

WBC News – May 2014

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Wellington Region Club champs – Sunday 15 June at Hutt Bridge Club

Wellington Congress – 5-7 July

Wellington Intermediate/Junior Tournament, Sunday 27 July

National Swiss Pairs 15A – 9-10 August at Wellington Bridge Club

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

The Youth Fundraising bridge event held last Friday at the club was a great success. The delicious curry dinner provided by Mindy added to a very enjoyable night of bridge. Thanks to Jenny for organising the event and Andrew James for contributing his time as director for the night. Curry, bridge and a glass of wine was a great combination.

At the committee meeting last night it was agreed to make a change to the carry over for the Premier Teams finals. The carry-over would be .25 Imps per VP difference between the teams from the preliminary round with a maximum of 10 Imps. The committee also agreed we would look for a sponsor for the Premier Teams to enhance it as a significant event for the club.

Over the next few months we will be holding a number of club and regional tournaments at the club, including the Regional Congress on the weekend of 5/6 and 7 July. If you are newer to bridge please enter and play in these tournaments as this is part of the enjoyment of the game and a great way to help improve your bridge. If you are not playing we are always looking for helpers on the day for the events held at our club – so contact Bridget or Jenny if you are able to help.

Fundraiser for the New Zealand Youth Team – Last Friday 9 May

What a lovely evening we had....13 tables – and thank you to all who paid and played and contributed to making the evening the fun it was. Most people arrived at 6pm and had the “almost compulsory” pre-dinner drink – the lobby lights were dimmed and wonderful smells from the kitchen. Mindy Wu had prepared curry and rice and roti bread with a little chocolate slice to finish. Quite a party atmosphere, wines and a wonderful dinner. “Why don’t we do this more often” people asked. And we can - a Friday night is perfect. Drinks, Dinner and Bridge.



Special thanks to Mindy and her caterers, to our Youth director, Andrew James, who contributed his time, and to Ruth Brucker who looked after our drinks and cleaned up our dishes.

Well done Wellington Club - we raised **\$682.00** – being table money, profits from the bar and donations from members.

[Our New Zealand Youth team of 6 players will be participating in the 15th World Youth Team Championships on 13-23 August, Istanbul, Turkey.]

Club champs update...

We have received a good response from Open, Intermediate and Junior players to make up our overall Wellington Club Team and expressions of interest close at the end of this week. Players for each grade will be selected according to the criteria the committee has used in past years. The challenge versus other Wellington clubs is on Sunday 15 June at the Hutt Bridge Club. Our aim of course: *Wellington Club is the best bridge club in New Zealand*, but first we have to win the Wellington heat.

Anzac Day Mixed Sex Pairs held at Karori Bridge Club

Our Wellington Club members claimed most of the top results. Congratulations to you all.



1st overall, Chris Bolland & Dinnie Hall



2nd overall, Charlie Cahn & Tereska Knap

Thursday Night Lessons

On 1st May before our monthly Neal Salver Pairs, Anthony Ker presented us with excellent examples of slam bidding and finding the Queen of Trumps. Now to put theory into practise! Very good and thank you Anthony – much appreciated. Approximately **40** of us attended and these monthly lessons are always very popular. Anthony's notes are available on our website front page. Next lesson on 5 June at 6.30 pm.

Tuesday Night Lessons

Similarly, we will be organising lessons for Tuesday night players before the monthly Hand Trophy Pairs. The first lesson on Tuesday 27 May at 6.30 pm will be presented by Derek Snelling on "Transfers". Please note your diaries.

Improvers Class – Part 2

Enrol now... Alan Grant will be taking his Part 2 class on Saturday 14th June. Tuesday and Thursday night players will be interested to join in. You may also be interested in buying one of Alan's "flipper charts" for \$15. Check our notice board to sign up for Alan's class.

The cheating 'doktoeren'

Michael Gibson has followed with interest the story of Dr. Michael Elinescu and Dr. Entschow Wladow. As written up in the last Newsletter they have just been banned for cheating at the last big International Tournament - by coughing so as to tell partner about the shape of their hands. Michael recalls their surprise withdrawal from the Semi-Final of the 2008 World Bridge Games in Beijing when they were representing Germany against England. He says that the doctors had been doubled in each of their last four contracts and lost 500, 1100, 1400, & 1400 on these boards. The last three hands were consecutive & were all in minor-suit contracts (4C, 5D & 5D).

At this stage they were halfway through their last match and still had eight boards to play in the 96-board match but nonetheless Wladow called the director and told him that they wished to resign. When he was told that this was unprecedented in a World Championship, Michael says that Wladow responded: "I am a doctor and I can tell from my partner's bidding that he is not well!" Obviously there had been a glitch in the early development of the doctors' system - but Michael is grateful to his partners at the Club that they have not made the same excuse about his bidding - at least as far as he knows! **(Michael Gibson)**

Life is a game. Bridge is serious. If Bridge is just a game, then the Grand Canyon is just a hole in Arizona.	Work is for people who don't play Bridge. The road to hell is paved with good conventions
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Welcome to our new members:

Margaret Steel, Alicia Wright, and Lee Miller

Results from Recent Tournaments

Levin Bridge Club – Multigrade 8B – 19 April 1 st Mindy Wu & John Wilkinson	Karori Bridge Club – Mixed Sex Pairs Anzac Day 1st Dinnie Hall & Chris Bolland 2nd Tereska Knap & Charles Cahn 3rd Madeleine Askew & Phil Revell
Upper Hutt Open – 4 May 2 nd Joan McCarthy & Judith John 4 th Alan Grant & Anna Herries	Otaki Multigrade – Mothers Day Helen Walker & Lee Walker – 1st Intermed/Junior and Helen & Lee received a prize for mother & daughter combination on Mothers' Day. Christine & Turei Haronga – 1st Intermediates

Results from April 2014

Tuesday Morley Bennett Ladder 1 st Megan Turner 2 nd Terry Neal	Wednesday - Jubilee Cup Pairs 1 st Stephen Blackstock & Nigel Kearney 2 nd John Cormack & Graeme Norman
Thursday - Presidents Cup Teams 1 st Brad Tattersfield, Rob Hunter, Michael Revell & Malcolm Greig 2 nd Christine Haronga, Turei Haronga, Gail Tippett & Paul Maxwell	Friday - Autumn Pairs 1 st Barbara Leach & Suzanne Duncan 2 nd Rhona Carson & Sheena Bennett

Playing Numbers as at 30 April (financial year to date).

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
2008-2009	2034	2692	2700	950	8376
2009-2010	2180	2972	2870	1082	9104
2010-2011	2038	3146	2982	1220	9386
2011-2012	1828	3274	3256	1250	9608
2012-2013	1596	3596	3468	1298	9958
2013-2014	1618	3534	3568	1438	10158

30 April 2014: Total Membership 402

Associate Members	20	Friday Members	32
Life Members	5	Members	340
Youth Members	5		



Scenes from Dinner in the Lobby –
Youth Fundraiser Evening