

**MARCH 2021** 

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#### **Queenstown Tournament**

The day was a huge success thanks to our hardworking committee, with 36 pairs competing from clubs across Otago/Southland. Special congratulations to winners:



Junior Pairs: Chris and Karen Wood



Intermediate Pairs: Sue Wilson and Lisa Cassels



**Open Pairs:** Moss Wylie and Kevin Skoropada (Invercargill Club)



#### Heroes

Kirsten Guthrie for opting out of playing and serving as super host for the day!

# Congratulations to:

Ernie and Jean-Oliver for placing second in the Oamaru Pairs Saturday March 9. Paul Frude for promoting to Club Master this month

## From regular contributor Ross Sherwood:

### What are the odds against your partnership being dealt

26+ HCP? 8 to 1 or three times a session

33+ HCP small slam in NT? 288 to 1, or once a month

37+ HCP grand slam in NT? 11600 to 1, or once every two years

## Learn your bridge ABCs

- A = **Alert** when you need to
- B = **Be** polite
- C = Count your cards before looking at them
- D = Director is there for you, so do not make your own rulings. Call the Director
- E = Enjoy

## **Coming Up in April**

- April 17 Director training day at Otago Bridge Club, Dunedin (message Ernie if you're interested)
- April 24 Wanaka Open Pairs at Wanaka Club
- April 25 Otago Junior Pairs at Otago Bridge Club, Dunedin

Enter all tournaments at nzbridge.co.nz

#### Introducing our newest Director



Jane Gunn-Lewis had her first brush with bridge at High School, when a friend's brother, a member of the NZ bridge team, offered to teach her. 25 years later her interest was rekindled when Maree Aoake invited her to play. Realizing how little she knew, Jane spent the next two years studying every night. P.S. The same dedication showed when Jane excelled with 89% and 91% to pass her Director exam papers.

Jane's non-bridge life involves assisting American University students who come to New Zealand to study for a semester. Her all-encompassing role involves everything from helping them select their courses, to finding them suitable accommodation, and taking them kayaking and hiking.

Jane is married with two adult sons, and loves hiking, skiing, and cycling with friends. What most of us don't know about Jane is that she holds Indian citizenship, and that she once dated Arnold Schwarzenegger (!)

Jane's advice to new players is, "Order the book *Basic Bridge* by Ron Klinger (the one with the bright red cover) and learn it. Your first two years are critical."

All contributions to Bulletin welcome by email to: mary\_christensen@live.com