



Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club
August 2016

Hi everyone

The gardens are bursting with spring bulbs and blossom and you know what that means? The Wanaka Junior and Intermediate Tournament is just around the corner. Saturday 17 September is the date for your diary.

Playing

The tournament is open to Junior and Intermediate graded players. Check on the NZ Bridge website if you're not sure of your grading. Supporting your local tournament is a great way to start if you haven't played a tournament before. There will be lots of familiar and friendly faces. Everyone plays together but there are prizes for the Junior and Intermediate sections. Put your name down on the sheet on the noticeboard if you'd like to play. The more the merrier.

Morning tea at 9.30 with play starting at 10am. Could every player please bring a plate for morning tea.

A reminder that all partnerships need a system card. These are available at the clubrooms.

Hosting

Please let Georgie know if you're available to help at some part of the day (443 6789). We need volunteers to help with morning tea, run the bar after play etc.

The raffle is always popular and raises important funds to help the tournament pay its way. Once again, we're asking all members to provide a prize for the raffle table. This can be dropped off at the club rooms.

Grading for 2017

The grading committee will meet in November. Please write to the committee by 31 October if you'd like to be considered to go up or down a division.

Last day for Tuesday bridge

Thank you to everyone who has supported these sessions over winter – especially our directors and computer operators. The final session for the year is Tuesday 30 August. Drinks and nibbles to follow play.

Doubling new players

We're very pleased to see a large group from this year's lessons go on to join the club. Please help them settle in and feel welcome. One way to do this is not to double new players for penalties. It's a bit tough when you're brand new to the game.

New members

This month we welcome Margaret Bowes, Jill Bagley, Lyn Hill and Marc Simmonds. Jean Metzger has joined as a country member. Great to have you with us.

Upcoming tournaments

17 September - Wanaka Jnr/Int

18 September - Balclutha Open

8 October - Winton Open

The Otago Southland Congress is scheduled for 21-24 October at Otago Club in Dunedin. This is a 10A tournament.

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.

Bridge pads

We hope you're enjoying the new bridge pads and finding them easy to use. Make sure you quit out of the session at the end of play and plug the pads back into the charger. Only clean the screens with the special cloths provided.

Housekeeping

Please:

- Use pencils for bidding. Pens mark the table cloths.
- Rinse glasses and cups and put them on the basket ready to go into the steriliser.

Happy bridging everyone.

Jason Benton

On behalf of the committee

New members' contact details

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

Bronze Reserve

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| Jill Bagley | 443 7606 |
| Margaret Bowes | 027 496 2170 |
| Shirley Coppage | 443 5083 |
| Jude Gunn | 443 2143 |
| Lyn Hill | 027 450 2587 |
| Noeline Munro | 443 8077 |
| Heather Oberer | 021 828 151 |
| Nick Thorburn | 021 828 151 |

Bronze

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| Robin Bruce-Smith | 265 3981 |
| Sue Thomson | 443 8408 |

Silver

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| Marc Simmonds | 443 4042 |
| Sheryl Strudwick | 443 1090 |

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