



# Table Talk

News from the Wanaka Bridge Club Inc.  
August 2019

## Ki Ora

Well the 1<sup>st</sup> of September is not far away now and that is officially the 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring- I am not sure if we have had winter yet but I'm not complaining that the days are getting longer and warmer.

September is also our Intermediate/ Junior tournament, get your entries in quick we only can take 20 tables. More info later in newsletter.

## Presidents Report

Spring will see many of our club members starting to reappear after their winter break and we look forward to welcoming them back to the club.

Not much from me this month. I hope to see many of you at the Tournament next month and encourage everyone to give it a try. Tournaments are a lot of fun and a great way to spend the day.

Clare

## New Directors seminar

We have received preliminary notice that an introduction to directing training session will be held in Southland on October 13<sup>th</sup> and Otago on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you think you would like to take the next step up and help out in the club by directing please contact Clare or Heather.

Registrations of interest close September 7<sup>th</sup>

## Wanaka Tournament

Our next major tournament is on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> and this is an Intermediate/Junior Tournament.

Entries are online now

<http://otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/wanaka/onlineentries.php?6>

Once again we will be limited to 20 tables.

Could **ALL** members please provide a prize for the raffle

If you are playing in the tournament please bring a plate of food for morning tea.

We will need helpers on the day at morning tea, lunch and after play- contact Heather if you can help out.

Many thanks to our sponsor Stonewood Homes

## Monday Convenor

Michael no longer has a landline, if you are looking for a partner for Monday nights please ring him on his cell 0272447726

## Recent Results

Pembroke Pairs

Mark Harry/Maggie Stratford 60.26%

Laraine Shepherd/Heather Wellman 58.50%

Luggate Stakes

Alan and Denise Bunn 57.94%

Jane Hamilton/Carolyn Field 54.29%

## Bridge advice from Martin

### A Multitude of Contracts

During a recent beginner's lesson, teacher Clare Scurr made the point that much as we try to bid our hands consistently and correctly, there is always plenty of scope for individual judgement and partnership variation. For this reason, she told the class, it is very rare to find a deal where the same contract is reached at every, or even most tables.

A striking example of this was Deal 9 from the first night of the Glendhu pairs, where 9 different contracts were reached at 11 tables:

♠ 652		Dir: N
♥ J		Vul: E-W
♦ AQT9653		
♣ Q4		
♠ K4	♠ 987	
♥ KT8732	♥ Q94	
♦ 872	♦ K4	
♣ AK	♣ JT953	
♠ AQJT3		
9	♥ A65	
13 6	♦ J	
12	♣ 8762	
Par: 140		

At our table, North opened a pre-emptive 3D, East and South passed, and West balanced with 3H. North passed, having nothing further to say and East also passed, expecting that to end the auction. With 3-card heart support East might consider a raise to game, but with a shapeless hand and soft values a pass seemed the best option.

But South wasn't ready to pass the hand out, and climbed in with 3S. Neither West nor East could muster another bid, so 3S became the final contract.

West began the defence by cashing her two winning clubs, then switched to a heart which declarer won in hand. He then led the diamond jack to dummy's ace, and continued by ruffing a small diamond in hand, noting the fall of East's king. He then ruffed a losing heart in dummy, and continued with the established diamond queen, over-ruffing east's spade 7 with the 10.

With five tricks in the bag, declarer now needed 4 of the remaining 6. When he led a small club, West was helpless. If she ruffed small dummy would over-ruff, but if she ruffed with the king that was the end of her natural trump trick and still left declarer with two trumps on the table. Regardless of what she did, the defence could never take more than two tricks, giving declarer his contract.

So well bid and well played by South, for a score of 90%. And the other scores on the hand? N/S also played in 3D, 4D, 4S, 5D, and 5DX, earning scores ranging from +110 to -300. Some E/W pairs were left to play in 3H, earning +140, while one pair pushed on to 4H going one light. And spare a thought for the unfortunate E/W pair who competed to 4C, going for -400 when the defence found their red suit cross-ruff.!

## Hamilton Plate Report- Thanks to Lynne Fegan

Played at Queenstown Club – Sunday, 14 July 2019  
Participant Clubs: Queenstown and Wanaka – Joint holder of Plate from 2018

Alexandra & Cromwell Clubs were also to contest; but Cromwell pulled out 5 days prior to the event, owing to their inability to find 3 teams  
Alexandra graciously pulled out, to allow Queenstown & Wanaka to contest their joint holding of the Plate from the previous year.

3 gradings played – Open, Intermediate, & Junior – 24 players in total

Open Team

Lynne Fegan/Maggie Stratford, Ena Leckie/Laraine Shepherd

Intermediate Team

Martin Unwin/Ken Saxby, Ken and Georgie Roberts

Junior Team

John Schwarz/Rosemary Boswell, Jeanette

Gillies/Maureen Hawke

36 boards played in total

Results:		Queenstown	Wanaka
Open	Rd 1	14.77	5.23
	Rd 2	16.16	3.84
		30.93	9.07
Int	Rd 1	8.08	11.92
	Rd 2	1.22	18.78
		9.30	30.70
Jnr	Rd 1	5.81	14.19
	Rd 2	6.22	13.78
		12.03	27.97
Overall		52.23	67.74

2019 winner was Wanaka Club

**Congratulations to our Team**

## A reminder from the Directors

### 'Staking a Claim'

Declarer is encouraged to 'claim' a contract (whether made or lost) as soon as Declarer knows that they hold the rest of the winning tricks.

To do this, Declarer should be very sure that there are no trumps still out.

You often hear the words 'the rest are mine'; or 'I can claim'.

When Declarer 'stakes their claim' - they then MUST announce exactly how they intend to play the balance of the hand.

This may be - 'I can claim. No matter what you play, I have the top cards in D/H/C, & I will ruff any Spade lead. There are no trumps out'.

Or it could be; 'I can claim. I am going to cross-ruff any lead sent to me'.

It is not permissible, to 'claim' without providing an explanation, & showing the cards in your hand.

Occasionally, a defender will ask for the contract to be 'played out'. It would be better not to do this, but listen to Declarer's explanation - as penalties can be claimed should Declarer not be in a position to win the balance of the tricks.

If a Defender still holds a trump - ask the Declarer to repeat their strategy of play; then if Declarer hasn't mentioned about taking out the last trump & you are in a position to trump one of their winners, call the Director.

If you are correct, then penalties will be awarded - & you will be justly rewarded! 'Claiming' requires diligence on behalf of the Declarer & the Defender!

### Upcoming Tournaments

Aug 24	Invercargill Pairs
Sept 7/8	Alexandra Teams and Pairs
Sept 14	Wanaka
Sept 15	Balclutha
Sept 21	Winton
Sept 29	Taieri Jnr Pairs
Oct 12	Gore Open Pairs
Oct 26-27	Otago Congress

For more info please see notices on board or details in your Bridge book or NZ Bridge website

## New members and changes

Welcome to new member Heather Olsen,

My apologies to George Foreman there was an error with his phone number last month- see below for correct number

Lesley Davies	021704959
Andrew McLennan	0275451445
Jacquie Staley	0212889990
Alan and Trish Foote	0211192830
Marg Grieve	0272906311
Brian McCandless	02108523010
Karen Foulds	021325705
Doug Hall	0272414804
Rachel Hall	0279281858
George Foreman	0277119272
Heather Olsen	02041902627

### And to finish on..

A doctor, concerned about the physical condition of one of his bridge-playing patients, during a regular check-up asked, "Do you get much exercise?"

"Only when I sit East-West," was the reply.



Happy Bridging  
Your Committee