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Table Talk

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News from the Wanaka Bridge Club

From the President

Hi all,

Hope you are all enjoying these lovely autumn days.

This month we have a new look newsletter for everyone to read. Feedback would be welcome, just click on the Contact Us button at the end of the newsletter.

This Saturday is the first of the tournaments we host this year. It is great to see that they have been booked out (20 tables) and we even have a wait list of people hoping for a cancellation.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Tournament committee Sally Jackv, Jan Baird and Jane Hamilton. Also a huge thanks to the myriad of club members who have offered to help before and on the day. We are very grateful to these people, the table cloth washers, the bakers, the raffle co-ordinator, the helpers in the kitchen on the day, the bar staff and the wider club membership who all donate a raffle prize.

Also a huge thanks to our tournament sponsor Active Furnishings. Without their sup

it would be a much harder event to run.

We wish all the entrants the best of bridge and look forward to reporting the results to you in the May newsletter.

Also coming up is the Rippon Rosebowl. Many thanks to Bridget and Lyn for being the matchmakers- We still have lots of Bronze players looking for a Silver partner. If you are Silver and could help out please contact Bridget or Lyn. This series was very successful last year and it's a great way for the two divisions to meet each other.

Good bridging and hope to see you at the club soon.

Cheers

Heather

Programme: Apr-May 2024

Monday:

Mt Iron Stakes concludes on Apr 29

Silver Championship Pairs May 6

Roy Stakes (Silver Only) from May 13

Tuesday:

As normal

Wednesday:

Hawea Pairs concludes on May 1

Bronze Championship Pairs May 8

Lindis Pairs (Bronze Only) from May 15

Friday:

May.

As normal except no bridge on May 31

Tournaments

Also coming up:

Wanaka Open Pairs Apr 27 5A

Murihuku Teams (Invercargill) May 12 5A

Te Anau Open Pairs May 18 8B

Otago Junior Pairs (Otago) May 19 3B

Gore Intermediate Pairs May 25 5B

Gore Junior/Novice Pairs May 26 3B

Wanaka Tournaments

Entries for the Wanaka Open Pairs on the 27th April are now closed. A reminder that you need raffle prizes and for Wanaka members to bring a plate on the day. Also, it would be very helpful if a pair could be on emergency standby on the morning of the event. Please get in touch if you can help.

We will be setting up at 8am on the Saturday morning and could do with a few volunteers.

We are also hosting the Otago/Southland Provincial Teams and Pairs Tournaments the weekend of 1/2 June. Entry pages below.

<https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events/10523/Otago~Southland-Provincial-Teams>

<https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events/10528/Otago~Southland-Provincial-Pairs>

National Rankings

NZBridge recently published their national rankings lists for the various grades. In the Club Master rankings, Tracey Gieck was 2nd and Andrew Shaw 13th. Congratulations to these two for flying the Wanaka flag.

Treasurer

The aforementioned Andrew Shaw will not be able to continue as our treasurer beyond the end of this year. If any of you are finance specialists and would consider taking over, please contact us.

Table Etiquette

We received this etiquette summary from NZBridge recently. We are going to ensure a copy is available at every table during bridge sessions:

Help make Bridge enjoyable for all

Be seated ten minutes before play starts

Wear your name badge

Check that your phone is on silent

Greet your opponents before each round

Introduce yourself to people you don't know

Explain your system clearly and simply

when asked

Be understanding of newer players

Be kind to your partner

Save training tips and reviews until after the session

Acknowledge good play by your opponents

Let the Director or Recorder know if you

see players behaving badly towards their

opponents or partners

Thank your opponents at the end of the round

Don't gloat over a good result or opponent's error

Respect your Director

Beginners' Lesson Revision Aid

There is a website that those of you who have taken the beginners' course of lessons can access at:

<https://graemetuffnell.com/practice-hands>

This will take you through all of the hands that were played to illustrate the various lesson topics and enable you to play them. They refer to your "Introduction to Bridge Student Notes".

Guest Payment

Recently some members have paid for their guests by attempting to add the entry fee to their monthly account rather than by paying cash on the day. This creates headaches for Andrew to account for, so please ensure that you bring some cash with you.

In general, when you receive an invoice from the Club, please just pay that amount of money, no more, no less.

Bridgepads

We continue to find the scoring tablets in all sorts of states other than that requested. After you have checked your session score, please do nothing but put back on the table and plug them in to charge.

Teams

We are planning to run another Teams competition in August/September. If anyone has any experience of running one, please contact us!

Membership

Resignation:

Marion Murphy

New members:

Karyn Jaffray 021 163 7528

Vicki Galland 021 047 8205

Returning members:

Alistair Marris 027 951 0173

Fiona Marris 027 503 422

Jane Humphries 027 747 3777

Library

The new library system is working well and we plan to buy some new books. If you have any bridge books gathering dust at home we could use a few more.

Director's Corner

At our table last night one of our opponents dropped a card on the floor during the auction. Given that this happens quite frequently I thought that it would be worth considering the potential consequences.

If a player drops one or more cards during the auction and they are in a position such that their partner could identify them (even if they haven't actually seen them!), then those cards must be left face upwards for the rest of the auction.

If one card below honour rank has been dropped in this way, then it becomes a penalty card if the offender becomes a defender.

If a card of honour rank or more than one card is dropped in this way, then the offender's partner must pass on their next turn to call and again the card(s) become penalty cards if the offender becomes a defender.

If the offender becomes declarer or dummy, then the cards are returned to the appropriate hand.

If the Director believes that exposure of such cards may have affected the outcome of the hand, then they can award an adjusted score.

The NT Edge

Dir: W
Vul: N-S

16	♠ AKT84	♠ 93
4	♥ QT7	♥ 8653
8	♦ A4	♦ JT9
12	♣ QJ7	♣ AK63
	♠ QJ2	
	♥ A4	
	♦ KQ8763	
	♣ 52	

Par: 660

	♠	♥	♦	♣	N
					15155
					S 15155
					E - - - - -
					W - - - - -

On the above hand from a recent Friday afternoon session the auction at one table was:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

NS were playing 4-card majors but even for partnerships playing 5-card majors 2♦ is a sound response to North's opening 1♠. If North makes a minimum rebid South simply raises to 4♠, whereas an immediate raise to 4♠ shows a shapely but weaker hand. It makes it difficult to explore slam prospects if South has spade support and better than minimum values. With South promising 10+ HCP and length in North's short suit, North with a secure hold if East led a club – was happy to rebid 3NT, which became the final contract.

East started by playing three rounds of clubs starting with the AK, but that was the end of the defence. On seeing dummy and winning the third round of clubs declarer realised that 3NT would be a miserable score if the diamonds did not break 3-2, but that – with two unavoidable club losers in either 3NT or 4♠ – making 11 tricks in NT would outscore a spade contract only if the diamonds behaved.

Declarer cashed five spade tricks, discarding a heart and a diamond from dummy, and continued with the diamond ace followed by the diamond four to dummy's king. When both opponents followed for two rounds declarer could count eleven tricks – five spades, four diamonds, a club and a heart – for +660 rather than +650 and a top board.

In such cases you are said to be “playing against the room” by landing in a contract which may earn a poor score even if it makes. If so, your side's only hope of a decent score is to assume that the card dealing gods are on your side and play accordingly.

Good luck to all of the Wanaka members taking part in Saturday's tournament

Marc

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