

BRIDGING THE GAP

Newsletter of the
WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB INC.
P O Box 310, Wanaka 9343
March 2012

Notes from Committee Meeting, 12 March

Office Upgrade

A more suitable desk unit will be installed in the office very shortly and hopefully, this will lead on to a general tidy up of the office area.

Computer Issues

Web - Errol reports that there are issues with the uploading of some Howell Movement results to the web and this is affecting the uploading of Thursday results. He is working on the problem!

BridgePads – There is concern that many errors are still occurring with the entry of results into the BridgePads and this can have a significant impact on the session results. It is most important that EVERYONE takes great care to ensure that data entry is accurate including the lead card – record the lead card on the bidding pad as soon as it is played! South enters the board results and East **MUST** check that **ALL** information entered is correct before entering the E/W security code.

Please do not rush this process!

And while on the issue of BridgePads, a couple of reminders - if you are South and on lead, play your card before entering data, otherwise you may be holding up play. Also, after entering the E/W security code, East must place the BridgePad in the centre of the table so that all can see the result. Thanks.

Wanaka Tournament – 5 May

Planning for the first of the Wanaka Club tournaments (Open) on 5 May is well advanced.

The fees have been set at \$30 and this includes morning tea and lunch. Wanaka members will be asked to provide prizes for the raffle.

Lessons for 2012

Ann-Louise will be again conducting lessons for beginners on Thursday evenings, commencing in early May.

If you are aware of anyone who may be interested, please let them know that lessons are on the way and to contact Ann Louise.

Library Books

Some books are to be purchased to enhance the range of books available.

Charity Night

The amount raised for Wanaka Search & Rescue is confirmed at \$917.10! This is approximately double the amount raised last year so thanks sincerely to everyone who contributed.

Library

Some books are being borrowed without borrowing details being recorded. Please ensure that Toni has this information before you take a book from the library.

We are still looking to increase the range of Intermediate level books. If any members have suitable books that they no longer wish to keep on their shelves at home, please consider donating them to the club library.

Otago/Southland Bridge

Ann Louise has provided the following information on two Otago/Southland Bridge programmes:

Inter-Provincial Team Trials

These are held on the weekend of 14/15 April at the Otago Club. Established partnerships play together and, from the trials, members for the five teams to represent Otago at Hamilton Congress are chosen. The five categories are Youth, Intermediate, Senior, Women and Open. This is an excellent event for those wanting to take their bridge to the next level. Full details and requirements are available on our noticeboard.

Intermediate Junior Tournament League

This is an initiative from the Regional Committee to encourage more tournament play. The idea is that you

receive points for playing in a tournament (3pts), another point if you get over 50%, another one for winning a session, and so on. The winner at the end of the year receives a cash prize of \$150, 2nd prize \$100 and 3rd prize \$50. Full details of the League are appended and are also available on our noticeboard. Entry forms can be downloaded from the O/S Bridge website: www.otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz

Tournaments

Te Anau

10 Wanaka Club members entered the tournament and considering it was an Open Tournament, achieved a modest level of success. Errol Kelly & Ian McDonald topped the Wanaka entries being placed 17th overall and scoring 51.10% (and in so doing demonstrated an amazing level of inconsistency, coming last in their direction for the first session and 1st in the second session - Ed!) Jenny Barratt & Ena Leckie were close behind on 48.96% - with a very consistent performance in both sessions!

Well done everyone.

Other Tournaments

The following tournaments are scheduled over the next two months:

24 March	Taieri Pairs	Intermediate	5B
14 April	Winton Pairs	Junior	3B
28/29 April	Murihiku Teams & Pairs	Open	5A
May 5	Wanaka Pairs	Open	3A
May 12/13	Winton Teams & Pairs	Intermediate	5B
May 19	Nth Otago Pairs (Oamaru)	Open/Int	5A/8B
May 26	Gore Pairs	Junior	3B

If you wish to enter a tournament, please contact Jenny Pryde who is co-ordinating entries from Wanaka Club members.

Keep these dates free and do consider entering!

Room Set-up Duty Roster for Monday Night Sessions:

ROOM SETUP ROSTER 2012		
March 19	Ann-Louise Stokes	Peter Hart
26	Marie Taylor	Murdoch Taylor
Apr 2	Marion Barnett	Noeline Goldsbrough
9	Carol Orbell	Kate Coe
16	Pam Buchanan	Trevor Buchanan
23	Pam Buchanan	Trevor Buchanan
30	Jenny	Murray Pryde
May 7	Hugh Fraser	Bob Menlove
14	Toni Cathie	Bruce Cathie
21	Denise Bunn	Alan Bunn
28	Vivienne Christie	Kate Summers

Please note the date(s) you have been allocated. If you are unable to do this duty, please arrange a swap with someone else on the list and advise Trevor (ph 443 1309) of the change.

Otago/Southland Intermediate & Junior Pairs Tournament League



Cash prizes!

1st \$150
2nd \$100
3rd \$50



Collect points from every tournament you enter

(download your entry form from our website

www.otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz or collect at the tournament on the day)

Points for each player for each tournament entered

Played	3
50% Overall	1
Session Win Bonus	1
3 rd overall	1
2 nd overall	2
1 st overall	3



**The Player with the most points by the end of November
- Wins!**

Full Rules and Regulations on <http://otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/home.php>

Please register your entry at alstokes@xtra.co.nz or to Ann-Louise Stokes, P
O Box 210, Wanaka



Junior & Intermediate Tournament League

Purpose

This event is an initiative of the Otago-Southland Regional Committee and is established to encourage Junior and Intermediate players to enter more tournaments. The League applies to registered players from Otago and Southland clubs and covers tournaments on the NZ Bridge Tournament Calendar within the Otago, Southland and Canterbury region.

The winning player in each grade will receive the following prizes

1 st	\$150
2 nd	\$100
3 rd	\$50

Points awarded as follows

Three points are awarded for playing in a tournament, a bonus point if you average 50% or more overall, 1 bonus point if you win a session but are not in the top 3 placings overall (session bonus), and then the following points for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Points for Pairs

Played	3
50% Overall	1
Session Bonus	1
3 rd overall	1
2 nd overall	2
1 st overall	3

Rules

1. There are no restrictions on the number of Pairs events which may be entered.
2. If there is a draw, all points count eg: if there is a 2nd equal, members of both Pairs get 2 points each.
3. To participate, the players must be registered members of an Otago-Southland Club and must have registered their participation with the Secretary of Otago-Southland Regional Bridge Committee (alstokes@xtra.co.nz or P O Box 210, Wanaka).
4. The winning Tournament League Player will be the player with the most points.
5. Completed cards must be submitted to the Secretary by **November 10th** (P O Box 210, Wanaka)