

December 2022 Newsletter

President's Message

Kia Ora koutou and Merry Christmas

It has been another challenging year with covid disrupting bridge at the club considerably. However it is good we are back playing face-to-face bridge and had a successful Christmas Cheer tournament on the tenth of December. We now also have four online sessions as week which are complementary to our face-to-face sessions and regularly have players from different parts of the country playing.



The new Committee is smaller than the previous one and we have lost three long standing members, two of whom have been past presidents in Margaret Curnow and Simon Louisson as well as our Chief Director, Sandy McKirdy. I would like to thank them for the many years they have been part of the Committee and the considerable contributions they have each made. On the positive side we have a new member of the Committee, Nan Wehipeihana, whom I am sure will be a valuable member of our Committee.

In the new year the Committee will continue to explore options for our building in the long term; continue to improve our online bridge; and also explore the best approaches to increasing overall membership.

We recently sent out our annual subscription notices, thanks to all those who have paid already, and particular thanks to those who have volunteered to help with the myriad of things that need to be done for us to continue to be a successful club. There are still quite a few gaps which does place considerable pressure of some of our helpers and committee, so if you haven't returned your subs yet and are able to volunteer to help it would be really appreciated.

I hope you all have a good Christmas break and hopefully many of you will enjoy the Suzanne Duncan Memorial Tournament over the Christmas break. I'm looking forward a quiet Christmas and a trip down to Fox Glacier. Thanks to you all, and in particular those who have been able to help us out with the many jobs throughout the year.

Bets Wishes
Peter.

Upcoming Events

27, 28, 29 December: Suzanne Duncan. Memorial Tournament: Remember, you do not have to pre-enter, just turn up on the night. This is a great way to recover from the excesses of Christmas, and great fun! Any questions ring Ruth Brucker 021 137 0722.

Bridge begins in 2023 with Monday online bridge beginning January 2. Be logged on by 7:20.

Face-to-face begins for:

- Junior Grade on Tuesday 17 January.
- Open grade on Wednesday 11 January
- Intermediate grade on Thursday 12 January
- Friday afternoon on Friday 27 January

Monthly Results Club Series October-November 2022

Monday Online Series

October Pairs

- 1st Derek Snelling & Nebojsa Djorovic
- 2nd Anthea Black & Nacyie Bagci

Swiss Pairs - November

- 1st Barbara Tumilowicz & Walt Davis
- 2nd Peter Barker & Vil Gravis

Christmas Swiss Pairs

- 1st Anne-Marie Russell & Debbie McLeod
- 2nd Nigel Kearney & Colin Haywood

Tuesday night

Tinakori Salver Pairs

- 1st Simon Havill & Elaine McFayden
- 2nd Christine Wilson & Peter Flanagan

Thorndon Trophy Handicap Pairs

- 1st Ellie Boyd & Roger Harvey
- 2nd Julie Martin & John Norling

Committee Cup Pairs

- 1st Jared Greig & Rosy Moar
- 2nd Monique Percy & Peter Flanagan



Committee Cup pairs winners Jared Greig and Rosy Moar.

Wednesday night

Schneideman Jug Pairs

- 1st Derek Snelling & Nebojsa Djorovic
- 2nd Isobel Ross & David May

Thursday night

Porter Ladder

- 1st Jack Richardson
2nd Donna Upchurch

Robson Cup Teams

- 1st Denise Barnett, George Westermayer, Michael Cox & Donna Upchurch
2nd Julie Balance, Wayne Stechman, Ambrose Fok, Tani Blackburn

Bill Te Tau Summer Pairs

- 1st Michael Cox & Sandie Lepper
2nd Pauline Murtagh & Stephanie Smith

Friday afternoon

Spring Pairs

- 1st Lee Miller & Sandie Lepper
2nd Sophie Atkin & Stephanie Smith

Gloria & Neil Crabbe Pairs

- 1st Sophie Atkin & Gail Tippett
2nd Ann Tyrie & Val Cooper

Summer Pairs

- 1st Jennifer Jenner & Val Cooper
2nd Gail Tippett & Sophie Atkin

Visitors Day

- N/S Joan Waldvogel & Sylvia Johns
E/W Jenny Coulter & Cheryl Scott

Year Long Competition Results

Tuesday night

Hand Trophy Pairs

- 1st Rosy Moar & Ruth Harley
2nd Simon Havill & Anne Gaskell

B Grade Points Cup

- 1st = Simon Havill & Shirley-Anne Morrow

Olly Lenart Trophy for the Most Improved New Player

Patrick Jackson



Congratulations Patrick.

