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- Left click on 'PROGRAMME' for 2019 programme.
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EDITORIAL

Hello fellow members!

So here's No 4! My thanks to Theo, Dennis, Margie, Frances and Maria Godfrey for their contributions and to Nicola and Robin & Peter (from Brackens) for their time formatting and producing this Newsletter.

My congratulations and best wishes to Brian and I hope he will visit us from time to time (Friday afternoons maybe).

See you soon, Peter.

- PS
1. Where did the ACOL system get its name?
 2. Who knows the origins of Double Dutch?
No it's not Theo and Els!!

OAMARU ALL GRADES

Another successful tournament - well organised by Liz and calmly directed by John Sheehy with great food provided by Roz and her team and heaps of goodies for a well-run raffle by Jean.

Many thanks to all who came especially those who travelled from out of town. We had competitors from as far as Christchurch and Dunedin areas and filled 20 tables.

Brad and Matt from Otago won the tournament with 67%, 2nd were Paula and Michael from Timaru and taking out the Bronze medal were Theo and Darrell.

A fun day for all! Hope to see you again next year!



I ONLY PLAY BRIDGE ON DAYS THAT END IN "Y"

MESSAGE FROM MR PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for putting their trust in me to have a second term as President of the Oamaru Bridge Club. We are working hard to make it a club where everybody feels welcome and happy to play a game (or 2 or 3) of bridge. With a few fresh faces, we are doing our best to make everybody happy.

Everybody is different. This can be as a bridge player or not, but whatever, we should accept each other the way we are and respect what and where we stand for. Everybody has an opinion and that should be respected even if it is not yours.

We are reviewing our constitution and Alison Brown has put in a lot of work towards this and at the AGM this will be put to the vote. Before that you will be able to read the new one.

We have started to use the scoring program for scoring the teams. This has been a BIG learning curve for the club and we still have a few issues to work through but in the end we will get there. We are keeping the score sheets on the tables until we are completely confident that we do it right.

We are in need of more directors. We had 5 people going through a few classes to bring them up to speed with the basics but we need more of them and it would be good if people want to sit their exam.

We have only 3 qualified directors at the end of the year and the load will get too much for us to do all the directing on a Tuesday and a Thursday. The way the directing has been set up has been well received by the directors and we will continue doing so.

Thanks to Dennis for the set-up.

Klaus is doing quite a bit of directing on Mondays, thank you.

We would like to see more bronze players taking up directing to relieve Klaus, Shirley and Raylene.

Talk to me or one of the other directors. The club pays for the exam so that can't hold you back. Information and support will be provided.

This year the Asthma Charity Tournament was a great success. We had 22 tables which is a record as long as I have been playing for a charity tournament. Gladys Youngman had organized this and the proceeds were staggering. I like to thank Gladys for organizing it, Jan for the directing and everybody who played and all who helped. The charity in the New Zealand people is something that always gets to me, even after living here for 29+ years. Well done Oamaru Bridge Club.

I wish you all a happy bridge year or half of it. The year is flying by. Time flies when you have fun.

See you in the Clubrooms.

Theo Jordens



GOODBYE “MR REDOUBLE”!

Yes we know “Mr Chips” but who is “Mr Redouble”?

You know him as Brian Papps who, in the 1970’s, wrote regular bridge articles for the Oamaru Mail under the “Nom de plume” of “Mr Redouble”!

So how did he get this name? Well back then, a 2C opener could be strong or it could be a “Psych” bid with few clubs and few points. One evening, Brian opened 2C which the opposition doubled and he then redoubled, which required his partner to bid. Unfortunately, his partner passed so the opposition took the first 12 tricks costing Brian 3400 points which is a dubious record that still stands today!!

In the early days, whilst Brian was a busy House Master at WBHS and a family man, he was also playing 1st Class Cricket and Bowls, representing North Otago in both sports and playing golf off a single handicap..

