

Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club
April 2017



Hi everyone

April already and what a busy month it has been so far, especially with the Festival of Colour – what a great event. With our first good frost past, the gardens have been put to bed, the fires set and ready and we look forward to a winter of bridge. No more excuses that it is too glorious an evening to get to the club, or there was that BBQ to attend. We look forward to seeing you at the club soon.

Clare's message

I cannot believe that it's April already - the year is racing by as per usual.

It was great to see so many of our club members out and about enjoying the Festival of Colour during the past week - we may all need the Easter break to recover from such a hectic schedule.

Not much from me this month, but a reminder to get your entries in for the Wanaka tournament next month.

Plans are coming along nicely for our 40th celebrations and many thanks to Jane Hamilton who is conducting a lot of research about the history of the club. Please contact Jane or me if there are any past members of the club you would like us to invite to the festivities.

That's it from me this month - happy Easter everyone!

Clare

Easter schedule

A reminder there is no bridge on Good Friday, however we have our Easter Open on Monday 17 April.

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Ladies who play together go to plays together.
Sue Orbell, Noelene Raffills, Maureen Hawke, Shona Watt, Jane Hamilton and Jeanette Gillies pictured with the stars of Hudson and Halls Live.

Charity night

Our charity nights in February raised \$950, gratefully received by the Wanaka Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Wanaka Open Pairs

Open 3A Tournament
Sponsored By Active Furnishings

When: Saturday 6th May 2017

Time: 9.30a.m. Morning Tea
10.00a.m. Start

Where: Wanaka Bridge Club
9 Cliff Wilson Street
Wanaka

Cost: \$35 per person

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, top Intermediate pair and top Junior.

Lunch Provided
Continuous tea and coffee.
Light refreshments at conclusion.

On-line registration available:
otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/wanaka/

Entries close 9am Tuesday 2nd May



Wanaka Open Tournament

Remember to register for our tournament on Saturday 6 May. Put your names up on the board or enter online (click on the online entry tab on our home page).

As usual the success of this event depends on everyone pitching in. We're asking all players to bring a plate for morning tea and all club members to donate a raffle prize. As you know, the raffle is a hugely popular part of the event and vital when it comes to balancing the books.

We're also looking for volunteers to help out on the day. We need two at 9am to cover morning tea and two to cover afternoon tea (4pm). Contact Georgie if you can help.

Congratulations!

Well done to the winners of our latest series:

Matukituki Pairs (Wednesday)

Pam Miller and **Sheila White** – 58.17%

Cardrona Stakes (Monday)

Nan Ottrey and **Maggie Stratford** – 59.41%

Wine and chocolates coming your way.

Teams

A reminder the next teams' night is Thursday April 20th.

Tuesday bridge

Tuesday bridge will run over the winter months starting 2 May and running through August. Play starts at 11am. BYO lunch. The purpose of these sessions is to provide a relaxed playing environment for less experienced players to work on their game. Please no Silver/Silver partnerships.

"Phantom" peaches

Ruth Coghil would like to thank the mystery person (a club member?) who secretly left a bag of blackboy peaches on her doorstep. Delicious she says – a very kind gesture, but she wants to know if there are any more???

Director!

Expressions of interest are open for those members who would like to become directors. There are two exam dates coming up: 15 July and 28 October. It would be great to have more directors available throughout the year. If you are interested please contact Clare. The club will cover all costs.

Friday lessons

The quiz for each of the upcoming Friday lessons (April 21 and 28) will be on the website. Just click the Resources tab and you will find them listed. Copies are also available on the noticeboard. Lessons start at 12:15. We are continuing with overcalls and takeout doubles. Crucial for good bidding. See you there!

Happy bridging everyone and happy Easter

Jason Benton

On behalf of the committee

| Upcoming tournaments | | |
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| 23 Apr | North Otago Pairs (Oamaru) | Open 5A |
| 29-30 Apr | Invercargill Teams & Pairs | Open 5A |
| 6 May | Wanaka Pairs | Open 3A |
| 20 May | Te Anau Pairs | Open 8B |
| 27 May | Gore Jnr/Int Pairs | 3B/5B |

For tournament details, check out the club noticeboard or contact Maggie Stratford 027 333 6681.

New/changes to phone numbers

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| Sue Blake | 027 443 3495 |
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| Jane Hamilton | 443 9022 |
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