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## **CHAMPIONS 2<sup>nd</sup> CLASS**



*From left: Kees Bootsma, Clemens Beutick, Hans Posthuma and Rob Scherpenisse. They have been promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> class of the Amsterdam district this year.*

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## **GATHERING CHESTNUTS IN OCTOBER**

By Hans Becker

Last year, I had to miss the Texel Open. For nostalgic reasons we decided to donate a stay in our hotel in Tuscany and add this to the prizes table. Six people from Texel who failed to win the prize, were so keen on the trip they decided to book a week in May.



*On Sunday afternoon, the participants had some Prosecco in Sylvio's café in Pariana. The delicious appetizers were served with the wine, meant everyone was happy to skip lunch.*

This year, Wim and I will be on Texel again to participate. This year, we will donate the Chestnut Holiday as a prize. The winners had better like last-minute holidays, though, because

the departure date is Tuesday 12 October - only three days after the tournament. The Chestnut Holiday was purposely planned after the Texel bridge tournament, so we didn't need to miss it this time. Do you know, incidentally, why this bridge holiday is called the Chestnut Holiday?

The woods surrounding our hotel are full of chestnut trees producing chestnuts of the sweet variety. They fall from the trees in October and are particularly delicious when roasted. In "Borgo" San Carlo Terme, Chestnut Feasts are held in the annex of the chapel. They serve pancakes made out of chestnut flour, roasted chestnuts, etc. The only thing missing is the chestnut puree us Northern Europeans are so fond of.

Autumn in Tuscany is lovely. The days start to shorten, which means that candles are lit at the dinner table. The daytime temperature is more bearable and the evenings are starting to get a little chilly. After dinner, the chestnuts gathered during the day are roasted in the open fire. Autumn is also the time for gathering cep from the woods. This edible mushroom, locally known as 'funghi porcini' is a delicacy. They are widely collected, dried and are hence on the menu all year round, but they are obviously best when eaten fresh. Wim and I were once served a steak dressed with an entire cap of a porcino. It was a culinary experience which, in all its simplicity, proved hard to beat.

Autumn has a lot to offer to people who can allow themselves the luxury of a holiday outside of the peak season. The tourist crowds have disappeared, the weather is usually fine and life has returned to normal after the height of the tourist season in August. The beaches are empty and only the quality restaurants remain open. Two holidays are scheduled in mid October:

1. The Chestnut Holiday from October 12 - 19 .
2. A bridge clinic in Italian from October 14 - 21 .

There will also be opportunities to play bridge during the Chestnut Holiday, should you be interested. Every day from 5.30 until dinner, you can join us in a game of cards.

The bridge clinic is meant for people who speak Italian and want to learn the Looier System. With the prospect of winning a million Euro in prize money, there has also been some interest in the Looier System in Italy. This might lead to an Italian group of people who want to learn to play bridge.

## **Champion in the foursomes' competition**

By Rob Scherpenisse

Two years ago, my partner (Kees) and I were asked to join the team composed of Reinier Nijland, Derk Heiligers, Clemens Beutick and Hans Posthuma. Rein had become ill and Friday was not a good day for Derk. We felt honoured and accepted the invitation. After a mediocre start last year we started the season in good spirits. Dormant talent should be awakened this time and the cards had to be played right. This season, the competition would be divided into two groups after January the first. The two or three best players in each group were to be promoted. The groups would be divided into new classes. The first three teams would be promoted to first class. This meant we had some work to do. We set about our task with great enthusiasm and in December we came first. We all contributed to achieve this result, including our fifth team member and spiritual father, Derk. Things were getting really exciting now. Would we be able to win from the stronger

teams too? We had to overcome many challenges and pitfalls.

Our sense of humour and high spirits meant we really bonded as a team and on Friday 19 March we played our last competition. We were in first place, with a 4, 12 and 15 points lead on the numbers 2, 3 and 4, respectively. We had our fate in our own hands. All the teams played in the 'Witte Huis' on the Ijsbaanpad in Amsterdam. Halfway through the evening, when the halfway score was announced, it slowly daunted on us. Victory was near! We had a strong lead. After a sweeping victory (25-5) we experienced our "five minutes of fame". We came first overall and were promoted to first class. We received flowers and, to top it all, the Looier BV also rewarded us with a stay in the hotel in Tuscany. Thank you so much!

