

News from the Timaru Bridge Club – July 2023

CAROLE'S COMMUNIQUÉ

Always remember that you can warm up your winter with fun and friends at the Bridge Club!

And we want to give you the best opportunity for you to do just that.....

SOCIAL BRIDGE CHARITY NIGHT



7 PM THURSDAY 31 AUGUST - EVERYONE WELCOME!

ENTRY FEE \$10

BAR, SUPPER, RAFFLES, PRIZES AND OTHER EXCITEMENT

ALL TO BENEFIT THE NZ BRIDGE FOUNDATION CYCLONE GABRIELLE RECOVERY FUND

Please let us know you are coming by writing your names on the poster on the noticeboard.

Beginner lessons

An unbelievable 36 keen people started lessons and 32 have stayed the course, which is just fantastic. A huge thank you to Grant our tutor and all of his helpers. The club is very appreciative. It is only a short time until graduation on July 19 and then we will welcome all of these potentially promising players into our bronze room.

Double glazed windows and replacement of window joinery

Your committee has agreed to prioritise this project and to apply for grant funding for the full cost. At this stage we will only proceed if the applications are successful. The Works Committee's assessment is that the aluminium window joinery is 50 years old, deteriorating and heat is being lost through the sealing. Double glazed windows will have a significant effect on heating loads in the back room in particular. It was considered that this project will add value and future proof our building.

We will be insulating the higher interior wall between the playing room and office/ kitchen.

We intend continuing on with our LED lighting replacement programme of one strip/ line every year.

It is Bill's view that the timeline for replacing the card dealing machine should be about 5 years.

And the committee has agreed that the carpet is still in reasonable condition (it has responded well to spot cleaning, thanks to Ashley M).

Our ten year asset replacement plan indicates that new curtains and a heat pump (saving electricity) for the back room will be our next priorities. However this plan is a guide only and it is not a confirmed work programme.

We acknowledge that there has been an intermittent problem with the printer and if this cannot be addressed, we will look to replacement.

Cleaning update.

Thank you for taking part in our recent simple survey. There were 113 responses and 89 of these were indications of satisfaction with the current cleaning arrangements. The committee has agreed to a further weekly toilet clean by our contractors, Busy Bees, as this was considered to be a fair compromise. Mary, our house keeper, will organise for extra cleaning to be done by our volunteers from time to time.

Illuminate thank you

To all who volunteered and helped with the light show. We were very appreciative to receive a \$1,200 donation via Penny Dewar.

Suggestion box

Please pop your suggestions for improvements to the way we do things in this box – or feel free to give me a call.

Canterbury Regional Pairs at Timaru on September 9

Please do consider supporting your club and entering this open 10 A tournament.

Other tournaments

22 July Christchurch Mid-Winter Teams

29 July Ashburton All Grades Pairs

30 July Otago Swiss Pairs

6 August Geraldine All Grades Pairs

13 August Oamaru Intermediate/Junior Pairs

26 August Ashburton Intermediate/ Junior Pairs

Mid South Island Teams

My congratulations to our Timaru team for winning the Mid South Island Teams Shield on Sunday July 2. It was a real thrill for all of us! And my special thanks to Kay, Dianne, Keith and Allan for all their time spent in preparation and attention to detail, and for running the day so efficiently.

MSIT reviewed (by Kay)

Congratulations to our Club players who won the Shield at the Mid South Island Teams Tournament played here at the Club on Sunday 2nd July,

- Open
Dorothy Bain / Jim Burford / Lesley Andrew & Kay Nicholas
- Intermediate
Cath Preen / Anne - Marie Pavletich / Wendy Taggart & Grant Patterson
- Junior
Carole Brand / Mary McSherry / Daphne Fitzgerald & Joe Harris

Each team was placed second in their grade with large enough scores to win the overall event.

Thanks to the Timaru Bridge Club for again providing an excellent and well prepared venue for this event. Thank you also to all those who catered for the players' refreshments / those who contributed their time and effort behind the scenes to ensure a successful day e.g., the Dealers, Board Checkers, Computing / Scoring set up etc.

Especial thanks to Dianne Esler as Director, Allan Luscombe who acted as her helper (and later as Bar Manager) and to Keith Nicholas as Technical Assistant / Scorer.

Michael Johnstone & Kay Nicholas / Event Convenors

Congratulations also to ...

- Cath Preen & Anne Marie Pavletich who won the Canterbury Inter Provincial Intermediate Trials
- Paula Gregory & Michael Johnstone who won selection to the Canterbury Inter Provincial Senior Team

- Paula Gregory, Michael Johnstone, Greg Buzzard & Harry Shepherd who were 5th in the South Island Teams held on–line in June. 48 teams competed including teams from Australia.
- Paula Gregory, Michael Johnstone, Anne Sommerville & Murat Genc who won the Otago Southland Provincial 10A Teams event played in Queenstown in May.

Membership

A warm welcome to all our beginner members. We hope that you receive as much enjoyment from playing our favourite game as we do, but we have tried to warn you that bridge is addictive!

Christine Abela	Sarah McLeod
Dexter Allan	Mary Mulligan
Bill Begg	Michael Olgivie-Lee
Cheryl Begg	Verna Parker
Kathryn Bell	Janet Rae
Adrienne Bruce	Sandra Prue
Jehan Cunningham- Brown	Richard Spackman
Kate Dobbin	Melissa Still
John Greene	Julian Szlanski
Cheryl Hansen	Sally Taylor
Nicky Hayman	Jo Taylor
Helen Henderson	Barry Taylor
George Hennessey	Levien van Vugt
Janice Jackson	Monique van Vugt
Karen Manson	Anne Wells
Karen McKenzie	Sue Wills

A snippet from the Wanaka Bridge Club newsletter - An over - aggressive double?

A piece of advice is “if your penalty doubles work, you are not doubling enough.” This may sound counter intuitive – but if you double only when you are guaranteed to defeat the contract you will miss out on many cases when you are likely to defeat the contract but fail to do so. If 10 % of your missed doubles fail, your rewards on the 90% which succeed will more than offset your losses.