com> or 021 164 0208

2024 PROGRAMME BOOK – Members Details

Each year we ask members to check and update their contact details – email and phone numbers. There are divisional lists in the front of the Larnach room for members to check.

- If the details are correct, please tick in the next column.
- If these are not correct or have changed, please cross out the incorrect details and update

The email addresses are held confidentially on file and only use for club messages and the weekly newsletter. They are not released to other members.

The phone contacts are included in our programme book.

Under the new Privacy Act we require members' approval to hold these details and to include them in the programme book. If you consent to this please sign (not initial) alongside your name in the space provided.

We need these lists to be confirmed by October 10 please.

OBITUARIES

It has been a very sad week for the Club with a number of members and former members passing away. Thank you to Arleen Schwartz, David Green, Phil Gillen and Phil Noye for writing their memories about these members.

DAVE MCLAREN - Open Division - joined 1965

Arleen Schwartz kindly submitted these memories:

“David McLaren, a.k.a. Big Dave, died on September 16 at Yvette Williams Retirement Village. Big Dave was a very keen open player in the '70s, '80s and '90s. He was a winner of club events and many tournaments in the South Island. Dave was also very much into rugby, being a player, coach and historian, archery champion and engineer and film buff. In addition, he had a substantial collection of old, valve radios.”

In David Green's history he records Dave McLaren as joining the club in 1965 and subsequently winning three titles – the Club Teams in 1977 and the Provincial Teams and Centre Pairs both in 1980.

LEN ANDERSEN – Open Division – joined 1997.



Unfortunately that everlasting smiling face and gregarious personality that we all knew as Len will no longer grace us with his friendly engaging presence and wit at our card table.

Len passed away the previous weekend very unexpectedly and suddenly

Len was a peer amongst his professional colleagues, last year being recognised with his appointment as then Queen's, now King's Counsel and very recently was honoured with life membership of the NZ Criminal Bar Associations.

The tributes paid to Len by his legal colleagues at his memorial service on Saturday, that several of you fittingly attended, were delivered from the very top of all the national and local activities he was involved in, from representing clients in court, teaching and mentoring young lawyers, or lifting the level of his profession.

Yet despite these heavy commitments Len also made time to chair NZ Bridge's Conduct, Complaints and Discipline Committee. NZB President Allan Morris noted "Len has had to deal with some challenging situations, but he applied his professionalism throughout."

Len also provided legal advice and guidance for our club, including only 4 weeks ago providing the final review of our new constitution before it went to the AGM.

My special memories of Len are best reflected in the photo below, where alongside his wife and fellow club member Moira, he is having fun supporting a club quiz night with glass full of red wine, food to nibble on and the good

company of other members around them. Winning was always the aim but the enjoyment of competing whilst having fun was far more important.



Laurie Smeijers and I remember fondly our ‘roadies’ with Len to watch the Highlanders in Invercargill, the ABs in Christchurch and cheer on the ‘blue and golds’ at the stadium.

Marilyn and I were proud to have been fellow team members with Len and Moira in an Otago Southland Interprovincial team; had been very happy and encouraged this year to see Len return again more regularly to the bridge table; not so happy when he played admirably at the last teams match to help inflict a defeat upon us; and were very much looking forward to him joining us again in the next few days to play in the Congress teams here in Tauranga.

“We know we are here with his best wishes and may his infectious spirit guide us both as we take those finesses”

Phil Noye
Club Captain.

David Green kindly provided this early insight about Len’s life:

“I was very saddened to hear of the death of Len Anderson, whom I coached for Debating at Napier Boys High School in 1968.



Len had a fine career in Law and will be much missed by all associated with him.

There may well be an obituary in due course in the Napier Boys' High School 'Columns' newsletter for ex-pupils and teachers. If one is published I will pass it on to you in due course

Attached is a photo of the Senior team in 1968 who won the Hawke's Bay Jaycee Cup for the best school debating team that year.”

JOE LA HOOD – Open Division - joined 1972

Our thanks to Phil Gillen for his comments:

“Members of the Bridge Club will have been saddened by the recent death of Joe LaHood, who was a member of the Club since 1972. Joe was a very good bridge player, who played in the premier Club division. He and his partner won the Junior and Senior Reserve Pairs Championships in 1973 and 1974. He also played teams for over 30 years with John Gilmore, Wayne and Joan Petch.

Joe was a Pharmacist for more than 50 years. His initial Pharmacy was in the Stock Exchange Building. When that building was demolished he relocated the business to George Street in what was then the Otago Savings Bank building. Subsequently he purchased the Waverley Pharmacy, where he worked until he retired. Joe was well known in the Waverley area where he lived for about 40 years.

Joe was a naturally good athlete and gifted boxer in his school days. He held a school record for 100 yards that was never beaten.

Joe enjoyed horse racing and owned several horses, the best of whom was Shewetta who won many races, including the Stewards Handicap and Great Easter at Riccarton.

He is survived by his sons, Edward and Adam, and four grandsons.”