

## Committee meeting of the Invercargill Contract Bridge Club Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 7.10pm.

### MINUTES

#### Present

Kate Ramsay, Jane Carroll, Janice Hodson. Jan Brown, Christine Dallas, Tony Winters, Greg Buzzard, Grant Milne, Judith Lawton, Pauline Sutherland

#### Apologies

Fred Warnaar, Lynn Darnill, Janet Thomas

#### Matters arising from the Minutes:

Confirmation of Minutes of committee meeting 15 January 2025

**Moved:** Jane Carroll      **Seconded:** Greg Buzzard      **Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**      *To be dealt with as read.*

#### **Inwards:**

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|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| • 14 Jan 25 | Geraldine Bridge Club | Notice of Tournament – Fwd NB   |
| • 16 Jan 25 | G Buzzard             | Promotional material for Audiology Sth Tourn  |
| • 16 Jan 25 | Fire Protection       | Action Required Report – Fwd GM - done  |
| • 16 Jan 25 | J McDonald            | Acceptance of invitation to Silver Division   |
| • 17 Jan 25 | ICC                   | Renewed Club License Fwd: GM -> NB  |
| • 18 Jan 25 | C Foley               | Would like to continue to convene SR Swiss Pairs 2025                                     |
| • 18 Jan 25 | Moss Wylie            | Happy to do Monday classes again – <i>Doubles session?</i>                                |
| • 19 Jan 25 | Taeiri Bridge         | Notice for Tournament - NB  |
| • 20 Jan 25 | A Sommerville         | Thank you re fathers passing  |
| • 21 Jan 25 | C Dallas              | Moved put ad in Sland Express for leaners   |
|             | G Milne               | Seconded above  |
| • 21 Jan 25 | T Lundin              | Notice to send to all members re improver Lessons - ALL                                   |
| • 21 Jan 25 | T Lundin              | Flyers for Leaners lessons 2025   |
| • 22 Jan 25 | NZBridge              | Board Meeting Mintes – Comm   |
| • 24 Jan 25 | NZ Bridge             | Application for funding – to apply for funding re reimbursement of Learners lessons costs |
|             |                       | <i>Moved Tony Winters      Seconded Jane Carroll</i>                                      |
| • 27 Jan 25 | Geraldine Bridge Club | Flyer for Tournament – NB/ALL   |
| • 27 Jan 25 | Oamaru Bridge Club    | Flyer for Tournament – NB/ALL   |
| • 29 Jan 25 | Lee Davies            | Complaint re SR players behaviour - Comm  |
| • 29 Jan 25 | Christine Edwards     | Request to remove Pat Tippen from membership – JB   |
| • 30 Jan 25 | ICC                   | Letter re signage requirements – Comm – <i>No longer can proceed with signage</i>         |

- 30 Jan 25 NZ Bridge
- 30 Jan 25 Sland express
- 02 Feb 25 J Lawton
- 03 Feb 25 Grant Milne
- 05 Feb 25 ICC
- 07 Feb 25 Victoria BC Wellington
- 10 Feb 25 Alexandra BC
- 11 Feb 25 ICC
- 11 Feb 25 G Buzzard

On line Directors training Course – Comm – *send to all*  
 Quote for advertising Bridge Lesson Sland Express  
 Donations for Foodbank Collection – ALL  
 Knows nothing of Invoice for New Heat Pump x Masons.  
*Hold payment until sorted*  
 Building Inspection Report – Comm  
 Flyer re Tournament – NB  
 Email to say a member of our Club had phoned the President asking for the Alexandra Tournament dates next year to be changed 😞  
 Looking for a copy of Masons signed lease – GB  
 Email re reasons for resigning of Masons lease – *lease still to be signed*

#### Outwards:

- 16 Jan 25 G Buzzard
- 18 Jan 25 J Brown
- 20 Jan 25 P Sutherland
- 20 Jan 25 P Sutherland
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- 21 Jan 25 P Sutherland
- 21 Jan 25 P Sutherland
- 25 Jan 25 J Brown
- 04 Feb 24 P Sutherland
- 10 Feb 24 J Brown

