



Table Talk

Newsletter of the Wanaka Bridge Club September 2016

Hi everyone

Here's our bumper spring edition! A magic time of year with lots happening at the club. Get your pens out to lock in some dates.

September tournament

Speaking of magic, we had a brilliant September tournament for intermediate and junior players - 19 tables and a lovely atmosphere.

Congratulations to Ken Saxby and Martin Unwin who placed third in the intermediate section and third overall, and Heather Wellman and Michael Metzger who placed second in the junior section. Well done.

A big thank you to Lindsay who directed the day so well and to all the members who donated raffle prizes. The raffle raised \$500 so a big contribution towards the day's costs. To all those who assisted with the running of the day, thank you. We couldn't have done it without you.

Bronze/Bronze Reserve mini tournament

Speaking of tournaments, we are excited to announce a Bronze/Bronze Reserve 'mini tournament' on Saturday 19 November. Please put this in your calendars. This will be an all day tournament designed to introduce our newer players to the tournament environment. More details to follow. No Silver players, sorry.

Melbourne Cup bridge

Another date to lock in your calendars. Ena will be hosting her famous Melbourne Cup bridge again this year. Tuesday 1 November.

Improvers' lessons

Deirdre Lynch and Heather Wellman have volunteered to run a series of lessons designed for Bronze/Bronze Reserve players (although everyone is welcome). The series will run for five weeks each Tuesday (7 – 9pm) starting 18 October. \$5 a night.

The lessons are as follows:

- Week 1 – Stayman and ace asking
- Week 2 – Play technique and no trumps
- Week 3 – Declarer play (suit contract) and opening leads
- Week 4 – Signals and discards, defensive second and third hand play
- Week 5 – Minimum invites, game-force bids and more on doubles

You're welcome to pick and choose your sessions or come along to them all. Please let Heather know early October if you would be interested, so she has an idea of numbers.

Babich NZ Wide Pairs

We would love to run this evening again. Clubs throughout the country play the same hands on the same night. If you would like to play, please contact Clare Scurr on 027 643 7712. Clare will put an entry form up on the noticeboard soon also.

Please be seated

Can we please ask all players to be at the club and seated by 6:50pm. This greatly assists the director and computer operator to get the movement and number of tables sorted. We have had a few instances of late with members arriving at 7:00pm or after which has caused some delays or glitches while trying to change things.

Trophies

Can all members who currently have trophies return these to the club for our AGM and prizegiving. Please give them a bit of a polish.

Alerting and announcing

Once again, a reminder to alert or announce certain bids.

Announce

- INT (e.g. 12-14 points)
- 1C (e.g. could be as short as 1, 2+, 3+, 4+) In other words, 'short' needs to be clarified as to the number of cards.

Alert (circle)

Any artificial bid (e.g. transfers, Cappelletti, Multi-2D, Unusual 2NT, Muiderberg 2s) *other* than:

- Stayman
- A 2C opening bid that means 23+ points.

Doubles, cue bids, and any bids over 3NT are self-alerting.

Bridge tabs

Our new bridge tabs are working well and everyone seems to be getting the hang of them. There have been a few minor glitches so we thank you for your patience while we continue to get these ironed out.

A reminder to quit out of them at the end of the night. To do this, push the 'forward' button until it asks you if you would like to quit. Select 'yes'. They are touch screen sensitive – no need to thump them. Please give them a clean with the cloths provided when you plug them back in to charge.

Suggestion box

The committee has received a few suggestions lately via the suggestion box at the club. We value your feedback and suggestions but please put your name to them. We will only respond to those that are signed.

Housekeeping

Please clean up any spills you make on the carpet. There are quite a lot of stains appearing. I'm sorry, we don't have a magic fairy to clean these up.

Upcoming tournaments

8 October - Winton Pairs Open

4 November – Babich NZ Wide Pairs (Wanaka)

5 November – Maniototo Intermediate

19 November – Invercargill Swiss Pairs Open

The Otago Southland Congress will take place from 21-24 October at Otago Club in Dunedin. This is a 10A tournament.

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.

Bridge books for 2017

We are in the process of compiling our new books for next year. Please let Jason Benton know on 443 7893 or email jason@metzger.co.nz if you have changed your phone number or address.

We have a couple of spaces available for any businesses that would like to advertise. \$50. Please contact Heather asap if you are interested. Great for brand exposure.

Happy bridging everyone.

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