



Table Talk

News from the Wanaka Bridge Club Inc.
September 2019

Ki Ora

Well this is my last newsletter as Sherril will be back on board next month. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and played in the tournament, wasn't it a great day. Enjoy the spring weather

Presidents Report

What wonderful weather we are enjoying at the moment – hard to imagine that it will get cold again!

Thanks to our committee and members who ran a well organised and successful tournament. I had a number of players comment on the friendly atmosphere which was so nice to hear.

I will be standing down as President at the end of this year and have asked our committee what their intentions are for 2020. We may then be scouting for new members so if this sounds like something you might be interested in, please feel free to have a chat to one of us. Alternatively you may get shoulder tapped! 😊
Enjoy your bridge everyone, and the warmer days.

Wanaka Tournament

Thank you to all members who donated raffle prizes and the players for taking part and the yummy morning tea. It was a very successful day

Results

1st Mark Simmonds & Mark Harry

2nd Andrew McLennon & Lesley Davies

3rd Jen Milburn and Carolyn Field

Best Junior who did not place in top 3 Neil Robinson and John Schwarz

From New Zealand Bridge Chair- Allan Morris

New Zealand Bridge have asked all clubs that we publish the following in our newsletter

“Be kind and polite to your partner and to your opponents. We should not condone in any way bad or inappropriate behaviour. What I hear all the time from beginners is inappropriate behaviour puts them off joining and playing. So I ask before you say anything or act in any fashion that might be discourteous or offensive or inappropriate, please think!! “

We then received this message to publish

“I have emphasised the importance of appropriate behaviour at the table. Regrettably the message is not being picked up. Over the last few weeks we have a number of instances where the behaviour at the table was far from acceptable. The Board has a zero tolerance for inappropriate behaviour and will enforce regulations at our disposal. The Board has an expectation that senior players, in particular, will lead by example. Beginners, juniors, intermediates and many open players are influenced by the actions of our senior and supposedly more experienced players. So please stop and think before you do or say anything. If something untoward happens at the bridge table please call the director and allow them to deal with the situation.

Recommendation: **STOP AND THINK BEFORE YOU SAY OR DO ANYTHING**

New Directors seminar

If you think you would like to take the next step up and help out in the club by directing an introduction to directing training session will be held in Gore on October 13th and Oamaru on October 18th. We have a couple of members heading to Gore, if you would like to join them or if Oamaru suits you better please contact Clare or Heather asap.

Recent Results

Glendhu Pairs

Nan Ottrey/Maggie Stratford	57.00%
Mark Simmonds/Heather Wellman	56.16%

Hunter Pairs

Carol Orbell/Nicola Brown	56.39%
John Schwarz/Deb Budden	56.21%

Changes in ranking

Congratulations to new Club Master Hans Limacher

Babich NZ Wide Pairs

Advance notice that we will be holding this at the Wanaka Club on Friday November 1st. Mark this date in your diary- more info to follow next newsletter

AGM and Prize Giving

This will be held on Thursday November 28th. So now is the time to polish up those trophies and return to the club. We would appreciate this being done by November 1st

Grading 2020

Any Silver players who wish to be considered for re grading to Bronze division for 2020 could you please you're your application in writing to the committee by November 1st. Please send to wanakabridgeclub@fastmail.com

Bridge Book 2020

Its coming up to that time of the year. If you have changed your phone number, address or we have got your details wrong please advise us by email

wanakabridgeclub@fastmail.com

Thank you

Wine Caps

We are collecting these on behalf of Upper Clutha Lions who are doing as fund raising venture. Feel free to bring your caps from home to add to the collection

Bridge advice from Martin

An Unmakeable Contract?

The following deal from the last night of the Aspiring Stakes featured a 3NT contract which proved to be eminently makeable despite ugly breaks in three of the four suits:

♠ KQT6		Dir: W
♥ J753		Vul: Both
♦ 6		
♣ QT64		
♠ J98543	♠ A7	
♥ Q	♥ AKT982	
♦ AK73	♦ 42	
♣ 73	♣ A82	
♠ 2		♠ ♣ ♥ ♦ N
♥ 64		N 1 - - -
♦ QJT985		S 1 - - -
♣ KJ95		E - 1343
Par: -620		W - 1343

At our table East opened 1H after initial passes by West and North, and – with N/S silent – the auction continued 1H – 1S – 2H – 3D – 3NT. West's 3D – a new suit at the three level – is something of an overbid as it is virtually game-forcing, leaving East with little choice but to grit his teeth and bid 3NT, which became the final contract.

On lead against 3NT South was well aware from the auction that spades, hearts, and diamonds were all breaking badly. He tabled the diamond queen in the expectation that declarer would have serious communication problems. Needless to say, this view was shared by declarer when dummy was tabled. Winning in dummy, declarer cashed the heart queen, and surveyed his prospects. As long as the heart jack fell in three rounds nine tricks were there for the taking, so he returned to hand with the spade jack to the ace, North also playing small. On continuing hearts and discovering the bad break he realised that North would make a trick with the jack. So time for Plan B.

With eight spades in the two hands and South having followed to the first round declarer knew that North had started with at most four spades, so could be end-played. He threw North in with a small heart and had to suffer the indignity of watching North cash his three top spades, but when North had to exit with a club he was able to win in hand, cash his last two hearts, and cross to dummy's diamond king for a total of nine tricks and a top board.

In retrospect, declarer can make life much easier for himself by overtaking dummy's heart queen in hand and conceding a trick to the heart jack while he still has control in the other three suits. This is a good example of a *safety play*, foregoing any chance of an overtrick but guaranteeing the contract regardless of how the spades lie.

