

Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club
March 2017

Hi everyone

How the leaves are turning. As we put the BBQs away for the season, get the winter woollies out of the cupboard and start making soups and casseroles, we also gear up for the busy winter months at the club. Shortly we will be into April with Easter and ANZAC day and of course into May with our club open tournament on 6 May. Time to find a partner and lock this into your social calendar. You can register online through our website. Just click on 'tournaments' and select the May tournament. Also check out the noticeboard at the club.

Clare's message

Welcome to - nearly - the end of March! Not a lot to report this month but we would like to extend a huge thank you to all the members who help to make the committee's job easier and more enjoyable. There are of course the directors, the computer operators, the convenors, the bridge tutors and those who run the bar. But we would also like to thank those who help with the everyday jobs such as filling the table baskets, emptying the rubbish bins, doing the dishes, and even clearing your table at the end of a session! These and the many more small jobs are all essential to the smooth running of the club. The committee appreciates that many club members take the initiative to help in any way they can.

Enjoy the autumn colours and the many wonderful shows that the Festival of Colour is bringing to our town.

Clare

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In breaking news...

Jenny Muir and **Barbara Waterworth** won the intermediate section at the Queenstown tournament held on 25th March. Well done!

Gold Coast players come up Trumps



Here's a photo of our fab four at the Gold Coast Congress recently. I think Donald Trump may have some new contenders for first lady. The theme of the day was stars and stripes. **Sherril Harries, Nan Ottrey, Dorothy McDonald** and **Maggie Stratford** won a prize for their glam outfits.

They played in teams and Swiss pairs. **Maggie** and **Sherril** came 9th out of 148 in the pairs championship! Awesome effort.

They managed to fit in a spot of shopping and early walks along the beach and would recommend this event to anyone interested next year.

New members

A warm welcome to our newest members **Sue Blake** and **Mary Maclean**. It's great to have you with us.

Series winners

If you needed any more evidence that the year is racing by, we are two series in already. **David Brewer** and **Michael Chapman-Smith** took out the first Monday night series for the year, the Kingsway Stakes, with 58.33%. **Laraine Shepherd** and **Terry Wilson** won the Mt Barker Pairs (61.21%).

On Wednesday night, **Bruce Cathie** and **Kate Summers** won the Clutha Pairs (58.16%) and **Jason Benton** and **Sharon Wilson** took out the Wilkin Pairs (60.12%).

Director!

Expressions of interest are open for those members who would like to become directors. There are two exam dates coming up: 15 July and 28 October. It would be great to have more directors available throughout the year. If you are interested please contact Clare. The club will cover all costs.

Friday lessons

There will be no lesson on Friday 31 March as Sherril will be in Wellington. Lessons for April will be on 7th, 21st and 28th. There will be no bridge on the 14th as it's Good Friday. Classes start at 12:15pm. Topics will include overcalls and take out doubles as well as what to bid when opponents double. It is really important to have a firm grasp of the basics of bidding in order to progress, so hopefully you can join us.

There will be no lessons in May or June.

Happy bridging everyone

Jason Benton

On behalf of the committee

Upcoming tournaments

1 Apr	Winton Open Teams	8B
2 Apr	Winton Intermediate Teams	5B
8-9 Apr	Cromwell Pairs & Teams	Open 8B
23 Apr	North Otago Pairs (Oamaru)	Open 5A
29-30 Apr	Invercargill Teams & Pairs	Open 5A
6 May	Wanaka Pairs	Open 3A

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

New/changes to phone numbers

Sue Blake	027 443 3495
Robin Bruce-Smith	443 3198
Kate Gibbons	04 567 6859
Sue & Ian Halsted	265 3049
Jane Hamilton	443 9022
Sherill Harries	443 8846
Helen Henshall	027 201 3805
Mary Maclean	021 621 461