

WBC News – November 2013

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

Wellington Region Christmas Cheer – Saturday 23 November

Inter-Regionals at our Club - afternoon of Friday 29 November, Saturday 30 November, Sunday 1 December

Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs: Evenings of 27, 28 and 29 December.

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

Last night was our first committee meeting following the AGM with Toni Izzard and Jocelyn Grainger being welcomed to their first meeting. One of the issues discussed at the meeting was the disruption to play that occurs when the computer scoring system doesn't work as expected, or when there is an issue with the dealt hands. I would like to apologise for these disruptions as we know they cause frustration for players. The purchase of a new dealing machine and bar coding of the boards is one step we have put in place to try to avoid some of the issues that have occurred this year. Additional training for directors on the running of the computer scoring system will also be undertaken.

It was great to have such a good turn-out for the quiz fundraising night on Saturday. Thanks to Quiz master Dean Sole and his helpers and the support of club members and others we managed to raise **\$3,315.00** towards the bridge dealing machine.

The Wellington Regional Christmas Cheer tournament on 23 November and the New Zealand Interprovincial Teams tournament the following weekend will round off a busy month for the club.

Our recent Annual General Meeting

Thank you for coming to the AGM. We had a good attendance of 25 members. Of interest was the idea of marketing the club's activities to members not only through the newsletter but making members aware of the needs of the club, its finances and building maintenance programme.

Elected officers are:

President:	Kevin Walker	Vice President:	Brad Tattersfield
Treasurer:	John Wilkinson	Auditor:	Nikki Shone
Committee:	Ruth Brucker, Jenny Delany, Jocelyn Grainger, Christine Haronga, Toni Izzard, Maureen Pratchett and Derek Snelling		



Quiz Night – Saturday 9 November

Congratulations everyone for a really good fun night. Lots of people dressed up, adorned a special hat and generally enjoyed a party atmosphere. Special thanks to Dean Sole who once again devised a series of tricky questions for the 13 teams who competed. Brad Tattersfield did himself proud with his range of "stand up or sit down" questions &

balloon/dogmaking game. Thank you to our wonderful helpers Ruth Gilmore, Tereska Knap and Bridget Willcox who ensured the evening ran smoothly and who joyfully collected lots of gold coins. Many thanks also to our Barperson, Pat Darcy, and to Patricia Herbert and Gordon McBride – Gordon was unable to MC for

us this year, but they organised equipment and a prize for the balloon dog-making game. This caused lots of laughs and balloon dog creations varying from excellent to awful!

We had some excellent raffle prizes – 3 large hampers from contributions from members; and special thanks to Mindy Wu (Asiana Cooking School); Martin Reid; Paul Devadatta; and Simon Louisson (Shott Beverages). Finally, thank you to all our participants for your support. Nice too to see our “Chess” friends there. Check out some photos on our website.

Congratulations to the winning teams: **1st All Rights** and **2nd Chess Nuts**



Quiz Master Dean Sole with his trusty helpers, Tereska Knap and Ruth Gilmore



**The Winning Team – All Rights
Martyn & Marcia Rew, Oliver Rew, Evelyn Rew, Cheryl McDonald, Ken Wilson, Rona & Neville Carson, Steven Coulter and Sarah Weeks.**

Programme Books for 2014

These are with the printer and will be ready next week. There's a couple of advertisements therein whereby if you take advantage of their offer, our Wellington Bridge Club will receive a good donation. Please check them out on inside front cover and inside back cover.

Next year...

We have moved our Open Tournament from February to 31 August so you can practise for Congress. We are planning a fund-raiser Fun Goulash Evening on Friday night 14 February – Valentines Day coincidentally. This is a must for all grades to enjoy. At Congress last year in September, the Goulash Evening was such a good night – a very loud night it was with people laughing outrageously – some wore fancy dress – who would believe playing cards could be such fun?

If you're not familiar with the term “Goulash” don't be put off please – it's a method of dealing the cards to produce freak hands. Diary this date in your mind... it will be our first fun party night for 2014.

