

BRIDGING THE GAP

Newsletter of the WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB INC. February 2013

Summertime Bridge

What stunning weather we have been having, isn't February great! Excellent to see such good numbers playing bridge on these warm and balmy evenings.

We welcome new members Jason Benton, George Foreman and John & Jenny Milburn to the club. Please look out for new faces on bridge nights and help make their time at the bridge table enjoyable.

Monday Bridge

The first block of Championships Pairs sessions is now complete, thanks to Ann-Louise for directing. In the Bronze division Annette Clements and Sue Orbell were the high achievers whilst in Silver Sandra Simmers and Jo Wallis topped the charts for the 3 sessions combined.

In other results, Lynne Fegan and Maggie Stratford were victorious in the Kingsway stakes with an amazing 72 on the 2nd night.

Wednesday Bridge

Well done to Daphne Stewart and Suzanne Ewing for winning the first Wednesday evening competition, the Clutha Pairs.

Tonight (Wednesday 20th) sees the start of the Junior Championship Pairs – ALL WELCOME. Please find a partner and come and support this new competition. Masterpoints will be awarded 'off-the-stick' though end-of-year prizes will be restricted to those with 5 ratings points of less.

Bidding and Play Refresher

Ann-Louise will be at the club from 6.30pm tonight and the following 2 Wednesdays to run through some bidding and play sequences to help improve your game. This will be aimed at Bronze and 'newish' players.

Friday Bridge

Friday Afternoon Bridge continues to be well supported in the afternoon heat, phew! Last weeks standouts were Elle and Des Johnston (N/S) and Brian and Anne Jackson (E/W).

Tournaments

Two competitions in March

2nd March: Te Anau, Open 8B point Tournament.

16th March: Alexandra Graded Pairs, Intermediate 5B point Tournament.

Please register interest with Jenny Pryde, 443 5020

Monday Night Room Set-up Roster

Thanks to those people who have volunteered for setup.

25th February: Rosemary Boswell

4th March: Daphne Stewart

11th March: Jenny & Murray Pryde

18th March: Clare Scurr

25th March: ?

There are still lots of gaps if you can help, please contact Noeline on 443 8864.

Director Exams

Directors are an essential part of any Bridge Club. The club is always looking to help train new directors so if you feel this is something you might be interested in, please contact Ann-Louise for more information.

The Club Director exams are on the 29/30th June and 2nd/3rd November. We have some great study resources available to us after the Director Training weekend held in Dunedin recently.

NZ Bridge Rankings

Congratulations to the following players:

Certificate of Proficiency – 5B pts

Trevor Buchanan
Rosemary Howell
Noeline Goldsbrough
Peter Hart
Helen Henshall
Peter Herbert
Jill Millar
Daphne Stewart

Local Master – 50 Masterpoints

Jan Lyness

Local Master 1 star – 100 Masterpoints

Ian McDonald

If you want to know more about the NZ Bridge Rankings or have a look at your progress go to <http://www.nzcba.co.nz/Masterpoints/>

Click on Get Detailed Report to see how you are progressing towards the next stage.

Bridge Rules & Etiquette

In this new section to the newsletter we will look at some of the more common rule infringements and misunderstandings to try and help us all improve our knowledge of the game we play.

Law 16B – Extraneous Information from Partner

We have all seen it at the bridge table, the unmistakable hesitation, unnecessary speed, special emphasis, tone, gesture, movement or mannerism. If your partner is guilty of any one of these, be very careful what you bid next. If you (as the partner) were always going to bid 4H, and could justify that bid to the Director, then that is fine. However if you infer anything from partner's actions, and bid on that basis, then you can be penalised.

Of course, sometimes we do need to think about things a little bit longer. In this instance please make an effort to sit calmly, keep a poker face, and keep your pencil still until you are ready to write.

Bridge Library

Maggie has now taken over our Bridge Library. Please contact her with any questions or requests regarding this excellent resource.

Please try and return books on time to give others a chance to learn from these books.

And finally ...

If you know of anyone who does not receive this email but would like to or anyone who does receive it but would rather not, please forward me their name/email address and I will update the mailing list.

Good Luck.

Gavin.