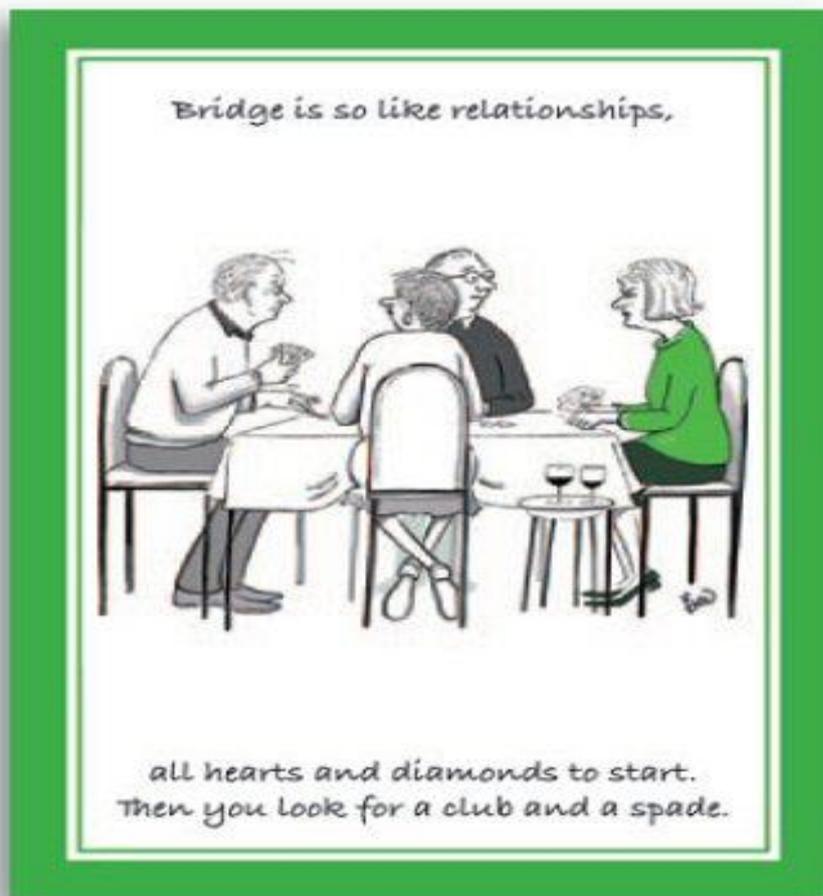


February 2018 Newsletter



Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hello everyone

Should we stop for a cup of tea as David Lange once famously, or infamously, suggested to the country, or skip it? Next week we will be asking you to vote on whether to continue with the tea break or have self-service of refreshments on club playing nights.

The question has come up because quite a number of you told us you enjoyed finishing play a bit earlier during January, when we had self-service as we normally do at the start of each year. But we also realise that some players enjoy the break and the opportunity for a relaxed chat with other members.

We think the only fair way to decide the future of the tea break is to put it to the vote on each playing night – we don't want to impose a blanket change if players on certain nights would rather continue with the tea break.

Whatever is decided, we would continue the tea break during all teams competitions, when there is a longish natural break between rounds.

Voting forms for or against the tea break will be placed on each playing table next week, and tallied up after each playing night. If you can't play next week, let Bridget know and she will record your vote. One vote per player please! (i.e. you don't get two votes if you play both Wednesdays and Thursdays).

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Poppy Roberts Trophy (Open) Series starts Feb 28 (be sure to be seated by 7.20pm!)

Andrew Thompson Memorial Teams (Open) Series starts March 7

J Robson Cup Pairs (Intermediate) Series starts March 8

Thelma Wylde Pairs (Junior) Series starts March 6

Hobson Pairs (Friday afternoon)

Masterton Intermediate and Junior Tournament, Sunday Feb 25

Hutt Multi Saturday, March 3

Upper Hutt Intermediate, Sunday, March 11

Paraparaumu Open 5A, Sunday, March, 18

Masterton Open 5A, Sunday, March 25

Kairangi Intermediate, Sunday, March 25

Lessons galore



WBC has its best programme of lessons available ever. The first series under Alan Grant's expert guidance begins tonight – it's not too late for someone to join.

Then, following the NZ Bridge's radio advertising programme starting this month, we will have a second series, beginning on May 1, run by Anna Herries.

Finally, in response to requests for some daytime lessons, we will have a third series starting on May 9 under the guidance of Tereska Knap and Susan Laurenson.

Flick anyone you think may be interested an email – it's one of our best ways of getting new members.

Welcome to new members

Speaking of new members, welcome to: Joan Druett, James Ellwood, David Smol and welcome back to Joan Begg.

