

## WBC News – February 2014

**Good Luck to all our members playing at the Gold Coast**

### PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

Goulash Fun Night – this Friday 14 February 2014 at 7.30 pm

Poppy Roberts Trophy Pairs 5A Tournament, first night Wednesday 19 February

Interclub Entries to be in by 6 March. (If you are interested in coaching sessions for teams playing interclub – Junior level and Intermediates – please email Vil Gravis, [villyn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:villyn@xtra.co.nz)).

Main Centre Pairs at our Club – weekend of 22-23 March. Check our website for details.

### Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

As a result of recent comments, we asked if members would prefer to have tea breaks during evening play. This followed having no tea breaks over January, due to the holiday period, and the expectation that no tea break would mean an earlier finish. The overall vote was slightly in favour of retaining tea breaks and as a consequence tea breaks will continue. We have heard some comments that no tea breaks would save the club money. This is unlikely as club members still have tea/coffee and biscuits during the night and the kitchen would still need to be cleaned the next morning – which is what we pay the tea person to do - so savings are unlikely.

Just a reminder that you are now required to have a new NZ Bridge systems card for all tournaments. This includes the Poppy Roberts event held by the Club on Wednesday nights. If anyone is newer to bridge and is unsure what is required on the bridge systems card please see either myself or Bridget.

Entries for Interclub Teams close soon so make sure you get your teams together and entered. Also while on teams you should be thinking about putting your team together for the Schneideman Memorial Premier Teams which gets underway in early April – more details in next newsletter.

See you all on Friday night for our Goulash social evening.



### **Valentines Day Goulash Fun Night - \$10 each this Friday 14 February at 7.30 pm**

Our first social evening to kick the year off...  
Turn up on the night or enter your name on the notice board.  
Goulash bridge is suitable for all grades so please Tuesday nighters come along and enjoy. If you're not familiar with the term

“Goulash” don't be put off – it's a method of dealing the cards to produce freak hands. This promises to be a hilarious evening and you are welcome to fancy dress - prizes for the various grades. If you don't have a partner, Bridget is very good at matchmaking! All the more the merrier and we can promise you it will be a very merry evening! Supper and bar available – in fact better than that: “silver tray bar service”!!



### **Registrations are now being received for the Schneideman Memorial Premier Teams**

We offer the best teams bridge in Wellington and we must have an even number of teams. Please register your team online or on the notice board. First in first served! Players from all clubs in Wellington are eligible and welcome to play, and teams can be composed of Wellington Club members and non members from different clubs.

## 2014 - Hands to keep you on your toes !

Have you noticed the distributional hands we've been having so far this year? Is it our imagination - nearly every hand on a Wednesday and Thursday night has a singleton or a void and the poor old declarer does the "mutter mutter" and switch to Plan B. Or has our new dealing machine got a bug? A check on the hands revealed we were not wrong: two Wednesday nights in January 20/26 boards had a singleton or void with last Wednesday night 22/26 boards; one Thursday night a massive 24/26 boards, Friday, 19/26. Good practise for the Goulash Night ahead. Here's another one below.

## Recent (Very) High Score

29/1/14 Charles Wilson Memorial Pairs: **Peter Newell & Martin Reid 75.9% - Wow !**

9		♠ Q84	Dir: N
		♥ J10963	Vul: E-W
		♦ 8	
		♣ 10863	
♠ A10953		♠ KJ7	
♥ A		♥ K52	
♦ AKQ10		♦ 97643	
♣ KQ2		♣ A5	
3	♠ 62		
22	♥ Q874		
11	♦ J52		
4	♣ J974		

When we asked **Martin** "how do you know 7D is best contract on Board 9?" ...

"The magic of relay... I had the big hand and knew that peter had

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	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	3	7	2	7	7
W	3	7	2	7	7

(couldn't tell about the J of spades). I could see that 13 tricks were

cold if diamonds were 2-2 or 3-1, and if they were 4-0 outside, I could pitch a spade on the A of clubs and ruff a spade, needing only spades 3-2." [In the room of 27 tables, only 3 pairs bid and made 7D; 1 pair bid and made 7S. Ed]

## NZ Bridge System Card

From 24 September 2013, the new NZ Bridge system card, with at least the two outer pages completed, has been required at all "A" point tournaments. [As Kevin said, this means the Poppy Roberts too. Ed]

From 24 February 2014, this will now be required at all tournaments run under the auspices of NZ Bridge. The use of any other system card except the ABF Standard System Card will not be permitted. You can download a PDF copy of the NZ Bridge System card from the NZ Bridge website, or there is a link to it on our website. The information also contains instructions for electronically updating the card using Adobe XI. **Maureen Pratchett**

## \*\* Beginners Lessons for 2014 \*\*

**Last chance to spread the word ... So far we have 30 students enrolled.**

Alan Grant will again be taking the lessons commencing next Tuesday 18 February at 7.45 pm.

