

WBC News – December 2013



Season's Greetings

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Visitors' Day – this Friday, 13 December at 1 pm: All welcome! Visitors play for free; Members please bring a plate. Cash bar available.

Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs:

Evenings – 7.30 pm start on 27, 28 and 29 December 2013.

You can play one, two or all three nights. \$25 for 3 nights, otherwise \$10 per night.

This is a very popular tournament and we are host to quite a few visitors holidaying in Wellington over Christmas. Supper is served on the last evening. The bar of course is open every evening.

PS: It is a huge help to us if you can please pay on line before the office closes on 20 December.

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

The end of another great year for the club with record playing night attendances and an extremely well run Interprovincial Championship event to cap off the year.

Congratulations to all those involved in the regional interclub teams event with some very pleasing results for the club.

There are changes in grade captains for next year and I would like to thank Judy (Tuesday), Karl and Debbie (Wednesday), and Jenni (Thursday) for the excellent effort they have put in as grade captains over the last year or two.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year, and if you want some more bridge remember the Suzanne Duncan pairs event held on 27, 28 and 29 Dec at the club. **Kevin**

Poppy Roberts Trophy - Congratulations to the winners

1st Stephen Henry & Stephen Blackstock.

2nd Alan Grant & Anthony Ker.

2013 Babich Wines New Zealand Wide Pairs

Congratulations to our Wellington Club members:

OVERALL PRIZES – aka best in New Zealand

2nd Andrew James & Liam Milne (who played at Kairangi) with 73.30%

5th Paul Cushnie & Darren Gilchrist (who played at Upper Hutt) with 71.32%



Welcome to New Members

Hayden Nikolajenko; Eva Jacobson



Wellington Region Christmas Cheer – Saturday 23 November

It was the perfect day for *not* playing bridge. The sun shone, temperatures soared and hardly a breath of wind to stir the air. However, instead of basking in the sunshine, 100 bridgies, mostly local, but a few from out of town, basked under the cheery smiles of their partners and opps, of course, as they took part in the Wellington Region Christmas Cheer. There were those who really entered into the spirit of the occasion with hats, ties, jewellery and other clothing or adornments, and perhaps one or two who chose to be Christmasy in other ways, by handing unexpected “gifts” to their opponents. Later, others were pretty pleased to see Peter Newell turn up, signalling the replacement of cups of tea and coffee with liquid refreshment of a different variety. It had been a long, hot, summer’s day, after all. Mindy Wu proved not only is she a whiz at the card table, but also in the kitchen; the buffet dinner was a fitting finale to a very fine day. (I think I also overheard someone say how they much preferred seeing Mindy across the kitchen bench than across the card table!) Congratulations to not only the winners but to everyone who took part in any way. If one had to be inside on a day like that, that was the place to be. Special thanks to our friendly director, Allan Joseph. **Suzanne Green**

Congratulations to the prizewinners below:

No photo (1st Intermediate/Junior: Brad Tattersfield & Nick Venter)



Overall Winners:
Judy Johnson & Joan Waldvogel



Second:
Pat Darcy & James Li



Third:
Ray Gruschow & Graeme Norman



1st Open / Intermediate
Sue Brown & John Wilkinson



1st Open / Junior
Paul Gold & Ruth Brucker



1st Intermediate / Intermediate
Paul Maxwell & Gail Tippett

Congratulations to our Wellington Club's Winners of 2013 Interclub Competition

Winners of Open Grade

Wellington 1 Annette Henry, Stephen Henry, Peter Newell, Martin Reid, Nigel Kearney & Charlie Cahn. Apart from Karori Junior, this was the only other team out of 56 who won every match.



**Peter Newell with Tony Sutich
(Wellington Regional Committee)**

Winners of Novice Grade

Wellington 1: Paul Gold, Mira Trifunovic (pictured below). Absent: Grace Millar, Laurence Millar, Eirlys Hunter and Lee Walker



Winners of Restricted Open Grade

Wellington 1: Jo Rollo, Tereska Knap, Paul Cushnie, Bridget Willcox. Absent: Barbara Allen, Sue Johnstone



Winners of Intermediate Grade Wellington 1

***Maureen Cooper
Dennis McKinlay
Mike Cox***

***Glenn Bush
Jack Richardson***

2014 Interclub



All we need now is to win the Junior Grade in 2014 and our Wellington Club teams can hopefully scoop all the Interclub prizes!

