

WBC News – September

Good Luck to all our players going to Hamilton for National Congress at the end of this month.

Congratulations from us ...1st time in 40 years we hear....

“NZ Bridge team into top eight of World Champs in Poland”

From Morning Report, 9:29 am today (13 September 2016) RNZ

Put it in your Diary

Saturday bridge sessions continue every second Saturday, 1-3pm, with the next one this coming Saturday 17 September. These sessions give newer players an opportunity to play hands and discuss them with a more experienced player. All welcome

Annual General Meeting – coming up soon...PLEASE be sure to read Mindy's notes below

Babich New Zealand Wide Pairs – Friday 4 November 2016 at Wellington Bridge Club

Christmas Cheer (Wellington Region) – Saturday 10 December 2016

“Pay and Play” - reminder to keep this going this year and next. This has been quite a popular concept where *“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”*. If you ring Bridget, she will organise a suitable player.

Presidents Corner... Mindy Wu

Last weekend the Club held a very successful Intermediate/Junior tournament with 19 tables combined. It was good to see that this was well supported by both Juniors and Intermediate players. A big thanks to Jenny and the other volunteers who once again put in a huge amount of work to make it so successful.

I regret to advise that the Sunday Stroll-in event is to be shelved due to lack of support. But the Wednesday stroll-in will be continuing with a slight change in that there will not be a director present and the table money is \$5/pp. This event offers players to play in a relaxed atmosphere and the opportunity for discussion after each hand. Give it a go – may be swap your lunch appointment with friends for a game of bridge (11am – 2.30pm, BYO lunch).

Upcoming AGM

We propose to hold our Annual General Meeting on Friday, 4 November, to coincide with the New Zealand Wide Pairs event. As we've done in recent years, we would start the AGM at 6pm, followed by a free dinner for meeting attendees. People would then be welcome to stay on and play in the New Zealand Wide Pairs, which is open to players from all grades and other clubs.

The Club's Constitution requires that AGMs be held during October, so a 4 November meeting would be a departure from this. However, the Committee believes that the change is warranted this year, as the NZ Wide Pairs provides an excellent opportunity to combine the AGM with a good competition event, which (along with dinner!) should attract a good attendance.

If any member objects to this proposal, please let Bridget know before **20 September** so we can reschedule to a mid-week date during October.

2017 Tournament dates at our club

FINAL dates of the Tournaments we will be hosting/running next year.

Wellington Congress	22-26 April	National 15A Pairs	17-18 June
Main Centre Teams	1-2 July	Open Tournament	30 July
Intermediate/Junior	3 September	IP Finals	25-27 November
Christmas Cheer	9 December	Suzanne Duncan	27/28/29 December

New Kitchen Christening Bridge & Dinner



Sunday 28 August we did indeed have a very enjoyable afternoon's bridge and as promised, one of Mindy's finest curries! So much lovely food, seconds and thirds, and fabulous to see all the tables in 2 long lines at the "Tinakori Room" restaurant! Oh let's do it again sometime soon.

Andrew James was our director, and armed with a bag of spot prizes, he absolutely entertained us all with his

repertoire of questions & answers. As we have said before, it is so very encouraging to see our Tuesday night players at these little tournaments.

Thank you all for your support for the Kitchen Upgrade these last few months. It has certainly been worth it! Our fundraising efforts raised approximately **\$4,600.00**. And talking about the kitchen, Steve Stirrat played bridge on Thursday night last week and Steve tells us he built the old "orange kitchen" in the early 90's commenting that at least we kept the same design/layout which still works well.

Wellington Intermediate Pairs – Sunday 4 September **Wellington Junior Pairs – Sunday 4 September**



Again a very good turnout, and most encouraging to see a good muster of Junior players. We had 11 tables of Intermediate players – a good strong field this year; and 8 tables of Junior players, all capably looked after by our director Nebosha Djorovic. The constant stream of “thank you’s” we have received this last week is testament to a very happy and enjoyable day but one of the best parts was “the pies” as you can see here. Mindy’s catering team were the stars!

Congratulations to the winners

Junior; 1st **Denise Barnett and Tegan Bennik**; 2nd **Eirlys Hunter and Laurence Millar**
Intermediate; 1st **Brad Tattersfield and Malcolm Greig**; 2nd **Turei Haronga and Andrew Cushnie**



Tegan and Denise



Malcolm and Brad

2017 Programme Book

It's that time again ... another year and a new programme book in November. If you would like to advertise in next year's programme book, please let Bridget know by the end of October.




FACES AND GESTURES .. Acknowledgements "Bridge with Larry Cohen"

"See No Evil, Hear No Evil" is good advice for bridge. Better might be: "Make no facial gestures, see no facial gestures." Yes, we can get emotional at times, but if your partner leads a spade and you make the face shown here, you are saying, "Partner, I don't like spades." Who needs legitimate bridge signals if we can signal attitude with a frown or a smile?

Need I state the obvious? It is unethical to make any gestures during the bidding or play of the hand. This includes (but is not limited to): Smiles, frowns, agitation, staring at partner, frustration, confusion and anger.

If your partner forgets to alert your alertable bid, you must keep a poker face. Say nothing, show nothing. To do anything else is unethical. If you do commit such a sin, your partner needs to bend over backwards not to notice or act on the illegally gained information.

If you are confused by partner's bidding (what else is new), you can't show it with gestures of puzzlement or frustration. If you don't like your partner's bid or play (what else is new again), don't show it! Keep a poker face. If you are annoyed (by partner or an opponent), don't show it. Stay calm, cool and collected (I know, it isn't easy). Any facial gesture or emotional reaction during the bidding or play of the hand is verboten. Period.

 Welcome <i>Glad you're here!</i>	Welcome to New Member: Tani T Blackburn 3
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Monthly Pairs - Results from August 2016

Tuesday: Capital Cup Pairs: 1 st Janel Benik & Tegan Bennik 2 nd Gordon Streatfield & Graham Streatfield	Wednesday: Schneideman Salver Teams 1 st Anthony Ker Alan Grant Kathy Ker & Murray McMillan 2 nd Ray Gruschow, Graeme Norman, Mindy Wu & Sandra Coleman
Thursday: Owen Cup Pairs 1 st Michael Revell & Sushila Kumar 2 nd Ruth Brucker & Nebosja Djorovic	Friday afternoon: Tinakori Pairs Pairs 1 st Mary Wilson & Rhona Carson 2 nd Jenny Coulter & Sylvia Johns

Results from Recent Tournaments - Congratulations

National 15A 3/4th September. 2 nd Kate Davies & John Patterson	Hutt Multigrade – Sunday 11 September: 1 st Clinton Scott and Haley Fenwick; 2 nd Derek Snelling & Isobel Ross Top Intermediate Pair - Brad Tattersfield & Malcolm Greig
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