

September 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

Kia ora

In last month's newsletter I indicated that the Committee had agreed to split the Bridge club manager position into two positions, with a development manager and an office manager. I am pleased to announce that Sandy McKirdy has been appointed to the office manager position. It is great to have a long time club member known to most of you take over the role. Sandy's experience as our chief director and committee member as well as his professional work experience will be very helpful in the role. Sandy starts in the part-time role on 10 October and will normally be at the club Tuesday-Friday 9.30-1.30 each day. Bridget will take over the development manager role which will focus on making improvements to the club, and increasing revenues. The role will enable her to work primarily from home saving a long commute. Sandy will be the main point of contact for the day to day running of the club and the playing sessions.



Over the last month we held a Pizza evening, and the Wellington sixes. Thanks to all those who attended and helped organise the events and ensure they were successful and enjoyed by those participating. A special thanks to Susan Laurenson who helped in the kitchen all day on Saturday during the sixes.

The support of volunteer help is crucial to the successful running of our club. We are fortunate that many of you are able to provide significant help to the club in all sorts of ways. Special mention this month to Damian Palmer and his Painting company who have replaced all the damaged ceiling tiles in the playing rooms. You may have seen the scaffolding in recent weeks inside the club rooms as our ceilings are rather high, so this was quite a big job.

Coming up in the second week of the school holidays is a bridge school holiday programme for kids 10+ that we are jointly running with the Victoria bridge club who are hosting it at their premises. While the focus will be on bridge, there will be other activities during the day such as games and a movie. So far we have about 15 kids attending and if you know of any children amongst your family and friends who may be interested or if you may be able to help during the week please contact Barbara Tumilowicz who is organising the bridge sessions. The main help we are after are a few people between 9-12 to help the kids with learning bridge.

A detailed seismic assessment of the Bridge club building by an engineering company will shortly be undertaken to understand what strengthening work is required to bring the building up to a NBS rating of at least 67% and to modern building standards. This work is expected to commence in early October and take about 3 weeks.

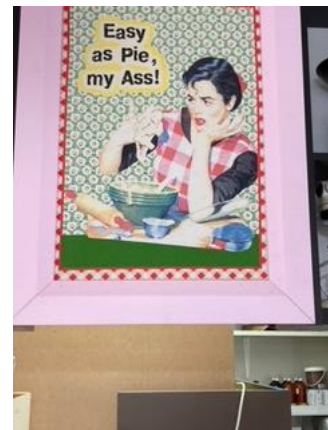
To those attending the Bridge congress this week, I hope things have gone well and you have had an enjoyable week. I headed up Monday evening. This year is Bridget's first year organising the bridge congress, so we hope it goes well for the organiser to!

Best wishes

Peter

Thanks

As Peter noted, we are very fortunate to have a number of volunteers. In addition to those thanked by Peter thanks also to Sandra Prichard for her supply of scones for the Saturday afternoon sessions for the sixes, as some of you will know Sandra regularly provides scones for events. Thanks to Dennis McKinlay for providing the following cartoon, probably sums up why Dennis is on the committee and not making the scones!



AGM

Our AGM is scheduled for the 10th of November, this will be followed by a light meal and then the Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs. Please register your interest.

If anyone wants to propose any changes to our rules - this has to be in writing to the Secretary by the 10th of October.

Bridge Calendar

For those of you that are not aware our bridge programme for the year is available as a downloadable calendar from our website.

To view the club calendar in your browser, use the following link. You can add this link to your browser favourites for easy access:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=wellingtonbridge%40gmail.com&ctz=Pacific%2FAuckland>

To add the club calendar to your own calendar app (e.g., Google Calendar, Outlook, etc.), use your calendar app's settings to add a public calendar (iCal) by copying and pasting the following URL:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/wellingtonbridge%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

August/September Monthly Results Club Series

Monday – Hobson Teams

1st Lynda Rigler, Stuart Badger, Pryor Rowland & Walt Davis
2nd Sandy McKirdy, Graham Stronach, Rod and Sandy Dravitzki

Tuesday – Manoy Estate Pairs

1st Nicholas Bartle & Gavin Kane
2nd Annie Fleetwood & Karen Osborn

Wednesday – Schneideman Teams

1st Nigel Kearney, Karl Hayes, Stephen & Annette Henry,
2nd Greg Aldridge, John Luoni, Brian Cleaver & Russell Dive.

Thursday – John Fairbairn Cup Pairs

1st Dennis McKinlay & Stephanie Smith
2nd Pamela Skogstad & Loretta Wong

Friday – Tinakori Pairs

1st Lorraine Inglis & Cheryl Scott
2nd Mary Slowey & Pat Knight

Recent Tournament Successes August/September 2023

Napier Open Teams - 26th August

2nd Tani Blackburn with team mates Tony White Murray & Caroline Wiggins

South Island Pairs 20A - 27th August

2nd Russell Dive & Russell Wilson

Hokowhitu Daffidol Day Pairs - 27th August

1st Sandy McKirdy & Graham Stronach

Victoria Club Junior Pairs – 10th September

1st Denise Clarke & Susan Basile

Levin Swiss Pairs - 2nd September

1st Graham Stronach & Sandy McKirdy (below left)
2nd Anne-Marie Russell & Bridget Hannaway (below right)



Wellington 6's - 3rd September

OPEN	1st Anne-Marie Russell & Nigel Kearney 2nd Peter Delahunty & Chris Bolland
INTERMEDIATE	1st Helen & Murray Climo 2nd Marian Loader & Jeffry Craanen
JUNIOR	3rd Christy Corlett & Fiona Groube

Winning team – The NOT THE AUCKLAND BLUES

Nigel, Anne-Marie, Helen, Murray with Juniors Olivia Sawrey & Matt McKenzie



On the left the winning open pair of Nigel and Anne-Marie and on the right the winning team (although no sign of Nigel) of Matt, Olivia and Murray at the back and Helen and Anne-Marie in the front.

From the Editor

Congratulations to Sandy McKirdy on his appointment as Club Manger. We very much look forward to you starting on the 10th October – we are very lucky with your appointment. Good luck to all of you participating at congress, results will be included in the next newsletter. Please do send me any particularly interesting hands for inclusion in future newsletters.

Hope to see a great turnout at the AGM and the NZ wide pairs.

And finally, good health and happy bridging to you all
Margie Michael (Editor)