**Regional award for best overall performance
in Intermediate Tournaments 2013 -**
Paul Maxwell & Gail Tippett



Regional "A" Trophy for 2013

Alan Grant ie Alan won more "A"s than anyone else in our Region in events played in our Region



Interprovincials 29 November -1 December

The proof was in the "planning" thanks to the organising committee of Bridget Willcox, Jenny Delany, Allan Joseph, Steven Coulter, Heather Jared and Maureen Pratchett. Our club can be very proud of the absolutely hugely successful weekend as we hosted approx 100 players for the Inter-provincial competition – the first time a club has hosted this event for 28 years (as it has been run in conjunction with the National Congress). So this was a first for our club and what a great weekend for all players, helpers and guests. THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all members who helped in so many ways, who were rostered on from morning to night for help in setting up the rooms, helping in the kitchen, our fantastic IT organisers, Steven Coulter and Maureen Pratchett, our shuttle van drivers, our caddies and dealers, our bar persons and everyone who baked for morning and afternoon teas. Congratulations on a brilliant effort. Heather Jared worked tirelessly as convenor, as did Bridget Willcox as Organiser Superb! Dear Allan Joseph, Chief Director, beavered away all weekend ensuring all went well and no doubt he breathed a sigh of relief on Sunday late afternoon that all went very well indeed. Congratulations to the winning teams. Results are on our website.

Here's a little blog of appreciation ...



Hi Bridget, Dinnie, Alan - The direct feedback from players/participants lauding the IP's arrangements by WBC and WRC is exceeding any previous response to NZB regarding a tournament event. It is clear the organisers excelled themselves, with the shuttles, lunches, table arrangement in the non-playing room, bar service et al receiving congratulatory comments. I hope you have had similar comments direct. The comments from players regarding their personal enjoyment of the event is also unanimous presently. We are looking for similar feedback from the questionnaire now available to those folk. I do want to personally thank each of you, and indeed everyone who contributed their time and effort, for the result achieved, so Bridget if you can pass on to others as I lack email contact details that would be good. Best Wishes. **Graham Wakefield NZ Bridge Board**



Good morning all, I would like to say thank you to everybody who helped run a VERY successful tournament over the weekend. There would have been a huge amount of time spent organising the entire event which showed in the perfect execution of everything over the weekend. It was very much appreciated by our team and we all thoroughly enjoyed the event. Thank you all and many congratulations. Cheers. **Amanda Smith (Waikato)**



Hi, I would like to congratulate the club on their organisation of the Interprovincials. I think you did an outstanding job. Alan's directing, the room organisation and the computer work were very competent. The shuttle was great idea. We could have walked from the Kingsgate. If the weather was a bit iffy then to have those available was a major factor. I had a quick look at the website when I got home and the ease with which you could pick the results was a breeze. Well done on putting that link in. Thanks again for an enjoyable weekend. **Alister Buchanan (Central Districts)**



Hi All, I just want to send a big thank you to you and your team of helpers, for a fantastic weekend of bridge. Winning the women's was great of course but the whole weekend was thoroughly enjoyable. The set up of both rooms was great, food was fab, great caddies and you were all very welcoming and should be proud of yourselves for a marvellous, well run event. Thanks again. Kind Regards. **Susan Humphries (Auckland)**



Dear Wellington Bridge club, I would like to thank you all so much for your hospitality and time and effort over the weekend. The whole event proceeded so efficiently from a player's point of view, but I am conscious that it was not without significant contributions from many of you who gave willingly of your time and effort. I would like you to extend my thanks to everyone including the shuttle drivers, the people providing drinks and snacks, the caddies, the chief scorer (whom I did manage to thank personally) and his assistants, the caddies, the bar staff, the manager and her helpers, and probably a few more who may not have been so visible but worked quietly behind the scenes to make the whole event run smoothly. Thank you all and a feather in the cap of the Wellington Bridge club to have staged this event so successfully. Kind regards, **John Kruiniger (Christchurch)**

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Invoices have been issued. Please make an effort to retrieve your invoice this week from the lobby area. Otherwise invoices will be posted next week.

NZ Bridge Magazine. This will be available on-line in 2014, to those who register. There will be no charge. To register you go to www.nzcba.co.nz and register for the "ENEWSLETTER" this will give you electronic access to the NZ Bridge Magazine. No need to pay the \$40.00 subscription (as per invoices)

Office closed: Our Manager will be on leave from 20 December 2013 to 6 January 2014.

Supper Breaks in January: There will be none! We will not be having a tea person for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights throughout January. However, you are welcome to help yourself to tea and coffee and a biscuit during play.

Club Results from November 2013:

Tuesday - Thorndon Trophy Handicap 1 st Kevin Moar & Edmund Stephen-Smith 2 nd Nick Venter & Margaret Pattullo.	Wednesday - Poppy Roberts Final 1st Stephen Henry & Stephen Blackstock 2nd Alan Grant & Anthony Ker Poppy Roberts Plate 1st Graham Stronach & Sandy McKirdy 2nd Liam Milne & Annette Henry
Thursday - Robson Cup Teams 1 st Jocelyn Grainger, Berni Marwick, Suzanne Duncan & Tania Wynn 2 nd Anthea Black Jane Windle Derek Snelling, Maureen Pratchett	Friday - Summer Pairs 1 st Russell Delahunty & Michael Stride 2 nd Julie Hawkins & Mary Weatherley



Samuel Reshevsky, age 8, defeating several chess masters at once in France, 1920



Thank you one and all who have contributed to our Newsletter this year. It makes far more interesting reading to have news and views or interesting hand records from our members. Safe travelling, happy holidays and see you all next year. Ed