

## **WBC News – November 2014**

### **PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ....**

Christmas Cheer 3A Open Tournament – Saturday 22 November at 10 am. All grades welcome. Please check flyer on Notice Board or Website. It is a huge help if you can please pay by internet.

Christmas grocery item for Hamper Raffle for Christmas Cheer please.... (please before Thursday 20 November).

### **Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker**

The Annual General Meeting was held recently with 60 members present. The meeting had some very robust discussion on a number of topics that will help the committee in its decision making during the coming year. There was much discussion around building maintenance and the need to ensure there is a programme of maintenance to keep the building in good condition. How this could be paid for and the concept of a separate maintenance reserve were both discussed. There was a query on the insurance value for the bridge club building which we did not have a ready answer for at the meeting. Having now checked, we can advise that the building is insured for functional replacement up to a value of \$2.7m.

The shortfall in the bar revenue was discussed, with the meeting being advised that the committee has put in tighter controls on stocks and revenue so we will be able to identify where and if shortfalls occur.

The meeting acknowledged the contribution of Ruth Brucker who was standing down from the committee after 14 years.

After the AGM we had the unveiling of the Grand Masters honours board, followed by a very enjoyable meal. To top off a very successful evening we then had 23 tables playing in the NZ Wide Pairs.

### ***2014 Annual General Meeting***

Thank you to all who attended – definitely the largest attendance for years and very popular to combine the meeting with dinner and a tournament to follow. Good lively discussion from the floor particularly in relation to the bar and maintenance of the building and ideas for the incoming committee to put into action.

Thank you to Mindy and her caterers for a wonderful and tasty delicious curry – lucky people who went back for seconds... Thank you to all who assisted running the bar on the night.

Finally, it was time for the tournament and the entrance of the hooded, masked and cloaked people for Halloween. It was a lot of fun and the photos tell the story. We had 23 tables for the New Zealand Wide Pairs. Sam Ward did a very professional job of directing – thank you Sam. It was also a pleasure to welcome guests from other clubs including the Auckland Bridge Club.

Top results and congratulations to:

**1<sup>st</sup> North South: Nigel Kearney & Patrick Carter; East West: Peter Benham & Karl Hayes**

Check out some of the photos later in this newsletter.



## ***“Cafe Pipitea”.***

**Popular idea and a tasty one too – approximately 65 members stayed for dinner after the AGM before going on to play in the New Zealand Wide Pairs.**

## ***Programme Book***

The 2015 programme book has gone to print this week and should be available to members shortly thereafter. For Friday players we have a new three week pairs session in October/November entitled “Neil & Gloria Crabbe Pairs”. There have been changes to some gradings – details on the Notice Board.

## ***News from Dot Procter***

Great News and lovely to have a phone call from Dot.... Our much loved former Club Manager Dot has made a great recovery and is in good health!

## ***Grand Masters Board***



At last! at last!... Here’s Dean Sole unveiling “his baby” in the form of a new Grand Masters honours board at the recent AGM. These are Grand Masters who are members of our Wellington Bridge Club. All credit goes to Dean for scrutinizing the considerable homework involved and pursuing the Committee over a few years to see this project through. Congratulations Dean.

We have 45 Grand Masters who set the standard on a Wednesday night, and how fortunate we are as a club to have their wisdom and experience.

## **IP's in Auckland**

Just when you thought bridge was winding down at the end of the year, it is winding up for some... those competing in the Interprovincial Championships to be held at the Auckland Bridge Club from Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November to Monday, 1st December 2014. Of course it will be interesting to see if Auckland can match our club's wonderful hospitality and organisation of last year's IP's here.

From our club we have the following members competing and we wish them every success:

**Open Team:** Alan Grant and Anthony Ker / Tony Lenart and Robyn Freeman-Greene  
**Senior's Team:** David May and Peter Benham / Patrick D'Arcy and David Macdonald  
**Women's Team:** Mindy Wu and Janet Woodfield / Judy Johnson and Joan McCarthy  
**Intermediate Team:** Christine Haronga and Turei Haronga



## **Christmas Cheer – Saturday 22 November two sessions starting at 10am.**



Fun and prizes for ALL GRADES....

This tournament is always very popular and very colourful, and numbers will be limited to fill our main playing room – 26 tables. Alan Joseph will be directing, our Mindy and caterers will be serving a Christmas Buffet after play: there are raffles and prizes and the promise of a very enjoyable tournament. Book now – names on Notice Board please and payment by internet would be appreciated, thank you.

**Grocery Item for Christmas Hamper raffle** – sorry for the late notice but if you could please bring a little item this week when you play, or drop it off during the week, would be fantastic and very much appreciated. Many thanks again. Tickets will be on sale for the Christmas raffles at club nights this week – 3 for \$5 or \$2 each.

## **Wanted!**

**Directors**

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Our chief director, Maureen Pratchett, is doing her best to encourage new directors coming through the ranks, and there's training for you in February 2015. Details on the Notice Board. If this sounds like you, please have a chat to Maureen or you can email her on [maureen.pratchett@paradise.net.nz](mailto:maureen.pratchett@paradise.net.nz)

## **Results from October 2014**

<p><b>Tuesday - Tinakori Salver Pairs</b>                      1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Lindsay and Vivienne Revell                      2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Mallalieu and Diane Smithson</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Woe Wilson Memorial Handicap Pairs</b>                      1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Gotlieb and Diana Dobbinson                      2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Gruschow and Damian Palmer</p>
<p><b>Thursday - Stockman Salver Handicap Pairs</b>                      1<sup>st</sup> Damian Palmer and Marian Kitchenman                      2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Rollo &amp; Tadek Gawor</p>	<p><b>Friday - Spring Pairs</b>                      1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Atkin and Barbara Allen                      2<sup>nd</sup> Joan McCarthy and Sally McLean</p>

## **Results from Recent Tournaments - Congratulations to our Club Members!**

### **Karori Intermediate Pairs – 19 October**

1<sup>st</sup> Tadek Gawor / Zbyszek Ceregra

### **Upper Hutt Multigrade Pairs – 2 November**

2<sup>nd</sup> Eleanor Morel and partner

## **New Zealand Wide Pairs and Halloween Night at the Club**



Top left: Sue, Bridget and Ruth

Top right: Carolyn and Susan

Left: Christine and Jenny

**Remember you can buy a book of Playing Tickets - \$70 for 10 tickets.**

– handy little idea for birthday and Christmas presents too. Ask the director on the night please.