The Looier first participated in the external foursomes' competition 23 years ago. The Looier team started in third class. After some years the Looier also participated with a second class team and now, after 23 years, the Looier is also represented in the first class. We hope that we can maintain our position there next year.

Best regards from Derk, Clemens, Hans, Kees and Rob. The Looier 1 team.

# Wessel Oomens

## **establishes a first agreement in Looier+**

The bidding systems Looier Light and Looier Standard are sufficiently well-known by now. So far, there was no system for those who can manage slightly more complicated agreements. Wessel Oomens, an enthusiastic young bridge

player, teaches the Looier system, but would like to see some additions to the system, so that the description of a hand can be even more specific. Below is his summary with Hans Becker's comments in red.

### Looier suggestions

Hello Looier enthusiasts, Most of you will know me from Monday evening, but for those of you who don't: My name is Wessel Oomens and I have been teacher Looier classes to beginners for the last two years. In this article I will share a suggestion for improvement of the Looier system. Please note, this will not make the system any easier, but it will be an improvement!

I would like to talk about the 2♣ opening. First, I will list all 4 possible meanings of this opening bid:

- A weak hand with a 6-card ♦
- Game-forcing (GF) with ♣ as a trump suit
- Semi-forcing (SF) in any suit
- A semi-balanced hand with 7.5 secure tricks. One suit is missing, is short or leaky.

Barring exceptions, the partner will respond with a 2♣ opening bid with 2♦. Then it is up to us to communicate which option of the 2♣ opening we hold. If we pass, we are obviously holding the weak card with ♦. The 2NT bid promises the leaky NT and bids of 2♥/2♠/3♣ and 3♦ promise SF hands in the relevant suit. We offer a hand which is GF with ♣ by rebidding 3NT. However, in my opinion this is a bit short-sighted. Have a look, for instance, at the following hands:

♠ 8  
♥ A 8 5 2  
♦ A  
♣ A K Q 8 6 3 2

This hand is clearly too strong for a 1♣ opening, because we count

25 points including 5 length points. A leaky NT is not an option either.

I only agree with this in part. In my opinion, this is a leaky NT, not a solid one, because it would be better if you held at least a 3-card in each of the other suits, but it does meet the following criterion: "At least 7,5 tricks if your partner holds a solid stopper in ♠, if a leak in ♠ is indicated."

The partners do not hold a stopper. There is a 33% chance of a ♠ ace; + a much smaller chance of K/Q; an even smaller chance of Q/J/10 and a very slight chance of J/10/9/x. However, I assume that, together, these chances are above the 50%. Without a stopper in ♠ the partner, holding the hand below, should bid 4♦. Because it is the strong hand that has to play. With the hand below, you end up with 4♥. A very reasonable contract, I would say.

If you were to change ♦A in ♦H + a small card, then you would still have a leaky NT, but you would be less secure. If the opponents then start with ♠ and the partner misses the ace and they find the switch to ♦ then you might have a problem if there is A Q behind you. However, they would have to discover the switch first and the cards would have to be poor too.

We (i.e. Wessel and the Looier+ players) choose to open this hand as GF in ♣.

That wouldn't be my choice! I would, certainly in this case, where there are nine very secure tricks, opt for the leaky NT.

When opting for indicating a gameforcing in clubs, the bidding would proceed as follows: 2♣ - 2♦ - 3NT

We will now walk to the other side of the table and take our partner's seat. We see the following collection:

♠ 9 7 5

♥ K 10 7 6

♦ 8 7 3 2

♣ 7 4

A quick glance at the ♠ suit and it becomes clear that 3NT would be a fruitless mission if the opponents lead ♠.

That is correct for this particular hand. However, the 2♣ opener has only indicated that he promises 9+ tricks if ♣ is made trump. Although the clubs hand has not indicated anything in ♠, he may still hold a ♠ instead of a ♦ or stopper ♥ (66% chance that ♠ is included). The only thing you know for sure is that your partner has not opened 3NT (gambling) or 3♠ (gambling). Suits will therefore be covered in at least two. I would certainly opt for the leaky NT, then you will find out where they leak is.

