

## January 2018 Newsletter



*Outraged man standing: How dare you fart in front of my wife  
Offender: So sorry old chap, I didn't realise it was her turn*

### Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year.

You may have noticed the improvements to our building over the summer break – new ceiling tiles, LED lights, insulation and heat sensors have now been installed in the second (Pipitea) playing room, replacing the old, heavier tiles and suspended lights. We have also had the two large upstairs rooms repainted in preparation for renting one out to a long-term tenant.

The first round of lessons for the new year start on 13 February – there's been good interest but there's always room for more, so do refer anyone you know who might be interested to Bridget. We will hold a second set of lessons in early May following a new initiative to promote bridge via radio ads in March and April, funded by NZ Bridge – we look forward to seeing how much interest that generates.

Speaking of NZ Bridge, those of you with a bit of time on your hands and an interest in growing the game may wish to put your name forward for Chairperson of the NZ Bridge board, as the current chair Alan Dormer is stepping down.

Finally, a reminder that we are offering \$300 prize money for the monthly Thursday night Neal Salver pairs competition, which starts next week. Hope to see you there.

## PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

**Poppy Roberts Trophy ( 5A, Open)** Series starts Feb 28

**Neal Salver Pairs (Thursday)** Series starts Feb 1 (Prize money of \$300 up for grabs)

**Hand Trophy Pairs (Tuesday)** Series starts Jan 30

**Waikanae Open Tournament,** Sunday Feb 11

**Masterton Intermediate and Junior Tournament,** Sunday Feb 25

## Lessons start Feb 13

WBC plans to have two series of lessons in the first half of this year, the first series starts on Feb 13. This is our main vehicle for introducing new blood to the club so if you have friends and acquaintances who enjoy cards and may be interested send them an email giving the details. Three mini lessons are followed by a 12 week course costing \$70 and tutored by a top player. We will have a second series starting on May 1 to follow up the radio campaign.



## Volunteer of the month

NZ Bridge has initiated a Volunteer of the month from all affiliated clubs to recognise and encourage those who make clubs like ours tick. The committee has this month nominated Graham Potter, who invariably comes to Bridget's assistance helping set up the playing room and other helpful tasks. The volunteer of the month program is a way of saying thanks to those often invisible helpers who make the club fun to be part of.



## Want to play Interclub?

There are five grades of interclub available. It's a fun way to meet players from other club and visit other clubs in the Wellington Region. Grades are: Open, Open Restricted, Intermediate, Junior and Novice. Players get their own teams together or if you want to play let Bridget know and she should be able to assist finding teammates. Information about interclub is on the Blue Noticeboard by the Trophy Cabinet. Teams have to register by Thursday 22nd February. It happens on Friday evenings, once a month kicking off on March 16.

## WBC players prominent in new NZB Grand Master awards

New Zealand Bridge announced that 12 players have being recognised as Grand Masters, of whom three are from WBC and a fourth, Chris Boland, is a from Karori but is a regular at WBC. Such awards reinforce the strength and quality of the WBC. Congratulations all!

**Silver Grand Master:** Gary Chen – Akarana; Patrick D'Arcy – Wellington; Mindy Wu – Wellington; Douglas Russell – Auckland.



*New WBC Silver Grand Masters Mindu Wu and Patrick D'Arcy above*

**Grand Master:** Rosemary Matskows – Auckland, Bob Lawrence – Otago, Dennis Apperley – Havelock North, Russell Dive – Wellington, Sue Spencer – Franklin, Cheryl Winsor – Howick, Wayne Benefield – North Shore, Chris Bolland – Karori

## Expired emails causing grief

Most people are aware several email addresses expired in November including the old WBC email which is now [wellingtonbridge@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonbridge@gmail.com) Many players registered on the NZ Bridge website failed to change their email address and they are now giving NZB grief, so they have deregistered these players. If you were one of these please update NZB (and WBC).

## January Results (to date)

<b>Wednesday:</b> <b>Young Cup Pairs</b> 1st Carolyn Black & Peter Benham 2nd Nigel Kearney & Kate Davies	

Have a good 2018 – the year Jacinda will produce and hopefully you will play better bridge.

