

Hi All

Welcome to the last newsletter prior to the Wednesday, 8 November annual meeting.

Committee Positions for 2024

We have some committee positions available for the forthcoming year, including Vice President, Junior Vice President and the busy role of secretary as Cheryl has chosen not to stay on in the role. The secretary position is one that attracts an honoraria.

Thanks for your efforts over the years Cheryl, they are appreciated.

We really need some more people from the Silver Reserve night to represent the members, with likely promotions there is only one nomination from this night. I am also keen that we have someone from Silver Reserve on the match committee.

Please, please, please give some thought to putting something back into the Club.

Tournaments in Our Region in November include:

Friday, 10 November – Winton NZ Wide pairs - 7.30pm

Saturday, 11 November – Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs

3 December – Otago, Nina Hewitt Xmas Pairs 3A

We alternate the hosting of the NZ Wide pairs with Winton, it's their turn this year. A booklet on how to bid and play the hands is provided to all entrants which is a great learning opportunity, the cost is only \$10.

Entries close for our 5A Swiss pairs on 8 November. We have 11 tables already, so **enter on line** for a good day out.

Series and Tournament Winners

A reminder that Silver Reserve players finishing first or second in a series are welcome to play a series in Silver on a Monday night.

Congratulations to recent series winners.

Regent Pairs Silver Reserve

Jane Carroll and Richard Beauchamp with 57.05%, second Karen du Mez and Eleanor Rudolph 54.71%, third Joyce Grieving and Dianne Murray 54.38%

Wellesley Pairs Silver

Geoff Eyles and Jeff Elton with 54.58%, second Sue Wheelan and Tash Lundin with 52.93%. No third pair achieved 50% with players being away at the NZ Congress.

Cargill Pairs Wednesday

Sandra Russell and Dianne Evans with 63.96%, second Jill McMeeking and Kay Shand 58.17%, third Jo Smith and Lyn Gutsell 54.96%

TWIG (Te Anau, Winton, Invercargill and Gore all grades interclub).

With some disappointment this positive Southland initiative was called off when Te Anau could not field a team. It is being rescheduled for August 2024.

Whitcombe and Tombs series criteria

There seems to be some confusion on the criteria here. Here's the repeat information in last months newsletter. You can play with Silver or Silver Reserve partners.

Players can play with any number of partners from one to four (but not your pairs partner nor someone you've already played a Monday or Tuesday series with). A reminder this is a handicap event and Silver Reserve players are eligible to play in the Whitcombe and Tombs competition (Monday nights).

Championship Teams and Mixed Teams Winners

Congratulations to the Open Teams winners the Sommerville team comprising regulars - Anne Somerville, Kay Shand, Yvonne Hughes and Geoff Eyles and the Mixed Teams winners the Brown team who went through the competition unbeaten comprising regulars - Jan Brown, Yvonne Hughes, Jane Carroll and Vivienne Axon.

Tournaments winners in our region

Otago Southland Congress Pairs – second was Marilyn Jackson and partner from Oamaru

Otago Southland Congress Open Teams – second were Moss Wylie and Greg Buzzard and team mates from Timaru

Otago Southland Congress Intermediate Teams – winners were Judith Lawton and team mates from Central Otago

Congratulations to Tash Lundin and Marilyn Jackson

Well done Tash on being our latest **NZ Congress title holder** in taking out the double of the Junior Pairs and Junior Teams at the Congress in Tauranga.

Also Marilyn for winning the **Cormack Cup** for being the top finishing all women's team in NZ Teams. This is the second time Marilyn has won the title previously with Anne Cosgrove and the late Lorraine Oliver

Where's Mossy

After an eventful overnight tramp with fellow club member Kevin Skoropada all was well that ended well.

Catch up on the lengths Moss went to to get away from playing the OS Congress with me!

[Exhausted tramper found in Southland | Otago Daily Times Online News \(odt.co.nz\)](https://www.odt.co.nz/news/southland/2023/08/28/exhausted-tramper-found-southland)

Good bridging everyone and a final plea for some **more Silver Reserve members on the committee.**

Greg Buzzard

President