



# Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club  
June 2016

Hi everyone

Where is our winter? With July almost on our doorstep a lot of us will be wondering if the cold weather will arrive. It's hard to know how many layers to clothe oneself in for evenings at the club. I even heard comment one evening that it was too hot!

Exciting times ahead with changes and activities planned. Firstly, we are in the process of upgrading our bridge pads to a modern version which will be much easier to operate with bigger screens and keypads. This will make it quicker and easier to use and eliminate accidentally putting in 7NT instead of 1C!

Secondly, we are in the process of finalising some dates with Pat Western who will be taking a series of lessons pitched at Junior/Intermediate level. We are also finalising some dates with a couple of our senior players who have kindly volunteered to take some advanced lessons. Watch this space for dates and times to be announced. A great opportunity to learn some new tricks.

## Friday bridge lunchtime tutorial

On that note, Sherril Harries has kindly offered to run 2 informal sessions prior to Friday bridge on Fri 8 & 15 July at noon. This is an opportunity to have a chat about hands and play and will offer something useful for players of all levels.

## Tuesday bridge

Just a reminder that Tuesday social bridge is up and running and is scheduled to run through until the end of August.

We would encourage anyone who can make it to come along and enjoy the relaxed friendly atmosphere. Bring your own lunch. Seated by 11am.

If we are unable to get the numbers we may have to look at cancelling the rest of the series which would be a shame.

## Silver Championship Pairs 11 April

It was brought to the attention of the committee that on the evening of 11 April duplicate boards had been dealt over a period of a week. After discussion, the committee decided to approach NZ Bridge for impartial advice about how to resolve this issue as fairly as possible. It was recommended that the session in question be scrapped and for Silver Champ Pairs to be scored over 11 nights with 7 rather than 8 nights required to qualify. The committee has agreed to this approach.

## Housekeeping

We are about to put in an order for new name badges for a few of our members. Please let Jason Benton know prior to 10 July if you require a new name badge (443 7893).

## Upcoming tournaments

July 10 Otago Winter Pairs Int/Open  
5A/5B

July 16 Gore Pairs Open 8B

July 23 Winton Pairs Open 5A

July 30 Taieri Graded Pairs Open 8B

For tournament details, check out the club noticeboard or contact David Brewer -

[david@thebrewers.co.nz](mailto:david@thebrewers.co.nz) or call 0212 803 307. If you do wish to play in a particular tournament you must make contact with the tournament organiser.

## A fond farewell

Linda Sutton is leaving us for the shores of Waikanae. On behalf of the Wanaka club and all our members we wish you well in your new adventures.

**Updated contact details**

Martin Unwin and Liz Hawker have a new phone number: 428 7914. Please update your books.

**New members' contact details**

Here are the contact phone numbers for our new members who are not in the book.

*Bronze Reserve*

Nick Thorburn 021 828 151

Heather Oberer 021 828 151

*Bronze*

Robin Bruce-Smith 265 3981

Sue Thomson 443 8408

*Silver*

Sheryl Strudwick 443 1090

**Finally**

How many bridge players do you need to change a light bulb?

Four. One to change the bulb and 3 to tell him how he could have done it better.

Happy bridging everyone

Jason Benton

On behalf of the committee

Wanaka Bridge Club  
PO Box 310, Wanaka 9343  
wanakabridgeclub@xtra.co.nz