

## September 2018 Newsletter

### President's Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hi everyone

There are a few events coming up to mark into your calendars. The club Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday 2 November**. Format is the same as recent years: a short meeting, starting at 6pm sharp, followed by a free dinner for those who attend the AGM, then you are welcome to stay for the New Zealand Wide Pairs competition starting at 7.30. We'll have more details on this in the October newsletter – meanwhile, please let Bridget know if you're planning to attend, so we can compile numbers for catering purposes.

We strongly encourage newer players to attend the "Super Sunday" session at the club on **Sunday 30 September**. This brings together players from clubs around Wellington who are just starting out, allowing them to play together in a relaxed social setting. The last Super Sunday, at Hutt Club, attracted 42 players who by all accounts greatly enjoyed the afternoon. More details on this below.

Hutt Club will be hosting the Wellington Club Champs event on **Sunday 28 October** – let Bridget know by **30 September** if you want to be part of our club team. You may remember that last year clubs entered Junior, Intermediate and Open pairs – this year a fourth "Open Restricted" category has been added, so we are looking for four pairs to represent us.

Finally, experienced players are encouraged to enter the National 15A Teams event which we will host on the weekend of **17-18 November**.



### Volunteer of the month – Wayne Nichol

Tuesday night Grade Captain Wayne Nichol is this month's Volunteer of the Month. Kathy O'Halloran, who has been filling in for Bridget, (and coincidentally was last month's VoM), said on Wednesdays "it's like the magic fairies have come in and tidied the whole place. It's spotless."

Wednesday nighters please note.

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

#### Club series

- Tuesday/Junior – Tinakori Salver Pairs – starts Oct 2
- Thursday/Intermediate – Porter Ladder – starts Sept 13
- Thursday/Intermediate – Stockman Salver Handicap – starts Oct 11
- Wednesday/Open – McDermot Ladder – starts Sept 12
- Wednesday/Open – Woe Willson Mem. Handicap Pairs – starts Oct 10
- Friday Afternoon – Spring Pairs – starts Sept 28

#### Tournaments

- Victoria Intermediate/Junior – Sept 16
- South Wairarapa Multi – Sept 23
- National Congress at Hamilton – Sept 29- Oct 6
- Paraparaumu – Multi – Sept 30
- Kapi Mana – Intermediate – Oct 14
- Kairangi Open – Oct 19-21

## Recent triumphs - Tournaments

**Hutt Intermediate Pairs** 12 August  
1st Martyn Rew & Andrew Cushnie  
3rd Graeme Dick & Margaret Dick

**Upper Hutt Multi-Grade** 19th August  
1st Owen Knowles & Susie Patterson  
2nd Lynn Mansfield & Barbara Daly  
3rd Christine Haronga & Turei Haronga

**Otaki Junior Tournament 26 August**  
1st Sue Storer & Maciej Szczesny

**Karori Open Tournament 26 August**  
1st Joan McCarthy & Nigel Kearney  
2nd Anthony Ker & Russell Dive  
3rd Sandy McKirdy & Graham Stronach

**Levin Multi-Grade Tournament 1 September**  
1st Nigel Kearney & Charles Ker

**Wellington Intermediate and Junior, Sept 2**  
Int. 1st Turei Haronga & Simon Louisson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Harris & Giles Hancock  
**Junior** – 1<sup>st</sup> Jeremy Gogan and Graham Halliday  
Maciej Szczesny and Andeana Pilalis

## August club results

**Tuesday - Captial Cup Pairs**  
1<sup>st</sup> Graham Streatfield & Gordon Streatfield  
2<sup>nd</sup> Louise Logan & Liz Baker

**Wednesday - Schneideman Salver Teams**  
1<sup>st</sup> Annette Henry Stephen Henry Martin Reid & Peter Newell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Cleaver Pete Benham Karl Hayes & Nigel Kearney

**Thursday - John Fairbairn Cup**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sushila Kumar & Michael Revell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Murtagh & Mike Murtagh

**Friday - Tinakori Pairs**  
1<sup>st</sup> Rhondda Sweetman & Cheryl Scott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Suzanne Johnstone & Graham Potter



*Above : Former member Keith Harris, now domiciled in Akaroa, showed he has lost none of his humour or bridge skill, when he led a large contingent from the Akaroa club to the Wellington Club Intermediate and Junior tournament this month. Just as well they came as it was not a great turn-out by the locals.! Committee member Ruth Brucker, who led the organisation is pictured handing Keith his prize.*

## **Newcomers don't forget Super Social Sundays**

A reminder that all newcomers are encouraged to come along for Super Social Sundays, an initiative for Bridge Beginners who have completed lessons in the last year or so. It's a chance to meet in different club rooms throughout Wellington, to play bridge, talk about bridge, have afternoon tea and maybe win a small prize. The emphasis will be on enjoying playing bridge and socialising with other brand new bridge players.

The next meet-up is at our club on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1pm and finishing at 4pm. Following that will be:

Kapi Mana Sunday November 4th

Victoria Sunday November 25th

You are welcome to come to them all or just choose the ones that suit you. Cost just \$5. You need to register by emailing Katherine.gough@nzbridge.co.nz or calling her on 0272433495 or by telling the teacher at your club that you would like to come.

It would be good if you have a partner, but still register if you want to come and haven't got a partner you will be matched up.

## **Wellington Regional Committee annual meeting with clubs**

The Wellington Regional Committee plans to hold its annual meeting with Clubs on Sunday 14 October 1.30 pm at the Wellington Bridge Club. The region's Bridge Mate, Katherine Gough, will be there, and this is a good chance for you to either meet her or catch up with her. The Committee is currently considering ways it can help Youth Bridge players, and this meeting will be an opportunity for clubs to help us with ideas and suggestions on this and other initiatives.

- Paul Maxwell, On behalf of the Wellington Regional Committee

## **Bridge features in Asian Games**

For the first time, the card game bridge has been featured as a sport at the Asian Games. The BBC's Vandana Vijay speaks to two elderly women representing India.

Until her 50s, Hema Deora (pictured) was busy taking care of her sons in Delhi, or touring the country with her politician husband Murli Deora, a former petroleum minister.

Now at the age of 67, she is representing India in a sport she often played with her friends at home every Saturday.

Her teammate Rita Choksi is 79 and one of the oldest competitors at the Games, which began in Jakarta on 18 August and will end on 2 September.



Ms Deora and Ms Choksi never thought they would play bridge at the Asian Games, let alone represent their country. Their dreams came true after the organisers of the Asian Games recognised bridge as a sport in 2018.

Bridge and chess are the only "mind sports" recognised by the International Olympic Committee but they were found ineligible for the Olympics. However, the card game is the fourth "mind" sport to appear at the Asian Games after board games like chess, go and xiangi, which have been featured at previous events.