

News – May 2015

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Please arrive and be seated by 7.20 pm on playing nights.
Wellington Bridge Club Junior and Intermediate Tournaments 7th June 2015.

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

A very successful Wellington Regional Congress was held at our club over ANZAC weekend. It was great to have many visitors from outside Wellington. There were 46 tables in the pairs events held on Saturday across the four grades and 43 teams in the Sunday Teams event. The top 6 Open teams competed in the Teams Finals on the Monday with the remaining players making up 33 tables for the Swiss pairs event. All in all it was a very enjoyable and successful congress thanks to the many who contributed to the organisation and help through-out the weekend. The results are in this newsletter and on our website.

The first half year's beginner's class is coming to the end of their formal bridge training. There has been a good number (normally more than 25) who have been through the lessons. For beginners you will face the same issues that more seasoned players face - hands that are hard to bid, bidding and playing mistakes that will be made - the difference is that for new players these matters are more stressful. However, you will hopefully learn that this is part of the enjoyment of the game – it offers plenty of opportunities for success but as a consequence it also offers opportunities for success of others (sounds better than failures).

The beginners will play in the main playing room in their own group during June and then they can move on to playing with a buddy with the Tuesday players – so I hope all the Tuesday players will welcome them to the club.



Concentration or is Michael falling asleep?
Michael Whibley & Matt Brown v Anthony Ker & Alan Grant at the Congress Swiss Pairs.

Wellington Regional Congress 2015

Congratulations to the event winners! Congratulations to the Wellington Regional Committee for organising a great weekend and a huge thank you to the very many helpers involved to make this the successful and friendly tournament it certainly was. Thank you to Mindy Wu and her catering team for the nourishing and tasty lunches.

Our club is always proud to host a congress of this size – we do it well – and this is because of the wonderful support and enthusiasm from our own club members. It's a real pleasure to have good positive feedback too from the players. Results as follows:

PAIRS

Novice	Denise Barnett and Graham Potter
Junior	Edmund Stephen-Smith and Kevin Moar
Intermediate	Suzanne Johnstone and Julia Barnett
Open	Matthew Brown and Marie Eggeling

TEAMS

Junior/Novice	Denise Barnett, Graham Potter, Wayne Stechman, Edmund Stephen-Smith
Intermediate	Stefan Prentice, Cathy Nijman, Michael Norrish & Phillippa Gardiner
Open	Michael Ware, Geo Tislevoll, Peter Newell & James Coutts

SWISS PAIRS

Ray Gruschow and Graeme Norman



It may be of interest to you to recall the names of winners in previous years and the history herewith. This is attached as an Appendix to this newsletter.

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Beginners Lessons in June

The next lot of bridge lessons, once again taken by Alan Grant, will be starting on Tuesday 17 June with 3 evenings of mini bridge, followed by 12 weeks of lessons. We need some helpers especially in the early weeks, to help the learners get used to playing and bidding and generally help out.

If you could give one or even two nights over that time it would be greatly appreciated. You would need to be at the club from 7.30 – 9.45pm. The helpers can make a real difference to whether or not learners stay on and become members, and we need more people joining up for the future of the club, so it really is a vital role. If you can help or want to know more, please contact Margaret at mcurnow@clear.net.nz or 5508661/0223129831 or let Bridget know. Thank you in anticipation.

Thursday Night Lessons

We got our wish for another of Anthony's lessons! Anthony Ker showed us when "To Cover or Not to Cover" with various examples. When he asked us to vote for options (a) (b) (c) or (d) the "room" was quite varied... which goes to show I guess that we still have lots to learn. We are most grateful for these lessons and the "teacher's time" is very much appreciated. Thank you Anthony.

Junior / Intermediate Tournaments on Sunday 7 June – Help Needed Please!

If you are free for an hour in the morning or afternoon to help clear away cups and dishes, or prepare some light snacks after play, please let Bridget know. Many hands make light work.

Junior Players – if you are not sure of your ranking, please check the NZ Bridge website, <http://www.nzcba.co.nz/> click on Masterpoints and enter your NZ Bridge number or your surname.

Bridge in Akaroa



Last weekend we played and stayed in Akaroa... Keith Harris, most of you will remember from Thursday nights (and also our MC at our quiz nights), now lives in Akaroa and suggested we might like to venture down to this absolutely perfect gorgeous seaside resort as we discovered. The occasion was the Akaroa Scenic Tournament – two sessions on Saturday and 46 pairs competing with the prizewinners identified as either Whales, Dolphins or Penguins according to one's rating points.

