



Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club
February 2016

Welcome to the first edition of *Table Talk* for 2016. It feels it is going to be a great year for our club with our membership growing and our new premises taking shape. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are enjoying our lovely summer so far (although a little warm some days!) Looking forward to seeing you throughout the year.

President's message

A belated Happy New Year to everyone!

Well the year has got off to a flyer with good table numbers across Monday, Wednesday and Friday which is very pleasing. Early indications seem we have an ideal number of tables for the Championship Pairs nights, so well done to last year's grading committee.

The new kitchen and bar area has hit a slight snag as we wait for a builder to become free to finish the fit out, but this will be rectified in the next couple of weeks and completed.

Have a great month and good bridge.

Regards, Mark

Register to view your Masterpoints

The NZ Bridge site has been updated. In order to view your masterpoints or those of others you need to register via its website www.nzbridge.co.nz

You only need to register once. Its simple and easy, just follow the instructions on the site.

Library books

Our library is available for anyone to make use of the words of wisdom on offer. Please return any books you may have had for a while so others may use them. If you have any bridge books you would like to donate, please contact Gerarda on 443 8624.



Congratulations and well done to last year's Christmas pairs winners, Laraine and Lynne. The beautiful hamper and cup were donated by Mary. Thank you.

New members

A warm welcome to Heather Oberer, Nick Thorburn and Robin Bruce-Smith. Great to have you join us. Enjoy our friendly club environment.

Seating rights

Time to update our records. Anyone wishing to have long-term seating rights, please apply in writing to the secretary. If only for one night please see the director on the night.

Upcoming tournaments

Are you interested in receiving bridge tournament notices?

If you are, please email David Brewer at: david@thebrewers.co.nz or call David on 0212 803 307. As the notices arrive he will email them to you, and then you can register your interest with the particular tournament as they arise.

Reminder of annual dues

Please remember to pay your dues by 1 March.

Feedback/suggestions/changes

The committee feels it is time for a change regarding how we handle and manage feedback, complaints and suggestions. This includes remits previously addressed at the AGM. We welcome any communication from members and wish everyone to feel there is transparency within the club and that your voice is heard. We want to make sure suggestions are handled fairly and appropriately.

Our new process is that, if you would like to address the committee about any issue, please put this in writing addressed to the secretary at least 1 week prior to the monthly committee meeting (held 2nd Tuesday of each month). This can be done via our email address, post or our new suggestion box at the club (although please make sure you sign your name). The committee will address any issues at the meeting and will also invite you to speak to the matter. Please include any positive feedback also. We love to hear that too.

Teams

Championship teams will be played in 2 divisions: silver and combined bronze/bronze reserve. Each team is made up of 4 players. The first series kicks off on Thursday 10 March. Team names need to be up on the noticeboard no later than Friday 4 March. If you have any questions or need help forming a team please contact either Mark Harry on 021 644084 or Marion Furneaux on 443 8120

Tourists arrested for playing bridge

Here is an interesting [article](#) that appeared on TVNZ news earlier this month. It makes you appreciate where we live. The Wanaka police station cells would certainly be full!!

40th anniversary

2017 is our club's 40th anniversary. We are looking to do something special to celebrate. We are keen to get suggestions on how to celebrate this milestone. Please contact your committee or pop something in the new suggestion box.

A fond farewell

Lastly, our beloved Noeline Goldsbrough will soon be leaving us for new adventures in Oamaru. Noeline, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best and to thank you sincerely for all your time, effort and input into our club over the years. Your bright, bubbly and friendly personality will be truly missed at the table. Please don't be a stranger when you are visiting Wanaka.

Happy bridging everyone

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On behalf of the committee

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