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- Left click on first item 'Oamaru Bridge Club : Home'.
- Left click on 'PROGRAMME' for 2017 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.
- Follow the red links on the RESULTS page to see other data including the hands and contracts bid and whether contracts were made or not.

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EDITORIAL

Hello fellow members!

So here we go again with Newsletter No 2 and I am particularly grateful to Eunice for allowing us to include the lovely story about her wonderful achievement in 1976 (see “Hidden Talent” later). My thanks also to Jan and Frances for their contributions.

Please contact me if you have any news, photos, ideas or articles that might be included in the next edition and don't be frightened to “Dob In” your friend who has a “Hidden Talent”!

Roll on Summer! See you soon, Peter.

Peter Mountain

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

GROW YOUR GAME

Just a few notes for the impressive number of learners that graduated in 2017.

STICK WITH IT: I appreciate it is pretty challenging to play in the big hall but you just have to see your way through it as we all had to.

It is difficult but

PLAY REGULARLY: Not only within your Grade but on Thursday nights and Friday afternoons to get some exposure to top players.

PARTNER COMPATIBILITY: This will take time but long term you need to develop player experiences. Peter Mountain and Gonny Muldrew are a notable and recent pairing and recorded a recent 75.4% achievement in the Champ Pairs Competition – outstanding.

PLAY TOURNAMENTS: These are graded to take into account experience. Ronald LeongSon (with Klaus Steiner) recorded a third placing in the recent Oamaru Tournament. Pretty good for a first year player.

AFTER MATCH FUNCTIONS: This is a great forum to discuss the hands you played with the aid of the individual hand print-outs – and perhaps enjoy a drink from the bar!

IMPROVERS' CLASSES: Conducted by Frances Sheehy, are brilliant for building on Jan's initial training.

O. D. T. BRIDGE COLUMN: A correspondent relates plays of the cards from recent events. They are well worth reading and written every second Tuesday (most recent 11 July). They give a good insight into top Bridge Plays.

LIBRARY: We have a well stocked library covering all systems of bidding and demonstrating plays etc (see Peter Simpson).

Your continued membership is important to the Club and there are mentors like Jan, Peter Mountain and myself available to get you through the rough patches.

LOTTO

In the interim we have reduced the Lotto Draws to two per month and coinciding with Champ Pairs and Teams nights. We have confirmed ten draws concluding in August and raising \$400.00. Thereafter to be reviewed by the Committee and subject to a suitable cause to distribute funds.

Ian Williams



DIRECTORS' NEWS-WHO DOES WHAT?

Have you ever wondered what the initials on the Directors' Roster are for? Did you know the Directors' Roster is on the tiny notice board between the main door and the kitchen...

- D** This is the Director for the night. Their duties are to set up and run the room for the night. Including going to Director calls and reading out the results.
- SD** Support Director. They should check the set up of the room before play commences.
- AD** Assistant Director. They should make themselves known to the Director at the beginning of the night. They should collect all the boards at the end of play and put them in the appropriate cupboard. If teams night, they should liaise with Jean Tisdall about whether it is appropriate to put spare tables and the Board numbers on those tables away.

All Directors should answer calls in the room if they are free.

All Players are responsible for getting their own rubbish bins and making sure the bins are emptied at the end of the night. Each table top should be tidy, and chairs pushed in. Check the Supper Roster and Directing Roster as you walk into the room, on the whiteboard straight in front of the main door.

New Rules come into play on 1st August. We are trying to update our directors generally. Many thanks to John Sheehy for coming to Oamaru twice to help us. The next newsletter will have a summary of the changes...

Jan Davidson



Cake Maker Jazmin Davidson
& John Sheehy at the
recent New Rules Session.

TEACHER'S NOTES *by Jan Davidson*

Congratulations to all who have joined the Club !!! YAY to boost the numbers!

Our next job is to make the place welcoming and inclusive and not scary. This includes every person who comes in contact with them.

Our new members are constantly learning stuff that wasn't taught in class – dummy makes the supper, go to the loo when you are dummy, don't have your phone on, what their computer number is, tidy bins away after play, where the boards go, which way to move round the room, which way is North.

I cannot teach them everything.

Please wear your name tags, as we have issued our newest members with theirs.

Even if I have taught it they may have forgotten it, and that's ok.

They can not process everything at once...

Does it really matter if for the first wee while we all just quietly make things easy for THEM.

The noise levels will rise as there are many new people getting to know each other. Be tolerant. Does it really matter?

Please remember, we were all there once, and we want them to enjoy the game, and to become addicted – it is the only way our club will survive and thrive.

Monday nights will take a little time to get fully up to speed, remember how you felt when you first came out into the room. BE PATIENT. They will get quicker, playing with quicker playing people.



Seen in a recent magazine

They have their Cheat Sheets with them, they are welcome to use them for as long as they need to, to feel comfortable.

Please respect the system they have been taught.

1NT 12-14 HCP

4 Card majors

Weak 2's 2 D, 2H and 2S – 6 card suit – and 6-10 HCP

2C 20+ HCP – Game Force
(GF – keep bidding to game)

2NT 20-22 HCP

If you are not comfortable playing this – please don't offer to play with them.

DO NOT TEACH THEM YOUR SYSTEM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017 GRADUATES!

