

December 2017 Newsletter



Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hi everyone:

Plenty of bridge has been played recently despite the glorious Wellington summer, and the opportunities continue through the holiday season.

On Saturday 16 December we hosted a very successful afternoon session including passengers from a visiting bridge cruise ship. The previous weekend we had 27 tables at the annual Christmas Cheer tournament – thanks to everyone who helped organise and/or took part, and to our sponsor Lowe and Co who provided the raffle prize hamper.

After Christmas we will run the annual three-day Suzanne Duncan tournament on December 27, 28 and 29. Regular club play resumes the week beginning 9 January.

Next year we want to encourage more people to play on Thursdays. To help this, we will be offering prize money for the monthly Neil Salver pairs competition (see details below). Remember that all players up to and including our Club Grade 3 are eligible to win on Thursdays, including Open players.

Finally, can I thank everyone who helped the club in some way this year – this is your club, and your efforts are vital to keeping it running smoothly. We really appreciate it.

Special thanks to two of our long-serving directors, Graeme Norman and Allan Joseph, who have decided not to direct on club nights next year. Thank you both for your many years of service. Also many thanks to the grade captains – Judy Mallalieu and John Norling on Tuesdays, Donna Upchurch and Jolene Zink on Thursdays and Gary Hanna and Suzanne Green on Wednesdays.

Merry Christmas!

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

The Morrison Kent Lawyers Suzanne Duncan Tournament. - One of the most popular events in Wellington bridge calendar. Entry \$25.00 for three nights or \$10 per night. Play starts 7.30pm. Dec 27, 28 29, Be there in plenty of time.

Young Cup pairs (A Grade) Series starts Jan 10

Watts Jug Ladder (B Grade) Series starts Jan 9 (NOT Jan 10 as incorrectly stated in Bridge Books)

Alder Cup Ladder (AR Grade) Series starts Jan 11

Warm welcome to a goodly crop of new members

Jo Bourke, Rue Bourke, Jared Greig, Ruth Harley, Denis Kirkcaldie, Andy Marshall, Rosie Marshall, Rosy Moar, Jaimes Wood, Graeme Dick, Margaret Dick

Thursday night incentive

In a move to encourage participation, the committee has decided to offer \$300 of prize money for the premier Thursday night intermediate pairs event, the Neal Salver Pairs.

The qualifying winning pair will receive \$100 each and \$50 will go to each of the runners up.

The committee discussed what to do about a downtrend in Thursday night numbers – down to 3500 this year to November 30 from 4268 the previous year. The committee discussed dividing the room into an A and B section to counter a perceived variation in standard, but the logistics were considered too tricky. The pay-to-play scheme, where lower graded players pay table money for senior players will be promoted more to encourage participation. It was also noted that Wednesday and Tuesday players not involved in teams might look at playing in pairs events on Thursdays.

Cruisy bridge

On Saturday Dec 16 the club hosted a group of 22 bridge players from one of the regular cruise ship visitors to Wellington for lunch and bridge, They were joined by club members and had a successful and enjoyable afternoon. (Saturday Bridge taking a break for the summer.)



Visitors' Day

A highlight of Friday Visitors' Day was the presentation of a cake to Roy Tugwell for his 90th birthday. Appropriately, Roy and Jolene Zink won N/S with George Westermayer & Ross Craig 2nd.



Tournament triumphs and trophies:

Wellington Region Christmas Cheer Pairs

Well done to winners in each category



1st Kathy Ker / Anthony Ker (above left).

Top Intermediate Pair Graham Potter & John Black

2nd Isobel Ross & David May

3rd James Li / John Patterson

4th Kay Austad / Joan McCarthy

5th Alister Stuck / Jan Whyte



Open/Intermediate Pair John Davidson & Susan Laurenson pictured with director Sam Ward (left). Top Junior/Junior-Intermediate Pair Jenny Norris & Sally Broadhurst (Right picture)

Wellington Bridge Club Interprovincial Douglas McLean Trophy

Congratulations to the Wellington Team which won the Dougal McLean Trophy for a second year running, with Open, Women's and Intermediate teams all coming second and the Seniors coming third.

