

Here is an update for members for the month of September:

Date changes and other Tournaments:

- **Mixed Teams deferred night:** This session, which was cancelled last week, is being rescheduled to Thursday, 16 October 2025, instead of Goulash bridge. Team captains are asked to contact their members and ensure they can play/replacement players are arranged in plenty of time.
- **E Hayes & Sons (Handicapped/Fun/Club) Tournament** is scheduled for 7.30 pm on Saturday, 27 September 2025. Table fees of \$5.00 per player, and a plate per partnership. Let's have a great turnout for this handicapped tournament - all welcome. If you are having trouble/unsure if you have a partner, please use the Silver or Silver Reserve Messenger lists to let people know you are available. Or contact a Committee member for assistance.
- **Loveblock NZ-wide Pairs event:** This event is being hosted by the Winton Club this year on Friday, 17 October 2025. Entries can be made on the NZ Bridge website. These are always challenging hands, that everyone in New Zealand plays at the same time, with prizes for the top local winners.
- **Foveaux Communications (Handicapped/Fun/Club) Tournament** is now scheduled for Saturday night, 18 October 2025, at 7.30 pm. \$5.00 table fees and a plate per partnership. Another fun tournament that is open to all members, and it would be great to have a good turnout for our sponsors. There is nothing like a full room of bridge players!
- **Rowena Jackson Swiss 5A Swiss Pairs event:** This is scheduled for Saturday, 1 November 2025, starting at 10.00 am (morning tea available from 9.30 am). This is a full day tournament, bring your own lunch. Entries can be made on the NZ Bridge website, or contact Jan Brown, who can assist.

Recent Results:

Bayleys Southland Real Estate Intermediate Pairs event:

- 1 - Graham Dale and Deirdre Glover
- 2 - Pam McLeod and Keith Brinkworth
- 3 - Carole Bee and Susan Burke.

Bayleys Southland Real Estate Junior Pairs event:

- 1 - Larissa McKenna and Helen Price
- 2 - Gayle Ross and Margaret Robinson
- 3 - Cheryl Foley and Jan Bramley

Congratulations to all placegetters.

Congratulations to Harry Shepherd and Kevin Skoropada who, along with their team mates, finished third at the recent Coffs Harbour tournament in Australia.

Recent South Island Teams Results - congratulations to Moss Wylie and Greg Buzzard on finishing third in this event.

Central Otago Teams - Moss Wylie and Bruce Batchelor were part of the winning team, and Kevin Skoropada was a member of the runner-up team. Congratulations!

Central Otago Pairs - Kevin Skoropada won this event with Brad Johnston, and Debbie Cooper and Tony Winters finished third - again congratulations.

Promotions 2025

Following the meeting held on 12 August 2025, all 18 members who had previously (at any time in the past) been offered promotion, were again offered promotion for 2026. Of the 18, 11 attended the meeting. Another 9 people also attended and expressed an interest in promotion to Silver. Some have accepted, and some have declined the offer.

After the meeting held in April, the Committee decided to address Promotions earlier than in previous years. As a result, the following have accepted promotion to the Silver Division for 2026:

Emma Horsburgh, Helen Wilhelm, Mary McIntosh, Lynn Mouat, Megan Dowd, Robyn Boylan, Patricia Dunne

Four other players are still considering this opportunity. In addition:, Cathy Flawn, Pauline Todd, Janet Ellis, have applied for promotion and those applications have been accepted.

The following members have declined promotion for 2026, or are moving out of Invercargill, and will remain in the Silver Reserve division: Brigid More, Neil Rodger, Marie Chilton, Dianne Murray, Richard McMillan, Debbie Lambeth, Karen du Mez, Anne Wards, Dianne Hayward, Margaret Hogan, Margi Christiansen, Chris McDonald

TWIG (Te Anau, Winton, Invercargill, Gore) Teams

The inaugural TWIG inter-club teams is about to commence. Games will be played as follows:

Wednesday, 24 September 2025, at the Winton Club at 7.00 pm

Wednesday, 22 October 2025, at the Gore Club at 7.00 pm

Wednesday, 26 November 2025, at Invercargill at 7.00 pm

There are four teams entered - one from Invercargill (comprising Karen Palmer-Hall, Diana Eeasson, Debbie Cooper and Tony Winters), another from Gore, and two teams from Winton.

Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the club is scheduled for Wednesday, 5 November 2025, at 7.30 pm. Why not consider whether you can make a contribution to the running of the club in 2026.

To paraphrase a famous quote from 1914 - WE NEED YOU!!!

There are two vacancies on the committee for 2026 and we desperately need to fill them.

Charity Tournament Feb 2026 - please email in your suggestions for the recipient for our Charity Tournament in Feb 2026 so it can be added to the 2026 programme book, thanks

Good bridge everyone! Tony Winters, **President**

