



**QUEENSTOWN BRIDGE CLUB**  
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**Happy New Year!**

Wishing you all the health, happiness, and bridge hands you dream about in 2022!

**Queenstown Tournament**

The highlight of our year will be our first-ever 5A Tournament March 19, 2022 at the Arrowtown Community Centre, 12 Centennial Ave Arrowtown. Our new rank will almost certainly entice more players to Queenstown. Thanks go to Ernie, who gained all approvals through NZ Bridge to upgrade our event to an A tournament.

Your entry fee of \$40 includes a delicious lunch, and the chance to win valuable A points! Plus, there will be prizes for top Intermediate and Top Junior pairs. Our hardworking secretary Georgia is amassing a wealth of prizes for our popular raffle at the close of play, so if you lose at the table, you're still in with a chance to take away a random prize.

Special thanks to club members who sponsors this year, including Hamish Ryan, Ryan Farms, and Phil Hensman, Skyline, and Westpac.

**Bridge Starts**

Tuesday nights: January 11. Friday afternoons: January 14.

**Teams**

It's time to put together a team of four (five is better as you will then have a permanent sub on hand) and enter our annual Teams Programme. This year there will be TWO series, starting with an eight-game Gilkison Series, followed by a three-game Sutton Series. All the dates are listed on a separate page in your little red book, but the first night is Thursday February 17.

**We are a vaccinated-only club**

Due to Govt. COVID 19 requirements, you must present your Vaccine Pass at the entrance to the Event Centre when you come to bridge. A committee member will be at the top of the stairs to welcome you, and scan your pass.

**Are you playing SILVER or BRONZE?**

Are you playing in the Silver or the Bronze qualifying pairs starting February 8? If you are a new player, new partnership, or enjoy less stressful play, the Bronze section is for you. If you want to compete amongst expert, or more competitive players, enter the Silver section. There's no need to decide in advance, as you will specify which competition you choose on your first night of play.

**Play better bridge: What happens when you revoke?** I wrote this article for our June 2021 newsletter. This is a repeat, in case you missed it....

First, relax! Revoking is not a crime. It's a mistake. It happens to everyone, and there are systems in place to deal with it. In simple terms, you revoke when you fail to follow suit. These tips will help you deal with the revoke, so that you can continue to play with minimum disruption.

1. Act fast. If you realize that you've revoked, or suspect that your opponents have, the sooner you draw attention to it the better. If you notice your partner hasn't followed suit, you can often prevent the revoke by saying, *Having no (suit) partner?*
2. The revoke is only established once the 'offender' or his/her partner plays to the next trick. If you catch the error in time, the only consequence of your mistake will be that the 'incorrect' card played will have to stay on the table, as a penalty card. We'll discuss penalty cards in another newsletter.
3. Call the Director and let him/her sort it out. The Director will ensure neither side is advantaged, or disadvantaged, when a player revokes.
4. Let one person speak, so that the Director can assess the situation, and decide what rectification is fairest to all. A one or two trick adjustment to the score of that hand is the most common remedy. If the 'innocent' side is greatly disadvantaged the Director may, at his/her discretion, award more tricks to achieve the fairest result.
5. The director follows three key laws as to how many tricks to award:
  - If the player who revokes wins the revoke trick, ONE trick is awarded to the other pair.
  - If ANY subsequent tricks are won by the offending pair, ONE trick is awarded.
  - If the offending player wins the revoke trick, AND the offending pair wins any subsequent tricks, TWO tricks are awarded.
6. While these are the most common scenarios, there are exceptions to any rule (e.g. when declarer revokes and all subsequent tricks are won in dummy) but your Director will advise when exceptions apply.

Most of us groan when we realise we've revoked, and may be tempted to protest, *"But I was always going to win those tricks anyway, because I had the AKQ."* Sadly, that's no longer relevant after a revoke. Experience teaches us to accept our mistake, and move on.

***In bridge, as in life, you often get the test before the lesson.***



**P.S.** Can't resist sharing this exchange overheard between Lois and Robbie on the last night of play last year. When Robbie placed his dummy on the table, Lois gently enquired: *"Robbie, what happened to the hand you held when we were bidding it?"*

Wishing you all the best for your 2022 year!

As always, I welcome your questions and contributions to [mary\\_christensen@live.com](mailto:mary_christensen@live.com)