

BRIDGING THE GAP

Newsletter of the
WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB INC.
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Max's Message.....

Because of the growth in our club membership, including increasing numbers of new players, your committee considered it was timely to make some changes to the way club competitions are run. This has included the commencement of an additional night of regular play on Thursdays and the grading of all of our members into two divisions – Silver & Bronze.

Splitting the Pairs Championship into two divisions appears to have met with members' approval; over the past two years Pairs nights have attracted the largest turnout.

However, we have not found anything like a perfect system for grading members into Silver and Bronze categories.

The old system of allocating a handicap to each member was fraught with anomalies and has been abandoned in favour of using NZCBA Rating Points. Whilst this is quantitative, the major problem with this system is that it is heavily weighted towards the people who play most frequently.

In 2012 your committee will be reviewing the grading system and in particular will consult with other clubs to determine best practice for grading.

I am really looking forward to catching up with you all on my return.

Notes from Committee Meeting, 13 Feb

New Members

We are delighted to welcome two new members into the Club:

Josie McKenzie from Christchurch.

Lesley Airey who is a Country Member from Christchurch but who comes frequently to Wanaka.

Regional Committees of NZ Bridge

The Committee has nominated Ann-Louise for re-election to the Otago Southland Regional Committee. Ann-Louise has taken a very active role on the Regional Committee over this last year and this effort is greatly appreciated.

Charity Night

At this stage it looks like the total raised for Wanaka Search and Rescue will be around \$900! – a great result all round and thanks sincerely to all who supported this most worthwhile effort!

Thursday Bridge

The committee is very happy with the support of Thursday night and this Thursday (16th Feb) sees the start of the Clutha Pairs, our first 3 night graded event. This will be followed by the Mixed Teams in early March so a perfect time to come along and get some practice in and get your teams organised.

Library

Reminder: We are still looking to increase the range of Intermediate level books. If any members have suitable books that they no longer wish to keep on their shelves at home, please consider donating them to the club library.

Subscriptions Reminder

Thanks to those who have already paid their Subscriptions for 2012. If you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Lessons

It is hoped that Alan Joseph, who will be Director for the Congress, will be available to conduct Intermediate Level lessons for Wanaka members either before or after the Congress.

Full details will be announced shortly.

Tournaments

Wanaka

The first of the Wanaka Club tournaments (Open) is on 5 May while the second (Intermediate) is on 15 September.

Otago Southland Congress

The congress will be held for the second year running in Wanaka over Queens Birthday Weekend.

Other Tournaments

The following tournaments are scheduled over the next two months:

3 March	Te Anau Pairs	Open	8A
17 March	Alexandra Holiday Pairs	Open	5B
24 March	Taieri Pairs	Intermediate	5B
14 April	Winton Pairs	Junior	3B
28/29 April	Murihiku Teams & Pairs	Open	5A

If you wish to enter a tournament, please contact Jenny Pryde who is co-ordinating entries from Wanaka Club members.

Keep these dates free and do consider entering!

Room Set-up Duty Roster for Monday Night Sessions:

Thanks to those who have volunteered for this duty. A schedule through to the end of May is attached.

Please note the date(s) you have been allocated. If you are unable to do this duty, please arrange a swap with someone else on the list and advise Trevor of the change.

With the change to a rolling supper, the supper duty has become quite simple and rather than having a separate roster for this duty, it has been added to the room setup duty.

ROOM SETUP ROSTER 2012		
Jan 30	Deirdre Lynch	
Feb 6	Jacqui Roberts	Ken Roberts
13	Pam Buchanan	Trevor Buchanan
20	Jeanette Gillies	Karolyn Macandrew
27	Pat Gray	Freda Ryder
Mar 5	Ann-Louise Stokes	Heather Wellman
12	Ann-Louise Stokes	Judy Muir
19	Ann-Louise Stokes	Peter Hart
26	Marie Taylor	Murdoch Taylor
Apr 2	Marion Barnett	Noeline Goldsbrough
9	Carol Orbell	Kate Coe
16	Pam Buchanan	Trevor Buchanan
23	Pam Buchanan	Trevor Buchanan
30	Jenny	Murray Pryde
May 7	Hugh Fraser	Bob Menlove
14	Toni Cathie	Bruce Cathie
21	Denise Bunn	Alan Bunn
28	Vivienne Christie	Kate Summers

Supper set-up requirements:

Two trays

2 containers for coffee

Tea bags (in tin) plus a “container” for used tea bags

2 jugs

2 sugar basins

Teaspoons

Disposable cups (in office)

Hot water urn. Fill up and turn thermostat on full before play commences – turn back when boiling.