

Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club
January 2017

Hi everyone. Happy New Year and welcome to the first bumper edition of the 2017 newsletter. By now you will have received your bridge books. Be quick to find your partners and get those series locked in to avoid disappointment.

New Zealand Bridge updated the rating points on 1 January. Congratulations to **David Brewer, Annette Clement, Madeleine Reveley, Ken Saxby** and **Barbara Waterworth** who have joined the ranks of Intermediate players. Well done!

Clare's message

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to another year of bridge!

Over the Christmas break, we have been busy gearing up for the year. Amongst many other things, we have had two committee meetings, the carpets cleaned and the programme booklets and invoices printed and distributed.

Directors and Computer Operators have been placed on rosters, and we have started talking about our 40th celebrations happening later in the year. We are looking forward to a productive and positive year of bridge in 2017.

On that note, if you feel disgruntled or dissatisfied in anyway with your club or committee, can I please urge you to talk to me, or any committee member you feel comfortable talking to? We're keen to build a positive and cohesive environment; one in which we all enjoy being involved.

Our web page is looking wonderful and has everything you need, including a recently added 'Resources' page. This has an inventory of all the bridge library books that the club has available for your use. A big thank you to Sherril for putting this together. The page also includes a weekly quiz, predominantly for new players but I am happy to admit that I have already completed the first

one and look forward to reading the answers and checking my results! A great initiative, thanks Sherril.

We have a key to the back door of the clubrooms. The committee and directors will be told where it is hidden and it is to be used in emergencies only - thanks to Doug from Black Peak Cycles for helping us out. For those of you who showed concern at the AGM (and since) please note that the building inspector has been up and had a meeting with Garth (our landlord) and the building meets all the necessary requirements.

It would be great to see all club members help out around the club when and where they see a need. Whether this is doing dishes, emptying the rubbish, tidying tables, clearing the tables; whatever needs doing - thanking you in anticipation. I am heading up a subcommittee to organise The Wanaka Bridge Club's 40th anniversary celebrations later in the year. Please contact me if this is something you would like to be involved in.

That's it from me this month - thanks!

Clare

Friday quiz

To help players improve their bridge, Friday bridge this year will include a short lesson before we start. The weekly quiz is now available from our website - click on the Resources tab and the quiz will be listed by date order. There will be a short lesson starting at 12:30 where we will go over the topic of the quiz and then the answers. So bring your lunch!

The first Friday quiz is included at the end of the newsletter so everyone has it and is ready to go on the 20th January. We will start with the basics!! What is my response to my partner's opening bid???

New members

A warm welcome to **Val Young** and **Allayne Kennedy**. We hope you enjoy being part of our club.

Trophies

A big thank you to **Noeline Munro** and **Madeleine Reveley** for donating trophies which were presented at our AGM last November.

Bridge library

This year we are going to improve and update our bridge library with books for all levels. About 40 new books have been purchased already! This will be a great asset to help everyone improve their bridge. We would also like suggestions if there are any books you have been wanting to read so we can add these to our wish list. Of course any donations of books you no longer need would be greatly appreciated too. Please contact Sherril 021 130 9465 or pop your suggestions into the box. All books will be numbered and a card system in place for borrowing on an honesty basis.

Please fill out the card when you borrow a book and on return tick the review box to let others know if you found this book helpful. Books may be held for one month only. A list of books is now on the website.

Bridge club cell phone

We now have our own cell phone which will be switched on for playing sessions. This gives us an emergency contact number anyone can call if you need to be contacted. There is no answerphone service so you can't leave messages. The number is printed on page one of your bridge book (**022 439 8790**).

Subs due 1 March

Just a wee reminder to pay your sub by 1 March. A late payment fee will apply after this date.

Director!

We are seeking more directors for the club. Let Clare know if you are interested.

Teams

There will be a new format for teams this year and a new night! Please note teams will be held on the 3rd THURSDAY of the month. There will be 2 series, the first Feb to May and the second August to November. The new format, depending on the number of teams, will have each team playing at least 3 other teams on each night.

So get you team together as soon as possible. If you could also try and organise a substitute for your team as this year's teams will consist of 5 players and substitutes will not be able to play for other teams. There will however be a pool of players for emergencies.

The first night is actually the **2nd Thursday** of the month - the **9th February**. As Waitangi Day is on the Monday it may be nice to have some bridge this week for those who missed out on Monday. All the remaining nights will be on the 3rd Thursday.

An introduction on the strategy for playing teams will be also be given before the start on the 9th February, so please come early if you can at 6:45pm. Teams is fun, only one night a month, so join in and give it a go!

If you would like to play in a team or are willing to be a substitute or emergency player please call or text Sherril 021 130 9465 or Ena 443 4923 or 021 261 9510.

Housekeeping

Thanks to all of you who so quickly took the tablecloths home at the end of last year to wash - a great example of many hands making light work. It was reported back that many of the tablecloths needed more than one wash as they were filthy. Please let Clare know if you are happy to take some home to wash throughout the year.

Remember that glasses, cups and utensils must go through the steriliser. Don't just wash them and put them back on the shelf or leave to drip dry.

Jason Benton

On behalf of the committee



FESTIVAL PAIRS

5A OPEN

When: Sunday 5th February 2017
Time: 9:30am Morning Tea
10am Start
Where: Otago Bridge Club
Cost: \$30 per person

Prizes kindly donated by Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village.
Top 3 Open pairs, top Intermediate pair and top Junior pair.

Lunch provided.

Online Entries:
otagobridgeclub.org.nz

ENTRIES CLOSE
WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2017

Changes to phone numbers

Jane Hamilton 443 9022
Sherill Harries 443 8846

Upcoming tournaments

Jan 21	Otago/Southland Swiss Pairs	Open
Feb 5	Otago Festival Pairs	Open
Mar 4	Invercargill Pairs	Jnr/Int

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

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First quiz

Friday January 20
Responding to a Minor vs a Major

With each of the following hands, what would your response to an opening bid of 1♣?
With the same 5 hands what would your response be if partner opened the bidding 1♥?

	Response to 1♣	Response to 1♥
1. ♠ A 9 8 3 2 ♥ J 5 4 3 ♦ J 2 ♣ 8 5	_____	_____
2. ♠ 9 ♥ Q 4 ♦ K Q 9 8 5 4 ♣ 10 9 7 4	_____	_____
3. ♠ A K Q 2 ♥ 9 7 4 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ K 6 2	_____	_____
4. ♠ 4 ♥ 10 9 4 3 ♦ 4 3 ♣ A K J 8 7 6	_____	_____
5. ♠ 9 ♥ K Q 9 8 3 ♦ J 10 9 8 7 ♣ 5 2	_____	_____