M Wylie – Request re Monday night tutoring for 2025  
 NZ Bridge -Request to update website with correct date for Avenal Park Funeral Home Swiss pairs  
 All - Notice of amendments to T Winters Jan newsletter  
 C Foley – Acknowledgement of Convenor for SR Swiss Pairs 2025  
 ALL – Flyer re Bridge lessons 2025 – T Lundin 2025  
 ALL – Flyer re improver lessons with T Lundin 2025  
 Comm – Ad for Southland Express – Mover/seconder required  
 J Brown – Request for copy of Match meeting minutes  
 Local Clubs – Assistance in promoting Avenal Park Funeral Home Tournament  
 ALL – message X J Lawton re collection of goods for Southland Foodbank  
 NZB – Updating of H Wilhelms membership number

#### Matters arising from Correspondence:

A full match and committee meeting is to be held to review Silver Reserve Division – Date set of 9 April 2025

That the Inward Correspondence be accepted and the Outward Correspondence be approved.

**Moved:** Jane Carroll      **Seconded:** Kate Ramsay      **Carried.**



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Financial report tabled for 31 January 2025

**Matters arising from Treasurer Report:**

Kiwibank – Term Deposit – 25k 1 year at 4.75%

Treasurer report accepted with Accounts Payable of \$8098.75 to be paid

**Moved:** Christine Dallas      **Seconded:** Grant Milne      **Carried.**

**MATCH REPORT**

January - Recommendations

- That the committee support the first Swiss Pairs Tournament for 2026 being held one week later from next year and onwards, and such application be made by IBC to Otago Southland Committee
  - Moved Jane Carroll Seconded Tony Winters

February - Recommendations

- **Online Teams (NZ Bridge)** That the committee do not promote this given it is competing with our own Club night competitions. Judith undertook to follow-up and see if they could be run on another night.
- **Whitcombe & Tombs and Doris Hannan Series:** Complaints via word of mouth have been received about the proposed format. Noted irrespective of the time of year, the series has not been well supported. This year the competition format provide for players to play with four different partners for the series, but there is to be no restrictions on whether they have played with that partner before. To remain a handicapped series, as we are encouraging Silver Reserve players to play up.
- **Silver Reserve Handicaps:** Those who have qualified for promotion, and declined promotion, are not to be eligible to win any series or trophies, as they are considered to be Silver players playing in Silver Reserve. Handicaps will continue to apply for two years. Those previously handicapped last year will continue to be handicapped this year.
  - Moved Jane Carroll Seconded Tony Winters

**OTAGO/SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

- **Reminder** – The Director is the WARDEN, Bar Staff are the other Warden
- Fire Drill held on 21 January

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Property**
  - Toilet Drains
  - ICC inspection Jan 21<sup>st</sup>
    - Fire door repaired
  - Leak in ladies toilets repaired
  - Mens urinal scrubbed
  - Inside systems to quote for ventilation system

- **House**
- **Bar**
- **Masonic Lodge**
  - Lease Re-signing, in progress
- **Membership Club Promotion:**
  - Learners lessons
    - Committee to do maildrops in their areas if they can
    - Put on Facebook local community pages (Invers, Otatara etc)
- **Computer:**
  - New computer now up and running
- **Constitution Sub-committee – 2025 Greg. Tony and Jane**

#### **ACTION ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Update</b>
Lessons with Moss	Greg	Monday Nights
Leaners Lessons	Tony	Mail drop to be arranged
2025 Improver Classes	Tash	6pm on a Tuesday before Bridge
Fire Drill	Grant	Next drill 12 June 2025
Private Car Park Sign	Grant	To be erected in the Car Park
Dealing Machine	?	Needs Serviced (software download?)
Ventilation Fans	Grant	Quote x inside Systems to get
Drains	Grant	To be checked by camera
Shelves for Office	Grant	\$1410 Moved Grant Seconded Kate
Renaming of series 2026	Tony	Using Life members names
Constitution	Greg/Jane	To get skeleton draft x Otago Bridge
Swiss Pairs 2026	Pauline	Letter to NZB – change to 3 <sup>rd</sup> week Jan
Masons	Greg	Use of Bar – two more names req

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Masons – Heat Pump Invoice
- Life Membership – Constitution change @ AGM to adopt
- **TEAMS:** Proposal x Winton Club, combine competition on Wed evening
  - Suggested Wed night Winton come in and maybe add Gore?

