

BRIDGING THE GAP

Newsletter of the WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB INC.

April 2013

Busy with Bridge

The Bridge Year is in full flow with lots happening and much to enjoy. The recent intermediate lessons were a great success with around 30 people attending. There has been much talk around the traps of the clever tips and tricks provided.

This can all be put to good use in the upcoming Wanaka Tournament in May. Lucky for us, this will be followed by the Otago-Southland Congress which is again being held in Wanaka. So, even if you don't normally travel to other tournaments, make sure you sign-up for these local events.

Monday Bridge

Congratulations to the Ottreys for their separate successes on Monday night! Boyd, with Ken Muir, topped North whilst Nan with, Ken Roberts, were victorious in South. The Ottery/Ken combination is obviously hard to beat.

Wednesday Bridge

Mixed Teams underway on Wednesday nights this month. Junior Championship pairs again at start of May. Remember you are welcome to play on Junior Championship Pairs nights even if you don't qualify for the event. More the merrier!

Friday Bridge

Fantastic turn out for Friday Bridge recently with 14 tables playing. Great to see people taking advantage of these more casual friendly sessions, socialising and improving their Bridge.

Learn-to-Play Bridge Lessons

These will start on either Wednesday 8th May at 7pm or Friday 10th May at 1pm, depending on where the most demand is. Please contact Ann-Louise (443 8041) if you know of anyone interested. Notice is in the Messenger, cost \$60.

Monday Night Room Set-up Roster

22 nd April	Allan Kelly
29 th April	Mo Schofield
6 th May	Sherril Harries

We need volunteers for 13th/20th and 27th May and there are still lots of gaps for the rest of the year. Please contact Noeline on 443 8864 if you can help with Monday Night.

If we do not get enough volunteers, Noeline will have to start calling round so please save her the hassle and put your name forward for a spot. Thanks.

Procedure for Corrections to Scores

Sometime it is necessary to correct scores after the event, for example where they have been incorrectly entered. In order to make this fair and manageable for the computer operators we have implemented a new procedure.

Anyone that feels a correction needs to be made must fill out a correction form and get it signed by the opposite party involved before they bring it to the computer operator for alteration.

There are blank correction forms pinned to the noticeboard (opposite the toilet).

Tournament Calendar

27/28 April Invercargill Open 5A Pairs and Teams
4 May Wanaka Open 3A Pairs
18 May Oamaru Open 5A

Please register interest with Jenny Pryde, 443 5020.
See the notice board at the Bridge Club (opposite the toilets) for more information.

Tournament Results

Pairs

Congratulations to Ann-Louise Stokes and Lynne Clay for being 1st Intermediate Pair the Cromwell Open Pairs Tournament.

Teams

Two Wanaka teams entered the Cromwell Open Teams event. This was the first time Wanaka had entered a Team Tournament and was far more relaxed than a Pairs Tournament. We played 5 sets of 10 boards, so less movement and less noise.

Ann-Louise reported that it was great fun and is something more people should consider taking part in.

Best of all, Wanaka was very successful. Our Intermediate teams coming 1st and 2nd.

Well done to:

Nan Ottrey, Dorothy McDonald, Ann-Louise Stokes, Claire Scurr, Mo Schofield, Sherrill Harries, Maggie Stratford & Lynne Fegan.

Wanaka Tournament

The annual Wanaka Open Tournament is on May 4th. We would like to see as many locals pairs as possible to please sign-up on the board in the club (outside toilets) or contact Jenny on 443 5020.

For those who haven't been before, The Wanaka Tournament is a great day of Bridge. It starts with morning tea then morning and afternoon sessions of Bridge with lunch provided in between. We finish-up with soup and sandwiches, a couple of drinks and a raffle.

If you are not playing but could help out with Kitchen duties, please contact Jenny to volunteer for a shift.

Please could all players bring a plate for morning tea and we are looking for raffle donations from members to help support this event.

Otago-Southland Congress, Wanaka

This is the regions premier Bridge event and we are lucky that it is held here in Wanaka.

Entry forms are on the notice board (opposite the bathroom), or you can enter on-line at www.otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz and you will see it on the front page at the right hand side of the page.

There are Open and Int/Jnr Pairs and Teams played throughout the weekend and standalone events on the Friday night and Monday morning. We would encourage you to enter this event, and if you are new to Tournament play then the Teams event on the Sunday would be a great place to start.

If you have any queries please contact Ann-Louise 443 8041.

Director Exams

Directors are an essential part of any Bridge Club. The club is always looking to help train new directors so if you feel this is something you might be interested in, please contact Ann-Louise for more information.

The Club Director exams are on the 29/30th June and 2nd/3rd November. We have some great study resources available to us after the Director Training weekend held in Dunedin recently.

Updates to Bridge Book

Carolyn & Roger Field	03 443 2422
Jason Benton	03 443 7893
Ross Rainsford	03 443 6465
George Foreman	03 443 4083
John Mitchell	03 445 1749
Lynne Clay	03 443 7546
Jan Cunningham	03 746 8131
Ann Paterson	03 438 9493
Rebecca Corkin	
Jan Wyn-Williams	03 443 4046

And finally ...

Newsletter a bit rushed this month as I'm off on holiday next weeks and ran out of time so no Bridge Rules section this month – sorry. Hope you are all keeping warm and looking forward to seeing you at the Wanaka Tournament.

Cheers

Gavin