

BRIDGING THE GAP

Newsletter of the WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB INC. December 2012

A word from your President

Thank you to everyone who came along to the AGM on Monday evening. We had a very pleasant and convivial evening and a table laden with a wonderful selection of delicious food ranging from duck to cinnamon oysters - and we managed to eat it all!

Seven tables enjoyed 90 minutes of not so serious bridge while a band of merry workers toiled away in the kitchen and tidied up, thank you so much.

A huge thank you to Peter Herbert and Mo who kept us all hydrated.

The 2013 Committee

The new committee met for the first time this week to welcome new members and allocate responsibilities.

Your committee for this year are:

President:	Ann-Louise Stokes
Vice-President:	Mark Harry
Treasurer:	Lesley Davies
Secretary:	Marion Furneaux
Past President:	Max Shepherd

Committee Members:

Noeline Goldsbrough, Deirdre Lynch, Jenny Pryde
Georgie Roberts, Mo Schofield, Gavin Stevens.

Please feel free to let them know your ideas, likes and dislikes at the Wanaka Bridge Club. But remember that most of all they like chocolate!

The Committee wishes you all a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you back at the bridge table in 2013.

Subscription Renewal

Watch out for your subscription renewal notice that will be with you shortly. Please be sure to check and correct/provide current email addresses and other contact details.

Start Dates for 2013

The new 2013 programme book is nearly complete and will hopefully be out the week before Christmas. In the meantime, start dates are as follows:

Monday Bridge: January 14th (Kingway Stakes)

Wednesday Bridge: January 30th (Clutha Pairs)

Friday Bridge: January 18th.

Championship Pairs

Please register your partnership with Ann-Louise. If anyone needs assistance in finding a partner Ann-Louise may be able to assist, 443 8041.

Wednesday Bridge

Prizes

All events will still be played in one division and master-points will be awarded to the 'off the stick' winners. However the Committee has decided that to be eligible for end of year prizes, players must have 9 rating points or less.

Junior Pairs

We have added a Junior Championship Pairs night on Wednesday which will be run over 9 nights, with 6 to qualify. To be eligible for end of year prizes you need 5 or less rating points, we hope that you enjoy this event.

Director Training

The Regional Committee is hosting a Director Training Weekend in Dunedin on 9/10 February. Allan Joseph is the tutor who was the Director at the Congress held in Wanaka earlier this year. This is a wonderful opportunity with the Saturday concentrating on Club Directing and the Sunday on Tournament Directing.

The proposed format is attached and anyone interested in attending please contact Ann-Louise, 443 8041.

Holiday Bridge

If the break from competitive bridge seems too long, the Cromwell Bridge Club continues to play on Thursday night right through. From Dec 20th they play at 7.30pm (seated by 7.20pm).

They have invited any of our members to join with them. Just turn up at the Catholic Hall, or phone Murray (03 445 0890) or Wendy (03 445 0214).

Tournaments

Alexandra January 5th/6th 5A

A great way to start your bridge tournament calendar, this tournament is run over two evenings with a 6.30pm start and a light supper at the end. Please register with Jenny Pryde 443 5020.

Junior Intermediate Tournament League

We would urge all tournament players to register for this League. For those of you not familiar with it, this is an initiative of the Regional Committee to encourage tournament play. You receive 3 points for entering, another point for getting over 50% and more points for getting 1st, 2nd or 3rd. At the end of the year the winners receive a cash prize.

Not all the junior prizes were claimed last year so it is definitely worth entering and completing. Full details are available on the website

www.otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz. Click on Tournaments and download a form. Good Luck!

And finally ...

I have been tasked with editing the newsletter for 2013 and would like to thank Trevor for his past work and excellent legacy in this area. I look forward to continuing this great tradition.

If anyone has anything they would like mentioned or have articles to contribute, please forward them to me gavin@smartfx.co.nz.

Happy Christmas,

Gavin.