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- Google: Oamaru Bridge Home
- 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

I hope you enjoy Newsletter No 1 which will undoubtedly be a collector's item in 20 years time!

Please contact me if you have any news, photos, ideas or articles that might be included in the next edition.

Many thanks to all contributors to this first edition.

Peter Mountain

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Great news - the Council passed three resolutions at their meeting on 30 November.

Firstly, to switch the title, in time, of the endowment section we occupy (202m²) to Reserve. The total area we occupy (417m³) will ultimately become Reserve status. With appropriate land transfers this could take years to achieve; but the principle has been established and a peppercorn rental will apply to both areas (\$1.00/year).

Secondly, to delete the Oamaru Business Levy from our Annual Rates Assessment, a saving of \$1,000.00/year.

Thirdly, to grant the Club full rates relief for the 2014.15 and 2015.16 financial years, an aggregated subsidy of \$6,600.00.

It's been a long time coming but a very fine settlement has been achieved.

Ian Williams

NORTH OTAGO HEART FOUNDATION

Tickets to hear an inspiring story of Jeremy Scott who had life saving open heart surgery as a child and then biked solo 52,000km around the planet.

WBHS Auditorium on 17th March at 7pm.

\$10 Adult. \$5 Senior Citizen.

Enquiries to Brian Papps 434 9627 or Liz Drew 434 9055.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Welcome new people to our club.....

This year we are fortunate to start with 28 people learning Bridge!!!

So the task for our Club is to keep them, to keep them enthused and enjoying Bridge.

I have been asked to tell you all what I am teaching This goes a long way to making them comfortable if we are all playing the same system, or at least you guys understand what they are playing...

My philosophy around teaching Bridge, is to keep it as simple as you can... on night one they do not need to know the rank of suits, so I don't teach it. They don't need to know which way to move around the room. So I don't teach it.

I teach them to count their cards face down, before they look at them.

I teach them to put the Opening Lead card on the table face down, until their partner says "Thank you, Partner." – so there is less chance of Opening Leads Out of Turn.

I teach them to thank their partner when Dummy goes down, even if they don't like it.

I teach them to ask Dummy to play a card and **not to touch Dummy**.

I teach them to put Dummy on the far side of the table unless there is a Declarer who has vision problems.

For existing Club Members, I think it is a good idea to clarify what NZ Bridge produces for Learners Classes and what I have been teaching for the last six years. Learners - do not panic if you do not know all of the following yet- you have just begun your journey...



BASIC ACOL

OPENING BIDS

4 CARD MAJORS

1 C Natural 4 or more Clubs & an opening hand.

1 NT 12-14 HCP. No 5 card Major.

2 C 20+ HCP. Distributional.) Game
or 23+ HCP. Balanced.) Forcing

2D, 2H, 2S Good 6 card suit. Weak. 6-10 HCP.

2NT 20-22 HCP. Balanced.

3C, 3D, 3H, 3S Good 7 Card suit. Weak. 6-10 HCP.

OTHER STUFF

4 up, 5 down Two 4 card suits - bid lower one first.

Two 5 card suits - bid higher one first.

Stayman

Takeout Doubles Opening hand, maximum of 2 in bid suit
and 3 in all other suits.

Double of 1NT shows 15+ HCP

Rule of 20

This is a lot of things for New Players to have learnt. It is confusing enough without asking them to change their system to suit you.

If you do not wish to play their system, please don't offer to play with them.

Jan Davidson



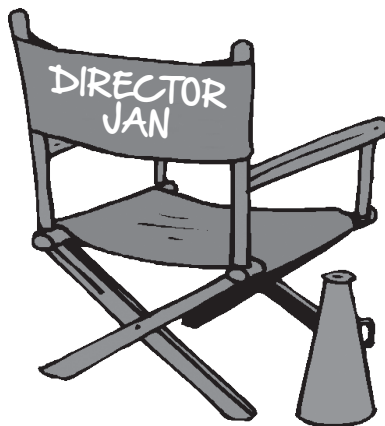
DIRECTOR'S RANT!!

I have been appointed the Convenor of Directors, so it becomes my responsibility to write this column!! So you get to put up with my random thoughts!!

Congratulations to Klaus Steiner, the latest addition to our Directing Team-he qualified with over 92% in his exam at the end of last year.

Setting up the room... ever wondered why the Director stands up at the front at the beginning, and says, "Tonight we have 9 full tables and will be playing 27 boards, 3 boards a table, straight round the room."?... It's a check for us. Other Directors should be listening and thinking – "Oh yes, that's right." or "Hang on, shouldn't we have boards half way round the room?" So why do we have boards half way round the room sometimes? This is so the East West pairs don't meet the boards they started with when they get half way round – it only happens for even numbers of tables. This can stop the room being set up incorrectly. Although with the tablets this is way less likely.

Please listen to your Director's instructions, we know what we are doing.



Why is there such a big deal about moving on time?

If we want to play all the Boards we need to keep to time. If one pair always take longer to play then they have an advantage over others who play within the allotted time. So here are some things you can do to keep things moving nicely.

