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- Left click on 'PROGRAMME' for 2018 programme.
- Left click on 'RESULTS' for the results.

RESULTS will show the ladders and rounds with their scores of the days when the competitions were played.

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EDITORIAL

Hello fellow members!

So here we go again with Newsletter No 3!

How are you enjoying Oamaru's new vitality? For example, the successful Observatory Village, the Steampunk Festival, the Harbour development and even the possibility of a Zipline!!! Should I try to organise reduced rates for our Senior Citizens?!!

I hope you can come to the next Bridge Social on Friday 29th June (THAI FOOD!!). Bring your answers from the Puzzle Pages - you might win a prize!!

Finally, a huge thanks to Nicola for all her time and effort putting this newsletter together.

See you soon, Peter.

Peter Mountain

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

All very exciting isn't it?!

A new kitchen, a new ramp, thriving teams events (thanks to Jean who puts a lot of work in), new roles in the club (*please see article about Recorders*) and we might even get the men's loo and the bar re-decorated in the not too distant future. Any volunteers?

I have been in touch with the council trying to get another disability car park, but so far I have had no luck.

My congratulations to Theo and Darrell for being selected to represent Otago/Southland in the Inter-Regionals to be held in Auckland in November. Also my congratulations to Junelle and Margie for winning two tournaments recently. Firstly, the wonderful RDA tournament which we all enjoyed, and secondly, the Intermediate section of the Temuka Tournament. Well done to all four of you.

Finally, welcome to all our new members and I look forward to meeting you on Friday afternoons.

So I think the club is in great shape and moving forward well.

Happy bridging,

Frances.



Frances Sheehy

FROM A DIRECTOR'S POINT OF VIEW



In our club we don't have paid directors, except during tournaments. This means that our directors are players, timekeepers and problem solvers all at the same time.

On a Tuesday we are lucky as we have more directors playing. If there is a call, if possible, somebody else can take the call. The director in charge can then concentrate on his/her own hand.

Thursday and Friday the problem is not so big as well.

Monday is a day that we need more people capable of directing and we are working towards that. If you feel like doing some directing contact the committee or me.

My problem is that, during play when I am called away, I will lose concentration and find it difficult, when I come back to my table, to return to the right line of thinking and playing.

My problems (as a director) that I/we have to attend are:-

1. *People leading out of turn, revoking etc.*
2. *Sometimes a call might get into my brain and if it is something I was thinking of in my own play I miss the intention of the call.*

Problem 1: If you start the game, make sure that you know who has the contract. and play accordingly:- if no lead out of turn then no “penalties”.

e.g. I pulled the wrong card out and put it on the table, saw the mistake and corrected it with the right card. The card played became a penalty card (Ace Diamonds), declarer played another trump and with no trumps in my hand I had to play the Ace. Contract made, otherwise 1 light.

Problem 2: I was called to a table and a player had made a sound that indicated a wrong answer. The call made was 4 Clubs. I went through some motions until I was made aware that the call was 4 Clubs (asking for aces). I was playing at that time and I was in the same situation at my own table and my brain was still working on that and I couldn't see the problem as it was.

These are 2 problems which I like to use to explain that directors like to have a good night's bridge without too many calls. If we as players can stay away from those mistakes then we, the directors, are happy. I make mistakes as well on all counts but I try to keep them to a minimum.

The director, when called to a table, is losing playing time and to be hurried to catch up is not nice. We have directors who are able to “switch on and off” and have no problems but I find it sometimes quite difficult.

If we can keep the errors to a minimum, we will all have a good time and more time to mull over the mistakes made in play and missed opportunities and more time to drink and socialise.

Happy bridge.

Theo

Theo Jordens

LEARNERS' CLASS– 2018

Congratulations to those who have got this far and we hope to welcome you as new members in the future.

I have handed out nomination forms to 10 people and will hopefully get them back in due course.

This year I am introducing the “TMI” card - “Too Much Information”. These have been successfully used in other clubs within New Zealand.



There will be two on the table, just like STOP cards - and the students are encouraged to raise one if they are finding it all too much.

If a Learner raises a TMI card – It means they are getting overloaded with information. As soon as one is raised, please stop talking to the student about bridge. It gives the new player a shield to hide behind.

Sometimes current members don't like to say anything if they see learners being given too much information. So they too can use the TMI card to end the advice .

When dealing with a New Player, please be mindful of all the stuff they have already learnt, instead of the things they have forgotten or got wrong.

Be positive in your comments to them.

Don't worry if they don't use the stop card.

Don't worry if they don't announce their 1NT or 1C

Don't say anything if they get it wrong, unless they ask.

If you need to call the Director, please do so in a pleasant manner.

As always, we are continuing on, at 10.30am on Friday mornings, with a recap of lessons and a forum where we can practise boards and talk about them. All newer players are welcome, and if you think you want to come and don't know if it is for you, please ask me.

