



QUEENSTOWN BRIDGE CLUB **BRIDGE BULLETIN**

April 2021

FUN AT THE WANAKA OPEN!

Eighteen club members traversed the Crown Range to compete in the Wanaka Open Pairs May 24 and enjoyed a fabulous weekend competing and socializing! Special thanks to Annette and Hamish for inviting everyone who registered to an after-play celebration Saturday night.



Stars of the day



Second overall:

Ernie and Jean-Oliver 59.62%



Second Intermediate:

Lynda Baker and Anna Elms 56.96%



Raffle prize winner:

Des with his fragrant lavender soap

A REMINDER that we have a special General Meeting this Tuesday May 4, at 7pm to approve the updated Club's Constitution as sent to all members on April 20. In case you missed it, a reminder will go out Monday.

NEW DATE! Te Anau Open Pairs Tournament will now be held on July 3 at Te Anau Club. Support one of our closest clubs by joining the many club members who have committed to registering for this fun day.

FRIDAY BRIDGE What better way to spend a chilly winter afternoon than a round of relaxed bridge in a warm room at the Event Centre. Arrive by 12.50 pm for a 1.00 pm start, and 4.00 pm finish. A new 3-part series starts this Friday, so grab a partner and let our Friday convenor Karen Jamieson know you're coming, by calling or texting her on 027 600 6329.

EVERY CAP COUNTS!

Save your wine bottle caps for a good cause. Last year NZ Lions purchased 3 kidney dialysis machines with money raised from recycling donated wine bottle caps. Leave your wine bottle caps and leave in the marked container on the bar Tuesday nights. **THANK YOU!**

PLAY BETTER BRIDGE!

The more you know, the better you will play – so here are five tips to help:

ONE: Don't play too fast! If as declarer, you prematurely play a card from dummy, your RHO defender has the right to ask partner to play BEFORE he decides what to play. Same rule applies if you lead from dummy and prematurely play from your hand.

TWO: When you describe your partner's bid, disclose as much as you can, not as little. For example, your partner bids 1C. The correct responses are, "4+", if you are playing basic ACOL four card majors, or "Could be as few as 3," if you are playing five-card majors. "Natural", is an insufficient answer.

THREE: You do not have to alert a cue bid as, although it is a conventional call, it is self-alerting.

FOUR: Always alert your partner's opening of 1NT, e.g. 12-14 or 15-17. Apart from being the right thing to do, it's in your best interest. Your explanation removes the chance your opponents will ask a question that may convey valuable information to their partner.

FIVE: These bids are in such common use they are deemed to be self-alerting:

- 2C game force bid, and the following 2D negative response
- Simple Stayman 2C response to a 1NT opening bid, and a 2D response denying a 4-card major.

DIRECTOR TRAINING

Four club members recently travelled to Dunedin for a Director Training Day for existing and aspiring Directors.

It was a fabulous day, run by the talented trainer Allan Joseph, who shared a goldmine of information about basic directing, dealing with tricky situations, and recent changes to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.



Jane Gunn Lewis, Vivian Todd and Gillian MacLeod workshopping



Jane Gunn Lewis and Allan Joseph