1. When you arrive at a table, immediately take your cards out and count them. When you are putting them in suit order in your hand, say “Hello” and “How are you?” and look to see who is dealer.
2. After the bidding, the person on the left of Declarer leads... Dummy can go down . At this stage the tablet should be recording who is doing what and what the lead was. If South is Dummy, they have lots of time to do this now. If South is Declarer, they can sort the tablet while dummy is being faced.
3. At the end of play, agree how many tricks are made, then collect your cards and put them into the board with a little shuffle.
4. North retrieves the played Board and gets the new Board on the table, North and West can remove their cards and be counting and sorting them while East and South agree the tablet score.
5. At the end of all the Boards played at the Table, IF YOU HAVE TIME, you can review what happened on all the Boards you played with that pair.
6. When the bell goes, West Leaps to their feet, and moves the finished boards to the correct table, then moves to their next playing table. If East is still sorting out a score or the board, West should move on their own. East should move the last board and themselves as quickly as they can.
7. If you have to wait at the next table, pass the boards that they have played back, so the table you have just left can get started.

8. As soon as one opposition person arrives at your table you can start looking at your cards.
9. DO NOT REMAIN SEATED, just because the next table haven't finished, you standing, reminds them there is someone waiting.

If you think you are behind, then try to catch up.

Please call the Director if you wish to - if you're thinking or someone says, "Shall we call the Director?," the answer is YES. If it is a problem in play or bidding, call the Director immediately, do this in a LOUD (but not angry/aggressive) voice. It helps to look to see if the Director is going in the correct direction when they leap to their feet, waving or gesturing (politely) may help.

In April, I would like to arrange a meeting for all directors, to support each other and review some common rulings and their correct rectification.

Jan Davidson



BRIDGE TIPS

by Frances Sheehy

The Negative Double

This is a very useful bid and is a response to your partner's bid after an opponent's overcall has prevented your bidding what you might normally have done.

This double promises:-

1. 6 points or more at the 1 level.
2. 10 points or more at the 2 level.
3. Specific suit holdings depending on the bidding as follows:-

- i. **Minor – Major – Double** Promises **at least 4 cards**
in the **unbid Major**

eg 1C 1S X means 6+ HCP & 4 Hearts
1C 1H X means 6+ HCP & 4 Spades

- ii. **Major – Major – Double** Promises at least 4 cards
in BOTH Minors & 10 HCP

eg 1H 1S X means 10+ HCP, 4 Clubs & 4 Diamonds

- iii. **Minor – Minor – Double** Promises at least 4 cards
in BOTH Majors

eg 1C 1D X means at least 4 Spades & 4 Hearts, 6+ HCP
1D 2C X means at least 4 Spades & 4 Hearts, 10+ HCP

- iv. **Major – Minor – Double** Promises at least 4 cards
in the unbid major

eg 1S 2D X means 10+ HCP, at least 4 Hearts
& Tolerance for Clubs
1H 2C X means 10+ HCP, at least 4 Spades
& Tolerance for Diamonds

NB The Negative Double is not necessary when holding a 5 Card Major which should be bid instead.

Happy Bridging.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

- Rosemary Hall
 - Kathy Hobbs
 - Peter Plunket
 - Klaus Steiner
- on their promotion to Silver Grade.*



THE 2016 GRADUATES!

- Moneuan Brady
- Hugh Catto
- Murray & Lorna Elliott
- Mike Gray
- Phillip & Diana Hamilton
- Ray Wilkinson



- Roz Armstrong & Junelle Edmonds
 - Frances Sheehy & Carol Whitney
- for winning in Kurow in January*



- Jan Davidson & Sheree Hayman
- for coming 2nd in their Grade
in the February Geraldine Tournament*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- Alison Brown
- Joan Chamberlain
- Ann Coe
- Noeline Goldsbrough

**WELCOME AND GOOD LUCK
TO ALL OUR 2017 LEARNERS**

DIARY DATES

Sat/Sun	18/19 March	Timaru All Grades
Sun	26 March	Waimate All Grades
Fri	31 March	Fish & Chip Friday (Peter 021 042 6997)
Sun	23 April	*Oamaru Open Pairs
Sun	30 April	Otago Junior Pairs
Sat	6 May	Wanaka Open Pairs
Sun	21 May	N/O Asthma Soc T'mnt(1pm)
Sat	10 June	Temuka All Grades
Sun	25 June	Mid S/I Interclub Teams
Fri	30 June	Fun Friday (Peter 021 659 757)
Sun	2 July	*Oamaru All Grades
Sun	23 July	Otago Junior Pairs
Sun	13 Aug	*Oamaru Jun/Int Pairs
Sun	10 Sep	Waimate All Grades
Thurs	30 Nov	AGM & Prizegiving
Fri	15 Dec	Christmas Pairs

*OAMARU BRIDGE TOURNAMENTS

We run three tournaments each year and rely on club members to help us make them as successful and enjoyable as possible. We are always appreciative of help in the kitchen and donations of raffle prizes. Our first tournament is to be held on April 23rd. To be successful, we need our members to sign up to play. So please start thinking about who you will play with in the **OAMARU OPEN PAIRS GRADED 5A TOURNAMENT**.

Liz Drew, Tournament Secretary



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