

WBC News – January 2016

Happy New Year and Welcome Back

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Subscriptions were due by 1st January 2016

Beginners Lessons for 2016 commencing Tuesday 16 February
NORTH ISLAND TEAMS 20A - 5th and 6th March

Presidents Corner...

Welcome back to another year of playing bridge. This year we are trying some new initiatives to retain newcomers and help those who want to improve their bridge. See below for one of the new initiatives.

We have heard back from the Funding Authority regarding our application for the kitchen. Unfortunately, we were not successful this time. However, as some of the appliances in the kitchen are urgently in need of replacing, the Committee has voted to go ahead with the renovation of the kitchen.

You'll note that the old Schneideman Memorial Premier Teams (Wednesday night) is now called "Harcourts Premier Teams". This is due to the excellent work done by Brad Tattersfield in securing a sponsorship from Harcourts. Consequently, the winning team will receive a cash prize of \$500 for this event in lieu of the previous prize. Good bridge for the year everyone. May all your finesses work.

"Pay and play" to improve your bridge

If you're a junior or intermediate player looking to improve, the Club is giving you the opportunity to "pay and play" with a stronger partner. We have a small group of experienced players willing to play with keen improvers, provided the improver pays the experienced player's \$7 table money on the improvers' night of play. This has been running successfully in clubs up North, so we thought we'd trial it here. If you're interested – either as an improver or experienced partner - please contact Bridget.

Christmas Cheer Tournament - 12 December last



Once again, our very popular Christmas Cheer tournament was enjoyed by our own members together with members from other local clubs, in particular those receiving an interclub trophy prize. We had a full room of 30 tables. Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the raffle hampers and the great array of prizes, and thank you to our caterers, Mindy Wu and her team. A very pleasant and friendly day, thank you, and good to have this tournament into December now.

Photos are on our website. Congratulations to winners **Anthony Ker and Charles Ker**. Thank you to Director Allan Joseph and the dozens of Christmas fairies who helped make the day a success.



Schneideman Memorial Premier Teams Final

Congratulations to the four semi-final teams: Henry, Ker, Hayes and Scott, and to the eventual winning team, the Henry Team pictured here. **Stephen Henry, Martin Reid, Annette Henry, Peter Newell.**

Absent: **Stephen Blackstock and Anna Herries.**



Poppy Roberts Trophy Pairs 2015 Winners:
 Congratulations to Anthony Ker and Alan Grant

Congratulations to Winners of the Points Cups for 2015

A Grade Wednesday 1 st Anthony Ker; 2 nd Nigel Kearney	A Reserve Grade - Thurs 1 st Stuart Badger; 2 nd Malcolm Greig
B Grade Tuesday Terry Neal	Friday Grade Sophie Atkin
OLLY LENART TROPHY	Tegan Bennik



Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs Tournament – 27, 28, 29 December

Our popular holiday tournament was again the busy, friendly and successful three evenings with a full room most nights and a few out of town guests. Many thanks to everyone who helped in some way, and in particular to Allan Joseph our director and to Bruce Ivamy who took over the office management, collated the scores and was totally indispensable!

Interestingly or not, there was quite an interest from “junior” players wanting to play in this 5A Open tournament – no doubt because it is the only bridge at this time of the year.

A huge thank you to Nancy Cooney, Joanne Rollo and Jeremy Morley who excelled themselves in the kitchen on the last night, producing a lovely supper and spotlessly cleaning the kitchen afterwards. Our thanks to Morrison Kent Lawyers for their ongoing sponsorship of this tournament.

Congratulations to the winners / place getters:

- 1st Peter Benham & Karl Hayes; 2nd Lynda Rigler & Peter Delahunty; 3rd John Davidson & Nigel Kearney
- 4th Isobel Ross & David May

Next page is a “readable” copy of all the local 2016 tournaments FYI.

