

August 2018 Newsletter

Quiz and Late night Lounge

The Quiz Night and Late Night Lounge was a great success raising somewhere around \$2500 not counting bar takings. We hope it will go towards a coffee machine that will lift the standard of coffee at the club to something more appropriate to the coffee capital of the world. Thanks to Eric Frykberg for MCing, to Dean Sole for providing the brain teasers and Susan Laurenson for organising the event, especially the musician. Pic shows Eric presenting the prize to winning team, the Chess Nuts.



Kathy O'Halloran - volunteer of the month



This month's club volunteer award goes to Kathy O'Halloran, who not only steps in when Bridget is taking some R&R, but is a great director, who goes beyond the call of duty in assisting new comers and others, and consistently volunteers at tournaments. Thanks so much Kathy.

Youth weekend

Our club is hosting a national youth development weekend this weekend. A huge thanks to those who are billeting players. We still need 20 experienced (not expert) players to team up with a youngster on Saturday night. These are the players that will take our game forward so please a few more volunteers. The Saturday evening commences at 7.00pm on the 18th and is expected to finish at 10.15.

Super social Sundays

All beginners invited. SSS is a new initiative for Bridge Beginners who have just finished lessons – 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. It started in Karori this month.

The next venues are:-

Hutt Sunday September 2nd

Wellington Sunday September 30th

Kapi Mana Sunday November 4th

Victoria Sunday November 25th

Starting at 1.00 and finishing about 4.00

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 – we will match you up. Looking forward to seeing you all – it will be fun! Katherine Gough, Regional Bridge Mate Wellington Region.

Wellington Friday social night for Newby players

Speaking of events for Newbies – Wellington is holding a social night on Friday, Sept 14 where for just \$5 you will get bridge, a bite and a drink. It is for those who have recently had lessons or are new to bridge in the last couple of years. We are also looking for bridge buddies to team up with the Newbies that haven't got a partner. Put your name on the list on the notice board or contact the office. It should be a fun night to help you build on your lessons.

Welcome to new member Sean O'Connor

Improvers lessons rescheduled for Sept

“Part 1” of Alan Grant's Improvers' Course has been rescheduled from Saturday 28th July until Saturday September 22nd – as there were insufficient numbers registered. This is a fantastic way to lift your bridge. Remember, if you keep on doing what you've been doing, you will almost certainly get the same results.

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Club series

Tuesday/Junior– Manoy Estate Teams - starts Aug 28

Thursday/Intermediate – Porter Ladder – starts Sept 13

Wednesday/Open – McDermot Ladder – starts Sept 12

Friday Afternoon – Spring Pairs – starts Sept 28

Tournaments

Upper Hutt Multi Pairs – Aug 19

Karori Open Pairs – Aug 26

Otaki Intermediate/Junior Pairs – Aug 19

Wellington Intermediate/Junior – Sept 2 (A contingent from the Akaroa club is already registered to reciprocate the visits from the Wellington club contingent).

Victoria Intermediate/Junior – Sept 16

South Wairarapa Multi – Sept 23

National Congress at Hamilton – Sept 29- Oct 6

Recent triumphs

Tournaments

Levin Open Pairs 22nd July

1st Anthony Ker & Charles Ker

Karori Intermediate Pairs 22nd July

3rd Graeme Dick & Margaret Dick

Wellington Open Pairs 29 July

Charles Ker & Peter Benham

2nd Alister Stuck & David Macdonald

3rd Anthony Ker & Kathy Ker

4th John Patterson & Kate Davies

5th Patrick D'Arcy & Tony Lenart

Tuesday Morton Salver Pairs

1st Shirley-Anne Morrow & Alice Baird

2nd Helen Climo & Murray Climo

Wednesday United Nations Cup Pairs

1st Russell Dive & Anthony Ker

2nd Graham Stronach & Stuart Badger

Thursday Blomeyer Back to the Future Team Pairs

1st Pam Hancox Colin Haywood Stephanie Smith & Sean O'Connor

2nd Berni Marwick Christine McKirdy Jane Brenan & Suzanne Duncan

Friday Pipitea Pairs

1st Graham Potter & Sylvia Johns

2nd Sophie Atkin & Peter Benham

Library news

We are grateful to Alan Grant who recently donated his collection of journals to the club. We now have a complete collection of NZ Bridge.



Journals that are surplus ie duplicates, will gradually be put in the recycling box. If you want to borrow a journal, just write the details in the Issue Book. Eg NZ Bridge, with the Volume and series numbers.

New Books

Some time ago I mentioned that it is not easy to find new books that will add interest to the collection.

The old goodies keep on being reprinted.

One of these that caught our eye is, '**Dormer on Deduction, Inferential reasoning in the play of cards at bridge**', first edition in 1995, and reprinted for the third time in 2015. It is aimed at developing the ability to reconstruct hidden hands.

Hot off the press, 2017, by Mike Lawrence, '**Judgment at Bridge 2**'. This continues with advice on how to approach the game, developing the theme from his first book, '**Judgment at Bridge**'. He covers changes in approaches, changes in bidding and which conventions to consider/reconsider.

And, two more from Andrew Robson's *Bridge Lessons*.

'**Signal & Discard**' and '**Endplay & Squeeze**'.

While these are considered books for beginners, it is our more experienced players who are using them. One of these says she always finds something useful in them. On the back cover of every book in the series there is a statement from Omar Sharif, "No one else has the capacity to explain Bridge more clearly than Andrew". But, did Omar ever see the work Alan Grant does?



Julie Hawkins

Breast your cards

A personal gripe. I get sick of telling people to, as my niece nicely puts it, “breast your cards”. Many of us of a certain age have become short sighted and have to hold our cards at a distance. Trouble is, many folks angle them so their opponents can easily see them. The last thing I, or anyone else, wants is to see is your hand – it takes away the fun and skill. Often, even when I tell people to hold up their hand, a couple of tricks later, they have lapsed back to their old habit. The rules state your opponents can take advantage of you exposing your hand but not your partner. Please make a point of **breasting** your cards.
– Simon Louisson

Who-Dini Bridge – The Shuffle

A doctor is called away from a bridge tournament to tend to an emergency. There is still the last board to play. They ask a kibitzer to take his place, even though he knows nothing about the game. They tell him "Just bid what you have and follow suit." He, sitting South, thereupon starts the following bidding sequence:

South	West	North	East
1C	pass	2H	pass
2S	pass	3C	pass
3H	pass	4NT	pass
7D	Dbl	pass!	pass

NORTH

♠ A9
♥ AKQ65
♦ AK
♣ Q 10 54

WEST

♠ K Q 10 8
♥ J 10 97
♦ Q 10
♣ K J 8

EAST

♠ 76542
♥ 8
♦ J9
♣ 987632

SOUTH

♠ J3
♥ 432
♦ 8765432
♣ A

South took the lead of the king of spades with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, came to his hand with the ace of clubs and played all his diamonds. On the last diamond lead, West was hopelessly squeezed in hearts and spades, and ultimately discarded a heart, whereupon South made the last four tricks in hearts. When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the director, who asked for an explanation of the bidding, and got the following reply:

"I was told to bid what I have, and I have: one club, two spades, 3 hearts and 7 diamonds!"