There was an impressive array of raffle prizes although between the 5 of us, our eyes were on the basket of 13 brown fresh eggs.

The tournament was held in the local school gymnasium so lots of room but the horrors of manual scoring. Very friendly players mainly from Christchurch, bring your own lunch and at the end of play while looking at the hand records, we were waited on at each table with a plate of sandwiches & savouries and a plate of homemade baking, and the bar open of course!

And now the raffles... Susan was lucky and we yelled out "*Get the Eggs*" (pictured on our table in case one might think they are muffins!). Friends of Keith will notice his long hair... but alas no more! We took to it with our scissors the next day before Keith took us on his French Walking Tour for 3 hours through the streets and bush of Akaroa, finishing with the famous fish and chips on the wharf. A wonderful wonderful weekend, thank you Keith and your Akaroa Bridge Club – we will be back next year. (Keep those hens laying lol).

[Pictured above Keith Harris, Bridget Willcox, Jenny Delany, Tereska Knap, Sue Johnstone , Susan Laurenson].

YOUTH WEEKEND – 7 & 8 August

NZ Bridge is holding a Youth Weekend to be hosted by our Club on the weekend of 7th and 8th of August. Firstly we would like to invite any youth players from our Club to register. Cost is \$100. The Wellington Regional Committee will subsidise this by \$50 and we will sponsor any of our youth members \$25. So the net effect is youth are able to attend this fun week-end for just \$25.00. Please contact Bridget wnbridge@paradise.net.nz for further details. Keep in mind that closer to the date we will be seeking billets for some of the youth travelling from out of town. If you have a spare bed or two (or 4 J) please let Bridget know.

Entertainment Books for Sale

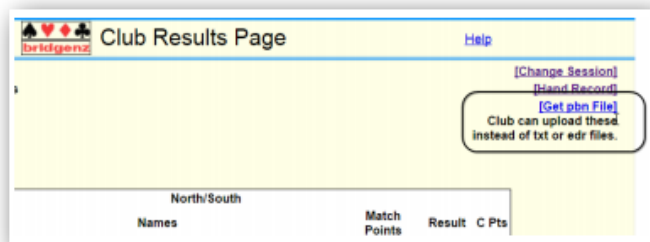
We have had some major costs with the painting of the building (and more to come) so once again we are doing a little fundraising. We have the ever popular Entertainment Books available for sale. Cost is \$60 per book or Digital version. (\$12.00 goes to the Club). Books/Digital versions are available either online via our website or by contacting Bridget. wnbridge@paradise.net.nz. Thanks for

From the Net...

The New York *Times* announced that it was ending its bridge column, which managed to outlast the chess column by one year, after an 80-year run. Letters began pouring in from subscribers who considered Phillip Alder's thoughts on the card game to be the best thing the newspaper published. Marilyn Schwartz in Florida wrote, *"How could you? In these days of devastating earthquakes, uprisings in Baltimore, and fear and uncertainty around the world, you are severing from your paper the one bastion of stability, intellect, escapism perhaps and "card sense" that has been my refuge (as well as for so many others) for lo these many years."*

Replay Your Bridge Hands at Home

If you have a bridge software programme, you can now download bridge hands that have been posted on our website to replay at home along with any hints and comments that the bridge programme gives you. When you look up your results on the website, go to the page where the scores are displayed. At the top right there is a "Get pbn File" option. Click this and a file will be downloaded to your PC. This file can then be imported into your bridge software program.



Bridge programmes that support this include Bridge Baron, Jack and GOTO Bridge, though this may not work on early versions of these programmes. These software packages can be purchased from any bridge retailing shop such as Bridge NZ, or see other shopping sites on our Links page. **Maureen Pratchett**

Monthly Pairs - Results from April 2015

Tuesday - Morley Bennett Ladder 1 st Graham Potter 2 nd Terry Neal	Wednesday - Jubilee Cup Pairs 1 st Russell Dive & Anthony Ker 2 nd John Luoni & Charlie Cahn
Thursday - President Cup Teams 1 st Christine and Turei Haronga, Paul Maxwell & Gail Tippett 2 nd Malcolm Greig Michael Revell Tim Heartt & Brad Tattersfield	Friday - Autumn Pairs 1 st Mary Slowey & Max Wigbout 2 nd Julie Hawkins & Mary Weatherley

Results from recent Tournaments

19 April Kairangi Junior 1 st Lee Walker & Amy Haste	Kairangi Intermediate 1 st Stefan Prentice & Cathy Nijman
Masterton Open 1 st Mindy Wu & Anna Herries 2 nd Alan Grant & Anthony Ker	3 May Upper Hutt Open 1 st Russell Dive & Anthony Ker 2 nd Mindy Wu & Sandra Coleman
Upper Hutt Junior 2 nd Denise Barnett & Graham Potter	10 May Kapi Mana Multi 1 st Kim Prescott & Mark Janor 2 nd Max Wigbout & Joan Waldvogel
May 9 & 10 - National 15A Pairs at Palmerston North 1 st Alan Grant & Anthony Kerr	

Welcome to our new member: [Alex Battyany](#)



Reminders Please

Sunday 7 June: Helpers needed for Wellington Bridge Club Junior and Intermediate Tournaments. Kitchen and bar duties please.