We are one trick short for 5♣ (we will lose 1 trick in spades and 2 tricks in hearts). The only makeable contract is 4♥. Because in that contract we can ruff two spades in the hand with a ♥ 5 and ♥ 2. With any luck we will even make 11 tricks in 4♥!

But how will we achieve this superior contract? The answer is actually quite simple. After we open the bidding with 2♣, and our partner obediently answers 2♦, we do not bid 3NT to indicate our GF with clubs, but we rebid 3♥!!

This can't mean anything else but a GF ♣ hand, which also holds a 4-card in ♥. This is the only possible meaning because we can no longer hold one of the other possibilities of the 2♣ opening. This means that we are providing more information, even though we are

not even past 3NT! This trick only works if you hold ♥ or ♠ as well as a GF in ♣. With ♦, however, you would have to jump to 4♦ to get the same message across. That wouldn't work, however, because we would be past 3NT.

**A brilliant idea. Hats off!**

I hope this has been helpful and if you have any suggestions you can always mail me at [wesseloomens@live.com](mailto:wesseloomens@live.com) Best regards Wessel

## **Second season of Women's Bridge closed off in the Looier with festivities**

Well here we are, it's the end of the season. We have some new winners earned some master points, had some lovely food,



*Margot and Dorine won the ladder trophy 2010*

shared some gossip and some laughter and enjoyed the lovely prizes (which you would actually be proud to take home this time) and perhaps most importantly: without exaggerating, each and every one of us at women's bridge played excellent bridge.

The champions of the ladder competition were Dorine Rijkers and Margot Schoenmacker with a score of 58,91%. There was only a slight difference (0,07%) between them and the runners-up Diana Hell and Marijke de Baat Doelman. The numbers three were Len van Grieken and Hanny Crijns, with a score of 57,63%. The champions of the day were Ineke Sertons and Cis van Gemert with a staggering score of 64,88%. They went home with the first prize.

The participants are still very enthusiastic about these third Sunday afternoons of the month in the Looier. The figures show that the Club has grown. This year, a total of 140 ladies participated, as opposed to 124 the year before. On average, there were 22 pairs per time (as opposed to 18 in the previous year).



*Marijke, Len, Diana and Hanny, the numbers 2 and 3 of the ladder competition women's bridge.*

The core of regular players (i.e. 7-10 times per season) consists of 22 ladies (18 last year). In addition there are 31 players who play

4-6 times per season (20 last year). And lastly, there are 87 occasional players (86 last year), ladies who play once, twice or three times per season, to fill in for someone else or just to see what it's like.

We will, of course, continue this successful formula next season. The third Sunday in September, the 19<sup>th</sup>, Barry and Arjen will be there to welcome you at Women's Bridge - for a happy reunion after the holiday or for a first introduction: either way, they will be very pleased to see you! Finally, one of the nicest games of the year according to the champion, a game of 17 February 2010.

Game 4	♠AQT5		
W/A	♥543		
	♦AT85		
	♣A2		
♠J4		N	♠3
♥KQ8		W O	♥AJT972
♦KJ7		Z	♦964
♣QT765			♣K43
	♠K98762		
	♥6		
	♦Q32		
	♣J98		

The nice thing about this game is the bidding sequence. It went as follows:

West	North	East	South
Witteveen	Rijkers	van Ettinger	Schoenmacker
1 ♣	- doubles -	1 ♥	4 ♠
pass	pass	pass	

At most of the other tables, South bids 2 spades. East /West will then easily find the hearts fit. West bids 3 hearts, after which the majority of East players bid 4 hearts. Because South immediately bids 4 spades, East/West are rendered harmless. 4 spades always succeeds (make sure you play diamonds well though). 4 hearts is

more difficult to make. There are 4 losers. A diamonds loser can be avoided, however, by unblocking clubs and playing a diamonds loser. South does need to pay attention and immediately throw diamond Queen when East plays  $\spadesuit$ . In all other circumstances,  $4\heartsuit$  always succeeds.

