

July 2018 Newsletter

Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hello everyone

The club hosted a very successful 10A main regional teams event earlier this month. 26 teams, including many of New Zealand's top players, enjoyed great bridge and our usual excellent hospitality. Thanks to everyone who gave some time to help out during the weekend, and in particular to chief organisers Susan Laurenson and Bridget.

Our club was well represented in the prizes, with Wellington players in all the top teams – congratulations to the winning Henry team and all the other place-getters.]

Welcome to the new members who have joined the club following Alan Grant's latest round of lessons. We still have another two sets of lessons on the go, hosted by Anna Herries and Tereska Knap.]

We are fortunate that our building and facilities are in pretty good shape, thanks to our history of regular investment in upgrades and maintenance. We are currently looking at options for replacing the carpet in the Pipitea room, which is now quite worn in patches. We have also decided to install a modern heating/cooling unit in the upstairs Moturoa Room. We hope this will encourage greater use of the room – junior and intermediate players will remember how uncomfortably hot it was when we used it during the Wellington Congress.



Susan Brown – volunteer of the month

This month's club volunteer award goes to Susan Brown. Susan never fails to offer to help out at tournaments and often spends the whole day in the kitchen – and always with a smile on her face!

Susan also frequently acts as a buddy to our new Tuesday night bridge players. So – thank you Susan - the club is all the better for having you!"

Welcome to a bumper crop of new members

Thanks to our active learners program, we have a bumper crop of new members. Welcome to: Louise Collins, Janet Dobbie, Annabel Jones, Holly Olsen, Brian O'Sullivan, Erin Wynne. Also welcome to Thursday night s David Elkin, John Wilson,

Not too late to join Quiz and “late night” lounge this Friday

Quiz night this Friday 13th – 11 teams of eight now entered. Please come at 6.30pm so we can start at 7 sharp. Our regular quizmaster Dean Sole will take us through his usual menu of entertaining and interesting questions. The MC will be Eric Frykberg who also has some fun activities in store. The quiz will finish around 9.15pm after which we're putting on a “late night lounge” with live music, free coffee and cake and a cash bar.

All this for \$25.00!

Get together your table of 4-8 people. Bridget can also put you with others. Proceeds going towards a coffee machine.



Forget the small change

Bar voucher books – Buy these books of 10 x \$5 vouchers and avoid the hassle of finding the right change for drinks. The booklets can be purchased online – just click on the “members” section of our website.

Billets wanted for youth team

Billets wanted – WBC is hosting the New Zealand Bridge youth weekend on 17 – 19 August and we are looking for volunteers to billet young players from around the country on the Friday and Saturday nights. You won't need to feed them, apart from breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Please let Bridget know if you can help.

On the Saturday night (7pm start) we have "Play with an Expert" and need approx 25 Expert (or experienced players to play with a youth player)

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WBC AGM

WBC Annual General Meeting on Friday, November 2. As usual we will provide a meal for all members attending the AGM, with the New Zealand Wide Bridge pairs event to follow.

Club series

Tuesday/Junior– Capital Cup Pairs – starts July 31

Thursday/Intermediate – John Fairbairn Cup – starts Aug 9

Wednesday/Open – Schneideman Salver Teams – starts Aug 1

Friday Afternoon – Tinakori Pairs – starts July 27

Tournaments

Karori Intermediate Pairs – July 22

Paraparaumu Junior Pairs – July 22

Wellington Open Pairs – July 29

Waikanae Multi Pairs - Aug 5

Hutt Intermediate Pairs – Aug 12

Upper Hutt Multi Pairs – Aug 19

Karori Open Pairs – Aug 26

Otaki Intermediate/Junior Pairs – Aug 19

Recent triumphs

Tournaments

Karori Junior 3B Tournament. 10 June 2018

1st Sally Broadhurst & Graham Halliday

3rd Megan Turner & Margot Booth

4th Karen Hann & Aubrey Hann

Kapi Mana 5A Open Pairs 24 June 2018

1st Graham Stronach & Sandy McKirdy

3rd Carolyn Black & Chris Bolland

4th Alan Grant & Anthony Ker

Wellington Regional 10A Teams 30 June & 1 July 2018

1st Annette Henry, Stephen Henry, Lorraine Stachurski, Stephen Blackstock (pictured above right from the left)

