

WBC News – November 2017

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

25-27th November Inter-Provincial Finals.

We need a roster of helpers for the following:

Friday 24th Setting Up.

Saturday – Monday - Kitchen Helpers - Bar Staff – Van Drivers.

Saturday 9th December Christmas Cheer

If anyone not playing can spare an hour or two to help out in the Kitchen please let Susan Laurenson or Bridget know.

Christmas Raffle- Could members please bring a Christmas Grocery item for our popular raffle hamper. This will be drawn at the Christmas Cheer Tournament

Suzanne Duncan Tournament

Evening of 27th 28th and 29th December.

Saturday Afternoon Bridge on Saturdays at 1 pm....

Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hi everyone:

Many of us might be winding down for the end of the year, but there's still plenty of bridge to be played.

We are hosting a major national event, the Inter-Provincial finals, on the 25th to 27th November. Four teams from each of the seven playing region will take part, each with 16 players plus a chef de mission. Bridget needs helpers to organise this, especially for set-up on Friday 24th. Please let her know if you can spare a bit of time to assist.

Later this year we host our two regular holiday season events - Christmas Cheer on Saturday 9 December, and the Suzanne Duncan tournament on 27 – 29 December.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting last month. We managed to deal with the formalities, pass a couple of small procedural remits, thank outgoing committee members Mindy Wu and Jenny Delany, have a lively discussion about several issues – and finish up within 45 minutes! Those who stayed on enjoyed one of Mindy's lovely dinners followed by bridge.

At last night's first committee meeting for the new year we welcomed new members Tereska Knap and Simon and Miriam Tankersley. We discussed some of the issues raised at the AGM – among them, we agreed to review the annual honoraria of \$1000 each that we pay to our auditor, Chief Director and Treasurer. This amount has not been reviewed for many years, and is really only a token recognition of the time and effort they put in.

A suggestion to run more handicap events on Friday afternoons was not agreed. We also debated whether to give extra recognition to volunteers who "go the extra mile" for the club – while we are sincerely grateful for their work, it was felt that current means of noting these contributions are sufficient.

Books for the Holidays: *When you have read all your current novels, thrillers and mysteries, and your brain needs to get back into gear for next year's challenges, it would be useful to have one or two bridge books on hand. Do you need to give some attention to those systems you are getting "not quite right", or the subtle nuances of card play that keep on eluding you?*



New books for Beginners:

Paul Mendelson: *The Golden Rules of Bridge*. This was a recommended purchase, thank you Mike. Paul Mendelson writes a weekly column for the Financial Times and is a prolific writer of, sports, mind games and fiction. This is a very useful book to have on hand to consolidate your lessons. It is based on understanding the logical reasoning behind what you have learnt, and developing understandings with your regular partner.

Andrew Robson: *Finesse*, and, *Hand Evaluation & the Losing Trick Count* :
Simply and clearly written, these will clarify and develop a player's appreciation of these aspects of the game.

All-time Best picks (Classics) from Bridge Book Store:

Although new bridge books keep on appearing, the 'classics' keep on either being re-printed or new editions published.

– **I level.** Mike Lawrence, *Commonsense Bidding* (Bridge Book of the Year 1987)

Dorothy Hayden, *Bid Better, Play Better*

(Still considered one of the best ever written on this topic)

S J Simon, *Why You Lose at Bridge*

(Voted #1 book of all time in the 1994 ACBL Bulletin survey)

A – level Clyde Love, *Bridge Squeezes Complete: Winning Endplay Strategy*
(A new edition recently published)

Jeff Rubens, *The Secrets of Winning Bridge*

Kit Woolsey, *Matchpoints*



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Library News

- 1** We are very lucky to have been gifted another copy of the Tislevoll book, *Helgemo's World of Bridge*. We would still like the stolen copy to make its way back to the library. (I think I can use the word 'stolen' if a missing book has not come back within a reasonable time)
- 2** Thank you, to Janet McMEnamin for passing some of her books on to us.
- 3** Thank you also to the people who bring back recycled books to the box, enabling others to use them.

