

# BRIDGING THE GAP

## Newsletter of the WANAKA BRIDGE CLUB INC. May 2013

### **Tournament Time**

It's been a busy month for Bridge in Wanaka. May started with the extremely successful Wanaka Tournament and finished with the wonderful Otago Southland Congress Weekend.

Sadly this month we must say a fond farewell to Crawford Anderson who has resigned from the club. We hope that we might still see Crawford at the Bridge tables occasionally.

A big thank-you to Beaton Marr for organising the alphabetical inserts in the name badge box. With so many names it was becoming pretty tricky!

### **Monday Bridge**

We have now completed 7 rounds of Championship Pairs. In the Bronze Division Sue Orbell and Annette Clements continue to top the table whilst in Silver Max and Laraine Shepherd are still hanging onto top spot. With 5 rounds to go there are still lots of opportunities to replace these pairs as the top dogs.

This week marks the start of Roy Stakes, so grab your partners and come on down for a chance to snaffle one of those end of year bottles!

### **Wednesday Bridge**

The 7th and final round of the Mixed Teams competition was played on June 5th.

Out in front at the end was Lynne Fegan's team (Lynne, Marion Furneaux, John & Judy Cook, with Jenny Muir as reserve) with 153 points.

Jenny Pryde's team (Jenny, Barbara Waterworth, Julie Mulholland, Jan Anderson, Rosemary Boswell and Kate Summers) finished second with 126 points.

The next four Teams were very close, only 8 points between them. In order, they were the Goldsborough Team, the Lyness Team, the Stokes Team and the Ross Team.

Thanks to all the Team members for their enthusiasm, and to the Reserves, a much needed ingredient. We shall all look forward to the Championship Teams in the Spring.

### **Friday Bridge**

Continuing good numbers at Friday Bridge with around 8 – 10 tables each week. Good place to keep warm on these cold afternoons. Congratulations to all recent winners, it is great to see so many different pairs topping the score-board at these sessions.

### **Noise!**

Our Directors ask that we all try and keep noise to a minimum. Of course we all want to have a little chat and catch-up as we move round the room but please remember that others may still be playing and with up to 100 people in the room it can get quite loud!

### **Learn-to-Play Bridge Lessons**

Bridge lessons are now underway again. Once again we have a good sign-up that will lead to fresh new faces at the bridge tables of the future. Many thanks to Ann-Louise for all the work she puts into keeping this going.

## **Monday Night Room Set-up Roster**

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

If we do not get enough volunteers, Noeline will have to start calling round so please save her the hassle and put your name forward for a spot. Thanks.

## **Tournament Calendar**

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

Please note: System Cards will now be compulsory for all pairs at tournaments from the 1 July 2013. If you are new to tournaments and not sure what to do, please ask one of the tournament experts.

## **Library**

Please remember to use our excellent library resource. It is a great idea to borrow these books and brush up on particular areas of your bridge. Of course, please remember to sign-out your book and also to return it after a couple of weeks so everyone gets a chance.

## **Director Exams**

New Zealand Bridge will conduct Club and Tournament Directors Examinations over the weekend of June 29th & 30th 2013. Nominations close with the National Secretary at 5pm Monday June 24th 2013.

## **Wanaka Tournament**

WOW. What a great event the Wanaka Tournament was. The food was outstanding, the cards were interesting and the people came from far and wide. All topped off with a couple of wines and a bountiful raffle (for some!).

Many, many thanks to all those who helped make this a successful day. Special thanks to Claire for organising the raffle and to the Kitchen wenches (Denise Brun, Daphne Stewart, Jan Wyn-Williams) for

helping keep things clean and tidy through-out the day.

## **Bridge Rules and Etiquette**

Announcing of 1C and Natural 1NT opening Bids.

The official bulletin for this new 'rule' is attached to this email, you can also find this pinned to our notice board.

Due to the number of variations of meaning that can exist with the 1C and 1NT opening bids, Bridge New Zealand have determined that the meaning of such bids must now be promptly announced by opener's partner. This has been done in England and the US for some time and is widely accepted as the best method in this instance.

Should your opponents fail to announce, please feel free to remind them before making your bid.

## **Updates to Bridge Book**

Benton, Jason	03 443 7893
Clay, Lynne	03 443 7546
Corkin, Rebecca	03 445 3404
Cunningham, Jan	03 746 8131
Field, Carolyn & Roger	03 443 2422
Foreman, George	03 443 4083
Mitchell, John	03 445 1749
Moon, Ross & Joan	03 443 6021
Paterson, Ann	03 438 9493
Rainsford, Ross	03 443 6465
Wyn-Williams, Jan	03 443 4046

## **And finally ...**

Many, many apologies .....

Yes, I know. Newsletter shockingly late, at least you won't have long to wait until the next one!

See you all this evening,

Gavin