



Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club Inc.
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Our turn to play hosts

Birds of a feather will flock together on Saturday 3 May – and we're not talking about duck shooting. It's the day bridge players from far and wide will descend on Wanaka for our first tournament of the year.

If you've never played in a tournament before, playing locally is a great way to start as there will be plenty of friendly faces. If you need help finding a partner, contact:

- Heather Wellman 443 7347
- Noeline Goldsbrough 443 8864

As the saying goes, many hands make light work so we hope we can rely on all members to pitch in in some way and help make our tournament a rousing success. Players, please bring a plate for morning tea and/or a contribution to our raffle prizes. (The latter can be dropped off on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.)

We also need non-playing members to help out in the kitchen for a few hours in the morning and/or afternoon. Contact Noeline if you're keen.

Entry forms are on the noticeboard. The \$30 entry fee includes lunch and afternoon tea.

Our thanks to Active Furnishers for sponsoring this event.



Winners are grinners

Congratulations to our latest series winners.

Mt Iron Stakes (Bronze)

Annette Clements and Shona Watt (55.22%)

Mt Iron Stakes (Silver)

Lynne Fegan and Sherril Harries (62.29%)
(Who just squeaked in ahead of Marion Furneaux and Laraine Shepherd on 62.24%)

Wilkin Pairs

Jan Wynn-Williams and Carolyn Field (58.57%)

Fundraiser for NZ Youth Team

The south will be well represented at this year's World Youth Teams Championships in Turkey. Four of the six members of the New Zealand team are from Otago/Southland. We think that's more than enough reason for us to get behind the team's fundraiser event by hosting a heat of a 5A Simultaneous Pairs competition on Friday 9 May at 7:30pm. There is one A point up for grabs for the winners at club level as well as 5A points for each region. Entry fee \$13. Look on the noticeboard under 'tournaments' for more information.

Welcome Gabby

A warm Wanaka welcome to our newest member, Gabby Marshall. Gabby has moved to Wanaka from Brisbane and is a former Christchurch player.

Friday bridge takes a break

Remember, there will be no Friday bridge on Good Friday (April 18) or Anzac Day. For a bridge fix over Easter, come along to the Easter Open on Monday 21 at 7:00pm.

Orders taken for rule book

We're about to order extra copies of The Laws of Duplicate Bridge (the rule book) for the club. Contact Marion Furneaux on 443 8120 by 21 April if you'd like your own copy (\$25 each).

Beginners' lessons

Know someone you suspect might find bridge highly enjoyable and just ever so slightly addictive? Deirdre Lynch has kindly agreed to take beginners' lessons this year, ably assisted by Heather Wellman. The 10-session course will start either 7 or 9 May depending on whether the preference is for Wednesday or Friday lessons. If you know someone who is interested in learning to play, get them to contact Deirdre on 443 7877.

Want to improve your game?

Tina McVeigh (of 'House of Cards' fame) is available to take improvers lessons here on Sunday 31 August. \$80 per person for two sessions; \$45 for one. If you're keen to brush up on the finer points of your game, register your interest by contacting Ann-Louise Stokes on 443 8041 or alstokes@xtra.co.nz. There will also be a clip board floating around on club nights/days over the next few weeks.

Directors' workshops

And yet another learning opportunity. There will be a directors' workshop on Monday 2 June from 2-4pm following the Otago/Southland Congress in Dunedin. There is no charge for this and if you are interested please contact Ann-Louise.

NZ Bridge, in association with the Australian Directors Association, is holding an interactive workshop for directors in Wellington on 21-22 June. More information on the noticeboard.

NZ Bridge email updates

Keen to get news, bridge tips and free on-line bridge magazine from NZ Bridge, just go to their website www.nzcba.co.nz and register to go on their email distribution list.

Upcoming tournaments

As well as our own tournament, there are plenty of others coming up in the region over the next month. Talk to Georgie Roberts (443 6789) if you want to register for these upcoming tournaments:

- Invercargill Teams & Pairs (Open) April 27/28
- North Otago Pairs (Oamaru) (Open) May 17
- Te Anau Pairs (Open) May 17
- Gore Pairs (Jnr/Int) May 24

Happy bridging!

Cheers
Your committee

Changes/additions for your bridge book

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