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Committee changes Warm thanks to Glenys Fuller and Frank Gradon. Glenys is relinquishing the office of Club secretary and Frank is stepping down from the Committee. Our new secretary is Barbara Wilkes.

System cards It has been announced by NZ Bridge that effective 28/02/2014 the use of system cards will be compulsory at all tournaments. In addition they have decreed that there will be a new system card template. Things keep changing and it often seems that the national body is out of touch with the needs of the rank and file player.

Flag 500 Sunday 11th of August This event was once again very well attended with a mix of club and non-club members. Everything run smoothly and fun was had by everyone. We raised around \$300 for our 'Increase the fun fund'. A very big thank you to Jean and Judy for running this event.

Cancer Charity Tournament 18 August This is our annual tournament to raise funds for the cancer society. The number of tables was a little down on previous years but all in

all the tournament was again well supported. Again a very big thank you to Frank Gradon for stepping into the breach and running this tournament. A notable mention to Nancy Waters. This is a very worthy cause and the money is used here in Otago. Thank you to all those that supported this tournament.

Committee Members It is that time of the year where we are rapidly approaching the AGM. If you are interested being on the committee, now is your chance to put yourself forward. If you would like to stand, please make your intention known to our President Donna Ruwhiu or one of the current committee members and the process will be started for entering your nomination.

Balclutha 8B Tournament 21 September The Balclutha bridge club is holding a bridge tournament on the 21st of September. Please help support a small country club and attend their tournament. I went this tournament last year and it was well run and lots of fun. There was a very social vibe and club feel, similar to our own. Help make this a success and put your entries up now.

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