Happy Holidays, Julie

Tournament triumphs:

Five WBC Pairs in top 50 of NZ-Wide Pairs (Nov 3rd)

18 th nationwide	<u>Margie Michael & Mark Rowe</u>	66.13	Kairangi
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25 th nationwide	<u>Kate Davies & John Patterson</u>	65.30	Kairangi
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33 rd nationwide	<u>Tani Blackburn & Ruth Brucker</u>	64.05	Kairangi
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36 th nationwide	<u>Julia Barnett & Nan Wehipeihana</u>	63.68	Kairangi
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38 th nationwide	<u>Kathy Ker & Anthony Ker</u>	63.49	Hutt
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Clean sweep at Kairangi Labour Weekend Open Pairs

1 st	Kate Davies / John Patterson
2 nd	Mindy Wu / John Wilkinson
3 rd	Graeme Norman / Dean Sole

Quinella at Upper Hutt Multigrade (Nov 5th)

1 st	Peter Benham / Graham Potter
2 nd	Phil Revell / Maciej Szczesny

Main Centre Teams

1st	Dravitski Team	Rod Dravitski, Sandy Dravitski, Alister Stuck & Russell Wilson
2nd	Schumacher Team	Timothy Schumacher, Stephen Henry, Anthony Ker & Charles Ker
3rd	Fisher Team	Fisher, Grant Jarvis, Bob Hurley & Evelyn Hurley
4th	Rigler Team	Rigler, Peter Delahunty, Patrick D;Arcy & Graeme Norman
	Brucker Team	Ruth Brucker, Nan Wehipeihana, Phil Revell & Tani Blackburn



The Brucker team below – top Main Centre team with less that 750 ratings points (from left – Phil, Ruth, Tani, and Nan with prize-giver Joan Waldvogel

Monthly Results from October:

<p><u>Tuesday - Tinakori Salver Pairs</u> 1st Annie Fleetwood & Sue Storer 2nd Alice Baird & John Norling</p>	<p><u>Wednesday -Woe Wilson Memorial Handicap Pairs</u> 1st Debbie Gapes & John Luoni 2nd Peter Barker & Sylvia Johns</p>
<p><u>Thursday -Stockman Salver Handicap Pairs</u> 1st Gail Tippett & Paul Maxwell 2nd Berni Marwick & Suzanne Duncan</p>	<p><u>Friday Spring Pairs</u> 1st Mary Wilson & Sylvia Johns 2nd Pat Knight & Jean Cashin</p>

Using bridge to stay brain fit –

by Kirsty Jones

Simply by playing a few rounds of bridge every week you're doing two of the five things you can do to keep your brain as healthy as possible.

According to Alzheimers Disease International, there are five key lifestyle changes people can make to reduce the risk of developing dementia. These are look after your heart, be physically healthy, follow a healthy diet, challenge your brain, and enjoy social interaction.

So, if you're a non-smoker who walks to the bridge club and nibbles on a healthy snack while playing, that's five out of five things ticked!

There are currently over 60,000 people in New Zealand diagnosed with dementia (the most common form being Alzheimer's Disease), and this number is set to rise to over 170,000 by 2050. Dementia occurs because of physical changes in the structure of the brain. Symptoms include memory loss, difficulties with thinking and problem solving and language, and mood and behaviour changes. If you are concerned about changes in memory or thinking in yourself or a friend or family member, your GP should be your first port of call.

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with dementia, Alzheimers Wellington provides free services, support and information for anyone affected by dementia in the Wellington region.

Visit: <http://www.alzheimers.org.nz/wellington>.

And if you'd like to find out more about keeping your brain active and healthy, here are some great websites and courses:



www.yourbrainmatters.org.au

www.brainhq.com

www.mooc.utas.edu.au/courses/preventing-dementia-2018



2018 Programme Book

Line up the people you always wanted to play with, our bridge books are with the printers now and should be available next week.



From the (new) Editor:

For my sins I have taken over putting the monthly newsletter together after Jenny Delany has stepped down after doing it so many years she can't remember her first one more than 12 years ago. Huge thanks to Jenny, who also has just stepped down from the committee after a similarly heroic stint. Jenny has been the engine room of WBC's social activities and it's people like her that make a club like ours work so well.

I want the newsletter to be your newsletter – please email me (simon@louisson.co.nz) anything you think might be suitable to share – interesting hands, ideas, photos or cartoons or amusing (printable) anecdotes.

(Simon Louisson)

Reminder our new email address is: wellingtonbridge@gmail.com