

BRIDGING THE GAP

Newsletter of the WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB INC. March 2013

Big is Good!

Wanaka Bridge Club continues to grow which is great news. This month we welcome Lynne Clay, Jan Cunningham, Jan Wyn-Williams, John Mitchell (Country) and Rebecca Corkin (Country) to our club.

As people join the club we will publish their contact numbers at the end of the newsletter, so please add them to your Bridge Book.

Monday Bridge

The Mount Barker Pairs has now completed with Laraine Shepard and Helen Mathewson taking the top honours. Great to see lots of people getting into the spirit of things and entering Silver/Bronze partnerships for this competition.

Wednesday Bridge

The first 3 rounds of the Junior Championship pairs are now complete and the Wilkin Pairs is underway. As the nights draw in, please consider coming to enjoy a Wednesday evening playing Bridge.

April 3rd sees the start of the Mixed Teams tournament, please item at end of the newsletter.

Bidding and Play Refresher

Ann-Louise will continue these lessons for the rest of March at the club from 6.30pm on Wednesdays. These are aimed at Bronze and 'newish' players.

Friday Bridge

Good numbers continue on Fridays. Remember, if you miss the days of Bridge with tea and biscuits, then Friday is for you! Fun and friendly Bridge for all.

Tournaments

Well done to all those who have competed in tournaments recently. Upcoming tournaments include:

23 March	Taieri Open 8B
6 April	Winton Junior 3B
13 April	Cromwell Open 8B Pairs
14 April	Cromwell Open 8B Teams
20 April	Queenstown Open 8B Pairs

Please register interest with Jenny Pryde, 443 5020. See the notice board at the Bridge Club (opposite the toilets) for more information.

Monday Night Room Set-up Roster

Please contact Noeline on 443 8864 if you can help with Monday Night bridge setup.

Director Exams

Directors are an essential part of any Bridge Club. The club is always looking to help train new directors so if you feel this is something you might be interested in, please contact Ann-Louise for more information.

The Club Director exams are on the 29/30th June and 2nd/3rd November. We have some great study resources available to us after the Director Training weekend held in Dunedin recently.

Intermediate Improvers Lessons

Kristen Collins from the Otago Club will run Intermediate Improvers Lessons on Sunday 7th April. There will be two sessions 10.30-12.30, then 1.30-3.30. The cost will be \$20 for the day.

Please register by putting your name down on the noticeboard (opposite the toilets). Please note on the form any particular area of Bridge you are interested in e.g. Weak Twos, No-Trump play etc.

Bridge Rules & Etiquette

This week we look at the rules governing the conduct of Dummy.

Law 42 – Dummy’s Rights

Dummy may give information in the Directors presence, keep count of tricks won or lost and play the cards as indicated by declarer. Dummy is also entitled to try and prevent any irregularity by declarer but NOT by defender.

Law 43 – Dummy’s Limitations

Dummy must not participate in play nor communicate anything about play to declarer (except as stated above – Law 42). Should an irregularity in play occur, Dummy must NOT draw attention to this during play nor initiate a call for the Director.

Simply, to ensure fair play, Declarer should indicate very clearly the cards to play and Dummy should keep quiet! If you want to know more, please refer to the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

Updates to Bridge Book

Carolyn & Roger Field	03 443 2422
Jason Benton	03 443 7893
Ross Rainsford	03 443 6465
George Foreman	03 443 4083
John Mitchell	03 445 1749
Lynne Clay	03 443 7546
Jan Cunningham	03 746 8131
Ann Paterson	03 438 9493

Wanaka Mixed Teams 2013

The mixed teams tournament starts on Wednesday 3rd April and runs over 5 or 7 nights (see bridge book for dates).

To avoid byes we need 6 or 8 teams to play over 5 or 7 nights. Last year we had 8 teams with 3 teams still vying for first place on the last night.

Teams consist of 2 bronze and 2 silver players so find some friends and register for this exciting event.

Format

1. Each team will play every other team over the scheduled 5- 7 nights in a round robin. Points will be aggregated from each match to determine the overall winner.
2. Each match will consist of 24 boards played in 3 sets of 8. Silver pair vs silver pair and bronze pair vs bronze pair followed by two lots of mixed pair vs mixed pair. This means each team member plays with each of the other 3 team members.
3. Captains are responsible for fielding a full team each night. If you can't play they should be informed in sufficient time for a reserve to be found. Captains can get the convener to assist if necessary. Please use reserves when necessary as default scores of 25-0 distort results.

Registration

Please register your team with John Lyness (03 443 7500 or 021 260 0491) or email jlyness@xtra.co.nz.

If you need help forming a team or are willing to be a reserve, please contact John.

And finally ...

I've been having a little look over the official Laws of Duplicate Bridge recently. They can be a bit convoluted and cryptic sometimes so please be patient with our Directors and treat them kindly!

Good Bridging everyone, Gavin.