

# BRIDGING THE GAP

## Newsletter of the WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB INC. January 2013

### A New Year of BRIDGE!

A warm Happy New Year to you all and here's looking forward to another great year of bridge in Wanaka.

We extend a warm welcome back to Beaton Marr and Noeline Raffills. Beaton and Noeline are returning members so it is great to see them back, we hope you are enjoying the cards.

We have received a resignation from Hardy Hunt which has been accepted, regretfully by the Committee. Hopefully Hardy may join us as a visitor occasionally.

### Monday Bridge

The Kingsway Stakes has kicked off the season in style with great numbers playing in the summer heat.

As ever this is a great opportunity for Champs Pairs partners to brush up on their 'agreed' systems before that competition kicks off February.

### Wednesday Bridge

Wednesday Bridge starts on 30<sup>th</sup> January with the Clutha Pairs, the 1<sup>st</sup> of a 3 night series. This is the perfect warm-up for the Junior Championship Pairs which is geared to those with 5 rating points or less for end of year prizes.

Please note that anyone can play in the Junior Pairs and 'C' points are awarded to 'off the stick' scores.

If you find Monday night a bit busy, or struggle with 7 minutes a board then this would be a good night to make your regular bridge night.

### Friday Bridge

Friday Afternoon Bridge is underway. This is a great opportunity to play another session of Bridge in a non-competitive environment with a stop for afternoon tea – yum!

### Tournaments

#### **Otago Festival Pairs February 3<sup>rd</sup> 5A**

A day of bridge in Dunedin, please register with Jenny Pryde 443 5020.

### Charity Night (February 11<sup>th</sup>)

The second night of Championship Pairs (February 11<sup>th</sup>) will be our Charity Event this year. The Committee has chosen to support the Senior Citizens and we hope that you will join us in supporting this worthy cause.

Table money on the night will be \$10 and all of the proceeds will go to Senior Citizens.

### Monday Night Room Set-up Roster

Thank you to all who have put your names forward so far. IF we can get a good response, it may only be 1 night of the year.

At this stage, Jan Feb and March are now covered but we still need volunteers for the following dates:

April the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

All Mondays in May, June, July, August, September, October and November.

If you can help, please contact Noeline on 443 8864.

## **Director Training Seminar**

Allan Joseph, a Wellington-based National Director is presenting two seminars at Otago Bridge Club on Saturday 9th (Club Directing) and Sunday 10th February (Tournament Directing), both commencing 10am. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Laws and Regulations of bridge - highly useful for your own knowledge, even if you don't plan to direct.

The Club will assist with travel costs for qualified Directors, or those thinking of taking the Directors exams, however the seminars are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Please let Ann-Louise know if you wish to attend.

Club Director exams this year are on the 29/30<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November and we would love more qualified directors. If anyone is interested in sitting these please let Ann-Louise know.

## **And finally ...**

Apologies for the rather late production of this newsletter, I have been enjoying a long summer holidays with the family sailing, fishing, snorkelling... Ah bliss!

If anyone has anything they would like mentioned or have articles to contribute, please forward them to me [gavin@smartfx.co.nz](mailto:gavin@smartfx.co.nz).

Happy New Year

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