Trophies 2017 and results

Tuesday:

B Grade points Cup- Wayne Stechman

Olly Lenard Trophy (most promising beginner):

1st= Miriam Tankersley & Simon Tankersley

Thorndon Trophy Handicap Pairs

1st George Baird & Adele Weston

2nd John Miller & Johnny Bell

Hand Trophy Pairs: Tony Izzard & Megan Turner

Wednesday:

Poppy Roberts Trophy

1st Martin Reid & Peter Newell

2nd Sandy McKirdy Graeme Stronach

Poppy Roberts Plate

1st Jo Rollo & Simon Louisson

2nd Lorraine Inglis & Judy Plimmer

A Grade Points Cup: Nigel Kearney

Harcourt Premier Teams:

1st Mindy Wu, Sandra Coleman, Kate Davies, John Patterson

2nd Alan Grant, Anthony Ker, Charles Cahn, Nigel Kearney

Thursday

Neal Salver Pairs:

1st Pauline Murtagh & Mike Murtagh

2nd Jenny Delany and Chris Woods

Robson Cup Teams

1st Michael Cox, George Westermayer, Denise Barnett & Tegan Bennik

2nd Edmund Stephen-Smith, Kevin Moar, Pauline Murtagh, Mike Murtagh & Martyn Rew

AR Points Cup

Jolene Zink

Friday:

Gladys Taylor Cup:

1st Robyn Freeman Green & Sally McLean

2nd Val Cooper & Margot Davenport

Gloria & Neil Crabbe Pairs

1st Sally McLean & Val Cooper

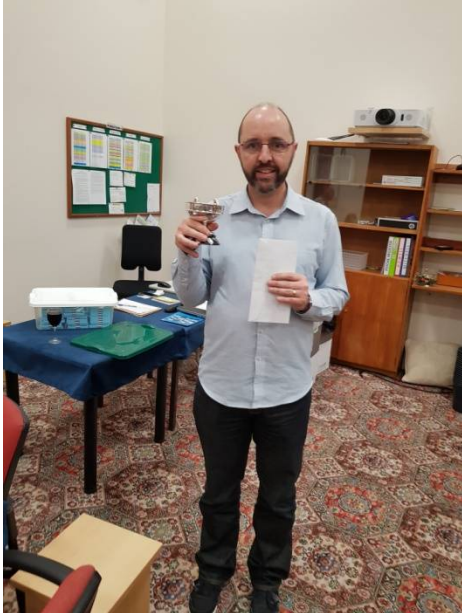
2nd Jenny Coulter & Sylvia Johns

Friday Summer Pairs

1st Peter Benham & Denise Barnett

2nd Russell Delahunty & Michael Stride

Friday Points Cup: Peter Benham



A Grade Points Cup Winner Nigel Kearney. Thorndon Trophy Handicap Pairs winners George Baird & Adele Weston.



Harcourts Premier Teams winners: Kate Davies, John Patterson, Mindy Wu, Sandra Coleman

Going the extra distance to grand slam can pay off big in teams:

"This Wellington Intermediate pair did catch my eye as they bid this confident grand slam and bought in 13 imps for our

team,” says Gary Hanna from Kiwibridge, who commentated the event. “They also bid another grand in the same match for another 14. Very impressive.”

My Results

My Table | Other Table

#	Result	NS	EW	NS IM	EW IM
13	7♥S=	2210		13	
14	4♥E-1	50			8
15	4♥N=	620		--	--
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17					
18					
19					
20					
21					
22					

13 | 8

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N Richardson
 ♠A73
 ♥104
 ♦AKQ9764
 ♣3

WEST	NORT	EAST	SOUT
1♦	Pass	1♥	
Pass	2♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	7♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

W Meeking
 ♠J106542
 ♥3
 ♦J832
 ♣Q9

E Cardno
 ♠KQ98
 ♥J85
 ♦5
 ♣J8642

S Craanen
 ♠AKQ9762
 ♥10
 ♦AK1075
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7♥ South
 NS: 0
 EW: 0

The office is closed until Jan 9.

Reminder our new email address is: wellingtonbridge@gmail.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GRAND SLAM NEW YEAR

