



Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club
April 2016

Hi Everyone

Almost May and are we not having the most stunning Autumn? Locals and visitors alike are in awe at the amazing colours as the leaves turn. I have noticed a few chimneys billowing smoke as we brace ourselves for the colder months ahead. Some of us may be lucky to depart Wanaka for the winter months and lounge on deck chairs beside pools somewhere warm and tropical, but for those of us that hunker down for the bracing chill, it is reassuring to know we have Bridge to take shelter in and with Tuesday bridge starting next month there is a game to be played almost every day of the week!

On that note **Tuesday Bridge** starts Tuesday 3rd May, 11am to around 3pm. Please bring your own lunch. Please note, the bar will not be open afterwards.

Wanaka Open Tournament

Exciting time ahead! Our club is known for our friendly tournaments and this year will be no exception. In order to make these days a huge success we need your support. The raffle is a popular part of the day and we're looking for prizes to be donated. These can be left on the tables at the back of the room anytime from now. Also, if you are playing in the tournament, we ask that you bring a plate for morning tea. Please check out the noticeboard for more details and how to enter. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Wanaka Bridge Club Open 3A
Tournament

Saturday, 7th May, 2016

Entry Fee: \$35.00 per person
Starting: 10.00am (Please join us for morning tea from 9.30am)
Supplied: Mid-day meal at the Wanaka Districts Club and post-play snacks

Other tournaments

May 21 Te Anau Pairs (Open)
May 28 Gore Pairs (Jnr/Int)

For tournament details, check out the club noticeboard or contact David Brewer - david@thebrewers.co.nz or call 0212 803 307. If you do wish to play in a particular tournament you must make contact with the tournament organiser.

Microwave request

With our kitchen and bar area almost complete we are missing one important item. A microwave to heat our Tuesday lunches or to heat a frozen snack that the bar provides. If anyone has a spare microwave or there is one sitting in a garage gathering dust that you would like to donate, please let the committee know. As long as it works and is deemed safe we would love to have it.

Bar update

You will notice we've purchased new wine glasses that are a regular size. This will avoid one member being given a thimble-sized glass sitting alongside another who is nursing a tub. All will be marked to measure an even pour of 150ml. If you donated glasses and would like them back, please contact Gerarda on 443 8624. Otherwise we will donate them to the Hospice Shop.

The price for a glass of wine is now \$5, beer remains \$3, and soft drink \$2.

Library books

We are seeking a bookshelf to house our collection in an orderly fashion. Once again any donations greatly appreciated. If you have any bridge books you would like to donate or a bookshelf looking for a new home please contact Gerarda.

Housekeeping

We have been spoilt by the weather lately even if it hasn't been so conducive to bridge!! The weather is slowly turning which means the heatpump needs to be on 'heating'. The heatpump has had some problems that have now been rectified but we ask that only committee members touch the control panel as some members have been adjusting the setting which was compounding issues for other members. The temperature won't be perfect for everyone but remember if you want it a little warmer sit towards the South wall and to the right and if you like it a little cooler sit closer to the West wall.

Please remember to check your books to make sure who you have booked in and that you remember to turn up! No-shows add extra pressure on the directors and computer operators and of course your partner has to go home.

New members contact details

Here are the contact phone numbers for our new members who are not in the book.

Bronze Reserve

Nick Thorburn 021 828 151

Heather Oberer 021 828 151

Bronze

Robin Bruce-Smith 265 3981

Sue Thomson 443 8408

Silver

Sheryl Strudwick 443 1090

Finally,

A bumbling bridge player explained to her regular partner how she planned to improve her game.

"Every night when I go to bed I think about the mistakes I made that day at the bridge club"

"Gee" her partner said "how do you get any sleep!"

Jason Benton

On behalf of the committee

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