## The exam and Looier Cash!

Students and members of the Monday evening club, don't forget: The Looier system exam and the Looier Cash Tournament, with a big prize for the Looier system players, are almost here. Monday evening 30 August, all members of the Monday evening club who played or attended a class at least twenty times are invited to participate in the Looier Cash Tournament. Those with the highest score will be awarded a cash prize of € 2,500. In addition, there are prizes of € 1,000, € 750, € 500 and € 100 to be won. If you are a member and you have not participated the required number of times, you can still register as a stand-by player. Even the required stand-by players who use the Looier system will be eligible for one of the 8 cash prizes.

The following rules apply to stand-by players on this particular evening:

1. Stand-by players who are members of the Monday evening club and have not played the required number of times will be placed according to the number of times played.
2. Should there be enough stand-by players to form another table, then the stand-by players who are not required to complete the table of placed players, but who do participate, will not be eligible for the prizes.

3. You would have to present by 7.15 p.m. at the latest. If you are any later, then you will be considered a Bell-boy or Bell-girl.
4. Bell-boy's and bell-girls are only eligible for the prizes if they are required to complete a table with placed players.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday evening 30 August for this wonderful competition.

## **New rules for the Monday Evening Club**

We were hoping Monday evening would become a huge success if participation was free. It turned out that we were wrong. Occasionally someone showed up who knew about the arrangement, but players were usually surprised to learn that participation was free. As last year's books showed a small deficit again, we decided to scrap the free participation arrangement for Mondays. As of September, the usual fee applies, i.e. € 5 for non-members and € 2,20 for members of a Looier club other than the Monday evening club. Members of the Monday evening club obviously continue to participate for free.

## **The contribution year is drawing to a close.**

The bridge season is almost over. The contribution fee will be raised in accordance with the inflation percentage. The new season starts on September 1st. If you pay your contribution before that date, you can pay the old contribution fee.

The old and new contribution fees for the various clubs are as follows:

Monday evening Sept. – Aug.	€ 36,60	€ 37,35
Tuesday afternoon Sept. – Aug.	€ 92,40	€ 94,25
Wednesday evening Sept. – Aug.	€ 92,40	€ 94,25
Thursday afternoon Sept. – Aug.	€ 92,40	€ 94,25
Thursday evening Sept. – Aug.	€ 92,40	€ 94,25
Friday evening from Sept. – May	€ 50,00	€ 51,00
An additional club membership:	€ 61,50	€ 62,30
The full competition packet:	€ 300,00	€ 300,00
Participation by members in one of our other clubs:	€	2,25
Participation of non-members in a club afternoon or evening:	€	5,00
Participation of Looier members in the Sunday Afternoon Drive:	€	4,15
Participation of non-members in the Sunday Afternoon Drive:	€	8,30

If you do not wish to renew your membership, please notify us in time, so we don't have to pay any monthly fees to the Dutch Bridge Union for you. Thank you for your cooperation. You can transfer your contribution for the Looier bridge club of your choice to the ING account of Bridge Club de Looier: **7366100**

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### **LART is almost here.**

Bridge Club de Looier was founded 23 years ago and since its fifth anniversary we have been celebrating its anniversary every year with the LART tournament. The 18th LART tournament is almost here and will be held from Friday 10 to Sunday 12 September.

LART is a 3-day tournament. It consists of 3 parts. On Friday evening, we start with a pairs competition. This is followed by the Patton competition on Saturday evening and the individual players competition, where you will have to cope with 7 different partners, on Sunday afternoon.



*Gilles de Jong, our youngest member, was allowed to choose a prize won by his father.*

The Looier regularly hosts antique and curiosa auctions, which is why some of the prizes are items you would expect to find on an antique market. Some of the other prizes are donated by the bridge club and because the Looier has been the proud owner of a hotel in Italy for some years now, it often donates a week's stay for two in the San Carlo Terme hotel (on a half-board basis). Some of the prizes on offer are

1. A private bridge party for 10 on Tuesday afternoon;
2. Participation by a pair in the Master Points Drive;
3. A stay in Albergo Ristorante San Carlo in Tuscany on a half-board basis as part of the Chestnut Holiday scheduled from 12-19 October;

4. A litho by Annemarie de Groot;
5. Porcelain;
6. A bottle of Torley champagne etc.

There is a prize for everyone, so please register and participate in this lovely tournament. If you can't make it on one or two of the days, that is not a problem, you can still register for the remaining day(s). In order to qualify for a prize you need to be present at the prize-giving ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Sunday afternoon, immediately after the Individual Players Competition.