Tuesdays from 16 June – Beginners Lessons. Help needed to assist the players with bidding etc... 7.30 – 9.45pm

Tuesday Buddies - Yes it's "buddy time again" in June. We have a list of buddies from last year, but if you are keen to help here, please contact Bridget.

Sunday 21 June Club Champs Calling for expressions of interest for **Junior Intermediate and Open** established partnerships to represent the Wellington Club in the regional heat of the Club champs. Register your interest on the form in the lobby or email Bridget.

Carparking in the Middle Downstairs

This clever idea really works with your co-operation. If you are late arriving and parking in the middle, BEFORE sitting down to play, please write your name on the white notice board outside the main playing room.

See Appendix of Past Winners attached.

Appendix

PAST WINNERS OF THE WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL PAIRS CUP

Cup was presented by C.Joplin & C.Evans-Scott (Names and titles below are as recorded on the Cup)

1958 Mrs.A.T.Duncan & Mrs.H.A.Reid	1988 I.Clayton & Z.Morris
1959 Dr.W.J.Hutchison & Mrs.W.J.Hutchison	1989 D.McLean & M.Jurgeleit
1960 Mrs.J.H.Salmon & D.J.McDonald	1990 M.Ware & J.Clark
1961 Dr.W.J.Hutchison & Mrs.W.J.Hutchison	1991 A.Ker & C.Ker
1962 Mrs.A.H.Head & Mrs.N.H.McIvor	1992 A.Thomson & A.Lynskey
1963 Mrs.A.T.Duncan & Miss S.Duncan	1993 S.Blackstock & S.Henry
1964 Dr.W.J.Hutchison & Mrs.W.J.Hutchison	1994 E.Hurley & R.Hurley
1965 H.Pickering & Dr.J.D.Thompson	1995 W.Burrows & L.Stachurski
1966 Dr.N.B.Berney & Mrs.A.F.Garland	1996 A.Herries & D.Herries
1967 A.D.Davidson & A.W.Hawkins	1997 M.Ware & S.Smith
1968 Mrs.J.I.Meldrum & Miss F.M.Davis	1998 T.Lenart & B.Hemmons
1969 Mr.J.B.Cordwell & Mr.J.W.Knight	1999 A.Grant & A.Ker
1970 Dr.J.Ashley & Dr.E.Collyer	2000 J.Davidson & B.Hemmons
1971 T.Winiata & V.Gravis	2001 M.Reid & P.Newell
1972 A.D.Davidson & G.M.Ross	2002 M.Wu & G.Norman
1973 Dr.J.Ashley & Dr.E.Collyer	2003 S.Blackstock & S.Henry
1974 A.J.H.Moore & S.J.C.Browne	2004 A.Bach & J.Davidson
1975 C.Rowland & P.Collins	2005 F.Rew & M.Whibley
1976 Not contested	2006 E.Hurley & R.Hurley
1977 Mrs.K.Broadman & M.Sykes	2007 T.Lenart & J.Li
1978 R.Benson & R.Quayle	2008 L.Milne & M.Whibley
1979 S.Burgess & B.Anderson	2009 M.Ware & M.Whibley
1980 S.Blackstock & B.Patterson	2010 D.Ackerley & S.Smith
1981 V.Gravis & P.Benham	2011 A.Stuck & T.Tully
1982 S.Blackstock & A.Smith	2012 S.Brown & R.Dravitzki
1983 Dr.J.Hall & D.Macdonald	2013 J.Patterson & K.Davies
1984 S.Blackstock & P.Newell	2014 R.Dive & G.Duncan
1985 N.Procter & J.Jowett	2015 M.Eggeling & M.Brown
1986 Mr.A.Beck & Dr.D.Crombie	
1987 Mr.J.R.Drabble & Mr.J.Babor	

Individual players who have had the most wins in this event:
 Stephen Blackstock 5 Wins 1980 –2003
 Dr.W.J.Hutchison 3 Wins 1959 –1964

