



# Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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## DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

With Christmas fast approaching it is time to give a recap of the past 6 months.

Firstly though I would just like to remind you of the **O/S Swiss Pairs 10A Tournament on 18<sup>th</sup> January** at the Otago Club. This is a new tournament for the calendar and a great one to start the Regional Tournaments off with. For those of you not familiar with a Swiss Pairs event I would strongly recommend it – it is really good fun.

### INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR TOURNAMENT LEAGUE

We are delighted to announce the winners:

#### Intermediate

1 <sup>st</sup>	Christine Samson	Taieri
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lynette Clark	Taieri
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maggie Stratford	Wanaka

#### Junior

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sheree Hayman	Oamaru
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Thank you to all those who registered. It is great to see this event grow and players enthusiasm for entering the competition. However, once again, there was a lack of Juniors who returned their forms so please write it in your dairies now for next year, there is money there for the taking!

### Otago/Southland CONGRESS 2013

Congratulations to the following winners at the Otago Southland Congress held in Wanaka over Queens Birthday Weekend.

Open Pairs:	Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley
Open Teams:	Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Murat Genc, Arleen Schwartz
Intermediate Pairs:	Margaret Auty and Judy Russell
Intermediate Teams:	Wendy Paterson, Lyn Darnill, Clare Scurr, Ann-Louise Stokes

Although we all enjoy coming to Wanaka for the Congress our entries were down 10% and it is hoped that the move back to the Otago Club in 2014 will garner more support from players. This will still be held over the Queens Birthday Weekend.

## **Inter-Provincial Teams events**

The Regional Committee would like to congratulate all the members of the Inter-provincial Teams. We had some very solid results.

At the Youth Inter-Provincials held during the Hamilton Congress our team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on VP's but did not make the final on countback. In Wellington our Intermediate team of Matt Blakeley, Susie Lawless, Lynne Fegan and Maggie Stratford were very successful and came first, whilst the Open Team of Jeff Miller, Graeme Stout, James Coutts and Glenn Coutts were second.

Well done!

## **RUBBER BRIDGE**

Congratulations to Moss Wylie and Anne Somerville who were again the 2013 Rubber Bridge winners for Otago Southland and represented the region at the Hamilton Congress.

The Committee would like to see this event grow. We realise that many people do not know how to play or score rubber bridge so if you would like to learn, please contact Marilyn Jackson ([marilyn.jackson@sit.ac.nz](mailto:marilyn.jackson@sit.ac.nz)). Once we know numbers we will try and organise some lessons.

## **INTER CLUB TEAMS**

The Invercargill Club won the Regional Inter-Club Teams event held in May and went on to represent the region at the Hamilton Congress. They came a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final, losing out to Waikato by only 1 point! Congratulations Invercargill.

We have changed the date so that it no longer coincides with the Wanaka Tournament next year so hopefully a few more clubs will enter. It will now be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Frances Sheehy is the contact person for this event [fsheehy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fsheehy@xtra.co.nz)

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to the Gore Bridge Club which recently celebrated 50 years of bridge. Bridge really does bring people together from all walks of life so we hope that your club remains strong for many years to come.

## **NEW CLUB**

A very warm welcome to the East Otago club which recently affiliated with NZ Bridge. They meet at 7.30 on a Wednesday at the Community Centre in Palmerston and hope to host a Charity Tournament sometime in the winter, so come along and support this new club.

## **FROM THE COMMITTEE**

We would like to thank those clubs who have let us host our committee meetings at your rooms over the year. We have really enjoyed meeting your members and enjoying your tournaments, and for those of you who haven't seen us yet, I am sure you will in 2014. Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and we may see many of you at the Alexandra tournament in early January, or at the O/S Swiss Pairs Event on 18 January. Take care.