



## CROMWELL BRIDGE CLUB BULLETIN - NOVEMBER 2025

### From the PRESIDENT'S TABLE

Hello Everyone,

This is the last newsletter for the year. The year has flown by and I encourage everyone to come along to our AGM and prize giving on December 4th to share the members' and club's successes for 2025. We will be farewelling Alan McKay and Alistair Marris from the committee. Thank you both for all the support, time and effort you have given the club.

If I don't see you before the 4th I wish you all a very merry Christmas and safe, relaxing holidays. I look forward to seeing you back at the bridge table next year. 2026 is an important year for our Club, we will celebrate turning 50 years young.

**Happy Bridging and Happy Holidays**  
**Michelle**

### December/January Programme

**Closing Day** is December 4 - AGM and Prize giving

**Opening Day** is January 15

**Championship Pairs** January 22 and 29

Need a Partner? Try the **Whats App** Group Chat or ring Carole or Jill.

We are using this App in the club quite successfully to arrange partnerships and communicate any changes in arrangements. Let Carole know if you want to join this Group Chat. All you need is the Whats App loaded onto your phone.

- 2026 Programme will be available for collection on the night of the AGM.
- Subscription invoices will be emailed to members early December.
- A pdf version of the 2026 Programme will be emailed to members when sub is received.

### Upcoming Tournaments

- Oamaru Novice Pairs 40C November 29
- Nina Hewitt Christmas Pairs Otago, Open 3A December 7
- Alexandra Holiday Pairs Sessions 1, Open 5A January 2
- Alexandra Holiday Pairs Session 2, Open 5A January 3
- Otago Southland Regions Swiss Pairs, Invercargill, Open 10A January 17
- Otago Festive Pairs, Otago, Open 5A January 25
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### OUR TOURNAMENT & the OTAGO SOUTHLAND BRIDGE CONFERENCE

#### **Saturday 22 February 2026**

We are in the early stages of planning our tournament and will run the Junior and Intermediate events concurrently. Where? At the Cromwell Bowling Club's generous rooms (hall, kitchen, dining room, bar).

As we are hosting the OS Bridge Conference on the following day, we expect a good turnout. Everyone loves Cromwell in February. We encourage you to book early so you don't miss out.

## Sunday 23 February 2026

The Otago Southland Bridge Conference will also be held at the Bowling Club rooms. Do take advantage of this local conference and come along and meet our regional committee and Bridge NZ representatives. The speakers will appraise us of the challenges and initiatives for 2026 and beyond. The agenda will be sent out to you all in the new year.

## Membership

Welcome to our club Eleanor Fallow. Eleanor will be looking to partner up in 2026, do save her a series.

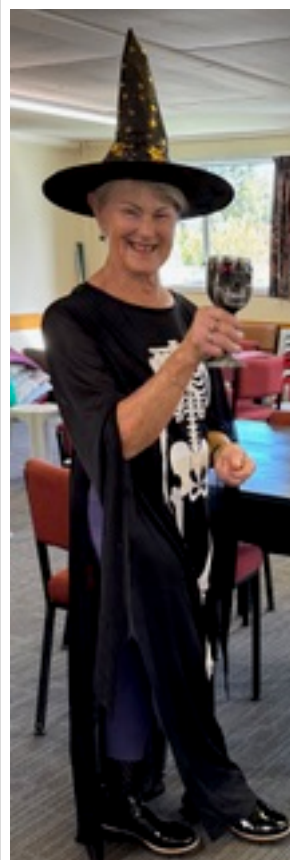
## Social Evening



Would you trust these people to run your Club? The Halloween Evening was a fun social get together. There was lots of discussion over who scored the best outfit for the best bargain, definitely Jill Marshall.



Who is this mystery man?



Thanks to all who participated. Its always great when we have time to mix and mingle with tasty treats and a bevy or two. For some obscure reason, the fun bridge that followed was played in a very relaxed manner with lots of hilarity.

## Awards

Last Thursday we were wondering how do our efforts at the bridge table translate into Novice/Junior/Intermediate/Master proficiency grades? Here is the NZB explanation.

Most bridge sessions played at both club and tournament level of affiliated clubs, are played for Master Points. If you finish in approximately the top third of your field, you will receive Master Points.