Mrs.W.J.Hutchison 3 Wins 1959 –1964
 Michael Ware 3 Wins 1990 –2009
 Michael Whibley 3 Wins 2005 –2009

PAST WINNERS OF THE WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL TEAMS TROPHY

“Presidential Trophy” (Plinth) presented by J.J.Ashley in 1973 (Names and titles below are as recorded on the Trophy)

1973 V.Gravis; R.Kerr; P.Marston; D.Thompson	1976 C.Rowland; P.Collins; I.Miller; Mrs.J.Kinsella
1974 G.O'Donovan; B.Patterson; A.Thomson; Mrs.H.Thomson	1977 A.Thomson; Mrs.H.Thomson; B.Patterson; G.O'Donovan
1975 W.Kitching; A.Andrews; J.Quayle; J.Babor	

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- 1978 A.Thomson; Mrs.H.Thomson; B.Patterson;
G.O'Donovan
- 1979 P.Benham; B.Goldstone; V.Gravis; D.Humphries
- 1980 J.Babor;G.Dick; B.Hoffeins; J.Drabble
- 1981 V.Gravis; P.Benham; S.Blackstock; B.Patterson
- 1982 N.Procter; I.Miller; J.Jowett; C.Perinpanayagam
- 1983 C.Cahn; R.Quayle; J.Kinsella; S.Secker
- 1984 C.Cahn; R.Quayle; G.Hanna; A.Grant
- 1985 A.Thompson; R.Gruschow; C.Studt; P.D'Arcy
- 1986 P.Benham; C.Cahn; N.Procter; J.Jowett
- 1987 M.Quayle; B.Marr; R.Hurley; E.Hurley
- 1988 S.Blackstock; K.Yule; P.Newell; P.Carter
- 1989 C.Cahn; S.Blackstock; P.Newell; N.Procter
- 1990 P.Benham; P.Newell; M.Reid; N.Procter
- 1991 A.Grant; A.Thompson; I.Clayton; C.Cahn;
N.Kearney (5)
- 1992 A.Thompson; R.Gruschow; A.Herries; D.Herries
- 1993 C.Studt; C.Jepsen; P.Delahunty; R.Gruschow
- 1994 R.Hurley; E.Hurley; W.Burrows; L.Stachurski
- 1995 A.Grant; A.Ker; G.Aldridge; T.Robb
- 1996 S.Blackstock; M.Reid; P.Newell; K.Yule
- 1997 C.Cahn; S.Blackstock; S.Henry; P.Newell
- 1998 G.Hanna; W.Johnson; P.D'Arcy; D.Sole
- 1999 A.Ker; A.Grant; K.Ker; T.Lenart; B.Hemmons (5)
- 2000 P.Newell; M.Reid; S.Blackstock; S.Henry
- 2001 P.Newell; M.Reid; A.Ker; A.Grant; A.Thompson;
P.D'Arcy (6)
- 2002 A.Grant; A.Ker; A.Bach; W.Burrows
- 2003 B.Cleaver; G.Aldridge; J.Woodfield; J.Luoni;
M.Jurgleit;
P.Benham (6)
- 2004 S.Blackstock; S.Henry; A.Henry; A.Herries
- 2005 J.Davidson; A.Herries; A.Bach; M.Whibley
- 2006 R.Freeman-Greene; D.McLean; R.Dravitzki;
J.Patterson
- 2007 M.Reid; P.Newell; D.Ackerley; S.Smith
- 2008 M.Reid; P.Newell; D.Ackerley; S.Smith;
S.Blackstock;
S.Henry (6)
- 2009 M.Whibley; D.Ackerley; L.Milne; M.Ware
- 2010 S.Jacob; T.Jacob; P.Newell; M.Reid
- 2011 N.Kearney; C.Cahn; S.Blackstock; S.Henry
- 2012 S.Henry; S.Blackstock; C.Cahn; N.Kearney
- 2013 M.Reid; P.Newell; M.Ware; G.Tislevoll
- 2014 S.Henry; J.Luoni; P.Benham; B.Cleaver
- 2015 M.Ware; G.Tislevoll; P.Newell; J.Coutts

Individual players who have had the most wins in this Teams event:

Peter Newell	12 Wins	1988 -2015
Stephen Blackstock	10 Wins	1981 -2012
Charlie Cahn	8 Wins	1983 - 2012
Martin Reid	8 Wins	1990 -2013
Stephen Henry	7 Wins	1997 -2014
Peter Benham	6 Wins	1979 -2014
Alan Grant	6 Wins	1984 -2002