

## News – November 2015

### PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ....

Please arrive and be seated by 7.20 pm on playing nights.

Calling for new grade captains

We have grade captains for Tuesday and Wednesday – just need one for Thursday.

Congratulations to Suzanne Green & Matt Poulton who will share the duties on Wednesday nights.

Tuesdays Grade Captains will be Simon Havill & Johnny Bell.

Visitors Day – Friday 11 December

Wellington Christmas Cheer Tournament – Saturday 12 December at 10am. All grades Welcome.

### Presidents Corner... Mindy Wu

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin Walker for the excellent work he has done in the last three years as President. I'll endeavour to live up to the high standards set by him and previous people in this role. I would also like to welcome the new committee members: Damian Palmer and Graham Potter. It's great to have new blood on the committee and I look forward to working with everyone on the committee which is comprised of: Kevin Walker, Brad Tattersfield, Derek Snelling, John Wilkinson, Jenny Delany, Jocelyn Grainger, Margaret Curnow, Maureen Pratchett, Toni Izzard, Damian Palmer, Graham Potter, and last but not least our very capable and efficient Club Manager, Bridget Willcox.

The committee is here to carry out the wishes of the club members and to do what's best for the club. However, for the continual growth and success of the club, we need your help and contribution. Remember, this is your club and any ideas/suggestions for better management and improvement will be gratefully received.

At the AGM, it was passed that the annual subscription is to increase by \$5.00 from \$90 to \$95. No change to the table money. Also, there was some discussion on funding for various maintenance projects. At the committee meeting last night it was confirmed that a grant application for external funding would be made for the kitchen refurbishment. Other funding options are still being considered. We'll keep members posted on progress.

### ***Good Luck to our Wellington Teams for the Interprovincials in Christchurch 27-29 November***



The following teams will represent the Wellington region :

Open:	Kathy Ker/Anthony Ker/Russell Dive/Gary Duncan
Senior:	David Macdonald/Patrick Darcy/Peter Benham/David May
Women:	Mindy Wu/Sandra Coleman/Joan Waldvogel/Judy Johnson
Intermediate:	Sam Ward/Chris Collins/Nan Wehipeihana/Sue Johnstone



## **Note Your Diary Reminder - Christmas Cheer Tournament**

Early reminders please:

1. We will require some help in the kitchen during the day (clearing away cups etc - no cooking!) Please let Bridget know if you can help from 9am onwards. Just an hour would be fantastic. Thank you.
2. We plan to have our Christmas Hamper raffle. Please bring a suitable Christmas food item towards the end of this month.
3. If you would like to donate a prize for the Christmas Cheer raffles, please contact Bridget.

## **2015 Annual General Meeting – Friday evening at 6 pm on 30 October**

Congratulations to our new President, Mindy Wu.

Brad Tattersfield remains as Vice-President; John Wilkinson as Treasurer and Nikki Shone as Auditor. As Mindy said: the newly elected committee comprises: Margaret Curnow, Jenny Delany, Jocelyn Grainger, Toni Izzard, Damian Palmer, Graham Potter, Maureen Pratchett, Derek Snelling and Kevin Walker (Immediate Past President).

A good turnout of over 50 members attended the meeting; lively discussion on renovations to the kitchen; and after a most enjoyable dinner served by Mindy Wu's team, we had 13 tables of the AGM pairs. It seems this format of the meeting, dinner and bridge to follow appeals to our members.



## **Novice & Beginners Tournament -**

Saturday 7 November at 1 pm

**For players with less than three years experience and no more than 8B points**

A very successful Novice tournament was held at the Wellington Club on Saturday 7 November. Three of the Wellington Bridge club participants completed lessons in June this year and five are just finishing the lessons they began in June. All did very well with David Fowler and Simon Dixie placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and Denise and Tegan Barnett winning the Nan Wehipeihana Cup. Special thanks to Director Vivienne Cannell who created an encouraging and supportive environment for our new players. **Margaret Curnow**

Congratulations to Denise & Tegan pictured here!



## RON KLINGER WORKSHOPS ... Maureen Pratchett

Last week, our club was fortunate to host two workshops presented by Ron Klinger. Ron is an Australian contract bridge player, based in Sydney - an Australian Grand Master and a World Bridge Federation International Master. He is a leading English-language bridge writer and the author of more than 50 books on the game.

