



APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

2024 Otago Southland Interprovincial Teams

Entries are now open for Pairs who wish to be considered for selection for the 2024 Otago Southland Interprovincial Teams. More information on the Tournaments board and on line.

Mid South Island Interclub Teams

Oamaru has done well the last few years (a first and a second) and we are now calling for expressions of interest in representing the Club at the next round in Ashburton on 7 July. A list is up on the Tournaments board for Juniors, Intermediate and Open - please enter as a pair. Depending on the level of interest will depend on how we finalise who will go

Voucher System for Paying Table Money

This is going very well. Note that sales will soon only be from the bar; and please do not write on the vouchers as we are recycling them.

Partner Finders

If you can't find a partner then call the partner finder for the relevant playing session. Their names and numbers are on the front of the Programme.

Friday Bidding Rules

There may still be confusion around the bidding allowed, and not allowed, on a Friday. Bearing in mind that we want to keep it simple so everyone from the very experienced to the less so can enjoy a convivial game of bridge.

Basic Acol is permitted as follows:

- 12-14 1NT
- Stayman
- transfers over 1NT
- weak or strong two's (if you are not sure what the opponent is playing ask)
- 1C can be short if opening with 5 card majors and this must be indicated by your partner when you call 1C

In addition we allow basic Precision bidding - and ask those players who play Precision to explain each of their bids to anyone who might not understand, even if not asked.

We also ask that you do not double beginners - this will apply once the learners join us.

And for the less experienced remember you are entitled to ask about every bid -don't be shy in doing so (keeps the more experienced on their toes).

Regards
Alison
Secretary