Meeting concluded at 8.35 pm Next meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

Signature: M White

Date: 19/3/25

(Invercargill Bridge Club President)

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**Match Committee Notes**  
**Monday, 10 February 2025, at 6.30 pm**

**Present:** Judith Lawton (Convenor), Tony Winters, Greg Buzzard, Jan Brown, Geoff Eyles, Jill McMeeking and Jane Carroll.

**Apologies:** Nil, as all were present.

**Avenal Park Swiss Pairs**

**Tournament:** Arrangements in hand.  
Director confirmed – Craig Rodgers (Jane C will bring Craig's lunch)  
Scorer – Craig and Jan and Geoff if he is playing.  
Prizes to be \$60, \$50, \$30 (dependent on sections/numbers).  
Judith is to follow-up with the sponsor.

**Masonic Lodge Tournament:**

Director – Moss to be asked; in the event he is unavailable, Marilyn to be asked.  
Match Committee meeting to be held prior to this tournament, so nothing further at this time.

**Online Teams (NZ Bridge):**

Recommendation from the Committee is not to promote this, given it is competing with our own Club night competitions. Judith undertook to follow-up and see if they could be run on another night.

**Whitcombe & Tombs and Doris Hannan Series:**

Complaints via word of mouth have been received about the proposed format. Noted irrespective of the time of year, the series has not been well supported.

**Recommendation:** This year the competition format provide for players to play with four different partners for the series, but there is to be no restrictions on whether they have played with that partner before. To remain a handicapped series, as we are encouraging Silver Reserve players to play up.

**Directors:** Not many qualified directors, and use of non-qualified directions on tournaments discussed. Agreed we need to encourage those who are Directing to sit the exam. Greg is interested. Urge people to take advantage of the information/support/training available via NZ Bridge.

**Formal Complaint re Player:**

The complaint laid by a Director about a Silver Reserve player's behaviour on a recent Tuesday night was read to the meeting. Noted that Tony Winters as President had spoken to the person concerned directly about this at the first opportunity, and directed that they apologise to the Director. The club is aware that, to date, that apology has not been received, but the behaviour has improved. This matter to be referred to the Recorder (Tony Winter will do). Pattern of behaviour is concerning, and to be watched.

**Non-playing Scorers for 10A and Above:**

Noted the requirement of NZ Bridge is that a non-playing Scorer is required to be provided for these tournaments. We did not do that last time – scoring was shared. Not sure what the concerns are around this. Would limit our table numbers if our scorers cannot play. Judith to follow-up with NZ Bridge.

**TWIG:** Gore club is hosting this year. Geoff Eyles to follow-up with information to support them.

**Murihiku Tournament:**

S Strang to be approached re availability to be the Director for this tournament.

**Silver Reserve Handicaps:*****Recommendation:***

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**Silver Reserve Blockage:**

To be discussed in full at April meeting dedicated to this situation.

Eunice Hewton Cup could be utilised as possible separate competition in this grade. Split off the division? Is it big enough? Further options considered – promotions to occur in October (away from the pressures of the end of the season – would have had 10 rounds of pairs – definitely do'able).

To consider not allowing those who are effectively “Silver Players playing in Silver Reserve” to be allowed to play with Silver players in mixed competitions.

To ensure that the handicaps applied to those who have declined promotion are not advantaging them when they play in club handicapped tournaments.

To encourage ideas to come forward from the club for consideration.

All these matters to be raised at the April meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, 10 March 2025, at 6.30 pm.

**Closure:** The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.