There are three categories of Master Point awards:

### A POINTS

Awarded to players who finish in the top placings of approved A point tournaments along with winners of all session of Pairs Tournaments and fractional A points to the winners of each match in Match-Play (teams).

### B POINTS

Awarded to players who finish in the top placings of approved B point tournaments along with winners of all sessions of Pairs Tournaments. B points cannot be converted into A points.

### C POINTS

Awarded to players who finish in the top placings of approved one session C point events. C Points are converted to B Points in the ratio of 100 C Points to one B Point.

## GRADINGS- EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2021

### Open

- Provincial Master or higher Rank

### Intermediate

- Club Master or lower Rank and 30 or less Rating Points but 5 or more A Points or
- Club Master or lower Rank with more than 30 Rating Points or
- Local Master

### Junior

- Club Master or lower Rank and 30 or less Rating Points and less than 5 A Points

## RANKINGS

There are twelve ranks accorded to holders of Master Points

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Aggregate of A &amp; B Points</b>
Certificate of Proficiency	5
Club Master	20
Local Master	50
Provincial Master	100. (including at least 50 A points)
Master	200. (including at least 100 A points)
National Master	350. (including at least 175 A points)
Life Master	500 (including at least 250 A points)
Grand Master	1000 (including at least 500 A points)
Silver Grand Master	2500 (including at least 1250 A points)
Gold Grand Master	4000 (including at least 2500 A points)
Emerald Grand Master	8000 (including at least 6000 A points)
Platinum Grand Master	10000 (including at least 7500 A points)

NB: Points for stars refer to B points

A player with less than 5 A & B Points is classified as "Novice".

On reaching an aggregate of 100 Master Points, a Local Master who has not earned 50 A Points is accorded the status of Local Master - 1 Star.

At 150 Master Points he becomes Local Master - 2 Star, with an additional Star for each additional 50 Master Points if he has not attained sufficient A Points.

Similarly stars are awarded to masters of other ranks who have not attained sufficient A points for promotion to a higher rank. e.g. A one-star National Master will have acquired 700 plus total Points but not yet attained 250 A Points to move to the rank of Life Master.

There are also competitions to find the **top ten 'A' point earners** within each Ranking, split into male and female categories, for a calendar year. These results are updated on a monthly basis and are found in the drop down menu under the Master point heading.

The **Baden Wilson trophy** is for the top overall 'A' point earners in a calendar year based on points earned in New Zealand and split into male and female categories.

## Director Please? “What is the ruling when my partner calls/ bids out of turn?”

### Common Threads for all “out-of-rotation” calls

- **Partner** can make any legal call provided they **do not use unauthorised information**.
- **The offender**, at their proper turn can make any legal call; and if the substitute is a **comparable call**, there is **no further rectification**. Otherwise, **partner must pass at their next turn**.

After a call /bid out of rotation, **LHO may accept the call**.

- If they do, there is **no further rectification**.
- If not accepted, **Laws 30-33** apply as appropriate.

### Pass out-of-rotation - Law 30

- When a player has passed out of rotation and it is not accepted,
- If made at **offender's RHO's turn** to call, then at offender's next turn they **must pass**.
- If made at **partner's or LHO's turn**, then at the offender's next turn they may make any legal bid, but if it is **not a comparable call**, partner **must pass at their next turn**.

### Bid out of Rotation - Law 31

#### RHO's turn to call

When the offender has called his RHO's turn to call then

- if the RHO passed, offender must repeat his call and when it is legal there is **no further rectification**.
- If RHO makes a legal bid, double or redouble, offender may make any legal call. When **comparable** there is **no further rectification**.
- When it is not comparable, offender's partner **must pass their next turn**.

### Partner's or LHO's turn to call

When the offender has bid when it is his partner's turn to call, or his LHO's turn, then:

- Offender's partner may make any legal call at his proper turn, but **do not use unauthorised information**. Bid your hand normally.
- Offender may make any legal call at this correct turn and the director will rule whether it is comparable or not, eg if comparable, no further rectification, if not, partner must pass 1 turn.

### Double or Redouble out of rotation - Law 32

If legal, the same options apply as Law 31

### Simultaneous calls - Law 33

A call made simultaneously with one made by the player whose turn it was to call, it is deemed to be a subsequent call.

## Good Bridging Everyone