February Triumphs



2nd South Island teams: from left George Masters, Anthony Ker, Blair Fisher and Alan Grant

Wednesday:

Young Cup Pairs

1st Carolyn Black & Peter Benham

2nd Nigel Kearney & Kate Davies

Thursday

Alder Cup Ladder

1st Ruth Brucker

2nd George Westermayer

Tuesday

Watts Jug Ladder

1st Megan Turner

2nd Shirley-Anne Morrow

Tournaments

Waikanae Open – February 11

2nd Peter Delahunty & Lynda Rigler

3rd Gary Hanna & Warren Johnson

South Island Teams 10-11 February

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

3rd John Davidson with team-mates David Skipper Ella Pattison & Tim Schumacher

TOTS Teams – 27-28 January 2018

1st Mindy Wu Sandra Coleman Graeme Norman & Patrick D'arcy

2nd Alan Grant Ross Quayle with Jane Lennon & John Skipper

Tauranga Congress - 27-28 January 2018

Teams Plate 1st Kate Davies John Paterson with Rachelle Peckham & Murray Wood

Library Issues

Books Under Your Pillow?

November is stock-check month. Not an activity one looks forward to! This, however, went very smoothly, with the expert assistance of Mike Murtagh. And, we found that five more books were missing. Does misappropriating a book make it more precious, by stopping other people using it? Keeping them under your pillow kind of precious? Does it make it easier to find that winning magic formula? **Please sign out** your book or books. There are no restrictions! You can keep a book as long as you need it.



Generous Gift

At the end of last year Derek Snelling brought in a box of books he and Isobel no longer needed. What a boost for the library collection. Fifteen new titles, with mainly 21st century publication dates. Several, duplicates of titles, went into the recycling box, and they have already found new homes.

The additions include Robert MacKinnon's first book, "Bridge, Probability & Information" which we were thinking of putting on our shopping list. Two Klingers, which will please Klinger fans. They are "Bridge Conventions, Defences and Countermeasures" and "100 Winning Bridge Tips". By Marshall Miles, "Competitive Bidding in the 21st Century".

Another useful Terence Reese book, "Reese on Play", a 2006 reprint. A 2010 book from David Bird, (the man who has written over 100 books), "Defensive Signalling at Bridge". And Number 5 in the Hugh Kelsey series "Test Your Card Play".

For those looking for a real challenge, there is a Fink and Lutz, "21st Century Count Coded Leads; With QD, T/S, & Upside Down Carding". And, "Win the Bermuda Bowl – With Me", Jeff Meckstroth & Marc Smith.

But, the most impressive of all is a very large, glossy, luscious, reference book, "The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge", 7th edition, from the ACBL. (American Contract Bridge League Inc.) Amongst a wealth of information to consult, you will be able to see what many of the authors look like and have achieved! Quite a gallery.

Out of interest, how many members know the answers to these questions?

- 1 What is a Rosenkranz Double?
- 2 How many titles has Jeff Meckstroth won?
- 3 What is a 'results player'?
- 4 Hippogriffs??
- 5 Mathematics of Deception?
- 6 Devil's Coup?
- 7 Smolen Transfer?
- 8 Mole Squeeze?



If you want to check your answers, there is a folder in the Returns Tray with copies of the relevant pages from the encyclopedia!

J.E.H

An interesting hand from highly recommended Waikanae tourney

Gary Hanna says the Waikanae Open, was a fabulous day. "The organisation was tremendous, the catering superb, an exceptional day. A mere \$25 entry fee, absolutely fantastic lunch and nibbles after, AND a free drink thrown in, Exceptional value. We'll be regulars at Waikanae from now on, everything was so superb. "

He and partner Warren Johnson, who placed 3rd overall, got all the matchpoints on this hand :

S dealer EW Vul

	QJ8		
	KT98		
	54		
	AT93		
T7642		K953	
A732		Q6	
QT		J9863	
72		J8	
	A		
	J84		
	AK72		
	KQ654		
Our bidding	1C 17+	1NT 9-11	
	3C	4C agreeing suit	
	4D cue	5C	
	6C		

All easy after AH lead but had lots of other chances. Minor suit slams can be so rewarding:

One wish

A bridge duffer was polishing a lamp and... poof! Out popped a genie who said, "I will grant you *one* wish."

The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said, "Let all of these countries live in peace and harmony." "You've got to be kidding! I'm only a genie."

The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, "OK, then make me a master bridge player."

"Hmm..." the genie pondered. "Let me see that map again."



Send stuff in:

if you come across something of interest to the bridge world that others in the club might enjoy – jokes, hands, pics, stories, tall tales -- send it to wellingtonbridge@gmail.com or simon@louisson.co.nz