NZ Wide Pairs – Wellington area:

NZ Wide Pairs were played on Friday 8 November. This is an event that is played simultaneously around the country. 20 tables at the Hutt Club with players from all around the Wellington area, made for a challenging evening. It was especially good to see a number of junior and even some novice players taking part. The booklets available at the end of the night with full commentary on the hands - their likely outcome, pitfalls and how to avoid these - by Richard Solomon are a great learning aid for experienced and newer players alike. NZ Bridge will publish on their website the results from all those who took part. (Maureen Pratchett)

Winners at the Hutt Club were:

North South		East/West	
1	Greg Aldridge & Debbie Mcleod	64.58	1 Mindy Wu & John Wilkinson 68.60
2	Kathy Ker & Anthony Ker	60.42	2 Derek Snelling & Isobel Ross 59.30

And from Kairangi Bridge Club:

“The NZ wide pairs is an interesting event. I've played it once or twice and received scores that don't need repeating here, but on Friday 8th November it wasn't to be. I was playing with Liam Milne for the first time in about a year and our system discussion consisted of not much more than "2 over 1, 4ths, Reverse". We arrived at Kairangi without registering, which was described as "A big problem". While discussing which pub we should head off to, Director informed us that a pair didn't turn up and we were allowed to play. We proceeded to get **76%**, the highest score either of us has ever had! At the time of writing, nationwide results are not out yet, but we are hoping it stacks up.” **Andrew James**

“PS: Jenny made me write this, I am not one to brag!” [Lol Ed]

And from Upper Hutt Club

Congratulations to Paul Cushnie and Darren Gilchrest 1st N/S **71.30%**

Trivia:

Do more Women than Men play bridge in New Zealand?

Here's some recent NZ Bridge Statistics for you ... total says 14596 but we are informed that 375 are "Australian" members.

Grades	Males	Females	Total
Junior	2389	5784	8173
Intermediate	1449	3257	4706
Open	700	1016	1717
Totals	4538	10057	14596

And some of the "Masters" ...

Club Master	713	1779	2492
Local Master	1573	3778	5351
Provincial Master	137	175	312
Life Master	80	82	162
Grand Master	105	73	178
Silver GM	31	16	48
Gold GM	20	3	23

Interprovincials at our Club – starts Friday afternoon 29 November

Come down and support our Wellington teams over the weekend. You can kib some of New Zealand's top players, have a drink at the bar in the evenings and generally enjoy a good bridge weekend.

Thank you to our members who have offered to help in many ways. Your support is truly appreciated. This is the first time, in recent years anyway, a club has hosted the IP's and we're quite sure Wellington will turn on a very successful tournament. See you there!

Welcome to New Members



Ann Mallinson, Simon Dixie, Edward Jones, Christine Hyett, Judy Harbidge, Sandra Lepper, Linda Shaw

Results from Recent Tournaments

<p>Upper Hutt Multigrade – 3 November 2nd Aleksa Djorovic/Nigel Kearney (top Open/Junior) 3rd Lidia Dabrowska / Mark Janor (Open/Intermediate) 4th Paul Cushnie/Darren Gilchrist (Open/Open)</p>	<p>Kapi Mana Intermediate 2nd Pam Hancox and Partner 3rd Malcolm Greig and George Westermayer</p>
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Club Results from October 2013:

<p><u>Tinakori Salver Pairs</u> (Tuesday) 1st Simon Havill & Judy Mallalieu 2nd Jenny Norris & Diane Smithson</p>	<p><u>Woe Wilson Memorial Handicap Pairs</u> (Wed) 1st Matt Sutherland & Deborah Jones 2nd Robyn Freeman-Greene & Tony Lenart</p>
<p><u>Stockman Salver Handicap Pairs</u> (Thursday) 1st Paul Cushnie & Edmund Stephen-Smith 2nd Jo Rollo & Tadek Gawor</p>	<p><u>Spring Pairs</u> (Friday) 1st Sylvia Johns & Joan Waldvogel 2nd Ann Tyrie & Sophie Atkin</p>

Interclub this Friday

Good Luck to all our Wellington Club teams in the finals!

Finally, if you are able to bring us some home baking during the weekend of the Interprovincials on Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December, we would be thrilled to bits. Many thanks.