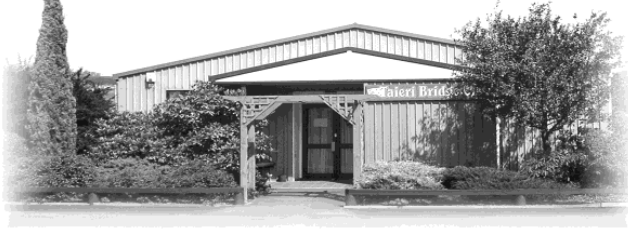


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Xmas Party

Hear ye, hear ye! On December 12th dust off your penguin suit, grab your dalmatian and a plate and come to our Xmas party to celebrate another great year for the club and members achievements.

The theme is black and white, so even if you don't own a penguin suit, (or a dalmatian) I'm sure you'll find something black and white to wear.



Membership

Just as important as getting new members into the club is to keep the ones we have got. As you rush to fill your 2013 programme book in the next weeks, please give consideration to booking up some games with new players and beginners –

Dawn Brieseman, Dave Fleming, Trudy Woodhead, Denise Tetlow, Lyn Hellyer, Beth Williams, Neil Cox.

AGM

At the recent AGM there were 24 members in attendance.

Disappointment was expressed at the numbers supporting this important meeting. A show of hands approved the idea that the AGM be held on a Sunday afternoon in 2013.

There was little change in the committee. Val Wilson stepped up to the position of Vice President, and

Glennys Fuller was confirmed as Secretary. Frank returned to the committee and Pam Wood was welcomed as an additional member.

Concern was expressed that costs of electricity and insurance had shown an appreciable increase while the club membership had shown a decline. It would therefore be a primary objective for the incoming committee to find additional income or further savings to maintain the current standards to which we have become accustomed. There was considerable discussion on subscriptions and table money for next year. It was eventually moved that the subscription remain the same as for the current year. The motion was carried. The President indicated that the committee would look at ways of increasing income and would only raise table money if absolutely necessary.

A request from the floor asked the committee to reaffirm the club's policy of a minimum of 24 or 25 boards per club session.

40th Anniversary Celebrations

The President advised the AGM that celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the club were well in hand. This would take place at the club rooms on **Saturday 25th May, 2013** with an afternoon of bridge at 1.30 followed by a social hour and dinner (costs to be advised)

From the Directors Corner

Claiming

Sometimes when a player makes a claim one hears the opponents say "Play it out, please"

Firstly the player should not just show their hand and say "the rest are mine."

They must state a line of play for the rest of the hand.

Law 70 covers Claims.

If the claimant states a line of play the opposition can accept the claim. If the claimant does not state a line of play, or the claim is disputed, the Director is called. The hands are faced and the Director determines whether the opponents might have made a trick on any normal play – even an inferior line of play. Playing the hand out is NOT an option

Regional Committee News

Some of you may or may not know that I am the Taieri rep on the Regional committee and it's my pleasure to congratulate **Christine Samson and Lyn Clark** for two outstanding achievements.

Being part of the winning Intermediate team at the Interprovincial Championships in Hamilton (see photo below)

AND

Winning the Intermediate tournament league for the Otago/ Southland region

Director Training weekend– February 9/10th We are very pleased to have Allan Joseph to 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 our noticeboard for further details.

Bridge teachers Seminar – February 23rd A one day seminar focusing on Bridge Teaching will be held at the Otago Bridge Club on February 23rd. 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 kristencollins007@gmail.com

Hope your world is filled with warmth and good cheer this Christmas and forever.