Brian joined the Oamaru Bridge Club in 1965 with fellow teacher Herb Colquhoun playing a system called Kaplan-Sheinwold. Over the years, Brian became a brilliant bridge player winning

22 Champ Pairs (Mostly with Gail)

22 Champ Teams titles

2 North Otago titles

Brian also taught bridge lessons, worked on the Committee and became the Club’s only Tournament Director. But above all, he is



very good to play with and a challenge to play against.

Brian has decided to move to Christchurch and will leave Oamaru at the end of the year.

He will be a great loss to the Club and sadly missed, as is Gail.

We wish him well for the future.

Dennis Norman

BE HAPPY

PLAY BRIDGE

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

I have been asked to write this as the Chairperson of the Educational Sub-Committee. Our aim is to foster education within our club around all aspects of bridge. It has been an interesting and steep learning curve for me and I have seen all the work that goes on behind the scenes. A big thank you to everyone for their help.

Learners

Jan and her helpers have worked hard teaching and encouraging our learners. This year there are nine new learners and it is great to see so many already playing on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Remember those feelings when you first started, so be friendly and patient with them.

Jan and Caron are attending a course in Wellington for 'teachers of bridge' and it will be very interesting to hear what they bring back. You may not be aware that they not only teach the 'learners' but also teach the children at Weston School as well.

Directing

Theo gave lessons at the start of the year to those interested in directing and those that feel confident are now starting to direct. We still require more directors and encourage you to think about it. Especially as you get confident and wish to sit the exam. Just whisper in my ear and we will support you.

We have Theo and hopefully others attending a workshop in July in Dunedin for qualified directors and especially for those interested in becoming Tournament Directors. Please see the notice up on the board.

John Sheehy

I am very grateful to John for his time on Saturday afternoon (29th June) when 12 of us thoroughly enjoyed his latest gems on Directing which were enlightening and very interesting.

Dealing of the Boards

Louise and her helpers have streamlined the dealing of boards and have written and developed new instructions. If you would like to learn how to do this, whisper to Louise or me.

Ongoing Education for our Club Members.

We are focusing on two different levels:-

1. Improvers - Jan and I held the first session on Wednesday 19th June and over 20 people from the Bronze Division attended. It was full of enthusiasm and good discussion around bidding, barriers, limit bids and so on. The next session will be on "Doubles". Will let you know the date.

2. Intermediate - This will be held in the future and as soon as we have a date I will let you know. This is a more advanced course.

I am enjoying my new role and don't know all the answers but if you wish to know anything regarding education in the club, please just have a chat with me.

Cheers Margie

Margie Baird



2018



**Llew & Lynda Roberts
Memorial Cup Winner**



Cancer Charity Tournament



East Otago Winners



Mary Geare's 98th Birthday



Thai Meal



Nepalese Night

2018



AGM & Prizewinners 2018



Christmas Pairs

BIDDING TIPS BY FRANCES SHEEHY

TIP 1

S-K 6 5
H-Q 6
D-A 8 7
C-Q J 7 3 2

DO NOT open a 5 card Minor when your hand is balanced with 12-14 HCP. Open 1 NT.

TIP 2

S-Q 8 6 5 2
H-J 6
D-K 8 7
C-K 6 3 2

As Responder, DO NOT deny a suit that you can bid at the 1 level. If partner opens 1D, your correct response is 1S, NOT 1NT.

TIP 3

S-Q 6
H-6 3
D-9 7 5
C-K J 9 6 3 2

DO NOT respond in a new suit at the 2 level with less than 10 HCP. The correct response is 1NT, NOT 2C.

TIP 4

S-8 6
H-Q 8 7 5
D-K 8
C-A J 9 6 3

As Responder, bid your Major before supporting partner's Minor. Correct bid is 1H, NOT 2C or 3C.

TIP 5

S-A J 6 5 2
H-6 3 2
D-K 8
C-K J 9

As Responder, DO NOT JUMP in a new suit just because you have game values. If partner opens 1D, your bid is 1S, NOT 3S.