A reminder from the Directors

Dummy's Rights and Wrongs by Matthew McManus

Occasionally, perhaps unwisely, you have to let partner play a hand. As you watch from your position as dummy, you may experience a degree of apprehension. In this article, I would like to describe what the laws say you can and cannot do while you are dummy.

After the opening lead is faced, dummy places his cards face up on the table, sorted into suits with the lowest cards closest to declarer, and with trumps, if any, on dummy's right.

Apart from this, there are no other requirements in the laws as to the arrangement of the suits.

There is nothing which **demands** that the suits must be placed black/red/black/red or spades/hearts/diamonds/clubs, as some players seem to believe.

One thing that dummy should ensure is that all 13 cards are visible. If the defenders mis-defend because one of dummy's cards is hidden, then the director is likely to rule in their favour.

During the play, dummy is significantly limited in what he is able to do.

One right that dummy does have is to attempt to prevent an irregularity from occurring. So, if you see partner about to play a card from his own hand when the lead is in dummy, or if he is about to call for a card from dummy when the lead is in his own hand, you can pipe up and try to stop him. However, once the irregularity has

occurred, you can no longer say anything - it is up to the defenders to point out the infraction. So if declarer calls for the "ace of spades", you don't say, "You're in hand". You should just play the AS and let the other players say something if they notice.

Secondly, as dummy, you may check that partner hasn't revoked when he fails to follow suit. This is usually accomplished by dummy saying something like, "No clubs, partner?" and declarer confirming that he hasn't revoked by replying, "Having none." (Note that this right to check is lost if dummy has done something foolish like looking at declarer's or a defender's hand.)

Otherwise, dummy is just there to play the cards on Declarer's instruction.

Dummy may perhaps ask declarer to repeat the card he called for if he (honestly) didn't hear. Apart from that, dummy is seriously restricted in what he can say or do during the hand.

Some of the things that you might want to do, but **CANNOT include:**

- **Tell partner he has a trick pointed the wrong way after a lead has been made to the next trick**
- **Play a card before it is called for by declarer (even if it is a singleton)**
- **Express surprise at partner's choice of card from dummy**
- **Encourage partner to play dummy's little card which you know is good, but he doesn't seem to**
- **Call the director before anyone else has drawn attention to an infraction**
- **Ask a defender if he has revoked**
- **Ask partner if they have seen (and taken note of) the oppositions cards.**

At the end of the hand, dummy now has the right to point out any infractions that he noticed during play. For example, this is the time when you can point out that revoke you saw that no one else did. But don't do it

beforehand as you may jeopardise your right to redress from the director.

Evacuation Procedures

In the event of FIRE - Procedure for all members:

- If you discover a fire raise the alarm by activating the manual alarm point (near coat rack at entrance) and shouting "FIRE, FIRE, FIRE EVACUATE THE BUILDING". Once outside CALL 111.
- DAYTIME – the director will act as FLOOR WARDEN **PINK VEST** and follow procedures in the pocket. (i.e. making sure that doors and windows are closed behind you and that each area has been evacuated i.e. toilets. Please be aware of members requiring assistance an appoint someone to assist them. Once outside please report to the HEAD WARDEN **RED VEST**.
- NIGHTTIME – the director will act as HEAD WARDEN **RED VEST** and follow procedures in pocket. Head warden will immediately appoint 2 FLOOR WARDENS **PINK VEST**, before going outside to the ASSEMBLY POINT located at the Front of Building. One FLOOR WARDEN to ensure each area of Bridge club has been evacuated, then check other ground floor areas bike shop, rear carpet court storage, underground carpark and 1st floor apartment. One FLOOR WARDEN will check if the door to upstairs at ground level (i.e. next to bridge club entry) is unlocked if so, each premises door will need to be checked Monz Royal studio & storage rooms, Radio Wanaka, Dojo Room, Toilets and Kitchen/ Balcony.
- Only use the fire extinguishers if trained and it is safe to do so.
- DO NOT GO BACK INSIDE THE BUILDING

In case of EARTHQUAKE

- DROP COVER AND HOLD – hold onto an internal wall or get under a table.
- DO NOT GO OUTSIDE
- The director will act as FLOOR WARDEN **PINK VEST**
- Avoid calling emergency services. Turn on local radio and listen for advice / instructions that it is safe to proceed outside or to the nearest Civil defence post at Mt Aspiring College.
- Conserve water and turn of the power if your see sparks.
- Keep account of everybody on a register
- Only allow people to leave if the building is unsafe or Emergency services have deemed it safe to leave.

Upcoming Tournaments

Sept 21	Winton
Sept 29	Taieri Jnr Pairs
Oct 12	Gore Open Pairs
Oct 26-27	Otago Congress
Nov 1	Babich NZ Wide Pairs

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

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	0277119272
Heather Olsen	02041902627

And to finish on..

Bedtime Story

A bumbling bridge player explained to his regular partner how he planned to improve his game: "Every night when I go to bed I think about the mistakes I made that day at the bridge table."

"Gee," his partner said, "how do you get any sleep?"



Happy Bridging
Your Committee

PS- Late Notice- Just Recieved

Otago Southland Bidge have announced a series of Intermediate Lessons will be held around the region. The first weekend is in Oamaru on 5/6 October. Programme as below

Saturday 9.45am introduction

1/ Doubles

2/ Escaping one no trump doubled

3/Transfers

Lunch 12.30ish – 1.15pm

4/ Leads

5/ Competitive bidding over calling and opening

6/Reverse bid

Hopefully some time to play a few hands finish when everyone's had enough

Sunday 9.45am

7/Signals and Discards – Count

8/Loosing trick count – this is only a guide

9/Checkback Stayman

Lunch 12.30ish – 1.15pm

10/ Multi 2 V weak 2's

11/ Defense against Tartans and other systems when playing Acol

12/ Open Discussion

If you are interested in attending please contact Heather for more info