Cheers,

Jan Davidson

Jan Davidson



BRIDGE TIPS

1. You **CAN** open 1NT with a **5 Card Minor** but remember, NO SINGLETON and only ONE DOUBLETON.
(Pse see Green Book pg 17)
2. If your partner opens 1 Spade and your suit is Hearts, **you MUST have at least 5 Hearts to reply 2H.**
3. Honours required for Pre-emptive Bids
Weak 2's - 2 of TOP 4 Honours (Pse see Green Bk Pg 34)
Weak 3's - Majors - 2/3 of Top 4 Honours
 - Minors - 2 of Top 3 Honours
(Particularly important if you are VULNERABLE)
4. To overcall your opponent with 1NT, **you MUST have 16-18 HCP +2 STOPS in opponent's suit.**
(Pse see Green Bk Pg 27)
5. If your opponent opens 1NT, **you MUST have 16+ HCP to double.** (Pse see Green Bk pg 53)

6.

Opener	Partner	Means
1C	2C	6 or 7 HCP + 4 CLUBS & NO 4 CARD MAJOR
1C	1NT	8 or 9 HCP + 4 CLUBS & NO 4 CARD MAJOR
1D	2D	6 or 7 HCP + 4 DIAMONDS & NO 4 CARD MAJOR
1D	1NT	8 or 9 HCP + 3/4 DIAMONDS & NO 4 CARD MAJOR

Please do not hesitate to ask me or call me about any queries that you may need help with.

Good Bridge,
Frances

Frances Sheehy

CLUB RECORDERS



The Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of 4 Club Recorders, namely:- ELFY MITCHELL, BOB WILSON, AVON CALDWELL and CATHY SCOTT.

The Role of a Recorder

Any member who feels another player's conduct is unethical but does not feel the incident warrants a written complaint, can report it to a Recorder.

The Recorder will investigate the issue and may speak directly to the person(s) concerned to rectify the matter. Repeated offences should be reported to the Club Committee.

So if anyone ever has an issue they are not happy with, please contact one of our Recorders.

OUR FAMOUS VOLUNTEER!



CONGRATULATIONS TO JEAN TISDALL!

Jean was nominated as NZ Bridge's Volunteer of the Month of May.

We all benefit from Jean's hard work as she organises our teams' events, sorts out the new programme for the year, helps Bronze players with their partners for the year and does numerous other jobs around the Club.

Well done and many thanks Jean!

OUR NEW RAMP!



PUZZLE PAGES!

Peter's Bridge Search with a difference!

4	G	R	A	N	D	S	L	A	M	N	M
Z	N	R	N	R	P	X	E	S	4	H	O
R	S	T	E	A	E	B	A	N	G	E	R
E	E	L	2	C	M	V	D	U	V	A	E
F	C	L	U	B	O	Y	O	I	O	R	R
S	R	3	J	I	J	R	A	K	S	T	U
N	E	N	L	D	O	P	D	T	E	S	S
A	T	T	P	B	5	C	N	E	S	X	A
R	A	F	R	M	L	H	I	5	R	6	E
T	R	A	C	U	E	C	A	R	D	S	R
Q	Y	W	B	D	M	W	7	N	T	O	T
U	P	R	E	E	M	P	T	I	V	E	P

How many Bridge Words/Bids can you find out of a possible 28?

Write your answers below:-

QUIZ

1. The most common contract in bridge is 3NT.
 - a. What are the next 5 most common contracts?

 - b. What is the least common contract? _____
2. What is the probability that a random bridge deal will contain a singleton or a void in at least 1 Hand?

☐ A: 37% ☐ B. 58% ☐ C. 79%

PRIZES

at the THAI Social
on Friday 22nd June.

Please bring your
answers to these
puzzle pages.

Have fun!





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2018 DIARY DATES

Fri	29 June	Friday Social (Thai Food) after Bridge
Sun	24 June	Mid S/I Inter Club Teams Timaru
Sun	1 July	Oamaru All Grades
Sat	28 July	Taieri Graded Pairs
Sun	5 Aug	Otago Swiss Pairs
Sat	11 Aug	Geraldine All Grades
Sun	12 Aug	East Otago Bridge
Sun	19 Aug	Oamaru Jun/Int Pairs
Sun	9 Sep	Waimate All Grades
Sun	16 Sep	Balclutha Open Pairs
Fri	21 Sep	Friday Social after Bridge
Sun	23 Sep	Cancer Charity Tournament
Sat	29 Sep	NZ Congress starts
Sat/Sun	20/21 Oct	O/S Congress Alexander/Clyde
Fri	2 Nov	NZ Wide Pairs
Thurs	29 Nov	7pm AGM & Prizegiving
Sun	9 Dec	Otago Christmas Pairs
Fri	15 Dec	Christmas Pairs

2019 DIARY DATES

Fri/Sat	4/5 Jan	Alexandra Holiday Pairs
Sun	6 Jan	Kurow Tournament
Sat	19 Jan	O/S Swiss Pairs Invercargill
Sun	24 Feb	Geraldine All Grades
Sun	10 Mar	Oamaru Open Pairs
Sun	14 Apr	Waimate All Grades
Sat	27 Apr	Wanaka Open Pairs



AGM Prize Winners



Christmas Pairs •



Christmas Pairs Tea



Chinese Meal



Indian Meal



Trial Int Winners



RDA & Temukā Int Winners