



## From the President's Table

Welcome to the 2024 Bridge Year.

A big thank you to our 2024 Committee of Lesley Davies (Secretary), Jill Marshall (Treasurer), Carole Bee (Partnership Co-ordinator), Alan McKay (Past President) Sharon MacTavish, Anthony Young and our newest recruit Alistair Marris.

I would like to take this opportunity also to thank our past president Alan McKay, past secretary Elaine Moir and Committee Member Janice Wilson, the time you have put in over the years has been much appreciated.

Going forward we have our Tournament at the end of February, and it would be great to get a good turn out of players and helpers to make this event successful. We will be reaching out soon so don't be frightened to put your hand up and help.

This year we are trialling a partnership co-ordinator for the year, so if the occasion arises and you find yourself without a partner, please contact Carole Bee and she will put you in touch with someone who is available.

We will be running Off the Stick Ladders as well as Handicap for all the series this year. The winners of each event will be Off the Stick except for the 3 series at the end of the year which are Handicap Series. We just want to show the less experienced players what can be achieved and give them some hope.

Please feel free to reach out to any of our committee members with any points you wish to raise during the year.

Happy Bridging  
Michelle

## Upcoming Local Tournaments

24 Feb - Cromwell Intermediate Pairs  
03 Mar - Taieri Open Pairs  
10 Mar - Oamaru Open Pairs  
16 Mar - Invercargill Open Pairs  
23 Mar - Queenstown Pairs

## Our Tournament

We are holding our annual 5B Intermediate tournament on Feb 24th at the Cromwell Bowls Club. It was a very successful and profitable event last year as we had gained a \$500 sponsorship from Golden View Village, Elaine's outstanding effort organising the raffles and also we had 19 tables play on the day in a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere. We have secured the sponsorship once again and hope to have an even bigger event this year. Please promote it at any other club you are playing at.

Of course we also need your support again this year. Please enter if you intend to play. I will also be asking for donations for raffle table (cash also gratefully received in lieu of this), food for catering morning tea and end of play, help in the kitchen (many hands make light work) and also we need lots of help setting up on Friday night and packing up on Saturday night. If you can help please contact Carole 027 632 7853.

## Club Director

We have two qualified club directors at present (Andrew and Angela) who do a terrific job and let's face it, we wouldn't have a bridge club without their input. The Club is keen to encourage more members to have a go to sit the directors exams to help spread the load. If anyone is interested please let a committee member know and we will endeavour to help as much as possible. Andrew has also offered to mentor anyone who would like to have a go at attaining this qualification. In the meantime the Committee have approached our senior members and asked them to direct a series or two. Andrew will be the Director for Club Championship Pairs.

## AGM, Prizegiving, Christmas Breakup

For those who thought an AGM is a stuffy and boring occasion and avoid them like the plague, that is not the case for our Bridge Club. It was a fun evening. This event is the last social celebration for the club before we all disperse for our Christmas break and it sent us on our way full of Christmas and Holiday Cheer. To attendees thank you for the delicious treats for the supper table and the interesting bridge game that followed (I think we all forgot the rules). Don't forget to mark 5th December in your calendar for the bigger and better rerun.

**Congratulations 2023 Trophy Winners**

<b>Clutha</b>	J Wilson & A McLennan
<b>Nevis</b>	E Hughes & E Welsh
<b>Kawerau</b>	A Cushnie & T MacNamara
<b>Lindis</b>	F Marris & K Williamson
<b>Goldfields</b>	F Marris & A Marris
<b>Lowburn</b>	M O'Connell & L Davies
<b>Pisa</b>	E Hughes & C Bee
<b>Packspur</b>	M Jaquiere & H Derham
<b>Bendigo</b>	T McNamara & A Wilson
<b>Dunstan</b>	V Wilson & L McAvoy
<b>Individual</b>	A McLennan
<b>Best Junior 2023</b>	S MacTavish
<b>Championship Pairs</b>	E Hughes & E Welsh







### Housekeeping:

We ask that on the evenings when you arrive, please help set up the tables and sit down by 7.05pm so that we can get play underway as quickly as possible.

A volunteer to power up the Bridge tablets to the home screen and distribute to tables is another job going begging. Please do not load names until given the go ahead from the Computer Operator.

At the end of the evening please pack up your table, and if you are last on the dummy table, please pack this up before you leave. Wash any cups and glasses.

### February 2024 Programme

Thursday

Feb 01 Championship Pairs 2  
08 Clutha Pairs 1  
15 Clutha Pairs 2  
22 Clutha Pairs 3  
29 Championship Pairs 3

### SUB REMINDER

*Subs are due, pay before 20 February to get the discount.*

### Director's Corner

Congratulations to our new Committee members, I look forward to working with you to make our Bridge sessions entertaining and enjoyable.

I am conscious of my advancing years, increasing friability and diminishing reasoning and suggested to them that provision be instigated for additional directors. They have accepted my challenge. I am still to direct Championship nights and will support and tutor those having a "go" directing a series.

Recently we (the club) received a copy of updates to "The Laws of Duplicate Bridge," the bible for Directors. Two law changes: Law 73 has some subtle word changes and the last sentence or rule 73.A.2 has now become Law 73.C.3. Riveting stuff.

A new law, Law 89 - Prohibited Behaviour and Reprehensible Conduct list a number of new items for each of us to be guilty of. (Our international body trying to put fun back into Bridge)?

I don't think there is too much to worry about at our club level, but if anyone would like to know the details, just ask me. Call the director if you think there may be an issue.

Good bridge everyone.



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