



Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club May 2016

Hi everyone

Three weeks ago we were all talking about the mild weather and our concern for those who venture up to the skifields. How that has changed. Winter has arrived along with plenty of rain, snow and an icy southerly wind.

Not that that bothers us intrepid bridge players. The club is now well and truly running at full steam with cards being dealt Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday! It's great to have all these days to pick and choose from.

And not to forget Saturday. Our Wanaka tournament was a huge success with 20 tables. A huge thank you to all those that took part or assisted with the running of the day.

A note of thanks

The committee would like to acknowledge the time and effort Deirdre Lynch and Heather Wellman have put into making our beginners lessons so successful. Our lessons are vital to encouraging new members to join which in turn adds new blood to our growing club. Thank you both.

Library books

Thanks too to those who have donated books to our growing library. If you have any books you would like to donate please bring them along or contact Gerarda. It's only a \$2 donation to loan a book.

Under the weather? Stay away!

We have had a lot of feedback recently about members playing when they are unwell. With the change of seasons it is natural for coughs and colds to be rife and there has also been a nasty tummy bug around town. Can we please ask you to stay home if you are feeling poorly. The last thing we want is for bugs to be shared around the club.

Tuesday bridge

A reminder that Tuesday bridge is a "friendly" session. We ask all players to respect the mixed skill set of players on this day and not double for penalties. Leave penalty doubles for our other days.

Feedback/complaints

The committee earlier this year arranged for a general point of contact if you would like to raise any issues. This makes it easier for the committee to address these at our monthly meetings. If you have any pressing concerns or feedback please contact Claire Scurr. We also have our suggestions box on the dresser. Please put your name to any correspondence.

Any old cards?

Lesley is entering The Wanaka Wearable Creations Awards and has asked if anyone has any playing cards (not old maid or donkey) spare to please donate them to her. Lesley has a box at the club to drop them into. The mind boggles as to what she will be creating. Good luck Lesley!

Housekeeping

We now have our glass steriliser (looks like a dishwasher) up and running. We ask that you rinse your glasses out first in hot soapy water before placing them in the steriliser. The instructions to operate the machine are on the wall above it.

Remember we do not have a bridge fairy who appears when the lights go out so please ensure you leave the tables tidy, remove any used bidding pages and cups and, if you are staying for a chat and a drink, wash your glasses out and place them in the machine. Thanks.

Upcoming tournaments

May 28 Gore pairs jnr/int	3B/5B
June 12 Taieri pairs open	5A
June 25 Winton pairs int/jnr	3B/5B
July 3 Oamaru open	8B

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

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.

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

Giving a man his physical, a doctor noticed several dark ugly bruises on his shins, so he asked, "Do you play hockey, soccer or any physical sport?"

"No, I play bridge with my wife"

Jason Benton

On behalf of the committee

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