



Table Talk February 2023

News from the Wanaka Bridge Club

Marc's Missive

Thank you to everyone for getting in touch about their phone numbers. We believe that everyone has now been accounted for. I have attached a file giving all of the corrected information and you will see all of the most recent changes below.

The new Wednesday night format appears to have had a good start. We would like a few more of the newer players to come along – please have a word with those that did.

If you get past all of the phone numbers, you will see among the resignations a few names that have contributed a huge amount to the Club. Maggie Stratford won the Silver Championship Pairs on five occasions and the Individual Silver Award six times. She also represented the Club with distinction at interclub events and at the many tournaments in which she competed. We wish her well in Te Anau. Terry Wilson won both the Silver Championship Pairs and the Individual Silver Award once. He was President of the Club from 2006-08 and was instrumental in bringing the Club's awareness and adherence to the rules of bridge up to date. We miss both Terry and Dawn.

It is good to hear of many of you entering the various regional and even some national tournaments. Please report back your experiences (not just the results!) so

that we can share them with the Club and encourage more members to try them.

Programme: Feb-Mar 2023

Monday: Silver Championship Pairs, Feb 27, Mar 27
Cardrona Stakes (Silver only), Mar 6, 13, 20

Tuesday: Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesday: Wilkin Pairs, Feb 22
Bronze Championship Pairs, Mar 1, 29
Matukituki Pairs (Bronze only), Mar 8, 15, 22

The new novices section will run alongside all of these.

Friday: Feb 17, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Membership

The Committee decided that anyone applying for a membership of six months or less would be charged \$70 for the January-June and July-December periods.

Website

Heather Wellman is updating the Club's website. The Newsletters and Resources pages are not yet completed but the site is now a lot more user-friendly.
otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/wanaka

Wanaka Open Tournament

Preparations are continuing for the tournament on April 23rd. You can enter at: www.nzbridge.co.nz/tournament-entry.html?event_id=7737

Other Tournaments

Also coming up:

Feb 25 Cromwell Intermediate Pairs
 Mar 4 Taieri Open Pairs
 Mar 5 Oamaru Open Pairs
 Mar 11 Invercargill Open Pairs
 Mar 18 Queenstown Pairs
 Mar 25/6, Otago Autumn Pairs/Teams

Membership Information

New Member:

Raewyn Shaw 0211 353696

Corrected Phone Numbers:

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 Jan Anderson 0226 947256
 Cathy Andrews 0274 431942
 Joy Baxter 0211 769862
 Rosemary Boswell 0273 436911
 Judy Briggs 0217 08421
 Bruce Cathie 0212 143120
 Kate Coe 0274439125
 Frances Copland 0272 208267
 Helen Cornwell 0211 787573
 Suzanne Ewing 0274 518581
 Marion Furneaux 0212 380672
 Jeanette Gillies 0274 994768
 Carolyn Grey 0211 154399
 Noeline Harridge 0272 828957
 Mark Harry 0216 44084
 Maureen Hawke 0273 903356
 John Hogg 0274 707710
 Jane Humphries 0277 473777
 Jacinta Hyslop 0277 728396
 Lorraine Irvine 0212 361514
 Robert Kaplan 0224 974763
 Ena Leckie 0212 619510

Jan Lyness 0210 2306736
 John Lyness 0212 600491
 Bob Menlove 0213 44016
 Judy Muir 0212 147772
 Marion Murphy 0218 33031
 Carol Orbell 0279 262723
 Sue Orbell 0274 434469
 Boyd & Nan Ottrey 0214 62654
 Noelene Raffills 0272 651779
 Madeleine Revely 0274 436044
 Neil Robinson 0273 135085
 Kay Ross 0272 273338
 Daphne Stewart 0272 483747
 Ann-Louise Stokes 0214 43611
 Kate Summers 0272 281982
 Jenny Turnbull 0273 249234

Resignations:

Emily Williams
 Deborah Smith
 Alastair Cook
 Sharyn Mathias
 Debbie Reading
 Rachel Sinclair
 Maggie Stratford
 Terry & Dawn Wilson

From the Director's Corner

Announcing 1C and 1NT
 Opener's partner must immediately alert by announcing (not circling or using an alert card) their partnership agreement of the meaning of 1C and 1NT opening bids – length and strength of 1C bid, and strength and distribution of 1NT bid. (A hand described as “balanced” may not contain 2 doubletons.)
 This is to avoid possible unauthorised information from asking about them. E.g. if there is a 1NT opening and LHO asks if it is weak or strong and gets the answer that it is strong and passes, partner would know that LHO was considering a bid over a weak NT. This MUST be announced every hand.

A Tricky Slam

This hand from the second round of the Mt Barker Pairs gave E/W pairs a chance to practice their slam bidding and playing technique:

♠ KJ762		Dir: N
♥ T97		Vul:
♦ 32		
♣ J93		
♠ AQ985	♠ 4	
♥ AK3	♥ QJ864	
♦ A6	♦ KT94	
♣ KQ4	♣ A87	
5	♠ T3	
22 10	♥ 52	
3	♦ QJ875	
	♣ T652	
Par: -1510		

The auction at our table was:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6NT		

When East heard her partner open 2♣ she responded 2♥, showing 8+ HCP and at least a 5-card suit. West's 2NT rebid theoretically shows 23-24 HCP, but the spade suit is not quite strong enough to justify 2♠ and 2NT shows his strength as well as anything. On discovering that the partnership held all four aces and three kings in response to her Gerber inquiries East went straight to 6NT which became the final contract.

North did well to avoid a spade lead, which would have given declarer an easy 12 tricks. She chose the heart 10, hoping not to concede a defensive trick in what was already known to be a strong suit, and forcing declarer to make the play.

With 10 certain tricks in clubs and the red suits declarer can count 10 tricks on top, so needs to make two spade tricks. As the cards lie the winning line is to cash five heart tricks followed by the diamond AK and club KQA, squeezing South and forcing him to discard a small spade to retain his diamond winners. Declarer now

has enough information to make it a reasonable bet that North's last three cards are three spades to the KJ or K10. To exploit this possibility he should exit with the spade Q, noting the fall of South's 10 under North's K, and throwing North in to lead from J7 into West's A9.

Given East's strength her immediate Gerber 4♣ after West's 2NT rebid is not unreasonable but is a little hasty given that – with both players aware that the partnership holds at least 30 HCP – the auction will not stop short of game. The strong 2♣ opening uses up a round of bidding space so partnerships should use the remaining space to locate their best contract.

East could equally well describe her hand further by bidding 3♦, showing at least 5-4 in the red suits and allowing West to confirm his excellent 3-card heart support with 3♥. From here, a partnership well-versed in bidding first- and second-round controls would have little difficulty reaching the much easier contract of 6♥ and may well find the unbeatable heart grand slam.

A&P Show Mar 10-11

Last but not least, we and other local bridge clubs will be at a NZ Bridge display at the Show. Anyone who is signed up there or through any other channel will be able to register for lessons to be held later this year.

