

## December 2019 Newsletter

### President's Corner – Margaret Curnow



I'm finding it hard to believe that it's time for the final newsletter of the year. It has been a busy and productive year and your committee has some great ideas and high energy as we look towards 2020.

At the committee meeting this week we decided to put the emphasis next year on membership (as distinct from learners) and a small subcommittee will be focusing on increasing and retaining members and ensuring that we find new ways of meeting current members' bridge needs. If you have any ideas please speak with Anne Marie Russell, Donna Upchurch, Sandy McKirdy or Nigel Kearney. We want to hear from you.

One of our members, who wishes to remain anonymous, has made a very generous donation to the club for us to buy books. He is working on the philosophy that rather than buy books for himself he will donate money so the club can buy books, and then everyone can read them. He wants to encourage other members to do the same as even a small donation will help develop our library. We encourage you to follow his example.

Pressure of time meant that grade changes didn't make it to our

2020 programme book. Changes have been posted on the noticeboard in the lobby and are on page 4 of this newsletter. The committee works hard to get sponsorship for our Programme Book and for our events. I encourage you to use our sponsors as much as you can, and if possible do let them know that you are a club member as we want them to know that we appreciate their sponsorship and that they will benefit from advertising with us. Finally, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and holiday season. Enjoy time with family and friends and if you are travelling, stay safe.

### Inter-Provincials show strength of Wellington Club

The Inter-Provincial tournament in Christchurch last month showed the strength of the Wellington Bridge Club. Not only did Wellington decisively retain the Dougal McLean Trophy for the fourth time in succession, but every member of the Wellington team was a member of the WBC.

The Open Team of Nigel Kearney, Karl Hayes, Anthony Ker and Alan Grant lead the way with a 178 to 164 win over Waikato Bays.

The Intermediate team of Mariusz Tumilowicz, Tegan Bennik, Simon Louisson and Jeremy Morley (pictured below) had a more emphatic 41 VP win with just one minute loss in their 12 matches. NZ Bridge highlighted "the great potential that young Tegan has in our game".



The winning teams were backed by the Women's team of Mindy Wu, Annette Henry, Anne-Marie Russell and Anna Herries which came third and the Seniors' team of Johnny Davidson, Peter Benham, Patrick D'Arcy and John Luoni, who also came third. Many thanks to Lynda Rigler who did a fantastic job as chef de mission.



NZB noted the Open event ending was “strange”. Wellington had virtually won the competition after their win over Otago-Southland in the first match of the day while Auckland-Northland lost. They then stuttered to victory having lost 4 of their last 5 matches including to a rampant Central Districts team which had 4 large wins in the second round-robin to end up runners-up.

The most significant board in Wellington's loss to Central Districts was the board below where Ker-Grant failed in 4 ♠ by 2 tricks after the ♥ 10 lead though Charles Ker-Mark Noble made 5 ♦ x at the other table after the ♠ Q lead did not produce the desired ruff.

Not just that but the heart loser disappeared as well with 14 imps going to Central Districts. Nevertheless, another impressive performance from the very experienced quartet, Anthony Ker, Alan Grant, Nigel Kearney and Karl Hayes (above)

<b>Board 3</b>	♠ A 8 7 6	
South Deals	♥ K Q 7 5 3	
E-W Vul	♦ —	
	♣ Q 9 4 2	
♠ 4 3 2		♠ K J 10 9 5
♥ J 8 2		♥ A 9
♦ 9 6 4 3		♦ K Q J 8 7 5
♣ A 10 3		♣ —
	♠ Q	
	♥ 10 6 4	
	♦ A 10 2	
	♣ K J 8 7 6 5	

## Timely fire alarm

Monday’s committee meeting was interrupted by a fire alarm around 6.30pm and because it was unplanned it was a useful practice.

It was a busy night for the club with over 50 people in the building – the committee, the Wellington City Chorus and a meeting of the Hobson Court body corporate. Club manager Bridget Wilcox (pictured right) was in her element in hard hat and fluoro jacket. Big tick to her that the Hobson Court people attending for their one-off meeting had been well briefed about emergency procedures and they knew exactly what to do. Although this happened on a balmy evening (for Wellington), one good lesson is you should try to grab a jacket when you leave as you may have to wait quite a while at the official evacuation point (on the corner of Tinakori Road and Hobson Street) for the fire brigade arrive, so it could be cold on a winter night.



## Not too late for Christmas Cheer tournament

You can still enter Saturday's Christmas Cheer tournament where we already have 30 tables. Enter by midday Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. And if you are in Welly over Christmas-New Year, don't forget the Suzanne Duncan – it is a popular tournament that you can play and one or all three of the days.

## PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ....

### Club series

**Tuesday/Junior – Watts Jug Ladder Pairs** – starts Jan 7

**Thursday/Intermediate – Alder Cup Ladder** – starts Jan 9

**Wednesday/Open – Young Cup Pairs** - starts Jan 8

**Friday Afternoon – Duplicate Ladder** – starts Jan 24

### Tournaments

- 14 December Wellington Region Christmas Cheer (3A) (Wellington)
- 27-29 December Suzanne Duncan Open (Wellington)

## Recent triumphs

### - Club Series

#### Tuesday

##### Thorndon Trophy Handicap Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Christopher Taylor & Richard Gawith

2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Cook & Barry Vryenhoek

#### Wednesday

##### Poppy Roberts Final

1<sup>st</sup> Martin Reid & Peter Newell

2<sup>nd</sup> Nigel Kearney & Karl Hayes

##### Poppy Roberts Plate

1<sup>st</sup> Anne Marie Russell & John Luoni

2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Walker & Warren Tocker

#### Thursday

##### Robson Cup Team

1<sup>st</sup> Gotlieb Team:

Berni Marwick, Jocelyn Grainger, Tania Wynn

Stefan Prentice & Brad Tattersfield

2<sup>nd</sup> Donna Upchurch, Denise Barnett, George

Westermayer & Mike Cox

#### Friday

##### Gloria & Neil Crabbe Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Graham Potter & Peter Benham

2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Tyrie & Ross Quayle

## Tournaments

### Waikanae Junior Tournament 10<sup>th</sup> November

2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Climo & Murray Climo

### Masterton Multigrade Teams 17<sup>th</sup> November

1<sup>st</sup> Lynda Rigler, Peter Delahunty, Mariusz Tumilowicz & Barbara Tumilowicz

### Palmerston North Christmas Cheer 7 December

1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Ker & Charles Ker

3<sup>rd</sup> Lorraine McArthur & Eleanor Morel

4<sup>th</sup> John Patterson & Sandy McKirdy

## **Novice team wins inter-club**

Well done to the novice team of Miriam Tankersley, Emma Holland, Caroline Hull, Christopher Taylor (pictured) and Richard Gawith, who won their inter-club grade.



## **Congratulations to those below for grade promotion**

### **Grade 2 (from Grade 1)**

Murray Climo, Jack Davies, Richard Gawith, Jared Greig, Ruth Harley, Emma Holland, Caroline Hull, Louise Logan  
Fiona Palmer

### **Grade 3 (from Grade 2)**

Sandy Connon, Karen Eriksen

### **Grade 4 (from Grade 3)**

Tegan Bennik, Andrew Cushnie, Colin Haywood, Phil Revell, Kim Tate, Maciej Szczesny, Mariusz Tumilowicz

## **Julie Hawkins back as librarian**

Julie Hawkins is back as librarian. And as noted by Margaret in her President's message above, the library has been boosted by an anonymous financial donation plus we have had donations of bridge books. Thanks to all.

## **Welcome to returning member**

Welcome back to Bill Gardiner.