

WBC News – January 2017

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Poppy Roberts players: Please note your Programme Book - the amended date for 22 February (being the first night of the Poppy Roberts) is now 1 March as many of our players will be at the Gold Coast Congress in February. Reminders will be sent closer to the date. Please check this with your intended partner.

Subscriptions were due by 1st January 2017

Beginners Lessons for 2017 commence Tuesday 14 February

Afternoon Bridge – we have 2 sessions a week.

Friday Afternoons commence this week

Wednesday Afternoons commence

Friday 20th January at 1pm.

Wednesday 25th January at 1pm.

Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hi everyone

Happy New Year to you all. It's great that people are keen to get back into bridge in 2017 – we had 22 tables on the first Wednesday club night last week, which is fantastic.

There was also a great turnout for the Suzanne Duncan tournament just after Christmas – congratulations to winners Peter Benham and Karl Hayes. Special thanks to Allan Joseph, Jenny Delany, Bruce Ivamy and others who made this event happen, bearing in mind the extra difficulty of organising helpers at that time of year.

A reminder that our Wednesday afternoon competition restarts next week (the 25th) at 1pm. You may have seen that Wednesday afternoon sessions have been added to this year's programme book. We're very keen to make this event work – but it needs your support! Let Bridget know if you don't have a partner and she will arrange one.

Those of you following the New Zealand Bridge restructuring controversy may know that NZB has now advised clubs that it will take no further action on restructuring until after the board elections on 31 March. This partly addresses concerns expressed by many clubs, including ours, that NZB was trying to push through its restructuring plans without properly informing and consulting clubs.

Because of this, our committee has decided that we will not carry through our threat to withhold our next quarterly levy to NZB, though we expect much better communication from the national organisation from here on in. This point was made strongly at a meeting at the club on 12 January chaired by Allan Morris of Auckland who, along with Stephen Henry, is consulting clubs across New Zealand and reporting back to NZB on the concerns raised. We look forward to the results of that.

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



Again this year, we had a good number of players every night, mainly our club members and also a few out of town guests. It's always a relaxed and friendly three nights for this tournament and definitely worth delaying your holidays so you can participate. Many thanks to everyone who helped in some way, and in particular to Allan Joseph our director and to Bruce Ivamy who beavered away behind the scenes, taking care of the admin side..

A huge thank you to Jeremy Morley and Margot Booth who excelled themselves in the kitchen on the last night and producing a lovely supper. All our help at this time of year is very gratefully appreciated. Our thanks also to Morrison Kent Lawyers for their ongoing sponsorship of this tournament.

Congratulations to the winners **Peter Benham and Karl Hayes** who won this tournament last year too. They lead the field quite easily. 1st Peter Benham & Karl Hayes; 2nd Kate Davies & John Patterson; 3rd Lindsey Guy & Steve Gray, 4th Brad Tattersfield and Kevin Walker.

Beginners Lessons for 2017

You can all help us here please ... plus Joggers - Walkers - the real Housewives - The Retired
You can print off the flyers from our website or there's some in the foyer and you can pop them in letter boxes on your daily walk. This is the time of the year to find those interested people to learn this great game.

Alan Grant will be taking the lessons commencing Tuesday 14 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.

Poppy Roberts Trophy Pairs

Please register your names on the notice board. - Commencing 1st March and open to players from all Clubs.

Wednesday Afternoon Programme – the Blue Pages in your Programme Book

Let's really try to support this and come along with or without a partner. and Bridget can help find a partner too. This series is for **ALL GRADES** to play. We start with the Kate Sheppard Pairs on Wednesday 25 January. We hope to see you there. You can bring your lunch before the 1 pm start.

Our Busy Tournament Year at the Wellington Bridge Club in 2017

Wellington Congress	22-26 April
National 15A Pairs	17-18 June
Open Tournament	30 July
Intermediate/Junior	3 September
Main Centre Teams	28-29 October
IP Finals	25-27 November
Christmas Cheer	9 December
Suzanne Duncan	27/28/29 December

Here's a reminder for 2017: "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 last year - please contact Bridget.

Playing Numbers as at 31 December 2016 (Calendar year to date)

December	Tues	WedAM	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sun	Total
2010	2833		4400	3914	1608		12755
2011	2854		4352	4280	1678		13164
2012	2596		4770	4698	1764		13828
2013	2176		5186	4892	1982		14236
2014	2238		4892	4610	2102		13842
2015	2516		4672	4388	2272		13848
2016	2356	98	5052	4342	2194	31	14073

Total Membership as at 31st December 2016 430

Associate Members	22	Friday Members	37
Life Members	5	Members	356
Youth Members	10		

341 members have Wellington as their Home Club.

Subscriptions - Reminder Please

Subscriptions were due by 1st January 2017. If you have misplaced your invoice please email Bridget for a copy.. wnbridge@paradise.net.nz

One more Reminder

We would like to encourage members to purchase the 10 night coupon books at \$70. .As you can imagine, this is quite a help for directors collecting money on playing nights.

Welcome to New Member: Ellie Boyd 2

CLUB DIRECTORS TRAINING 2017

Starts Saturday 28th January 2017

Please check the notice board for more details:

- 5 lessons - each lesson is approximately 4 hours in length and will cover all the topics required for candidates to sit the N.Z. Bridge Club Directors Exam 16th July (and 29th October)
- Study Notes - Practice live table rulings - past examination papers discussed at each lesson.
- A revision session is offered for those not able to attend all sessions or needing additional help.
- A few weeks prior to the exam a trial examination will be set, marked and discussed
- The lessons are free for attendees.
- The cost of the Club Directors Examination fee is \$10 - to be paid by the candidates
- The cost of the 2007 Law Book and the 2016 Manual. will be cover by the club

- **Please contact Allan Joseph**

- Telephone - (04) 3898514 Email foodmaidnz@gmail.com

2016 Inter-Provincial Team



No wonder they all look happy! They are the overall winners of the 2016 Inter-Provincial Teams and all are members of the Wellington Bridge Club.

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 Committee members or to Bridget.