



Table Talk November 2022

News from the Wanaka Bridge Club

Marc's Missive

This month's Newsletter will of necessity be rather brief as both Martin and Russell are away. We hope to see you at the AGM at 7pm on Thursday, where we can discuss the important issues facing the Club and celebrate the year past. We encourage newer members to attend and make their voices heard.

The main item of note on the AGM agenda remains the reorganisation of Monday and Wednesday bridge. This has become more of an addition, in that we will be running concurrent sessions on a Wednesday night, one the normal Bronze and the other a shortened version of the same boards (i.e. about fifteen rather than twenty-four) for last and this year's novices and whoever finds the idea of a shorter session attractive.

Thanks to some behind the scenes work while I was away we now have the makings of next year's Committee. Unless somebody else puts their hand up before or at the AGM, we will need to find one more volunteer before the December Committee meeting.

Programme: Nov –Dec 2022

Mon 28th November, 5th, 12th December: Christmas Pairs (silver/bronze welcome).

Tuesday bridge: 29th November, 6th, 13th December.

Wed 30th November, 7th, 14th December: Holiday Pairs (silver/bronze partnerships welcome, weekly prizes for best bronze/bronze).

Thu 24th November: 2022 AGM and prize-giving.

Fri 25th November, 2nd, 9th, 16th

December: Afternoon social bridge, starts 1:00 p.m. No partnership restrictions but silver/bronze partnerships are encouraged to play on the last Friday of each month. All results are handicapped.

NZ Wide Pairs Results

Congratulations to the Wanaka Bridge Club members who played in the renamed Loveblock Pairs. Notable (ok, outstanding) results were achieved by Maggie Stratford and Sherril Harries who were 12th overall in a field of 55 clubs (in the Open Restricted section, they were 8th overall and the top pair in the South Island); and Janet Young and Sally Welch who were 4th overall in the Novice Section.

AGM setup

We are looking for a few people to help set up the room for the AGM on Thursday afternoon. Please contact Jan Baird on 021 257 8080 if you are available.

Membership Update

Our current membership is 209, including 15 country members. Welcome to new members Harold Walker and Jennifer Sinkinson, and also to Grace Saunders.

If you are not intending to renew your membership for 2023 please email the Club at wanakabridgeclub@fastmail.com. This will greatly assist in the preparation of next year's booklet.

Tablets

One or two of the tablets are still playing up. Fortunately some expert help is on the way. In the meantime, could you please

leave them turned on when you plug them back in?

Water Cooler

Very few people are using the water cooler, and many are starting to bring their own bottles. Also, cleaning glasses is time-consuming and disposing of one-use cups is not ideal. Even filtering the water is now difficult. Lastly, the monthly rental is expensive. We have decided to discontinue the rental.

Security

The only way to get the room temperature down is to open various of the doors. The room supervisors should ensure that these doors are locked before we leave.

Suggestions Book

In the move the suggestions book was misplaced. Apologies to anyone who preferred to use it but we would like you to address your issues to wanakabridgeclub@fastmail.com.