

April 2019 Newsletter

President's corner

Hi everyone

It's a really busy time at the moment as we prepare for Congress – 4 days of bridge with over 200 people registered so far. Make sure you get your entry in as soon as you can if you still haven't done it. We especially encourage juniors and novices to enter – it's a great opportunity to experience playing in a big tournament. And on that note, if you aren't planning to play, we still need helpers in the kitchen and would really appreciate it if you could give us a couple of hours.

The other big news is that we have now purchased our new coffee machine which you will see in the foyer. You will remember that we have had a couple of fundraisers towards its purchase, and having done the appropriate research we have made sure we have it up and running before Congress. I am sure you will understand that we need to cover the cost of producing the coffee, and so we are charging \$2 a cup. This is a minimum charge and we will review it in three months to ensure it is appropriate. The machine is very easy to use and I hope the coffee drinkers among you will enjoy being able to have a 'real' cup of coffee.

That's all for April – keep on enjoying your bridge
Margaret



Get your entries in for Wellington Regional Congress

Easter is coming up fast and entries for the Wellington Congress on April 25-28 need to be in soon. If you don't intend to play, we need help in the kitchen during the days, just for a hour or two.

Also some home baking would be great appreciated by the players. There is a clipboard at the club to enter your name and preferred day/time.

We are also running a raffle which will be drawn on Sunday 28th at the conclusion of the events, any suitable items you can donate will be appreciated, they can be left in the lobby.

Items such as treats, that you wouldn't necessarily buy regularly - chocolates, fancy teas, nuts, crackers, relishes, wine, special delicacies - non perishables preferred as the raffle is not drawn for a couple of weeks yet.

ALSO TO PUT IT YOUR DIARY

Wellington Region Tournaments

Regional Mixed Pairs Open (Karori) 3A – Monday (Easter) April 22

Wellington Regional Congress, All Grades – April 25-28

Wellington Inter-Provincial Trials - May 11-12

Paraparaumu Intermediate 5B - Sunday May 19

Hutt Open/Junior 5A/3B – Sunday May 19

Otaki Multigrade 8B – Sunday May 26

Club series

Tuesday/Junior – N Robson Cup Teams – starts April 30

Thursday/Intermediate – May Malloy Salver - starts May 16

Wednesday/Open – Jubilee Cup Pairs – starts April 17

Wednesday/Open – Suzanne Duncan Swiss Pairs – starts May 22

Friday – Moturoa Pairs Salver – starts May 3

Recent triumphs

Club Series

Tuesday -Thelma Wylde Pairs

1st Sharyn Stokes & Vivienne Revell

2nd Philippa Ballard & Toni Izzard

Wednesday

Andrew Thompson Memorial Teams

1st Alan Grant, Anthony Ker, Gary Duncan

Russell Dive (Pictured right)

2nd Nigel Kearney Karl Hayes Brian Cleaver & Peter Benham

Thursday -J Robson Cup Pairs

1st Graham Potter & George Westermayer

2nd Karen Eriksen & Jude Lucas

Friday - Hobson Pairs

1st Denise Barnett & George Westermayer

2nd Peter Benham & Alex Drummond



Tournaments

Results from the Wellington 6's Tournament

Saturday 16th March

Overall Team winners Polish Club (right)

Maciej Szczesny, Mariusz Tumiłowicz

Barbara Tumiłowicz Tymek Tumiłowicz

Andeana Piliias & Marion Loader

Open Section

1st Maureen Pratchett & Vivienne Cannell

2nd Maciej Szczesny and Mariusz Tumiłowicz

Intermediate

1st Julie Hawkins & Sandie Lepper

2nd John Elliott & Jane Blackwell

Junior

1st Rosy Moar & Jared Greig

2nd Anne Gaskell & Elaine Mcfayden



Best dressed (Haley Fenwick Maureen Sheldon

Mira Trifunovic and Kathy O'Halloran) with

Ruth Harley & Chris Taylor (not pictured)



Marlborough Open Pairs 14 April

2nd Alan Grant & Anthony Ker

Marlborough Open Teams

1st Alan Grant Anthony Ker & teammates

2nd Kate Davies & John Patterson & team-mates

3rd Robyn Freeman-Greene Dale Lacey & Team-mates

South Wairarapa Intermediate 14 April

3rd Jude Lucas & Karen Eriksen

South Wairarapa Junior 14 April

3rd Paul Devadatta & Rob Egginson

Victoria Multigrade 7 April

2nd Phil Revell & Simon Webber

3rd Mindy Wu & Anna Herries

Top Open/Intermediate Pair Graham Potter & John Black

Nelson Women's Pairs 6 April

2nd Eleanor Morel & Lorraine McArthur

Kairangi Intermediate 24 March

3rd Sandie Lepper & Haleigh Trower

Masterton Open 24th March

1st John Wilkinson & Mindy Wu

2nd Graham Stronach & Sandy McKirdy

3rd Peter Delahunty & Lynda Rigler

Paraparaumu Open 17th March

1st Graham Stronach & Sandy McKirdy

2nd Peter Delahunty & Lynda Rigler

3rd Ray Gruschow & Graeme Norman

Rotorua Kelly Pierce Teams 17th March.