TIP 6

S-A J 6 5 2 Be content with 1 Major suit fit.
H-Q 6 3 2 If partner opens 1H, your correct bid is
D-K 8 **4H, NOT 1S.**
C-K J 9

TIP 7

If your partner opens 1 Spade and your suit is Hearts,
you **MUST** have at least 5+ Hearts and 10 HCP to reply 2H.

TIP 8

To overcall your opponent with 1NT,
you **MUST** have 16-18 HCP + 2 stops in opponent's suit.

TIP 9

If your opponent opens 1NT,
you **MUST** have 16+ HCP to double.

Frances Sheehy

MID SOUTH ISLAND INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT

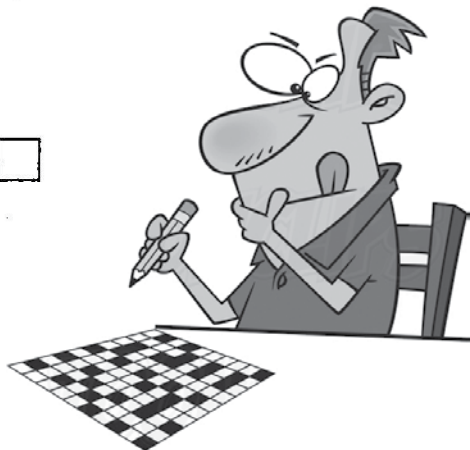
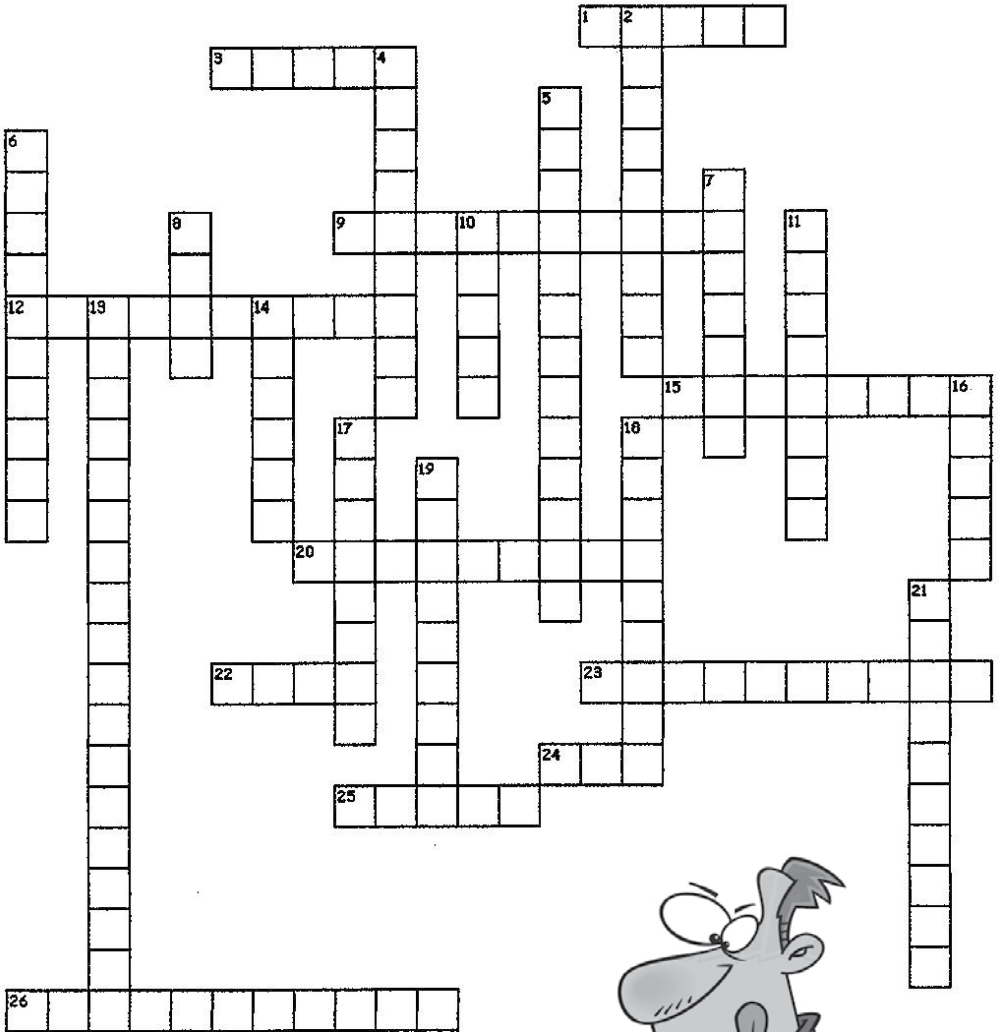
Twelve of our members (please see photo) represented our club in Timaru on Sunday 23rd June when they played 60 boards against Timaru, Temuka, Geraldine, Waimate and Ashburton.

