

Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club
July 2017

Hi everyone

Someone said to me the other day what a mild winter it has been so far. I thought to myself, 'I don't think so'. Maybe I'm just not wearing enough layers! I did see fat green buds on a tree recently that gave me a sense that we are indeed on the right side of winter with spring approaching. This of course has nothing to do with playing bridge. It just means we rug up and place towels or car mats over our car windscreens on those frosty evenings. The club is busy as usual although many of our members are basking in warmer climates abroad. Tuesday bridge has been flourishing with up to 8 tables on some days! Another example of our vibrant club environment.

Clare's message

There isn't much to report this month, so this will be short – most unusual for me!

Thanks to all of you who came out or stayed after Friday Bridge for Lindsay's session on the new Bridge Laws. It was great to get things clarified so we can all be on the same page.

We are regularly having only six or seven tables on a Monday and Wednesday night in July. It might be time to think about what we can do to rectify this – all suggestions welcome.

I ask that as many of you as possible support Ena's fun day of Bridge which is being held on July 29th. This is open to anyone and everyone and it would be great to see you there.

Enjoy the slightly longer days and don't forget the 40th celebrations in September, followed by the Junior Tournament.

Take care everyone!

Monday night convenor - August

Michael is away for the month of August. Please contact **Heather Wellman** on 443 7347 if you're looking for a partner on Monday night.

Ena's fun day

This year Ena's famous mini tournament will be held at the club. All welcome. The day kicks off at 10am Saturday 29 July. Lunch is provided and there is a second session after lunch. Register your interest via the notice at the club or contact Ena so she has an idea of numbers for catering. Only \$10 for the whole day. Please bring a plate of finger food for after the event where there will be a prize-giving and of course the bar will be open.

Changes to Bridge Laws

Recently we had Lindsay present to our members and directors the changes to Bridge Laws. A reminder to make yourself familiar with the new rules that come into effect on 1 August. A summary was emailed to all members but there will also be a copy at the club for your reference.

Wanaka September tournament

Remember to get planning, organise your partner and lock in the 16th September for the Jnr/Int 5B tournament. Further correspondence will follow soon.

Remember to register via the notice board at the club or through our website under the tournaments tab.

Upcoming tournaments

13 August	Oamaru Pairs	Jnr/Int 3B/5B
26 August	Invercargill Pairs	Open 8B
9/10 Sept	Alexandra Teams & Pairs	Open 5A
16 Sept	Wanaka	Jnr/Int 5B
17 Sept	Balclutha	Open 8B

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

New members

We welcome **Annabel Elworthy, Sally Goodall, Ann Scandrett** and **Dean and Leigh Snelling** to the club. Thanks for joining us.

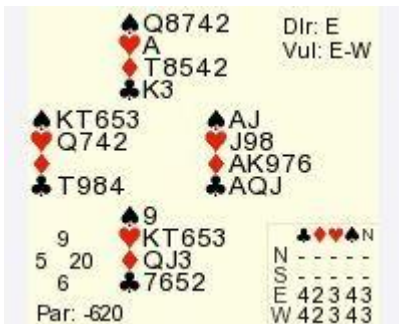
The club's 40th anniversary celebrations

As you know, we are busy planning the celebration of our club turning 40. This is going to be held on Friday 15th September after play. We won't be sending out formal invitations but we would hate for anyone who has been part of our club over the years – whether still actively involved or not – to miss the opportunity to attend. We ask you please to contact anyone you think might like to join us and invite them along personally.

The know-it-all bridge pad

from Martin Unwin

Reconciling our post mortems with the bridge pad's idea of what is makeable can be tricky. The following deal from a recent silver pairs night is a case in point:



Of the eight pairs who held the E-W cards, four ended up in 3NT by E, and the other four in 4S by W. 3NT is much the better contract, making four clubs, two diamonds, two spades, and a heart for an easy nine tricks. By contrast, the scratchy 5-2 trump fit and the 5-1 break make 4S much harder to play, with three of the four declarers going down.

So how can 4S make? Seeing dummy after the opening lead (either the heart Ace or a small diamond), most declarers would reason that the only way to make 10 tricks is to find the spade queen and club king onside, and hope the spades break 3-3. Assume N cashes the heart Ace and switches to a diamond. Declarer wins with the diamond Ace and pitches a heart from hand. He returns to hand by ruffing a small diamond, and finesses the

spade Jack. When it holds he cashes the spade Ace, only to discover the ugly spade break.

The winning line from here is to hope that the cards allow an end-play against North. Resist the temptation to cash the diamond King, and return to hand by ruffing another diamond. This leaves North with Q84 in spades against your lone King, but – thanks to the fall of South's diamond Queen – you now know that North started out 5-5 in spades and diamonds. North has also shown the heart Ace, so if his other two cards are Kx in clubs the end play is on:

	S	Q84		
	H	-		
	D	T2		
	C	K3		
S	K		S	-
H	Q7		H	J9
D	-		D	K9
C	T984		C	AQJ
	S	-		
	H	KT5		
	D	-		
	C	7652		

Cash the spade King, leaving N with two winning trumps, and lead a small club towards dummy's Jack. When it holds, the hand is over. Cash dummy's club Ace, felling North's King, and continue with the club Queen. The helpless North can ruff and cash his second spade, but must then lead a diamond into dummy's K9. Declarer thus makes five tricks in spades, three in diamonds, and two in clubs for a total of ten tricks. If North's opening lead was a small diamond the result is the same: after ruffing the club Queen he can cash the heart Ace, but still concedes two diamond tricks.

No August newsletter

I'm taking a break and heading away for a month. There will be no issue of the newsletter for August, but look forward to a bumper spring issue in September!

Happy bridging everyone.

Jason Benton

On behalf of the committee

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