Jazmin Davidson

Helen Beckingsale

Joan Gally-McLellan

Sue Gardner

Jimmy Grant

Scott Greenland

Ronald LeongSon

Anne Ludemann

Abbey Mabon

Jane Naish

Chris Nowell

Sandra Samson

Judy Simpson

Cornel Van Basten

Derick Van Basten Jnr

Derick Van Basten Snr

Handre Van Basten

Lei Xia

WELCOME TO OUR REJOINERS

Janie Milan

Lorraine & George Lee

BRIDGE TIPS *by Frances Sheehy*

TRANSFERS

Transfers are bids in response to your partner's bid of 1NT or 2NT. Transfers are especially useful when partner is weak so that the opener (with the stronger hand) becomes declarer rather than dummy if a weak takeout is used.

How to use transfers

In response to 1NT opening:-

1. With a weak hand

A With 5+ Hearts, responder bids 2D which is a transfer to Hearts.
Opener **MUST** bid 2H.

B With 5+ Spades, responder bids 2H which is a transfer to Spades.
Opener **MUST** bid 2S.

C With 6+ Clubs or Diamonds, responder bids 2S which is a transfer to Clubs. Opener **MUST** bid 3C and responder passes or converts to 3D.

2. With 10-12 HCP (Invitational)

Responder can bid again eg over 2S, with 6+ Spades, bid 3S
or with 5 Spades, bid 2NT

3. With 13+ HCP (Game Hand)

Responder can jump eg over 2S, with 6+ Spades, bid 4S
or with 5 Spades, bid 3NT

In response to 2NT opening(20-22 HCP):-

Bid 3D, transfer to Hearts

3H, transfer to Spades

Interference

If opponents Double or Overcall your 1NT opening bid, then Transfers are **NOT APPLICABLE**.

Alerts

When making a transfer bid, the Opener must alert the opposition by the usual circling of the partner's bid.

Happy Bridging.

HIDDEN TALENT

In the Bridge Club, we fondly know Eunice Muldrew for her youthful sprightliness, her delicious homemade teas and, more recently, her new iPhone!

But in 1976, Eunice became “Nationally” known for another of her many talents.

In those days Eunice and her husband Ian, were sheep farmers in Five Forks and they had a small flock of coloured sheep whose wool Eunice used for spinning and knitting sweaters. She became well known for her lovely Fair Isle lightweight sweaters and on 28th May 1976, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wrote to Eunice with a very special request. They asked if she would knit two sweaters for the King of Sweden and his bride as a wedding present from the New Zealand government!!

The letter included their measurements so Eunice duly knitted two beautiful Fair Isle sweaters which took her 250 hours.

Isn't that fantastic? Well done Eunice!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRIZE WINNERS!

Waimate All Grades in March

- ◆ Frances Sheehy & Carol Whitney (3rd in Open Grade)
 - ◆ Grania McKenzie & Jane Neave (Winners of Intermediate Grade)
 - ◆ Jenny Addy & Jean Tisdall (3rd in Intermediate Grade)
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N/O Asthma Society Tournament Winners in May

- ◆ Edna Adamson & Jean Tisdall
 - ◆ Arthur Ruffell & Klaus Steiner
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Mid S/I Interclub Teams in June

- ◆ Oamaru Club Team for coming 3rd
- Special Congratulations to the Intermediate Pairs
- ◆ Elfy, Bill, Ian & Peter Simpson who won every session
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The Llew & Lynda Roberts Memorial Cup in June

- ◆ Ronald LeongSon (Winner)
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Oamaru All Grades in July

- ◆ Theo Jordens & Darrell Sidon (2nd in Division 2)
 - ◆ Ian Williams & Peter Simpson (3rd in Division 2)
 - ◆ Grania McKenzie & Jane Neave (1st in Division 3 & 4th Overall)
 - ◆ Alice Foley & Margaret Anderson (3rd in Division 3)
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Geraldine Save the Children Tournament in July

- ◆ Liz Drew & Junelle Edmonds (1st as E/W)
 - ◆ Aileen King & Gonny Muldrew (2nd as N/S)
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2017 DIARY DATES

Sat	12 Aug	Geraldine All Grades
Sun	13 Aug	*Oamaru Jun/Int Pairs
Sun	10 Sep	Waimate All Grades
Sat	16 Sep	Wanaka Int/Jun Pairs
Fri	13 Oct	Fun Friday (Chinese Meal)
Sat/Sun/Mon	21-23 Oct	O/S Congress Queenstown
Fri	3 Nov	NZ Wide Pairs
Thursday	30 Nov	AGM & Prizegiving
Fri	15 Dec	Christmas Pairs

2018 DIARY DATES

Fri/Sat	5/6 Jan	Alexandra Holiday Pairs
Sun	7 Jan	Kurow Tournament
Sat	20 Jan	O/S Regional Swiss Pairs (Invercargill)
Sat	3 Feb	Timaru All Grades
Sun	4 Feb	Otago Festival Pairs
Sun	25 Feb	Geraldine All Grades
Sun	11 Mar	*Oamaru Open Pairs
Sat	24 Mar	Ashburton Anniversary Pairs
Sat	7 Apr	Cromwell Open Pairs
Sun	8 Apr	Cromwell Open Teams
Sun	15 Apr	Waimate All Grades
Sat	21 Apr	Alexandra All Grades
Sun	29 Apr	Otago Junior Pairs
Sat	5 May	Wanaka Open Pairs

*Help in the kitchen and Raffle Prizes would be much appreciated - please contact Liz Drew (Tournament Secretary).



WAIMATE PRIZEWINNERS



FISH & CHIP FRIDAY



IMPROVERS' CLASS



ANZAC DAY



N/O ASTHMA SOCIETY WINNERS



N/O ASTHMA SOCIETY WINNERS



MID SOUTH ISLAND INTERCLUB TEAM



**THE LLEW & LYNDA ROBERTS
MEMORIAL CUP WINNER**



PIZZA PARTY



OAMARU ALL GRADES PRIZEWINNERS