



QUEENSTOWN BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE BULLETIN

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Teams!

After four rounds of this lively series, competition is close. Raw scores show Team Wilson leading the field, with 59.53%, slightly ahead of Team Fea at 58.51%. Team Baker is holding strong at third place (41.41%) with Teams Wood, Wells, Bennett, Hamilton and Cameron still in with a chance.

Handicap results show Team Wilson holding fast to first, with 49.79%, with Teams Wood (49.02%), Fea (45.11%) Wells (44.42%) Baker (44.22%) Bennett (42.27%), Hamilton and Cameron all chasing a place.

Robinson Pairs!

This special series is ideal for trying out new partnerships, as you are assigned a partner based on your current club ranking. For the first of the three nights, 31 pairs competed, with Ross Sherwood and Pip Klap taking out first place N/S, and Jane Gunn-Lewis and Karen Wood a close 2nd. E/W frontrunners were Georgia Mahoney and Marge Ritchie first place, with Wilma Nehoff and Louie Cameron 2nd.

Slow play!

Slow play is an ongoing issue in every club. In some cases, it's because players take a little too long thinking out their bidding or play. At other times, it's because the director was called, and it's no one's fault that play has got behind. Our club has a system in place to ensure non-offenders are not penalized, but no one likes to take away or miss out on a board so please help us by following these steps:

- 😊 DO be aware that when you are slow, the stress of the whole room rises.
- 😡 DON'T start a board unless bidding has commenced BEFORE the three-minute buzzer. You will not be penalized, as the Director will award your average score for the night, on the board you didn't get to play.
- 😊 DO watch the clock. Unfortunately, some of our slower players are our most experienced, because they know they can catch up. But this places extra stress on players who need all their allocated time. It's not fair to make them wait.
- 😡 DON'T give your opponents an excuse to hesitate. Announce every 1NT or 1C bid.
- 😊 DO move to the next table fast. For example, if East is waiting to approve a score, West should pass on the boards and move to the next table.
- 😊 DO alert your conventional calls (with the exception of cue bids or 2C Stayman, which do not need to be alerted).
- 😡 DON'T hold up play by making others wait while you fill out your personal score card. Wait until you are dummy, or waiting for the score to be entered.
- 😡 DON'T discuss a previous board when you first sit down to a table. Save your post-mortems, and training tips, until after the session ends. There will be time to discuss your bidding and play over a drink while you wait for the scores.
- 😊 DO offer full explanations as to point range and suit holding when asked e.g. *multi* 2 way, or *relay* is not enough information, especially for the newer players we need to thrive as a club.

Upcoming Tournaments (all within a scenic drive of Queenstown)

Saturday-Sunday June 5 and 6: Otago 5A/5B Teams/Open and Intermediate Pairs

Saturday-Sunday June 12 and 13: Otago 3A/3B Winter Pairs and Teams

Saturday June 19: Winton Jnr and Intermediate Pairs

Saturday June 27: Oamaru All-Grade 5A/5B Open and Intermediate Pairs

Saturday July 3: Te Anau Open Pairs

Sunday July 11: Regional Swiss Pairs Timaru Bridge Club 5A, starting at 9 am

Saturday July 17: Winton 5A Open Pairs

Sunday July 18: Otago 3B Junior Pairs

Lessons!

A huge amount of interest has been shown in our current series of bridge lessons run by the lovely Lynnette McLennan, under the expert eye of seasoned teacher Betty Turnbull.

This series of lessons runs every Thursday for 10 weeks, from 6pm, at The Events Centre. The \$60 course fee includes membership fees for the whole year.

So far 26 have registered, and your help is welcomed. Encourage a friend to come along, or have some fun by showing up to play with our learners! For more information contact Lynnette on 021 167 9115.

Card Trivia

How observant are you about the cards you hold in your hand every week?

- Which two jacks are one eyed?
- Which Jack has no moustache?
- Which King has no moustache?
- Which king is shown in profile?

Heroes!



This month we recognise Karen Jamieson. Karen is our tireless convenor of Friday bridge, which now regularly sees five or more tables. If you haven't yet come to Friday bridge at the Events Centre, now is the time! Come out of the cold, to where the temperature, atmosphere, welcome and refreshments are all warm!

We play every Friday from 12.50–4.00 pm.

Call Karen and let her know you're coming: 027 600 6329.

All contributions welcome to mary_christensen@live.com