## Looier Bidding Advantage 24

Hans Becker

### The Danes came to Amsterdam and taught us a thing or two about Looier bidding!

Hanne Carlsson and Thorkild Bogh from Denmark were in Amsterdam for a week. A visit to our bridge club is a standard part of their programme. They are the first non-Dutch players who have embraced the Looier system, and on Thursday evening 25 February they played in the strong line.

In game 25, the bidding proceeded as follows:

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	Pass
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	pass	1♥ <sup>2</sup>	?

<sup>1</sup>- An opening 12-19 points, does not say anything about ♣. Even 0 ♣ is possible.

<sup>2</sup>- Weak, a stop bid < 8 points at least a 5-card ♥.

Your hand:

♠ A, Q, 9  
 ♥ A, 6  
 ♦ J, 10, 5, 3, 2  
 ♣ 10, 9, 2

What would be your bid if you held this hand?

Our South bid 2♦. West gave a doubles and North held the following hand:

♠ 8, 5, 4, 3, 2  
 ♥ K, 8, 5, 2  
 ♦ K  
 ♣ 8, 7, 3

What would you bid? Natural bids are not alerted. The new rules have brought some changes in this. People never used to alert doubles. Now all the negative doubles, as well as other doubles on which no natural agreements exist, should be alerted.

Would you bid something now? Our North did not ask anything, assumed it was a negative doubles and passed.

The complete hand looked as follows:

Game 4	♠ 85432		
W/A	♥ K852		
	♦ K		
	♣ 873		
♠ K		N	♠ J1076
♥ J9		W	♥ Q10743
♦ AQ9864	O	Z	♦ 7
♣ AKJ6			♣ Q54
	♠ AQ9		
	♥ A6		
	♦ J10532		
	♣ 1092		

An overview of the bidding:

West	South	West	North
-	-	-	pass
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	pass	1♥ <sup>2</sup>	2♦
- doubles -	pass	pass	pass

<sup>1</sup>- An opening 12-19 points, does not say anything about ♣. Even 0 ♣ is possible.

<sup>2</sup>- Weak, a stop bid < 8 points at least a 5-card ♥.

Mr so and so immediately called the referee, but Arjan rightly decided that it wasn't necessary to alert and the -1,100 score was upheld. My spouse often says: "René Zwaan taught us

during our course that for an overcall, there should be at least two court cards in that suit." In all truth, what would you have done after the 1♥ weak bid by West?

## In Memoriam Ada Chin a Lion



*Ada Chin a Lion at Margareta Meijer's birthday party on the round-strip boat of her son, to which everyone was invited. Ada is studying her cards here.*

We've had to do without her for five weeks, and now Ada Chin a Lion has passed away. She is the perfect example of someone who has fully benefited from her bridge course.

Twice a week she undertook the difficult journey from Diemen to our bridge club. Sometimes she had to wait an hour for her taxi bus to arrive, which wasn't always as punctual as it should have been. This meant she was often the last one to leave. For twenty-one years she was a member of our club. She played with Dini Brandon for a considerable time, but she also frequently came by herself. Ada, we'll miss you.

## Special Events Programme 2010

### **Sunday 1 August**

Auction 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Viewing day**  
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee Market**  
Bridge noon – 5 p.m. **Talking or Rubber Bridge**  
(informal gathering)

### **Sunday 15 August**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge noon – 5 p.m. **Talking bridge with Barry**  
(informal gathering)

### **Sunday 29 August**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee Market**  
Bridge 12.45– 5 p.m. **The 'Master Points Drive'**

### **Monday 30 August**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 7.15– midnight **The 'Looier Cash**

### **Tournament'**

### **Tuesday 31 August**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee Market**  
Bridge 7.15 – 9.30 p.m. **Looier System Exam**

### **Wednesday 1 September**

Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Start of the comp. Gay**  
**Prize Bridge** Membership fee € 94.25 until  
31.08.11

### **Thursday 2 September**

Bridge 12.45 – 4. 45 p.m. **Start of the Tea Drive**  
**Competition (NR)**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **New competition 'The**  
**Smokers' Club'**  
Membership fee € 94.25 until 31.08.11

