

Taieri Bridge Club



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Congratulations

The Otago Bridge Club recently hosted trials for teams to represent Otago/Southland in the interprovincials in Hamilton in September.

Members of our club did very well so hearty congratulations to the following people:

Lynne Clarke and Christine Samson (intermediate), Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins (women), Judy Robertson and Kaye Wilson (women), Wyn Jones (senior). We wish them all well.

Tournament news:

Hospice Charity Tournament

The club hosted a tournament on Sunday to raise funds for the hospice. The 22 tables had a great afternoon of bridge, yummy afternoon tea, heaps of raffle draws and raised \$1200 (yay!). Thanks to everyone who played and to all of those who pitched in to help. Special mention to Judy Robertson who organised everything.

Oamaru Open A

Congratulations to Donna Ruwhiu and Krsiten Collins who came 2nd in the open section on Saturday. Also to Christine Samson and Lynne Clarke who came 2nd in the intermediate section.

Taieri Open A

Our open A tournament is on Sunday, June 10. Would be great to see a good turn out from our members.

Lessons

Lessons are now well under way on Tuesday evenings with 9 keen learners, and one member who is coming for a second year. These learners will be ready to come into the Club at the end of July or the beginning of August and we will be looking for partners for them. If you are prepared to help at this time, please keep some Monday evenings free.

From the Committee:

Seating Rights

With the increasing number of people who have seating rights, it becomes harder to ensure this is always possible depending on the number of tables for the session. If you have seating rights and now no longer need them, please make this known to someone on the committee.

Bridge Pad

If the bridge pad begins displaying the low battery message during play, please bring to the attention of the bridge pad person for the evening. In most instances there is enough warning that you can continue to use the bridge pad until the end of play. A sticker will be placed on the bridge pad unit to indicate that the batteries need replacing. Your co-operation in this matter would be most appreciated.

Mens League

Otago Bridge club will start running a Men's League in June at the same time as the Women's Wednesday bridge is being run, every second Wednesday. Taieri male members are able to play in this Men's league, in the same fashion as attending Friday bridge. Please keep an eye out for notice advising of the start date.

Flag 500

With the colder winter months ahead of us, we have decided to have a fun Sunday. We are going to hold a Flag 500 game one Sunday afternoon. We are encouraging non-members as well as members to attend. Notices will be placed at various venues and on our notice board. For something different to do on a dreary Sunday, come play Flag 500.

Monday Night Partnership Officer

Sadly we farewell Sherryn who I believe leaves for warmer climes. We thank her for all her efforts and this leaves us looking for a Monday Night Partnership Officer for the rest of the year. If this sound like something you could do, please contact Donna.

Table talk

Insufficient bid

When an insufficient bid is made, it is not uncommon to hear someone say "You will have to make that good". This is *NOT* correct. You do not *HAVE* to do anything of the sort!!

1. In the first place that is not an option if the left hand opponent accepts the bid, nor if the insufficient bid is conventional.
2. The guilty party may make ANY other legal bid (but not a double) but if she does so her partner may not bid again.
3. If the director allows the guilty party to make the bid sufficient at the *lowest* level in that suit, there is no penalty.

Defence to weak twos:

I have heard many people ask what to do over a weak 2 opening.

There are many different "weak 2" openings these days. The good old 2H/2S which is a 6 card single suit, or 2H/2S which is 5 of the major and 4+ of another suit but weak, or 2D which **could be** a 6 card weak major.

So what to do over these bids. It is important to give partner some idea of the strength of your hand. The most simple of defences is

- a. A weakish hand ie less than 15 HCP and a 5 card suit just bid your 5 card suit
- b. Hand with greater than 15 HCP, double and see what partner says. If you

change the suit that partner has bid you are showing a 15+ hand.

- c. With a hold in the known suit, and a balanced hand bid NT.

eg Consider the following hands

Dir: W

Vul: N-S

♠ 72		
♥ 83		
♦ AK86		
♣ AKQ97		
♠ KJT863		♠ 95
♥ T9642		♥ K7
♦ 43		♦ QJT7
♣ 5		♣ JT32
	♠ AQ4	
	♥ AQJ5	
	♦ 952	
	♣ 864	

W opens 2S. N is too strong to just overcall 2C, but should double. S will probably bid 2H. N by now bidding 3C is showing a better than opening hand. S should bid 3NT showing a good cover in spades and right siding the contract (hopefully).

Time for a laugh

Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

Grandparents

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "mine says I'm 4 to 6."

