



Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club
November 2016

Hi everyone and welcome to our final newsletter for 2016. With the festive season fast approaching, the social engagements are filling our calendars and it's hard to find time to fit in a hand of bridge! With just the Christmas Pairs and Friday bridge (ending 9 Dec), there are only a few playing opportunities left so make the most of them.

What a month!

We have had a busy month at the club. First, Ena's Melbourne Cup Day event raised over \$1,300 for the Upper Clutha Hospice Trust – amazing!

Our improvers' lessons were a huge success and provided great value for our junior players. A big thank you to Deirdre and Heather for your time running these.

Our first Wanaka Mini Tournament held on Saturday 19 was well attended with 8 tables and pairs from Cromwell also playing. It was a great atmosphere and a chance for newer players to experience a tournament environment. Congratulations to the overall winners:

1. Charles Kiewiet & Kay Ross
2. John Hogg & Denise Bunn

A special thank you to the organisers and support team that made the day run smoothly, namely Deirdre, Heather, Georgie, Ken and Michael. We look forward to locking that in again next year.

This month also marked our AGM and prize giving. Thank you to those who attended.

We welcome some new faces to the committee – Jane Hamilton, Sherril Harries, Maggie Stratford and Allan Kelly – and bid fond farewell to Lesley Davies, Gerarda Herlihy and Carolyn Field. Thank you for all your hard work over the years. We also welcome our new president, Clare Scurr and say thank you to Mark Harry who will continue to provide help and advice as immediate past president.

Bridge books

Next year's bridge books will be out in December. A last chance for any address or phone number changes - please contact Jason or Heather.

Club rooms

We've had some feedback about our rooms lacking personality and colour and I agree. If anyone has any ideas about how we can spruce up our club, please talk to Clare or Jason. If you have any furniture or artwork lying around gathering dust and think this would fit, this would be gratefully received.

2017

Next year will bring exciting events for the club along with a revised jam-packed programme. It also marks the club's 40th anniversary. We look forward to celebrating this milestone.

We will continue with both junior and intermediate lessons to cater for all levels of play. We will be shoulder tapping our more experienced players to help run these, especially for our intermediate players.

Over and out

Well, that's a wrap for 2016. Your newsletter team is taking a break and will return in January with a new look newsletter.

The Kingsway Stakes takes off on Monday 16 January followed by the Clutha Pairs on Wednesday 18 January and Friday bridge starts on the 20th.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season with family and friends and look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Here's a wee joke to finish.

What do angry mice give each other at Christmas? Cross-mouse cards.

Jason Benton
On behalf of the committee

2016 prize list

Congratulations to all our winners!

Most Improved Player

Carolyn Field

Silver Division

Silver Championship Pairs

Ken Saxby & Martin Unwin

Silver Individual

Dorothy McDonald

Highest Percentage

Nan Ottrey & Maggie Stratford 71.76% 13
June Roy Stakes

Kingsway Stakes

1. Deirdre Lynch and Gerarda Herlihy
2. Liz Hawker & Martin Unwin

Mt Barker Pairs

1. Terry Wilson & Laraine Shepherd
2. Marion Furneaux & Martin Unwin

Cardrona Stakes

1. Jan Lyness & Georgie Roberts
2. Michael Metzger & Clare Scurr

Mt Iron Stakes

1. Jenny Pryde & Errol Kelly
2. Marion Furneaux & Laraine Shepherd

Roy Stakes

1. Nan Ottrey & Maggie Stratford
2. Jenny Pryde & Ann-Louise Stokes

AJ McKenzie Pairs

1. Dorothy McDonald & Nan Ottrey
2. Marion Furneaux and Maggie Stratford

Pembroke Pairs

1. Ann-Louise Stokes & Alan Kelly
2. Laraine Shepherd & Georgie Roberts

Glendhu Pairs

1. Clare Scurr & Ken Saxby
2. Ken Roberts & Georgie Roberts

Aspiring Stakes

1. Clare Scurr & Georgie Roberts
2. Dorothy McDonald & Gerarda Herlihy

Rippon Rosebowl

1. Jason Benton & Maggie Stratford
2. Andy Goodall & Heather Wellman

Teams

Mark Harry, Sherril Harries, Maggie Stratford and Mary Gibson-Collings

Bronze & Bronze Reserve Divisions

Bronze Championship Pairs

Elizabeth Irvine & Charles Kiewiet

Bronze Reserve Championship Pairs

Joan Pyle & Gill Rich

Bronze Individual

Jeanette Gillies

Highest Percentage

Jeanette Gillies & Noeline Raffills 68.6% 5
October Tarras Stakes

Clutha Pairs

1. Charles Kiewiet & Betty Swift
2. Jen Milburn & John Milburn

Wilkin Pairs

1. Dennis Pezaro & Denise Bruns
2. Beaton Marr & Betty Swift

Matukituki Pairs

1. Alan Chisholm & Morag Chisholm
2. Charles Kiewiet & Elizabeth Irvine

Hawea Pairs

1. Judy Muir & Shona Watt
2. Hans Limacher and Claire Williams

Lindis Pairs

1. Carole Turner & Annette Clements
2. Charles Kiewiet & John Hogg

Pisa Pairs

1. Pauline Davidson & Annette Clements
2. Maureen Hawke and Noeline Raffills

Luggate Stakes

1. Jeanette Gillies & Jane Hamilton
2. Morag Chisholm & Kay Ross

Hunter Pairs Bronze Division

1. Jane Hamilton & Denise Bruns
2. Charles Kiewiet & Jeanette Gillies

Hunter Pairs Bronze Reserve

1. Jude Gunn & Noeline Munro

Cloudy Peak Pairs

1. Pam Millar & Deb Budden
2. Pauline Davidson & Ruth Coghill

Tarras Stakes

1. Tommie Munns & Kate Summers
2. Maureen Hawke & Sue Orbell

Makarora Pairs

1. Dennis Pezaro & Denise Bruns
2. Alan & Denise Bunn

Teams

Jeanette Gillies, Maureen Hawke, Sue Orbell and Noeline Raffills

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