2nd Alan Grant & Anthony Ker with George Masters & Blair Fisher

More lessons starting in May

A new block of lessons is starting on May 21. Send emails to any of your friends or contacts who you think might be interested.

The Stop Card – By Nigel Kearney

It's important to understand why we have the stop card.

When people don't know what to bid, they naturally stop and think for a while. There's nothing wrong with this and we all do it. Unfortunately it gives your partner the unauthorised information that your hand is close to choosing some call other than the one actually chosen.

To help prevent this unauthorised information, after a jump bid we use the stop card to reserve 10 seconds of thinking time regardless of what the player holds. The idea is that you will think for 10 seconds then make a call and nobody will know whether that call was an obvious choice or a close decision.

In order for the stop card to achieve its purpose, some procedures need to be followed:

- The person making a jump bid puts out the stop card and removes it after 10 seconds. That means they decide the length of the pause, not the person who is considering their call.
- When your RHO puts the stop card out, don't call until the stop card is removed after 10 seconds. If you pass immediately with a weak hand, but wait for 10 seconds and pass with a better hand, this defeats the purpose of the stop card and in fact makes things worse.
- If you don't need to think for 10 seconds, you should do your best to pretend to think anyway. Imagine you have a better hand, if that helps.



If you need to ask about the jump bid, e.g. a Multi 2D, ask as soon as the bid is made then think for 10 seconds. Don't wait 10 seconds then ask and immediately pass. That suggests you're not interested in bidding at all.

Ask the director if you have any questions or need help with this.

Christchurch

NZ Bridge has donated \$2000 to the Christchurch Bridge Club to be earmarked to help the people of Christchurch directly affected by the ghastly massacre that occurred on March 15.

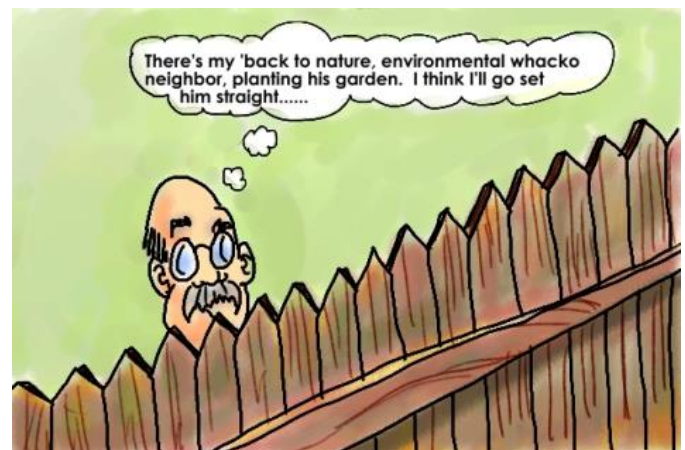
New Zealand Bridge releases five-year youth plan

New Zealand Bridge has released the board's five-year Youth strategic plan plus the appointment of Jan France as the Youth Development Worker help implement the plan. The plan has six core parts:

- Growing Youth Bridge in schools and universities
- Supporting Youth Players
- Adult led Mentoring Programme
- Website development, communication and marketing
- Growing the game at the Club, Regional & National levels
- Supporting International Youth

Respect our neighbours please

Our neighbours have requested that you think about them when you chat late in the evening after bridge. And smokers don't throw your butts in their direction. You should by now be aware that butts are an environmental hazard that shouldn't be thrown anywhere except in a proper bin, let alone in our neighbour's garden.



Thanks for supporting the fund raiser

Thank you to the bridge members who attended the showing of Daffodils at the Roxy recently to support our internationals travelling overseas. Also the members who made a donation. The evening raised \$625 which has been divided up between the five representatives – Kate Davies, John Patterson, Alan Grant and Annette and Stephen Henry.

Entertainment book club fundraiser

Buy your 2019/20 Entertainment book to help our club. Be in the draw for two flights to London if you buy before April 30.



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