



# Table Talk

News from the Wanaka Bridge Club Inc.  
July 2019

## Ki Ora

We have now passed the shortest day and the afternoons are a bit longer. It's been quite a mild winter so far but if you do feel the cold remember to dress appropriately for the bridge session. The bridge fairy tries to get the heating on as early in the day as possible but sometimes life gets in the way. Enjoy your bridge.

## Presidents Report

Welcome to July. Many of you may not realise that it is the school holidays, which is one of my favourite times of the year! I hope you are enjoying your time with family if they are visiting, or in warmer climates if that is where you are.

A reminder to all North/South players that when the opposition arrives at your table, to please stop the talk between yourselves and warmly welcome them. Any discussion and/or learning about the hand can continue later if you have time, or when you get together as a pair at a later time/date. This, of course, applies to East/West also as they move around the room. If you arrive at a table and the partnership are in deep conversation about the last hands, interrupt them politely with a warm hello and suggest that you get started with the next boards. The same can be done by North/South.

We are adults and should be able to speak and listen to each other in a polite and respectful manner.

## Welcome

Welcome to new members Doug and Rachel Hall who have moved here from Invercargill. If you are looking for a partner on Wednesday night give them a call as they would like play with other members – their phone numbers are at the end of newsletter.

## Beginner Lessons

Beginner lessons will be held on Thursday evening from 4.30-6.30 starting July 25<sup>th</sup> for 10 weeks  
If you know of anyone wanting to learn or perhaps who have learnt and want to come back for a refresh before playing again please get them to contact Heather 4437347

## Wanaka Tournament

Our next major tournament is on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> and this is an Intermediate/Junior Tournament. Entries will be online via our website the week beginning July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once again we will be limited to 20 tables.  
As per usual, helpers, raffles and morning tea will be required from our members so keep an eye out for more details in the next newsletter.

Many thanks to our sponsor Stonewood Homes

## Bridge advice from Martin

### Moysian Fits

This deal from a recent Friday afternoon session provided E/W with a choice of three alternative game contracts:

♠ T72	Dir: S
♥ T543	Vul: Both
♦ J8	
♣ QJ76	
♠ AK5	♠ Q96
♥ Q62	♥ KJ97
♦ AKT765	♦ Q9
♣ K	♣ T843
♠ J843	
♥ A8	
♦ 432	
♣ A952	
4	
19 8	
9	
Par: -650	
	♠ ♡ ♢ ♣ N
	N - - - -
	S - - - -
	E 15523
	W 15523

After South's initial pass West has an obvious 1D opening, followed by a natural 1H response from East. When West responds 3D, showing a good 6+ card suit and extra values, East can reasonably take a punt at 3NT. It is not unreasonable to place West with the diamond ace and king, and another 8-10 HCP distributed across the other three suits should give declarer plenty of options for cashing nine tricks. In the event the contract makes easily, with the defence limited to three club tricks and the heart ace. 5D also makes, losing only the two missing aces. The optimum contract, however, is 4H, which makes with an overtrick despite E/W having only a 4-3 trump fit. South, on lead, is in an unenviable position. Cashing the club ace and then switching to the heart ace and a small heart in the hope of cutting down dummy's ruffing ability squelches North's heart 10 and lets declarer play on diamonds, starting with the queen from hand. If North ruffs declarer has only to over-ruff and cross back to dummy with a spade to continue the diamonds, discarding club losers if North is unwilling to ruff. Either way, eleven tricks are there for the taking. If South leads a spade or a diamond, declarer wins in hand, leads a small heart to dummy's queen, and returns to the king in hand, felling South's ace. Declarer wins any return and plays on diamonds again, over-ruffing as necessary should North intervene. Again, eleven tricks are made easily.

A 4-3 trump fit is known as a Moysian fit, after the bridge theorist Alphonse Moysie Jr. who wrote numerous articles on their merits in certain circumstances. Playing in

a Moysian fit can be challenging since with six trumps outstanding one opponent will often hold as many trumps as declarer. With only a slight superiority in trumps declarer must time the play carefully to keep things under control. But they should not be dismissed out of hand, as a look at the bridge pad for most club nights will readily confirm: it is by no means uncommon for a Moysian 4H or 4S to be a better contract than 3NT, is the above hand illustrates

### Omarama Bridge at Wanaka

Thank you to all who took part in such a successful day where \$430 was raised for the Upper Clutha Hospice.

Winners on the day were Murray Pryde and Ena Leckie.



### From the Committee

We have all been a bit slack lately but can you all **please** tidy up after yourselves at the end of the Bridge session

This includes (but is not limited to!)

Dishes - wash in hot soapy water ready to go in sterilizer.

Closing down bridge pad.

Plugging bridge pad into power.

Returning boards and table numbers to table one.

Clearing out your bridge basket and making sure it's nice and neat and everything is there for the next bridge session. Also check you table cloth - if it is really grubby please change

### A reminder from the Directors

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. The length (could be short is **NOT** an acceptable answer) and strength of a 1C bid, and strength and distribution of a 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 RHO asks if it is weak or strong and gets the answer that it is strong and passes, partner would know that RHO was considering a bid over a weak NT.

This MUST be announced every hand.

### Recent Results

A J McKenzie Pairs

Ken Saxby/Maggie Stratford 57.28%

Dorothy McDonald/Marion Furneaux  
56.23%

Pisa Pairs

Bridget McCaughan/Sonya Adams

58.31%

Noeline Munro/Jen Milburn 57.89%

### Upcoming Tournaments

July 14 Hamilton Plate

Queenstown

July 20 Winton Open Pairs

July 21 Otago Junior Pairs

July 27 Taieri Graded Pairs

Aug 4 Otago Swiss Pairs

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

### Changes in ranking

Congratulations to new Club Masters Ross and Joan Moon and Provincial Master Maggie Stratford

If you are unsure what ranking you are you can search your Masterpoints on the NZ Bridge website .

The website also has a very good page explaining about Masterpoints, Gradings and Rankings

<http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/master-points-explained.html>

### New members and changes

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	0217119272

### And to finish on..



Happy Bridging  
Your Committee