86 people from various clubs in the region attended each workshop – one on NT play and one on suit contracts. Ron's love of the game, bridge-wisdom and superb teaching skills are evident as he explains a concept and then lets his students practise what he has taught. He keeps our attention with numerous humorous anecdotes and no question is too hard or too silly. All of us, experienced and novice alike were energised with new ideas or a refresh of forgotten techniques and have much to put into practice in the coming weeks.

Here is one example:

### 3. Dealer South : East-West vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 8  
♥ K Q 9 5 4 3  
♦ K 8  
♣ 9 8 7

WEST

♠ K 10 9 5 4  
♥ J 7  
♦ J 9 6 5  
♣ 6 2

EAST

♠ 7 6 2  
♥ A  
♦ Q 10 4 2  
♣ A J 10 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A J 3  
♥ 10 8 6 2  
♦ A 7 3  
♣ K Q 3

Recommended:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	2D (1)	Pass	1NT
Pass	3H (2)	Pass	2H
Pass	Pass	Pass	4H

(1) Transfer to hearts

(2) Shows six hearts and invites game

Lead: C6

West has no good lead. It is not attractive to lead from a broken honour holding into a no-trump opener. The C6 is not great, but it is the least obnoxious.

Play: East takes the CA and returns a club. When West plays the C2, East and South know West began with 6-2 doubleton. If South now leads a trump, East wins and gives West a club ruff. If West exits safely with a diamond, declarer will be one down later when the spade finesse loses.

Declarer should not tackle trumps at once. The danger of a club ruff is clear. On taking the club at trick 2, play a diamond to the king, a diamond to the ace and ruff the third diamond in dummy. Only then lead a trump. East can win and give West a club ruff, but West is now end played. A spade eliminates the spade loser and a diamond gives declarer a ruff-and-discard and again there is no spade loser any more.

*Tip: When a ruff is threatened and you are certain or likely to lose the lead in trumps, it can benefit you to eliminate an irrelevant side suit before touching trumps. If the ruff eventuates, the player on lead may have no safe exit.*

**Quote:** "A great social success is a pretty girl who plays her cards as carefully as if she were plain."

[F. Scott Fitzgerald](#)

## ***New Zealand Wide Pairs – last Friday 6 November***

***Sprinklings of Wellington Bridge Club members supported both clubs running the Babich New Zealand Wide Pairs:***

*Kairangi Bridge Club was host to 14 tables:*

*1<sup>st</sup> N/S: Maureen Pratchett & Vivienne Cannell - 67.31%*

*1<sup>st</sup> E/W: Pat Darcy & Dean Sole – 60.58%*

*Hutt Bridge Club was host to 10 tables:*

*1<sup>st</sup> N/S: Anthony & Kathy Ker - 70.83%*

*1<sup>st</sup> E/W: Peter & Prudence Barker – 56.94%*

*Upper Hutt – 14 Tables*

*1<sup>st</sup> E/W Darren Gilchrist & Paul Cushnie 69.64%*



***Welcome to our new members:***

***Cheryl Anderson, Dougal Congalton, Fiona Palmer, Kore Garner, Jill Herman, Chriselda McMillan, Murray McMillan, Jane O'Shea, John Patterson, Kate Davies***

## ***Results from Recent Tournament***

<b>Karori Intermediate Pairs 1 November</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Martyn Rew and Heath Tolley	
--	--

## ***Monthly Pairs - Results from October 2015***

<b>Tuesday - Tinakori Salver</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Terry Neal & Nigel Kirk-Patrick 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graham Potter & Geoffrey Nixon	<b>Wednesday - Woe Wilson Handicap Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Graeme Norman & Ruth Brucker 2 <sup>nd</sup> Turei Haronga & Patricia Herbert
<b>Thursday - Stockman Salver Handicap Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Margaret Jamieson & Pia Raudkivi 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Elliott & Vivienne Borrie	<b>Friday - Spring Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Graham Potter & Barbara Leach 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jenny Coulter & Sylvia Johns

***Reminder:*** 2016 Programme Book will be with us by the end of this month.