There will be "Free " Mini Bridge Lessons for the first three weeks.

The \$70 cost for the 12 weeks tuition includes comprehensive take-home notes.

## And talking of lessons...

We are planning to continue another series of "lessons" before our monthly Thursday night Neal Salver Pairs; and to start a series of lessons for our Tuesday night players before their monthly Hand Trophy Pairs. These lessons on Thursdays attract excellent numbers and we are most grateful to our various mentors. We plan to start in May - lessons will be 6.30pm to 7.15 pm.

## **Wellington Regional Congress in July 2014**

Just a word of warning if you are wanting to play with your out of town partner who needs to book air fares to come and play on what has always been a weekend's congress commencing on a Friday night. The Wellington Regional Committee this year has changed the format to Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The flyer may already be on our website at time of writing, however we believe the format is as follows:

Saturday 5 July	Pairs
Sunday 6 July	Teams
Monday 7 July	Swiss Pairs

## **Dan Gifford Knockout Rubber Bridge 2014**

Calling all Rubber Bridge enthusiasts and those who want to take up this different style of bridge where the luck of the cards can give you the opportunity to shine! Open to players of all levels. Only junior systems are permitted (unless both pairs agree on others). Entries close 11th March 2014. See notice board in the lobby.

This year the club will be hosting some first round matches on Friday 4th April. 7pm for the tutorial; 7.30pm play. An experienced rubber bridge player will run a half hour tutorial prior to the heat being run and stay on to assist players with scoring etc. You can opt to play your first round at the club or in a random draw against entrants from the Wellington Region.

**Welcome to our new members:** [John Holden](#) ; [Amy Thomson](#) ; [Lorraine McArthur](#)

## **Wine, Chat and Bids out of Turn**

The dealer South is too busy talking and doesn't bid, West passes, North passes, East bids 1NT and someone at last at the table realises there have been **3** bids out of turn! The director says to West "you have sinned but North accepted it. North you have sinned too but East has accepted it. So no penalties and bidding stands."  
Oh well, it was the last board of the evening.

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## **Etiquette using Electronic Scoring**

This topic was discussed at a recent meeting of the Wellington Regional Committee. Good idea for East after okaying the score to pass the Bridgepad to North who passes it on to West and back to South. And of course Etiquette No. 2 – please announce your 1C and 1NT.

## **Results from recent tournaments**

### **Top of the South Teams, Blenheim**

1<sup>st</sup>: Alan Grant & Anthony Ker and team mates, Patterson & Davies

3rd Joan McCarthy, Judy Johnstone, Joan Waldvogel, Max Wigbout.

Apparently there were 24 teams at this 10A event and they divided the field into 3 sections based on NZB rankings. The Sutich team, Tony & Lorraine Sutich, Rosa Mishkin and Pam Bannatyne won the prize for finishing top place of the 2nd division. Well done all !


## ***Naming our playing rooms***

After considering feedback from members, the committee is proposing the following names for the playing rooms:

Main playing room: **Tinakori Room**  
 Second downstairs room: **Pipitea Room**  
 Upstairs playing room: **Moturoa Room**

These names derive from the Club's historic locations in Thorndon. In 1955 1 Pipitea Street was purchased - this could hold 14 tables, but 1965 the club had outgrown this building so the club then moved to 8 Moturoa Street before shifting to our current Tinakori Road site. The names also reflect the orientation of each room (e.g.) the main room is closest to Tinakori Road. We welcome any further comments on these naming proposals over the next month before they are finalised. Please forward your views to Bridget.

## ***Results from January 2014***

<p><b>Tuesday Night:</b> Watts Jug Ladder                  1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Lindsay                  2<sup>nd</sup> Vivienne Revell</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Night:</b> Young Cup Pairs                  1<sup>st</sup> Cemal Bektas and Pryor Rowland                  2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Gruschow and Graeme Norman</p>
<p><b>Thursday Night:</b> Alder Cup Ladder                  1<sup>st</sup> Bridget Willcox                  2<sup>nd</sup> Turei Haronga</p>	<p> <b>Hearty Congratulations to James Li - our most recent Grand Master.</b></p>



Adam Edgton, Nye Griffiths, Liam Milne, Peter Hollands, Andy Hung and Ishmael Del'Monte

## ***Congratulations to Liam Milne whose team won the 2014 National Open Teams in Canberra recently.***

The MILNE team (Liam Milne, Nye Griffiths, Andy Hung, Adam Edgton, Ishmael DelMonte, Peter Hollands) has won the 2014 National Open Teams defeating the LORENTZ team (Gabi Lorentz, Stephen Burgess, Paul Marston, Ashley Bach, Matthew Thomson, Pablo Lambardi) 161-139 IMPS.

The MILNE team have qualified to represent Australia in the [2014 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship](#) in Glasgow in September.

### ***Reminder Please***

Subscriptions were due by 1st January 2014. Only 75% have paid to date.