

Hello Waikato Bridge Clubs

We at Cambridge Bridge Club are writing to sound you out whether your club would be interested in participating in a new interclub teams competition next year? We want to introduce a fun event that any club members can take part in (noting that 80% of our membership just want to play for fun). And we hope by holding novice and junior teams events that we will stimulate more enjoyment of the game among our more junior players.

We are proposing to organise this like the Wellington region. In Wellington, the competition runs like this:

- 7.30pm on 3rd Friday of each month (suggest Feb through Nov but could be dependent on number of team entries)
- \$7 table money, which includes free drink and nibbles
- Each club submits one or more teams to play for the year in any of the following grades (I note Wellington has no real sub rules so you are committing to providing a team of 4 in one or more grades): Open, Open Restricted, Intermediate, Junior, Novice
- Teams rotate around the clubs and team numbers and size of club rooms will determine the number of venues needed each month.
- 40 minute maximum drive so that is why I have not invited all Waikato teams. I would also suggest that while I have included Tokorora, Putaruru and Huntly on this list, for them the drive to each other would exceed 40 mins and so we would need to discuss how viable matches at their clubs would be. However it would be great if they could participate as these smaller clubs would find it harder to hold club teams events.

To get this off the ground for 2017, we need to decide by the end of November if we are to include any info in our Programme books / advertise at AGM etc. Wish I had thought of this in time to discuss at the Waikato Bays Regional meeting..... but got inspired at congress when Kevin and I got chatting to a Wellington pair.

Please can you let me know by 12 November whether this is a concept that your club may be keen to support? If there is enough interest I propose to try and hold a brief meeting to discuss detail one evening in November for those who can make it. Maybe over some wine and cheese ☺

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Clare

Cambridge Club Captain