

Table Talk

News from the Wanaka Bridge Club



August 2018

Hi everyone

Clare's message

Happy August everyone! I hope you are all enjoying your bridge and finding some satisfaction at the table.

Whether it is improving your play, a good result, friendship or a laugh, there is always something to enjoy about playing bridge.

There are times when the director will ask you not to play a board, as it is time to move on and your table is late. The directors understand that this may not be directly your fault, but it is better to ask 2 partnerships to play later, than hold up the room. For that reason, can you please respect the decision of the director. Alternatively, please feel free to become a director yourself - we are always looking for more! On that note, it would be great to have a few directors and computer operators from the Bronze division - please contact a committee member if you are interested in either of these roles.

Enjoy the last few days of winter.

Clare

September tournament

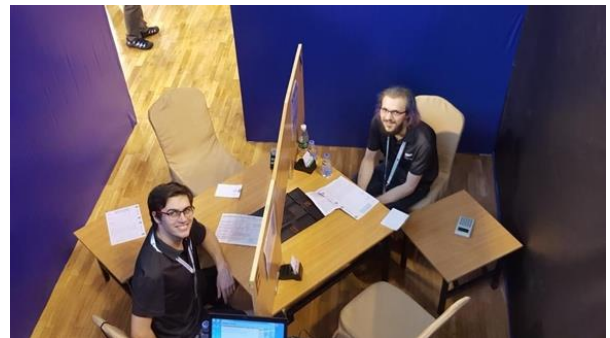
Remember our Junior/Intermediate tournament is on Sept 15. See the tournament poster at the bottom of this newsletter. A reminder for all players to provide a raffle prize (table at back of clubrooms) and for players entering to bring a plate of finger food morning tea. Please contact Georgie, if you can help with the running of the day.

Teams

Our next series of teams starts on Thursday 6 September, so get your team together for another round. Please enter by placing your names up on the board.

Black Jacks – World Youth Championships

Check out this photo of our 'Black Jacks' competing in the youth championships in China. Note the use of screens so there can be no eye contact or reading or body language between partners. Serious stuff!



Upcoming tournaments

Aug 25 Invercargill Pairs, Int 5/8B
Sept 1 National 15A Otago, Open
Sept 8/9 Alexandra Teams & Pairs, Open 5A
Sept 15 Wanaka, Int/ Jnr 5B
Sept 16 Balclutha, Open 8B
Sept 22 Winton, Open 8B

For tournament details, check out the noticeboard or contact Maggie on 027 333 6681

Club Series Results

Congratulations to our recent series winners

AJ McKenzie Pairs - Monday Night

1st Marion Furneaux & Liz Hawker
64.56%
2nd Terry Wilson & Gerarda Herlihy
60.53%

Luggate Stakes - Wednesday Night

1st Kay Ross & Shona Watt 54.34%
2nd Ruth Coghill & Jen Milburn 53.39%

A wee grumble

Last Monday night after play, the state the tables were left in was noted.

Table numbers, boards and 8 used coffee cups were left on tables. Thank you to those members who cleaned up after others. Please tidy up the tables and be considerate to your fellow players!

Trial bids

By Martin Unwin

We've all had auctions like 1H – 2H – 3H, where opener bids one of a major, responder gives a single raise, and opener invites game by rebidding his suit at the 3-level. Responder passes with a minimum and raises to game with a maximum, and hopefully the partnership will land in the right spot.

As an example, consider the two E/W hands below after West opens 1S. East raises to 2S, and West – with 16 HCP and six losers – invites game with 3S. On Hand A declarer has an easy 10 tricks, losing only a diamond and two clubs, but on Hand B declarer must lose two hearts along with one in each minor for a maximum of nine tricks. Yet the West hands are identical, and all three East hands have the same point count (7), the same shape, and the same number of losers (9). How does the partnership bid the safe game on Hand A, while avoiding the hopeless game on Hand B?

West A

S A Q 8 5 4
H A 8 6 3
D A 7
C Q 2

East A

S K J 9 2
H K 5
D 9 5 4
C 8 6 5 3

West B

S A Q 8 5 4
H A 8 6 3
D A 7
C Q 2

East B

S K J 9 2
H 9 5 4
D K 5
C 8 6 5 3

Long suit trial bids are a way of solving this problem. After a major suit has been raised to the two level, a long suit trial bid is a change of suit by either partner. The final bid in each of these sequences (which must be alerted) is a trial bid:
(a) 1H – 2H – 3C; (b) 1H – 2H – 2S; (c) 1C – 1H – 2H – 3D.

What does the trial bid mean? It is an invitation to game in the agreed major suit, and shows a second suit – with at least two losers – in which declarer would like some help from responder. For example, sequence (a) above says "I'm interested in 4H but need help to cover my losers in clubs".

Your response to a trial bid – which is 100% forcing – depends on how many losers you have in the trial suit:

With no losers in the trial suit: bid game in the agreed major;

With one loser in the trial suit: bid game in the agreed major;

With two losers in the trial suit: bid game if maximum (8-9), otherwise sign off at the three level;

With three losers in the trial suit: sign off in three of the agreed major;

In the two example hands shown, after the auction begins 1S – 2S, West should continue with a trial bid of 3H to alert East to his string of losing hearts. On Hand A, with only one heart loser despite his meagre 7 points, East bids game. On Hand B, with three heart losers, East signs off in 3S. In both cases, the trial bid guides the partnership to the correct contract.

Contacts for new members

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Paul Cushnie	021 2874643
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Eleanor Jessep	03 428 9538
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Happy bridging everyone

Wanaka Int/Jr Tournament

Int/Jr 5B Tournament
Sponsored by Stonewood Homes

When: Saturday 15th September

Time: 9.30a.m. Morning Tea
10.00a.m. start

Where: Wanaka Bridge Club
9 Cliff Wilson Street
Wanaka

Cost: \$25 per person

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Overall and 1st, 2nd Junior.

Bring your own lunch
Continuous tea and coffee
Light refreshments at conclusion

On-line registration available:
otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/wanaka/

Entries close Monday 10th September
Limited to 20 tables