<u>ALL WELLINGTON REGION TOURNAMENTS 2016 BY GRADE</u>				
<u>All Sunday Dates</u> (unless stated otherwise)	<u>OPEN</u> A Points	<u>MULTI</u> 8 B Points	<u>INTERMED.</u> 5 B Points	<u>JUNIOR</u> 3 B Points
14-Feb	Waikanae 3A			
28-Feb			Masterton	Masterton
5-Mar & 6-Mar	NORTH ISLAND 20A TEAMS WELLINGTON (at Wgton Club)			
13-Mar			Upper Hutt	
20-Mar	Paraparaumu 5A		Kapi Mana (5B incl. Juniors - review?)	
28-Mar	<u>Easter Mon.</u>	Wellington Regional Mixed Sex 3A Open / Multi (at Karori)		
3-Apr			Sth.Wairarapa	Sth.Wairarapa
10-Apr		Victoria		
17-Apr	Masterton 5A		Kairangi	Kairangi
23-Apr	ANZAC Weekend 23-25 April - Wellington Congress ALL Days. ALL GRADES			
1-May	Upper Hutt 5A			Upper Hutt
8-May		Kapi Mana		
14-15 May	Wellington Region IP Trials (at Victoria Club)			
22-May	Hutt 5A		Paraparaumu	Hutt
29-May		Otaki		
3-6 June	Queen's B'day Weekend Congress's (Incl.H.Bay - All Grades)			
12-Jun	Victoria Swiss 5A			Karori
19-Jun	Kapi Mana 5A			
26-Jun	Wellington Region Teams (All Grades) Club Play-off (at Hutt Club)			
2-3 July	Wellington Region Main Centre Teams 10A (at Hutt Club)			
10-Jul		Kairangi Multi Teams		
17-Jul	(no events in Wgton)			
24-Jul		Hutt 50th Jubilee		Paraparaumu
31-Jul	Wellington 5A			
7-Aug		Waikanae		
14-Aug			Hutt	
21-Aug	Karori 5A			
28-Aug			Otaki (5B incl. Juniors - review?)	
4-Sep			Wellington	Wellington
11-Sep		Hutt		
18-Sep			Victoria	Victoria
24-Sep	National Congress at Hamilton 24 Sept – 1 Oct. - All Grades			
25-Sep		Paraparaumu		
2-Oct	(no events in Wgton)			
9-Oct		Sth.Wairarapa		
16-Oct			Kapi Mana ? (duplication with 20/3 ?)	
23-Oct	(Labour Weekend)			
30-Oct			Karori	
4-Nov	(Babich NZ Wide Pairs Fri.4 Nov.)			
6-Nov		Upper Hutt		
13-Nov			Waikanae (5B incl. Juniors - review?)	
20-Nov.		Masterton		
25-Nov	National Inter-Provincial Finals 25-26 Nov. - venue TBA			
10-Dec	- Note - Saturday - Wellington Region Xmas Cheer 3A Multi style - at Wgton Club.			
27-29 Dec.	Wellington 5A		- Suzanne Duncan 3 night Open event.	

Beginners Lessons for 2016

Now's the time to spread the word to friends and/or put up a flyer on your notice board at work. Please print off a flyer or two from our website or there's some in the foyer. Alan Grant will again be taking the lessons commencing Tuesday 16 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.

Reminder Please

Subscriptions were due by 1st January 2016. To date 60% of members have paid.



Congratulations to both Denise Barnett and Graham Potter who head the New Zealand Bridge "Club Masters" rankings as at 31 December 2015.

Monthly Pairs - Results from 2015

Wednesday <u>Poppy Roberts</u> 1 st Alan Grant & Anthony Ker 2 nd Stephen Blackstock & Stephen Henry	Thursday <u>Neal Salver Pairs</u> 1 st Michael Revell & Malcolm Greig 2 nd Susan Brown & Keith Massey
Tuesday <u>Hand Trophy Pairs</u> 1 st Julie Balance & Terry Neal 2 nd Vivienne Revell & Sharyn Stokes	Friday <u>Gladys Taylor Cup</u> 1 st Sophie Atkin & Helen Fitzgerald 2 nd Jenny Coulter & Sylvia Johns

Results from December 2015

Tuesday Night: <u>Committee Cup Pairs</u> 1 st Alice Baird & Graham Potter 2 nd Sue Storer & Andrew Gentle	Wednesday Night: <u>Schneideman Premier Teams</u> – winners as mentioned on previous pages. <u>Schneideman Memorial Plate</u> 1 st Mindy Wu & Sandra Coleman 2 nd Sylvia Johns & Suzanne Green
Thursday Night: <u>Summer Pairs</u> 1 st Judith Lucas & Karen Eriksen 2 nd Rod Allwood & Allan Joseph	Friday - <u>Visitors Day</u> N/S Claire McAlister & Eleanor Morel E/W Max Wigbout & Joan Waldvogel

Welcome to New Members:

Jeffry Bergman and Rhondda Bergman; and Returning Member, Steve Stirrat

Please feel free to contribute items and hands of interest, photos etc to this Newsletter during the year. Please email to the Editor, Jenny Delany, or to Bridget.