### **Friday 3 September**

Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Start of the Patton comp.**  
**No smoking**  
Membership fee € 51 until 31.08.11

### **Saturday 4 September**

Auction 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Viewing day**  
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee Market**  
Bridge noon – 5 p.m. **Talking bridge with Barry**  
(informal gathering)

### **Sunday 5 September**

Auction 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Viewing day**  
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee Market**  
Bridge noon – 5 p.m. **Talking or Rubber Bridge**  
(informal gathering)

- Monday 6 September**  
Auction 2 – 4 p.m. **General auction**
- Friday 10 September**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **The L.A.R.T. pair competition**
- Saturday 11 September**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **The L.A.R.T. Patton competition**
- Sunday 12 September**  
Bridge 12.45 – 4.30 p.m. **L.A.R.T. Individual players - presentation of prizes.**  
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Please visit [www.bridgereis.nl](http://www.bridgereis.nl) for further information.
- Sunday 19 September**  
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 12.00 – 5 p.m. **Women's Bridge**
- Sunday 26 September**  
Bridge 12.45 – 4.30 p.m. **Master Points Drive**
- Saturday 2 October**  
Auction 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Viewing day**  
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee Market**  
Bridge noon – 5 p.m. **Talking bridge with Barry**  
(informal gathering)
- Sunday 3 October**  
Auction 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Viewing day**  
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee Market**  
Bridge noon – 5 p.m. **Talking or Rubber Bridge**  
(informal gathering)
- Monday 4 October**  
Auction 2 – 4 p.m. **General auction**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Start of the Bridge Bidding Course**
- Wednesday 6 October**  
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 5.30 – 6.30 p.m. **General Meeting**  
7.15 – 11.30 p.m. **"Blind Date Drive"**
- Monday 11 October**  
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **2nd Relay + Looier Stayman**  
7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Individual Players Club Looier System**

**Tuesday 12 - 19 October**

Holiday Apartments **Chestnut Bridge trip to Tuscany**

**Thursday 14 - 21 October**

Holiday Apartments **Bridge clinic in Tuscany, Italy**

**Sunday 17 October**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee Market**  
Bridge 12.00 – 5 p.m. **Women's Bridge**

**Monday 18 October**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **The intermediate overcall with 'Logjes'**  
7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Individual Players Club**  
Looier System

**Monday 25 October**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **The 2NT opening+Niemeijer**

**Sunday 31 October**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee Market**  
Auction 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Viewing day**  
Bridge noon – 5.15 p.m. **The Master Points Drive**

**Monday 1 November**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Auction 2 – 4 p.m. **General auction**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Lesson 5 The 2♦; 2♥ and 2♠ opening**  
7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Individual Players Club** Looier System

**Saturday 6 November**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Bridge on the Water**

**Monday 8 November**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Lesson 6 The 2♣ opening bid**  
7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Individual Players Club**  
Looier System

**Monday 15 November**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 **Lesson 7 Slam Conventions**  
7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Individual Players Club**

Looier System

**Friday 19 - Sunday 28 November**

Bridge **A bridge holiday to San Carlo Terme**  
Please visit [www.bridgereis.nl](http://www.bridgereis.nl) for further information.  
7.15- midnight **The Patton Club**

**Sunday 21 November**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 12.00 – 5 p.m. **Women's Bridge**

**Monday 22 November**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Discussion of System Card**

The Looier Bidding system explained in one evening.

A nice opportunity for experienced bridge player to get to know the Looier system! Costs for this single evening EUR 15.

7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Individual Players Club**  
Looier System

**Sunday 28 November**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 12.45– 5.45 p.m. **The 'Master Points Drive'**  
members EUR 4.15. Other participants EUR 8.30.

