



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

The Bridge year is now underway with the wine and cheese evening on Jan 14 being very successful. A reminder if you don't have a partner ask around when playing or contact the Partner Finder (details on front of Programme)

Betty Jameson

Sadly Betty is in hospital in Christchurch and does not know when she will be back to play. Please check your Programme and if scheduled to play with Betty seek another partner. We wish Betty a swift return to bridge.

Wednesday 29 January - 7pm - Bronze *Come Back to Bridge* Session

We will be running a refresher evening for all Bronze players who wish to come.

Monday 17 February - 7pm - Bridge Lessons Start

If you know anyone who wants to learn to play encourage them to come to the lessons. Cost is \$50 and further details on the flyers.

Saturday 8 March - Improvers Lesson by Shirley Newton - 10-12.30pm

Shirley is coming to our tournament and has kindly agreed to give an improvers lesson on 8 March from 10am to 12.30pm: cost \$5.

Sunday 9 March 2025 - Oamaru Open Pairs Tournament

This will be 9.30 for a 10am start and cost \$30. Put your name up on the board or register online.

Silver Champ Pairs - Seating

In response to concerns raised that the current way of seating players in the Silver Champ Pairs may not see the strongest players playing each other in the competition the Committee has decided that the Match Secretary will generate a seating plan for each round for the top eight pairs. All players will toss for seating (unless there are medical reasons why a pair should sit in a particular direction) including those pairs at the Reserved tables.

Correction to Programme - Tuesday 17 June - Champ Teams

For whatever reason the printer dropped the word *Teams* from this line; so to clarify this is a Teams event.

Bridge and Tournament News

We have decided to include a new section in the Newsletter on Bridge and Tournament News kindly written by Jane Windle and it is attached.

Regards
Alison
Secretary

Bridge and Tournament News – January 2025

Bridge for 2024 is now over and members of our club have had some remarkable achievements for the year. Most of you will know we had 3 representatives in the Otago/Southland region team for the Interprovincial competition held last November in Wellington. Frances and her team won the Senior's section. Kerry and Blair were in the Intermediate team and they came second overall. These were great results.

Periodically, NZ Bridge publish the latest ranking reports. These cover all players in NZ affiliated to NZ Bridge so include Oamaru Bridge Club members. In the **final ranking reports for 2024** Oamaru featured twice. **Kerry Kelly** was 17th in the Local Master Division and **Blair Corlet** just missed out on being in the top 20 in the same division. Bronze player **Chrissy Joyce** made the 19th spot in the Novice division with 3.81 B points. Also notable, is that some of our newest players were not far off making the Novice list achieving just under this total. Well done all.

I have agreed to assist Liz this year with the Tournament Secretary duties. We are going to try and promote tournament play for anyone interested.

CONSIDER PLAYING SOME TOURNAMENTS

Some of you may never have considered entering a tournament. Tournaments are fun, a good way of improving your bridge and also a means of meeting and socializing with other bridge players.

Upcoming tournaments in our regions are listed below and notes on how to enter online are at the bottom. If you do not have a computer and the tournament is not up on the board, I am happy to register your entry for you.

Tournament list to end March.

| Date | Event | Grade | Venue |
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| OTAGO/SOUTHLAND | | | |
| 22 February | Cromwell Int Pairs | Int 5B | Cromwell |
| 22 February | Cromwell Junior Pairs | Jnr 3B | Cromwell |
| 2 March | Taieri Open Pairs | Open 8B | Mosgiel |
| 9 MARCH | OAMARU OPEN PAIRS | OPEN 5A | OAMARU |
| 15 March | Invercargill Open Pairs | Open 8B | Invercargill |
| 22 March | Queenstown Open Pairs | Open 5A | Queenstown |

CANTERBURY

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| 9 February | Geraldine All Grades | Open 8B | Geraldine |
| 15 March | Ashburton Anniversary Pairs | Open 8B | Ashburton |
| 23 March | Rangiora All Grades | Open 5A | Rangiora |
| 29 March | S/C Congress Int Teams | Int 5B | Timaru |
| 29 March | S/C Congress Open Teams | Open 10A | Timaru |
| 30 March | S/C Congress Int Pairs | Int 5B | Timaru |
| 30 March | S/C Congress Open Pairs | Open 10A | Timaru |
| 30 March | S/C Congress Junior Pairs | Junior 3B | Timaru |

These can all be entered using the NZ Bridge site (note this is different from Bridge NZ). Anyone can access NZ Bridge, where there is so much information and items of interest. To enter a tournament, you need to Login using your email and password.

NZ Bridge/Tournaments/Upcoming tournaments/ Click on the event you wish to enter. Click the "Enter" box. Your name and NZ Bridge number will automatically populate the first box, enter your partners bridge number/name. Press ENTER. Both you and partner will receive an automatic email confirming your entry.

(If you are new to bridge first time users to the NZ Bridge site are required to input an access code. This is not their NZ Bridge player number. Our club Administrator for the site is Theo Jordens who will get

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your unique number generated. You will then receive an email detailing the Access Code with instructions on how to register. If you are struggling with this step please contact me so I can help/direct you.)

Each tournament will have a flyer attached giving starting time, venue, type of tournament etc and whether lunch is provided or not. Also includes cost and sometimes the format for the tournament. Most clubs accept online payment so the bank account number will be listed. When you pay online, you will receive an email during the following days to say your entry has been marked as paid. Any questions – give me a call or talk to me at the club

Happy Bridging for 2025
Jane Windle
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