

# Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club  
February 2017

Hi everyone

We are well underway with the bridge year with our first series, Friday bridge, teams and champ pairs well attended. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to blow away the cobwebs and get ready for some serious bridge. There is a lot happening this year with intermediate lessons planned, our May and September tournaments and our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary pending.

## Clare's message

It has been good to see so many of you at the club to start the year.

There have been a number of queries regarding the grading of our players. I would like to say that this was an exact science but, unsurprisingly, it is not. I have talked to the grading committee and understand some of the considerations that are before them. If you have some confusion about why YOU are graded where you are, (either Silver or Bronze), please feel free to send us an email so that we can attend to your concerns.

The 40th anniversary celebrations are set for Friday, September 15th. Please contact either Jane Hamilton or me if you would like to be involved in organising this.

There has been some talk about Silver players playing on a Wednesday night with Bronze players; the concern being that the Silver players assist the Bronze player to win or get better results than normal and therefore more C points, while Bronze/Bronze partnerships struggle to earn these. While this is a valid concern, as a club I think it is important to encourage Silver/Bronze partnerships. This not only mixes members up but also helps Bronze players improve their game. This applies to those Monday nights as well as

Wednesday nights where Silver/Bronze partnerships are permitted.

There was a great turn out for the first night of teams and while there may have been some teething problems, it looks like it will be a fun event, well organised and with some great comradery and competition.

We have a wonderful opportunity available to the club; thanks to **Lynne Fegan** for the initiative. Matt Mullamphy - who, you may remember, has visited our club previously - would like to bring his group of 19 players to Wanaka (from their accommodation at Millbrook) on Friday 3 March to play with our club members. Matt plays internationally with Ron Klinger and owns 2 private bridge clubs in Sydney. He also runs Luxury Bridge Holidays (his brand) to international destinations, offering bridge lessons to his clients amongst their quality food and wine experiences.

Matt and his clients will arrive at the club at 10.00am, for morning tea, provided by the club. He will then run a lesson, for about an hour and a half, which will include the playing of hands. Lunch will be provided by the club members who are attending the lessons and/or the afternoon play. Then at 1.00pm Friday afternoon bridge will commence.

I would ask all members who attend to provide a finger food plate for lunch, large enough to feed themselves and one other.

That's it for another month! I hope everyone is enjoying their bridge and doing well, at least most of the time!

Clare

### New members

A warm welcome to **Ian & Sue Halsted**, **Kate Gibbons** (country member). We're also delighted to welcome back **Helen Henshall** to the club.

### Charity nights

A reminder that this Monday 20 and Wednesday 22 Feb are our charity nights. This year we are donating to the Wanaka Volunteer Fire Brigade to enable them to purchase equipment for crash rescue. Table money is \$10 and there is also a donation box at the club if you would like to donate to this good cause.

### Subs due 1 March

Just a reminder, if you haven't done so, please pay your sub by 29 February. A late payment fee of \$10 applies after this date.

### Bridge library

As well as a list, descriptions of the books are now available under the Resources tab on the website. Check it out! This should help you choose the right book for your level and your subject.

Just a reminder to fill out the card with your name when you borrow a book. Books may be held for one month only.

### Friday quiz and lessons

There has been a fantastic positive response to our Friday quiz and lessons. Thank you. Unfortunately business and social commitments mean Sherril will not be able to resume these lessons until 10 March. Apologies. Please see board for updates and check the website under Resources for the Friday quiz for 10 March. Sherril will put answers to the quiz on the website for those who can't make the lesson.

### Teams

Thanks for everyone's patience on the first night of teams. It is wonderful to have 16 teams in this competition and a big thanks to all the emergency fill ins. It was much appreciated.

Mark had a huge task getting the teams

on the computer for the first time and did a great job under a lot of pressure. Hopefully it should run a lot more smoothly from now on.

### Winton tournament change

The Winton Intermediate Teams will now be played on Sunday 2 April (it was formerly scheduled for Saturday 1 April). The Winton Open Teams will be played on Saturday 1 April as scheduled.

Jason Benton

On behalf of the committee



## ALEXANDRA BRIDGE CLUB

### ALEXANDRA OPEN GRADED PAIRS B

**WHEN** Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Two sessions beginning at 9.30am  
Morning tea at 9am. Continuous refreshments. After play light snack.

**WHERE** Alexandra Bridge Club, Sunderland Street, Clyde

**COST** \$20.00 PER PLAYER (includes both sessions)

**LUNCH** BYO

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Midday  
: Email, Julie Day at kelso90@hotmail.com  
: Ph 03 449 3131

**Please Note.** Acceptances in order of receipt and will be confirmed by email. Entries can be paid for by internet banking to bank account number 02-0916-0044863-00 payment must have surname and NZ bridge computer number as a reference.

**New/changes to phone numbers**

Robin Bruce-Smith	443 3198
Kate Gibbons	04 567 6859
Sue & Ian Halsted	265 3049
Jane Hamilton	443 9022
Sherill Harries	443 8846
Helen Henshall	027 201 3805

**Upcoming tournaments**

Mar 4	Invercargill Pairs	Jnr/Int
Mar 11	Alexandra Graded Pairs	Open 8B
Mar 18	Taieri Pairs	Open 8B
Mar 25	Queenstown Pairs	Open 8B
Apr 1	Winton Open Teams	8B
Apr 2	Winton Intermediate Teams	5B

For tournament details, check out the club noticeboard or contact Maggie Stratford 027 333 6681.

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