**Monday 29 November**

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Antique Market**  
Bridge 7.15 – 11 p.m. **Students play in the lesson line**  
7.15 – 10.30 p.m. **Individual Players Club**  
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Play regularly – preferably once a week – then you will retain your knowledge. If you are a new member of the Monday evening club and you play regularly on Monday, you can participate in the Looier Cash Tournament at the end of August. This is a tournament with EUR 5,000 in prize money. In addition all members of the club are offered a Bridge Week in hour hotel in Tuscany. This would be on a half-board basis, and would not include flights/transport, excursions and drinks. You are always welcome at:

## **Asbergo Ristorante San Carlo.**

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## A week in the Looier without any special events

### Monday

- Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open  
Auction 14.00 - 4 p.m. Auction 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.  
Preceding Saturday and Sunday Viewing day  
Bridge 6.45 p.m. – 7.15 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)  
7.30 – 10.30 p.m. Looier Individual Players Club.  
Participation free.  
7.30 – 10.30 p.m. Bridge lessons and practice

### Tuesday

- Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open  
Auction 11.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Drop-off, pick-up and payments  
Bridge 12.00 p.m. – 12.45 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)  
1 – 5.30 p.m. The Egnog Drive. Participation € 5.

### Wednesday

- Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Flee market. Free entry.  
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open  
Auction 11.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Drop-off, pick-up and payments  
Bridge 6.45 p.m. – 7.15 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)  
7.30 – 11 p.m. Gay Prize Bridge. Participation € 5

### Thursday

- Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open  
Auction 11.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Drop-off, pick-up and payments  
Bridge 12.00 p.m. – 12.45 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)  
1 – 5.30 p.m. 'The Tea Drive'. Participate for € 5.  
6.45 p.m. – 7.15 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)  
7.30 – 11 p.m. The Smokers Club. Participate for € 5

### Friday

- Bridge 6.45 – 7.15 p.m. Registration for The Patton Club  
From September until March.  
Magic 6.45 – 7.15 p.m. Registration for 'Friday Night  
Magic.' From September until March.

### Saturday

- Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Flee market. Free entry.  
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open  
Bridge 1 – 5 p.m. Practise with Barry.

### Sunday

- Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Flee market. Free entry.  
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open  
Bridge 6.45 – 7.15 p.m. Play with Barry

## **Weekly programme of 'Bridge Club The Looier'**

Monday evening: Individual Players Club Registration open until 7.15 p.m. Free participation. Obligatory use of The Looier Bidding System. 21 boards played until approx. 11 p.m.

Tuesday: The Egnog Drive; Registration open until 12.45 p.m. The barometer drive. Prizes for each round. Approx. 16 pairs.

Wednesday: Gay Prize Bridge. Registration open until 7.15 p.m. A Butler night with a bottle of good wine to win. Approx. 14 Pairs, 24 boards played until approx. 11. p.m.

Thursday afternoon: 'The Tea Drive Club'; registration open until 12.45 p.m. One area reserved for smoking. Bridge area non-smoking. Free tea provided.

Thursday evening: The Smokers Club: Registration open until 7.15 p.m. Busy evening. Approx. 24 pairs. The strongest line plays a complete Howell.

Friday: 'The Patton Club'. Registration open until 7.15 p.m. Plays from September until March. Relaxed atmosphere - evenings can last until approx. 24 p.m.

Sunday: Women's Bridge Registration open until 12.45 p.m.  
**Please note!** Only held on the last Sunday of the month. Doors open at noon.

Sunday: The Master Points Drive Registration open until 12.45 p.m.  
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**Looierbridge.nl** The website for Bridge Club The Looier with information on: Bridge lessons, bridge clubs, bridge partners, bridge trips and the results and scores for our club.

**Looier Auction.nl** Art, Silver, Jewellery, Collectables , Earthenware, Antiques, Jugendstil pieces, etc. often with a very low starting price, and with a 'Buy Now Price' as well. You can snap the item up at the 'Buy Now Price' until the end of the viewing day. You can also bid on items during the Limited Time Auction held on the first Monday of the month at the Looier, Elandsgracht 109 in Amsterdam, in a cheerful atmosphere.

**Looiernieuws.nl** This is where we keep you up to date with new initiatives and developments (time allowing).

**Looier Suites.nl** Information on our apartments and holiday homes in Amsterdam, Callantsoog and Antona/Tuscany/ Italy. Photographs, prices, availability etc.

**Looierantiek.nl** The Antique Market at Elandsgracht 109 in Amsterdam. For over 34 years this has been *the* haven for collectors, browsers, dealers and antique lovers alike. Open Saturday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It has approx. 70 stands and 110 display cases. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays are flea market days. On those days, you can rent a table for € 10, plus a deposit of € 5 (which will be refunded at 5.15 p.m.).