

BRIDGING THE GAP

Newsletter of the WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB INC. December 2013

Fantastic end to a good year

Many members did the club proud this year on the tournament circuit. Our latest conquering heroes are Maggie Stratford and Lynne Fegan who, with Otago Club team mates Matt Blakely and Susie Lawless, took out the National Intermediate Teams title at the Inter-Provincials in Wellington last weekend. Great job!

Lois Mills joins an illustrious few

Congratulations to Lois Mills who was made a life member at the AGM. Lois was a founding member of the club and we are very delighted to be able to acknowledge her contribution to the vibrant club we enjoy today.

Prize Winners 2013

Congratulations too to our prize winners for the year. For those who missed the prize-giving, the top awards went to:

Individual

Allan Kelly

Silver Championship Pairs

Laraine & Max Shepherd

Bronze Championship Pairs

Denise & Alan Bunns

Junior Championship Pairs

Denis Pezaro & Daphne Stewart

Most improved Player

Denise Bruns

Gavin distributed the full list of winners last week. Sing out if you didn't get a copy.

Gearing up for 2014

Bridge books

Bridge books for next year will be posted at the end of next week, hopefully. **Let us know straight away if you've changed your address recently.** Just reply to this email.

Start dates

Here are the start dates for next year:

Monday night: 13 January (Kingsway Stakes)

Wednesday night: 5 February (Clutha Pairs)

Friday afternoon: 17 January

Programme changes

This year we're mixing things up a bit by playing two Monday night series in silver and bronze divisions. This will apply to Mt Iron Stakes and Glendhu Pairs. You can play up a division if you like, but not down.

Another change is that results for Wednesdays and Fridays will be handicapped. Masterpoints will be awarded on the handicap result.

Need a Championship Pairs partner?

Get in touch with Ann-Louise if you're looking for a Championship Pairs partner – she *may* be able to help with a little matchmaking. (443 8041)

Holiday bridge

Need a bridge fix over the holidays? The Alexandra Club will be hosting its annual Holiday Pairs event (5A Open) on the nights of Friday 4th and Saturday 5th January.

The Otago/Southland Swiss Pairs (10A Open) is a new tournament being held at the Otago Club in Dunedin on 18 January. If you're not familiar with the Swiss Pairs format – it's quite relaxed and works a bit like teams, although it is a Pairs partnership. The focus is on making the contract rather than any overtricks.

Contact Georgie Roberts (443 6789) if you're interested in taking part in either tournament (or both!)

And one last thing...

Just like Santa, the Bridge Club needs little helpers. Don't be shy if you've a hankering to teach, play with new members, step into the director's chair, be a backup on the set-up roster...there's always plenty to do.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Cheers
Your Committee