We played well but unfortunately we were just beaten by Timaru who won with a score of 186.12. We came second with a score of 183.26.

Next year maybe!



CROSSWORD



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

1. A bid made without the appropriate values
3. Spades or hearts
9. A trump holding of four cards in one hand and three in the other
12. First bid made during an auction
15. A hand with no voids, singletons and no more than one doubleton
20. A contract to take all thirteen tricks
22. Distribution of cards to all four players
23. Bonuses and penalties are greater
24. Combined partnership holding in a suit
25. Diamonds or clubs
26. The two-players seated opposite each other

Down

2. Deliberately overbidding to a contract that is not expected to make
4. The partner of the opening bidder
5. A double made with the expectation of defeating contract
6. A hand with no card higher than a nine
7. An artificial bid of 2D over 1NT asking for majors
8. Holding zero cards in a suit
19. Four groups of cards in the deck each with their own symbol
11. Player from the pair who won the auction who plays the hand
13. A guideline -for deciding whether to finesse
14. Ace asking system
16. Hand placed on table
17. Bid made after the opponents have opened bidding
18. The suit named in a contract
19. Holding of one card in a suit
21. Play a card in the suit led

WORD SEARCH

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

WORD SEARCH WORDS

BIDDING

CLUBS

DOUBLE

FUN

OPENINGHANDS

REVERSE

SLAM

TOURNAMENTS

CARDS

CONTRACT

DUMMY

GAME

OPPONENT

ROMANKEYCARD

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NOTES

Date: w/6 28/10

THINGS TO DO

- Book train to see Rosie
- Plan for team meeting
- Go to Brackens

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2019 DIARY DATES

Sun	18 Aug	* Oamaru Jun/Int Pairs
Sun	8 Sep	Waimate All Grades
Fri	20 Sep	Indian Meal after Bridge
Sat/Sun/Mon	26/27/28 Oct	O/S Congress, Dunedin
Fri	1 Nov	NZ Wide Pairs
Thurs	28 Nov	7pm AGM & Prizegiving
Sun	8 Dec	Nina Hewitt Pairs, Dunedin
Fri	13 Dec	Oamaru Christmas Pairs

2020 DIARY DATES

Sun	5 Jan	Kurow Tournament
Sun	8 Mar	* Oamaru Open Pairs
Sun	19 Apr	Waimate All Grades
Sun	21 Jun	Mid S/I Interclub Teams
Sun	28 Jun	* Oamaru All Grades
Sun	16 Aug	* Oamaru Jun/Int Pairs
Sun	6 Sep	Waimate All Grades
Fri	30 Oct	NZ Wide Pairs
Thurs	26 Nov	7pm AGM & Prizegiving
Fri	11 Dec	Oamaru Christmas Pairs

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

2019



Over 90's



Oamaru All Grades



Foodies



Mid South Island Interclub



Asthma Society Charity



New Bridge Outfit



Guess Who?