2nd Karl Hayes, Brian Cleaver, Peter Benham & Nigel Kearney

3rd Mindy Wu, Jane Lennon, Alan Grant & John Skipper

4th Martin Reid, Peter Newell, Jan Alabaster & Pam Livingston

Top Team <750 Rating Points Jo Rollo, Bridget Willcox Brad Tattersfield, & Malcolm Greig (pictured below from the left)

South Island 20A Pairs 7-8 July 2018

1st Russell Dive & Russell Wilson

4th John Davidson & Grant Jarvis

Kairangi Multi-Grade 8B Teams 8 July 2018

1st John Elliott, Jane Blackwell, Fern McRae & David McRae

2nd Tony Sutich, Lorraine Sutich, Tim Edwards & Molli Gibbs-Harris

3rd Allan Joseph, Rosa Mishkin, Alison O’Dea & Yiyan Wang



Feilding Charity 8B Tournament 8 July 2018

2nd Bridget Willcox & Helen Walker

Club Nights

Tuesday- Neal Trophy Pairs

1st Rupert Rokeby-Johnson & Annie Fleetwood

2nd Philippa Ballard & Greta Keur

Thursday -Bill Joss Memorial Swiss Pairs

1st John Elliott & Jane Blackwell (pictured)

2nd Pauline Murtagh & Mike Murtagh

Friday Winter Pairs

1st Peter Barker & Peter Benham

2nd Margot Davenport & Mary Slowey

2nd Sandie Lepper / Cheryl Scott



The most amazing hand- By Susanna Gross

Before returning to Australia about a decade ago, Michael Courtney spent several years playing high-stake rubber bridge in London. Those of us who occasionally kibitzed him will never forget his sheer brilliance at the table. Michael has the pleasingly shambolic look of a mad professor, and his imagination seems to operate in a different dimension: he always has his eye on the deceptive card, the one to throw his opponents off the scent.

In the intervening years, he's clearly lost none of his prowess: his team has just won the Australian trials. Hearing this news prompted his former wife Margaret — also a talented player — to post a message on Facebook saying that she had been reminded of the most amazing hand she's ever watched, played by Michael at the rubber bridge table all those years ago. I'd not seen it before — and it's lost none of its shock value.

West led the ♠6. Michael played dummy's ♠10 and took East's ♠J with his ♠K. Michael knew that if the diamond finesse failed the contract was doomed: he could tell from West's lead of the ♠6 that he held no more than six spades (he could see the ♠4 and ♠3) and therefore that East must have another one to play back.

Michael took the diamond finesse. East won, and, unsure what to do, first cashed the ♥K. West, keen to emphasise that he wanted a spade switch, played his ♥J, denying the ♥Q. East continued with his ♥A, and Michael — in perfect tempo — played his ♥Q! Seeing this, West was convinced that East had the rest of the hearts, and continued his 'unblock' by playing the ♥10. East now assumed his partner had started with ♥J1097 and so played a low heart to Michael's ♥9! What a joy to behold. (Source: www.spectator.co.uk)

Dealer North		Neither vulnerable	
		♠ 10 3	
		♥ 6 4	
		♦ A Q 10 8 7 5	
		♣ 5 3 2	
♠ A 9 8 6 5 2			♠ J 7
♥ J 10 7			♥ A K 8 5 3
♦ 3			♦ K 6 4
♣ Q 7 6			♣ J 10 4
		♠ K Q 4	
		♥ Q 9 2	
		♦ J 9 2	
		♣ A K 9 8	
West	North	East	South
pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
	pass	pass	

Greeting Cards

Greeting cards – you may have noticed the lovely greeting cards on sale in the foyer. These are made by Sandra Prichard, who has kindly agreed to donate \$1 to the club for every card sold. The cards are well priced at \$3 each and are themed for all occasions – Sandra says she will also make them to order.