



Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club Inc.
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Programme changes for 2015

After two rounds of consultation, and many hours spent working through different programming options, we have decided on a range of changes for 2015 to help meet the challenges of our growing membership.

Our rules put the onus on the committee to make decisions for the club. With nearly 200 members, it's not possible to address everyone's concerns. We have, however, considered all feedback carefully and hope you see that reflected in our decisions. We feel that we have chosen the least possible disruption to members, while retaining the atmosphere which makes our club special.

Championship Pairs

- Silver Championship Pairs will be played on Monday nights.
- Bronze Championship Pairs will be played on Wednesday nights.
- Players must play Championship Pairs events within their division (i.e. no Silver/Bronze partnerships).
- Championship Pairs nights will be spread more evenly throughout the year rather than in blocks.

After much discussion, we agreed to leave the qualifying rules the same as they are now – 8 out of 12 nights to qualify; average over all nights. The competition aims to find our best and most consistent pair in each division. On balance, we feel allowing pairs to drop poor results skews the results away from this goal.

Remaining programme

The rest of programme will stay much the same as it is now.

Monday nights

- The remainder of the Monday night programme will be a mix of series run as open events or played in divisions as they are now.
- Handicap series will replace the current Silver/Bronze partnership series.
- One-off nights (e.g. Labour Day) will continue to be open events.

Wednesday nights

Teams will be played in two divisions on Wednesday nights as they are now although team nights will be spread more evenly throughout the year. There will be no 'mixed teams' event next year.

The current development focus will continue for the remainder of the Wednesday night programme with a series of handicap events.

- Bronze/Silver partnerships will be welcome (other than for Championship Pairs).
- No Silver/Silver partnerships.

We hope these changes will suit the majority of members while also being a step towards addressing the practical issues around trying to play the Club's core competition in two divisions on the same night.

The role of the director

It seems timely to remind members that the directors of the Wanaka Bridge Club give up their time, and interruption to their own game, so that others may sit back and enjoy theirs. For this we are eternally grateful.

Unfortunately the committee is hearing of some members arguing with the director and generally being unpleasant when they disagree with their ruling. This is not acceptable behaviour.

The main role of our playing directors is to administer and interpret the laws, control the noise and ensure that players move on in a timely manner – a big ask when you are playing as well.

As a player, it is your duty to accept their ruling with good grace. If you disagree with their ruling then you say to the director, in a pleasant manner, “I wish to appeal the ruling”. This means that the play should carry on, as per the directors ruling, and then at the end of the session, the director shall explain their ruling to two other suitably qualified persons. They shall review the ruling and make their decision accordingly.

We would welcome more directors so please feel free to contact the committee should you wish to increase your knowledge of the game.

Time to step up to being a director?

We’re very keen to add to our pool of directors – especially experienced Bronze division players. Talk to Carolyn (443 2422) if you’d like to sit the directors’ exam on 2nd/3rd November, or next year. This is a 3 hour open book exam held twice a year. We have plenty of resources available for you to study from so let Carolyn know if you’re interested.

Too many mixed up boards

Please do not turn the board around at your table.

In the Laws of Duplicate Bridge Law 7A states that the board should stay in the centre of the table until play is completed. It is North and South’s responsibility to ensure that this is adhered to, Law 7D.

When you put the hands in the wrong slot this disadvantages everyone who plays it thereafter. This happened on Championship Pairs night and the board has had to be voided. Should this happen again we will penalise the offending table. You are all responsible for putting your hands in the correct slot.

Babich Pairs

The Babich Wines NZ-wide Pairs will be held at 7:00pm on Friday 31 October at the club rooms. This national competition has been popular for many years, giving members the chance to pit their skills against players throughout the country. The entry fee is \$10 (includes table money). All players get a book at the end of play detailing the hands, with tips on the best contracts and play.

Charity night

This year’s charity night will be the first night of the Rippon Rosebowl on Monday 3 November. The \$10 donation is voluntary. (Otherwise just pay the usual \$3 table money.) All proceeds to the Upper Clutha Hospice Trust. While the trust has secured its capital funding, it still needs donations to cover operating costs.

New members

A warm welcome to our new members: Debora Budden, Judy and Peter Dawson, Ian Dench, and Miranda O’Leary. It’s great to have you with us.

AGM and prize giving

This year's AGM and prize giving will be held on Monday 24 November with a social hand or two following the formal proceedings. Nominations for the committee close on 10 November. New committee members are like gold so please step up if you're keen. You'll find nomination forms on the noticeboard.

Latest results

It's been a while since our last newsletter so there are lots of series winners to acknowledge. Congratulations one and all.

Monday

Roy Stakes	Allan Kelly & Clare Scurr
AJ McKenzie Pairs	George Foreman & Jack Foreman
Pembroke Pairs	Clare Scurr & Ann-Louise Stokes
Aspiring Stakes	Georgie Roberts & Ann-Louise Stokes
Glendhu Pairs	Peter Hart & Heather Wellman (Bronze) Allan Kelly & Terry Wilson (Silver)

Wednesday

Matukituki Pairs	Hans Limacher & Claire Williams
Hawea Pairs	John Hogg & John Mercer
Lindis Pairs	Ruth Coghill & Judy Muir
Hunter Pairs	Hans Limacher & Claire Williams

2015 bridge books

We're working on next year's books now, so please let Michael know by Friday 31 October if your phone number or address has changed so we can update our member list (443 7893 or michael@metzger.co.nz).

Upcoming tournaments

Talk to Georgie (443 6789) if you want to register for these upcoming tournaments:

November 1 – Maniototo Pairs (Intermediate)

November 9 – Winton Pairs (Open)

November 22 – Invercargill Swiss Pairs (Open)

Happy bridging!

Cheers

Your committee

Changes/additions for your bridge book

Judy and Peter Dawson 443 9132
Jack Foreman 443 4083
Maureen Hawke 443 7091
Carolyn Grey 443 1240
Charles Kiewiet 265 3111
Hans Limacher 443 1775
Nicola McGregor 443 2780
Gabby Marshall 021 08535306
Jenny and Ken Muir (back at their old landline number: 443 1480)
Martin Unwin 443 2475
David and Kate Walton 443 8402
Sheila White 265 3006
Claire Williams 443 1775