



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR TOURNAMENT LEAGUE

Thank you to all those who registered for the Intermediate Junior Tournament League, we hope that you have enjoyed going to the tournaments and meeting your fellow bridge players. We are delighted to announce the winners:

Intermediate

1 st =	Christine Samson	Taieri
	Lynette Clark	Taieri
2 nd	Maria Godfrey	Otago
3 rd	John Sheehy	Otago

Junior

1 st =	Heather Donald	Te Anau
	Marie Galland	Te Anau

We did have more Juniors entered but only received two forms back.

We look forward to receiving your registrations for next year. Updated details for 2013 will be on our website shortly and forms can be downloaded from there.

Otago/Southland CONGRESS 2012

We had a very successful Congress in Wanaka at Queens Birthday weekend with just over 100 entrants. Our winners were as follows:

Open Pairs:	Daniel Skipper & James Coutts
Open Teams:	Daniel Skipper, James Coutts, John Skipper and Jane Skipper
Intermediate Pairs:	Jane Jordan & Kathleen Hurr
Intermediate Teams:	Bob Atley, Kate Ramsay, Murray Oliver and Alan Ramsay

Otago/Southland Congress in 2013 will once again be in Wanaka at Queens Birthday weekend.

HAMILTON CONGRESS 2012

The Regional Committee would like to thank all the members of the Inter-provincial Open, Senior, Women's, Intermediate and Youth Teams that went to Hamilton this year.

The region had a particularly successful IP tournament with the Open, Youth and Intermediate Teams reaching the finals after two days of competitive bridge.

The Intermediate Team were triumphant on the day and we would like to extend our congratulations to NPC Cameron Benson and his Team: Christine Samson, Lynette Clark, Robert and Vivienne Cowan, Matt Blakeley and Susie Lawless. Well done!

DIRECTORS

Congratulations to those who sat Directors exam this year. We had Arie Doppenberg and Ray Henderson of Oamaru gain their Club Director ranking.

RUBBER BRIDGE

Well done to Moss Wylie and Anne Somerville who were the 2012 Rubber Bridge winners for Otago Southland and represented us at the Hamilton Congress.

The Committee would like to see more pairs enter next year. This event is played in your own time, usually at your own venue and often one or two tables at a time. Further information about this event is available on our website and Marilyn Jackson (marilyn.jackson@sit.ac.nz) is the contact person.

INTER CLUB TEAMS

Despite a disappointing number of entries Oamaru club won this event and represented the region at the Hamilton Congress.

It would be good to see more clubs get behind this event. Clubs select their own team and field one team in each grade, irrespective of size. Two Clubs may combine to form one team, provided they are geographically close and have fewer than 120 members, or thereabouts. Please contact the Committee if you are unsure about your eligibility. Frances Sheehy is the contact person for this event fsheehy@xtra.co.nz

DIRECTOR TRAINING WEEKEND – February 9/10th

We are very pleased to have Allan Joseph conduct Director Training in February. Allan was our Director at Congress in Wanaka this year. Saturday will concentrate on Club Directing and Sunday will cover Tournament Directing. There will be morning and afternoon sessions and they are independent of each other, so you can attend one or all of them. Watch your notice board for further details.

BRIDGE TEACHERS SEMINAR – February 24th

A one day seminar focusing on Bridge Teaching will be held at the Otago Bridge Club on February 24th. Topics to be discussed will be: advertising, lesson content, lesson structure, club participation, learner retention and much more. There is no cost to attend and all clubs are strongly encouraged to send at least two attendees. Please see the Teaching Seminar notice for more details or contact Kristen Collins (kristencollins007@gmail.com).