

OBC Update
24th April 2025



Hi Everyone

With sadness we heard of the death of Deirdre Atmore on Wednesday 9th April at 94 years of age. Deirdre was a founding member of the Otaki Bridge Club and President from 1997-1998. She moved in her last few years to Whanganui. We remember Dierdre and her husband Colin with the trophy which is awarded for the Mt Hector Handicap Pairs. Paul says she and Colin won the Pairs one year and as there was no trophy, they donated one. Deirdre was very much 'old school' and very kind and generous. We also play for the Deirdre Atmore Trophy awarded to a Thursday player with the best 15 handicap percentage scores.



Our first tournament of the year is a month away and planning is well underway. **Raffle donations** will be most welcome – box at front of room.

**Otaki Bridge Club - Kapiti Coast Funeral Home -
8B Multigrade Tournament**

Sunday 25 May 2025. Morning Tea 9.30am. Play Starts at 10 am.

Two Sessions. Entry Fee \$35 per person. Limited to 24 Tables (48 Pairs.)

Bring your own lunch – complimentary drink and nibbles at end of play.

Enter on the NZBridge Website or email Robyn Ridgway –
robyn.ridgway57@gmail.com or phone or text 021535534.

All levels of players welcome. Closing Date: Wednesday 21st May 2024.

Pay Otaki Bridge Club – 38-9012-0373075-00 with your Bridge Number as the code, and name as reference or cash on the day.

We would **welcome Sunday kitchen help** for any of:

- serving the morning tea and doing the dishes
- setting up tea/coffee for lunch/dishes and
- setting up drinks and nibbles at the end of play
- clean up/tidy up!

From the Committee:

We acknowledged Graeme's work (and Moira's tolerance) with a Salt and Pepper voucher. Just a token of the hours...

New lock box with push button numbers. Lynne has donated and installed this. Thanks Lynne.

The office landline phone has been replaced with one that works.

Honours boards have been updated – thank you Emily.

The draft survey all members re running some competitions on Mondays is under preparation.

We are investigating the suggestion book idea to get some more ergonomic chairs.

Financial: Table money is up \$1500 on last year.

TOURNAMENTS

Kairangi BC, Miramar, Sunday 4th May. Junior 3B 1pm. Prize – top novice pair. By Thurs 1 May. \$20

Masterton BC 5A Open 9.30 - Saturday 10 May \$35

Karori BC Visitors' Day 12th May 12.45 start. FREE. All welcome

Paraparaumu BC - Sunday 18th May. 5B Intermediate. \$40 includes Ploughman's lunch. Entries close 16th May. 10am start.

Canterbury Congress Chch 17-18th May - Open, Intermediate and Junior Teams and Pairs by May 9th.

Hutt Bridge Club Junior 3B 18 May 10.00 am (morning tea from 9.30 am) \$15 (as kindly subsidised by the Ron Fisher Trust). 02 0528 0379610 00) or pay by EFTPOS on the day. BYO lunch. www.nzbridge.co.nz/events or phone Ruth (04) 567 1058 or hbcmgrhuttbridgeclub.nz Prize for best novice pair.

Hutt Bridge Club Open 5A Swiss Pairs 18 May \$40 and as above. Prize for best non-open pair.

Hokowhitu BC Intermediate, Junior Pairs – 10am Sunday 18 May PN. BYO. \$35. By Fri 16th.

Waipukurau Junior-Intermediate 24 May.

5-6 July National Swiss Pairs – Tauranga. Some billets available.

Wellington Region Championship Trials: 3rd May for Open, Senior, Intermediate, Women, aiming to select best players from our region. (Finals will be pre Nov Conference in PN.)

Teams of 4 preferred but pairs accepted.

<http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html>

North island Pairs 2nd/3rd August. 9.30 Real Bridge link at www.nzbridge.co.nz Enquiries to Bridget bridget@nzbridge.co.nz Closes Wed 30th July. \$48. **NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER** 02 0466 0268199 004

Wellington Region Committee are hosting a meeting at the Wellington bridge club on May 24th at 1pm for 2 members of each club to attend.

It will be an opportunity to meet the new committee members and express and discuss any concerns that your club may have which the committee will endeavour to remedy.

Allan Morris (NZBridge Board Chair) will attend and speak on behalf of the Board. Please notify Claudia Duncan (WRC Secretary) of attendees names (**2 per club**) and any items for General Business by 14th May.

NZ Bridge AGM – at Wellington Bridge Club 10am, Sat 14th June.

NZB Teachers' Conference 18-19 Oct. Wgtn.

OZ Bridge travel: Depart Australia to New Orleans, Miami, then cruise to Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvadore, Guatemala, Mexico and San Diego with Gary Brown. 6-29th April 2026. nigel@travelrite.com.au Starts at about Au \$20,000.

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Our Otaki Teams in INTERCLUB Wellington Region ONLINE

Results: **Intermediates** - Team Duncan - Ginny, Robin, Liz and Helen are sitting 11th. Team Patrick - Lynda, Rachel, Graeme and Moira are halfway at 14th. Out of 22 teams. **Juniors:** Team Affleck are 4th equal out of 14, with 2 wins.

Congratulations to **Oscar Bullock** who won last month's Rangioru Individual. Bryan Green won the handicap.

Rank reports show **Terri Grimmett** at 11th in her ranking – that's in the top 20 for NZ.

LAWS FOR PLAYERS VIDEOS: Ed Roggeveen created these videos for players--to help you understand the laws and your rights in those scary "Director please" moments. For example, what are your choices if someone makes a lead out of turn? The clips are very clear and FREE for all to use. The programs were paid for by the TOPS committee.
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLILDgeuUw6_IhUywtP2Q9Xph3JluOu80G

And finally, congratulations to the player who won the renEGG competition on Tuesday night. We were happy that the Director got to take the second Easter egg home as no one else reyoled. Said player was all white but apologies to Bryan who completely lost count ... You may never want to read this newsletter again.

Happy bridge.

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