



# Table Talk

## Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club October 2016



### **Melbourne Cup bridge**

Ena will be hosting her famous Melbourne Cup bridge again this year. Tuesday 1 November. Contact Ena direct for more information – 443 4923.

### **Annual general meeting & prizegiving**

Our AGM this year will be on Wednesday 23 November at 7pm.

### *Remits*

As indicated in our February newsletter, we won't be taking remits from the floor at our AGM. Remember, our new process is to address all member feedback and suggestions throughout the year by simply writing to the secretary at least one week before our monthly meeting, then for you to come to the next meeting and speak to the committee. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month except December. In general business time at the AGM, members are free to suggest ideas to the committee but these will be taken back to the committee meetings for review and consideration.

### *Nominations for the committee*

We have four spaces on the committee for next year including secretary. It would be great to have some representation from our Bronze players and Friday bridge players as well as our Silver players. Written nominations need to be with the secretary by 9 November. Nomination forms can be found on the noticeboard.

### *Trophies*

A reminder, if you have a trophy from last year, would you please return it to the club. On that note, we would appreciate it very much if anyone would donate a trophy. At the moment we have no trophies for our Bronze competitions. Please contact Heather if you are interested.

### **The club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sept 2017**

We are in the process of planning next year's exciting celebrations to mark the club turning 40. We are looking for any volunteers to contact original members, go through the original minutes of meetings and create a history from the early beginnings. It would be great for everyone, especially those of us who were not there, to have an idea of how the club came into being and the trials and tribulations along the way. The history will form part of the anniversary celebrations. Please contact the secretary if anyone is keen.



### **WANAKA MINI TOURNAMENT**

Saturday 19 November  
9.15 for a 9.30 start

A chance for novice and junior players to experience tournament play in a relaxed environment. Bronze and Bronze Reserve players only (played in one division). No Silver players – sorry.

- Morning and afternoon sessions (finishes around 5pm)
- Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Bar open at lunchtime and after play
- All players bring a plate for a shared lunch
- \$10 table money.

Entries close Tuesday 15 November (entry sheet on the noticeboard).

### Babich NZ Wide Pairs

We're pleased to have enough players signed up to make running this event worthwhile. Clubs throughout the country play the same hands on the same night. It's not too late to enter. Entry form on the noticeboard.

### Improvers' lessons

A reminder that Deirdre Lynch and Heather Wellman are running a series of improvers' lessons on Tuesday nights (7 – 9pm) between now and 15 November. Everyone welcome. \$5 a night. Please contact Heather prior so she has an idea of numbers.

The lessons are as follows:

- 25 Oct – Play technique and no trumps
- 1 Nov – Declarer play (suit contract) and opening leads
- 8 Nov – Signals and discards, defensive second and third hand play
- 15 Nov – Minimum invites, game-force bids and more on doubles

You're welcome to pick and choose your sessions or come along to them all.

### Bridge books for 2017

Last chance to update your phone number and address details for next year's book. Please let Jason know on 443 7893 or email [jason@metzger.co.nz](mailto:jason@metzger.co.nz) if you have changed your phone number or address (so we mail your book to the right place).

We have one more space available if you wish to advertise your business in next year's bridge book. Please let Heather know if you are interested. Cost is \$50.

### Dummy

If you are sitting dummy there are some things you may want to do BUT CANNOT:

- Play a card before it is called for by declarer.
- Express surprise at partner's choice of card from dummy.
- Touch or steer your hand toward a card.

### Books gone walkabout

Heather has loaned two bridge books to someone and can't remember whom. The books are *Principles of Card Play* and *Introduction to Bridge* (both by Paul Marston). Her name is inside the front cover of both books. Someone else wants to borrow them so please see them safely home.

### Upcoming tournaments

4 November – Babich NZ Wide Pairs (Wanaka)

5 November – Maniototo Intermediate

19 November – Invercargill Swiss Pairs Open

For tournament details, check out the club noticeboard or contact David Brewer - [david@thebrewers.co.nz](mailto:david@thebrewers.co.nz) or call 021 280 3307. If you do wish to play in a particular tournament you must make contact with the tournament organiser.

Happy bridging everyone.

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On behalf of the committee

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