

WBC News – October 2017

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

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

83rd Annual General Meeting – this Friday 13 October at 6 pm. Dinner and Bridge

A light Dinner will be served at the conclusion of the meeting, prior to a Bridge evening commencing approximately 7.30 pm. RSVP is necessary if you are staying for dinner and/or bridge. So far we have a good number of entries to play bridge – please add your name to the list on the notice board.

27 & 28 October – Main Centre Teams at Wellington Bridge Club.

Saturday play starts 12.30pm; Sunday play starts at 9.30 am.

We shall send you an email shortly asking for volunteers to assist in the kitchen.

NZ Wide Pairs – Friday 3 November will be held at the Hutt Bridge Club

Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hi everyone

A reminder that our Annual General Meeting is this Friday 13th at 6 pm. As in past years, we will provide dinner afterwards to all AGM attendees, followed by multi-grade bridge (with prizes!). For catering purposes, please advise Bridget if you would like to come – we will pair you up if you don't have a partner.

Our club building is our major asset, and we have a long-term maintenance plan to ensure the premises serves our needs for years to come. Some of you may have noticed occasional deluges of water overflowing down the back wall during heavy rain – we've recently installed a new downpipe to fix that problem. More significantly, we are about to engage contractors to replace the old, heavy ceiling tiles and downlights in the second playing room (Pipitea Room) with new lightweight tiles and LED lights. This has partly been prompted by earthquake safety concerns, and the installation cost will include seismic bracing.

We are hosting the national inter-provincial finals on the weekend of 25-27 November, and we need volunteers to help out. Jobs include joining the roster of minivan drivers to take our visitors to and from the airport, along with the usual set-up and kitchen help tasks. Please let Bridget know if you can spare even a couple of hours.

2018 Programme Book

This will be going to print early November. Please advise Bridget of your new phone numbers, home and email addresses, bearing in mind that Vodafone will turn off its email accounts, including Clear and Paradise accounts on November 30 and will instead encourage customers to set up free email accounts with either Google or Microsoft.

Advertising: If you would like to place an advertisement in our 2018 Programme Book, the deadline is 30 October 2017. Please contact Bridget for details. Thank you to the sponsors who are supporting us again this year.

Our new email address is: wellingtonbridge@gmail.com

NZ Congress at Hamilton 30 September – 7 October 2017

Our club was well represented with a large contingent of players coming and going during the week. Our best results were (E&OE) and congratulations:

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| NZ Pairs Plate | 2 nd Kate Davies & Anne Somerville |
| Mixed Pairs | 3 rd Kathy Ker & Anthony Ker; 4 th Mindy Wu & Colin Carryer |
| BTFuture Teams | 1 st John Davidson & team 2 nd Murray McMillan, Kathy Ker, Gary Duncan, Charles Ker |
| Point a board Teams | 1 st Kate Davies, John Patterson & Team 2 nd Anthony Ker, Charles Ker, Kathy Ker, Murray McMillan |
| Open Swiss Pairs | 2 nd Kate Davies & Anne Somerville; 4 th John Davidson & Ashley Bach |



Monday night at Congress was time out to play some goulash and it's always the best fun evening to be had....

Pictured here are 3 members of our NZ Open Team who treated us to their exciting results at Lyon recently - **Ashley Bach, Michael Cornell and Michael Whibley** - kibbing and playing here.

The daily Congress Bulletins provided excellent reading and a theme was a variety of "coups" used to improve one's play: eg The Merrimac Coup; The Pigpen Coup; The Bath Coup; Deschappelles Coup; Vienna Coup. Have a look for some good reading on <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/2017-bulletins.html> .

We note the Friday was "a busy day, especially the evening session. **131 tables in play. 524 players in action.** This was one of the biggest sessions to be played at National Congress".

Food for Thought

This is an extract from "slar" contributing to a bridge blog last month when ACBL members via the Internet received a list called '10 BIG IDEAS' expressing ways to promote the game and suggestions how to reach that goal - *[one being particular emphasis for teaching bridge in schools]*...

"I think the bridge world can learn a lot from the golf world. Junior Golf is relatively strong and Americans dominate the professional ranks worldwide. However, the sport itself is in serious trouble. Millennials have not taken to it and it is arguably in a death spiral. (Sound familiar?) Contrast with soccer which has a robust junior program, miserable international results, but is growing as an adult sport. Even if bridge bolsters its junior programs, it can do no better than golf is unless it finds a way to get and keep 20-somethings involved. Bridge has a huge advantage over golf in cost (at least 5:1), economies of scale (ever try to put 1000 people on a golf course in a day?), and scheduling flexibility (not much golfing at night...). It is probably better positioned to recover. "

Welcome to New Member: Mary-Lou Zoback (visiting from USA)

Monthly Pairs - Results from September 2017

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| <p><u>Tuesday Manoy Estate Teams</u> 1st Anna Locker-Lampson, Wayne Stechman, Judy Mallalieu & Alice Baird 2nd Ruth Whittle, Glenda Van Zijl, Fiona Palmer & Louise Logan</p> | <p><u>Wednesday McDermont Cup Ladder</u> 1st Isobel Ross 2nd Nigel Kearney</p> |
| <p><u>Thursday Porter Ladder</u> 1st Stephanie Smith 2nd Cheryl Scott</p> | <p><u>Friday Owen Cup Handicap Pairs</u> 1st Mary Wilson & Rhona Carson 2nd Mary Jane Farrell & Lesley Gilhooly</p> |

Results from Recent Tournaments - Congratulations

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| <p>Paraparaumu Multi-Grade 1st October 3rd Ruth Brucker & Barbara Leach</p> | <p>Victoria Intermediate Tournament 17th September 2nd Pauline Murtagh & Mike Murtagh</p> |
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Last month we said “Where is our Pot?”

(Actually it is our one and only large saucepan)

Well *Abracadabra* - it came back together with a smaller pot! Thank you.

From the Editor:

October 2017 is my last newsletter and time for someone new to stitch this together each month. It's been fun and my thanks and appreciation to everyone who has taken an interest and sent me photos and news articles from time to time over these many years... but it will free up several lunch hours for me from now on! Can't remember when I wrote the first newsletter, but we did find one dated August 2005:

Here's some quotes:

“The committee has previously indicated that it is considering the playing of two boards at each table in pairs events rather than the usual one and we have trialled this earlier this year on Wednesday nights. ...”

“The 2004 Jean Peche Memorial for the most promising player under 21 years of age, has been awarded by the NZCBA to Michael Whibley. Michael, at the tender age of 19 ...” [Michael features in photo on page 2 here].

“MAUD STOTT CUP On August 5, the Wellington club played the Victoria Club for the Maud Stott memorial cup. “

“SCORERS: We still need a few scorers to enter results – especially on a Wednesday and a Thursday night. “

We certainly have come a long way since then! Jenny Delany