Wednesday night

Poppy Roberts Trophy

- 1st Peter Newell & Martin Reid
2nd John Luoni & John Davidson

Poppy Roberts Plate

- 1st John Scott & Bryan Pengelly
2nd Ross Quayle & Mariusz Tumilowicz

Paul Titcombe Lowe & Co Premier Teams

- 1st Annette Henry, Stephen Henry, Peter Newell, Martin Reid & Anne-Marie Russell
2nd Nigel Kearney, Karl Hayes, Alan Grant & Anthony Ker

Paul Titcombe Lowe & Co Premier Teams Plate

- 1st Brian Cleaver, Debbie McLeod, Kate Davies, John Patterson, John Luoni & Murray Jurgeliet
2nd Sandy McKirdy, Graham Stronach, Peter Delahunty, Lynda Rigler & Christine McKirdy

A Grade Points Cup

Alan Grant

Thursday night

Neal Salver Pairs

- 1st Donna Upchurch & Denise Barnett
2nd Michael Cox & Sandie Lepper

A Reserve Points Trophy

Michael Cox

Friday afternoon

Gladys Taylor Cup Pairs

- 1st Anne-Marie Russell & Bridget Hannaway
2nd Joan Waldvogel & Sophie Atkin

Friday Points Cup

Sophie Atkin

Recent Tournament Successes November-December 2022

Waikanae Intermediate Pairs – 6th November 2022

3rd Walt Davis & Barbara Tumilowicz

Lovelock NZ Wide Pairs – Wellington Session

N/S 1st Anthony Ker & Kathy Ker 2nd Peter Newell & Bridget Hannaway

E/W 1st Alan Grant & Nigel Kearney 2nd Denise Barnett & Susan Brown

Kapi Mana Multigrade- Intermediate/Junior Pairs – 13th November 2022

1st Karen Eriksen & Jude Lucas

2nd Stephanie Smith & Andrew Smith

Kapiti- Horowhenua Area Pairs 17 November 2022

1st Graeme Norman & John Donbavand

2nd Bridget Hannaway & Anthea Black

Inter-Provincial Finals – Online 18th to 20th November

Wellington won the Dougal McLean Trophy awarded to the Region with the best aggregate team positions with Wellington teams in the top three positions in all grades.

1st Intermediate Team: Lee Miller & Chris Woods, Barbara Tumilowicz & Walt Davis, Helen & Murray Climo

2nd Women's Team: Mindy Wu & Susan Laursen, Anne-Marie Russell & Bridget Hannaway-Willcox, Joan McCarthy & Joan Waldvogel

3rd Open Team: Anthony Ker & Alan Grant, Peter Newell & Martin Reid, Nigel Kearney & Karl Hayes

3rd Seniors Team: Patrick D'Arcy & Graeme Norman, John Luoni & Johnny Davidson, Derek Snelling & Nebojsa Djorovic



Intermediate winners, left to right: Lee, Barbara, Helen, Lynda Rigler (Chef de Mission for all teams), Walt, Murray and Chris

Hawkes Bay Christmas Cheer – 26th November

Top Open/Intermediate Pair – Sandy and Christine McKirdy

Palmerston North Christmas Cheer – 3rd December 2022

1st Alan Grant & Anthony Ker

3rd Patrick Darcy & Adrienne Dale

Wellington Christmas Cheer – 10th December

N/S 1st Graham Stronach & Sandy McKirdy (126.00)

E/W 1st John Patterson & Kate Davies (123.09)

E/W 2nd Peter Newell & Annette Henry (116.88)

E/W 3rd Anne-Marie Russell & Nigel Kearney (115.88)

N/S 3rd Ruth Brucker & Stephen Henry (114.80)

Top Intermediate pair (N/S): Margaret Curnow & Eric Frykberg

Best Christmas costumes female and male: Margie Michael & Mark Rowe



A big thank you to the sponsor of the Christmas Cheer tournament, Christopher Blundell of [Craigs Investment Partners](#) Chris can be contacted on 04 917 4330.

The photos below are in percentage order left to right with our Regional Chair, Annette Henry, presenting the prizes.





Recent arrivals at the Bridge Club Library

These well-known writers have excellent practice auctions to understand the basics of bidding in these booklets (less than 100 pages).

They are available on the BEGINNERS shelves under their Call Numbers (first 3 initials of the author)

Senior, Brian	Weak Two Bids	1991
Bergen, Marty	Introduction to Negative Doubles	2000
Klinger, Ron	Practical Slam Bidding	1997
(two copies so you can practice with your partner)		
Parrish, Adam	When to Draw Trumps	2015
Seagram, Barbara & Stark, Andy	Jacoby Transfers	2004

Please make a note of the books you borrow in the Book and cross off on their return.

Loan period is generally 6 months.

From your Editor:

I would like to wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year, may 2023 bring you all you wish for, happiness and a lack of covid.

I would like to thank all of you who helped me with the catering, it has made my job a great deal easier, and I may be calling on you again in 2023. I also want to say thanks to all the people who keep our bridge club running so well, Peter, our President; Bridget, our wonderful, helpful Manager; our committee; our dealers; Chris and Stuart Kelly our teaperson; Janet Dobbie our librarian; and John our intrepid Gardener...and to all of you bridge players who make belonging to Wellington Bridge Club such pleasure.