

# New Post

## Table Talk - Jan 2025

### From the President

Hi

Happy new year, it's great to see so many of you playing bridge already.

Teams entries are now open. and I encourage everyone to think about playing, it's a great form of bridge. Many thanks to Neil for all his hard work in making this happen

I was reading the NZ Bridge board minutes the other day and was very alarmed and saddened to see that through other parts of the country it is becoming very common for the Directors to be verbally and physically abused.

I am glad that this sort of behaviour is not happening in our club, but would remind all members that if you are not happy with a directors decision, do not make a scene at the table, you do have a right to appeal. For an explanation of the appeals process, see the Director's Corner below.

Happy bridging,

Cheers

Heather

## Programme Jan 2025 - Feb 2025

Monday:

Silver Championship Pairs Feb 3

Mt Barker Pairs from Feb 10

**Tuesday:**

From Feb 4

**Wednesday:**

Bronze Championship Pairs Feb 5

Wilkin Pairs from Feb 12

**Friday:**

From Feb 7

## **Tournaments**

**Also coming up:**

Invercargill Swiss Pairs 8B Feb 16

Cromwell Intermediate Pairs 5B Feb 22

Cromwell Junior Pairs 3B Feb 22

## **Recent Results**

Wanaka members finished well in a strong field at the Alexandra Holiday Pairs. Neil Marshall and Andrew Shaw were 15th out of 43 pairs over the two days, while Nan Ottrey and Sheryl Strudwick were 20th.

Meanwhile, a group of Wanaka members attended the Otago Festival Pairs this last weekend. Jeanette Gillies and her partner Marilyn Stewart from the East Otago Club finished 15th out of 32 pairs in this 5A Open tournament, leaving a

few Grand Masters in their wake. For this, they received the Cup for Best Intermediate Pair:



And speaking of results, it was wonderful to see Kate Hall returning to bridge last night.

### **Bronze Player Survey**

A reminder that we would like these returned by February 5th, thank you.

### **Concession Cards**

When buying cards, can you ensure that you record both your name and the number on the card? So, pick up the card first and then pay for it - if from bank account then let us know name and number. This makes reconciliation so much easier.

## **Keeping Up To Date**

If you wish to join the Club Notices and/or Partner Finder group on WhatsApp, please contact Nancy Latham (027 3341092).

## **Director's Corner**

Yes, the Directors sometimes get it wrong, and you have a right of appeal. Officially, you have 30 minutes from the end of play to lodge an appeal, and your partner has to support it. Wanaka doesn't have an Appeals Committee as described in the Laws of Bridge. Instead we pass the decision around the other Directors for comment and come to an agreement.

In Tournament play, the Tournament Director has a senior rules official available for consultation should an issue arise.

## **A Defensive Lapse**

With an 8-card heart fit and 25 points in the EW hands, 4H is a natural contract on this deal, and was reached at 10 of 12 tables where this hand was played in the first round of the Kingsway Stakes:

		♠ 94 ♥ T ♦ T754 ♣ KJ9754	Dir: W Vul: Both	
♠ AQT3 ♥ K9764 ♦ 3 ♣ QT6			♠ K7 ♥ AJ8 ♦ KQJ962 ♣ 82	
		♠ J8652 ♥ Q532 ♦ A8 ♣ A3		
4			♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ N	
11	14		N 1 - - - -	
11			S 1 - - - -	
			E - 2 3 2 -	
Par: -140			W - 2 3 2 -	
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Despite EW's assets, accurate defence holds them to nine tricks. NS have three top tricks in the minors and can make a fourth trick by ruffing or over-ruffing a third round of clubs. This evidently happened at most tables: North led a small club to South's ace, won the second round, and continued with a third round. If declarer ruffs with either dummy's jack or 8 South over-ruffs with the queen, and ruffing with the ace ensures that South's queen will win the fourth round of trumps.

The exception was one table where South, with two side-suit aces and four trumps to the queen, doubled the final contract. However, after winning the second club trick, North switched to a diamond rather than continue clubs. This was won by South's ace but that was the last trick for the defence. Alerted by the double to a likely 4-1 trump break declarer won the spade return in hand and led a small heart to dummy's ace noting with relief the fall of North's 10. When he ran the heart 8 followed by the jack South was helpless. Declarer returned to hand by ruffing a diamond, drew the last trump, and crossed to dummy's spade king to discard his spade loser on the established diamonds.

The failure to continue clubs was probably motivated by the thought that – since dummy could ruff – there was nothing to be gained by doing so. But this line of reasoning is incorrect: there is always the possibility that South can over-ruff, and with North holding the heart 10 South will have a natural winner even if their trump holding is as little as four to the nine.

This month's results.

For the Christmas Pairs, congratulations to:

1st Clare Scurr and Ann-Louise Stokes\*\*

2nd Liz Hawker and Martin Unwin

For the Holiday Pairs, congratulations to:

1st Sally Jackways and Kay Ross

2nd Lyn Hill and Janet Young

\*\* extra merit points for winning while directing

It's good to be back at the table

Marc

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