



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND CONGRESS 2013 – May 31st - June 3rd

Once again this is held in Wanaka over Queens Birthday Weekend so if you haven't entered yet please either go on-line and do so, or send Ann-Louise an email at the above address.

For those Intermediate and Junior players who may not have entered a tournament before then don't be shy. An excellent introduction would be the Intermediate /Junior Teams. Depending on the number of tables you may play up to 8 boards a table in a very relaxing setting – far less stressful than a normal tournament.

Although this is an Otago Southland event, the Wanaka club plays a strong part in hosting it and they are well known for their warm and friendly welcome.

INTER CLUB TEAMS

This was played on the 5th May and was contested by Invercargil, Oamaru and Otago.

UPDATE FROM NZ BRIDGE

In the recent NZ Bridge Committee minutes there were a few important notices that affect all members.

1. From 1st May all **1C and 1NT opening bids must be alerted** by the partner of the opener, giving point count and suit holding.
2. **Masterpoints** are now compulsory for **ALL** club sessions.
3. From 1 July 2013 it will be **compulsory to carry a NZ Bridge System Card in all Tournaments** events, and no other forms of the System Card will be acceptable unless specified by BZ Bridge. This new version will be available for download via the NZ Bridge Website shortly.

CLUB AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR EXAMS

These are held over the weekend of 29/30 June – depending on the day that suits you. It is a 3 hour, open book exam, held in your home town, so please let Ann-Louise Stokes know if you wish to sit one of these. She also has some study material available if you require it. All clubs should have at least two qualified Club Directors.

NEW GRANDMASTER

Congratulations to Margaret Perley on becoming a Silver Grandmaster, what a fantastic achievement.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to the Oamaru Bridge Club which is celebrating its 50th year of operation this month, together with the Taieri Bridge Club which is entering its 40th year.