

## February 2019 Newsletter

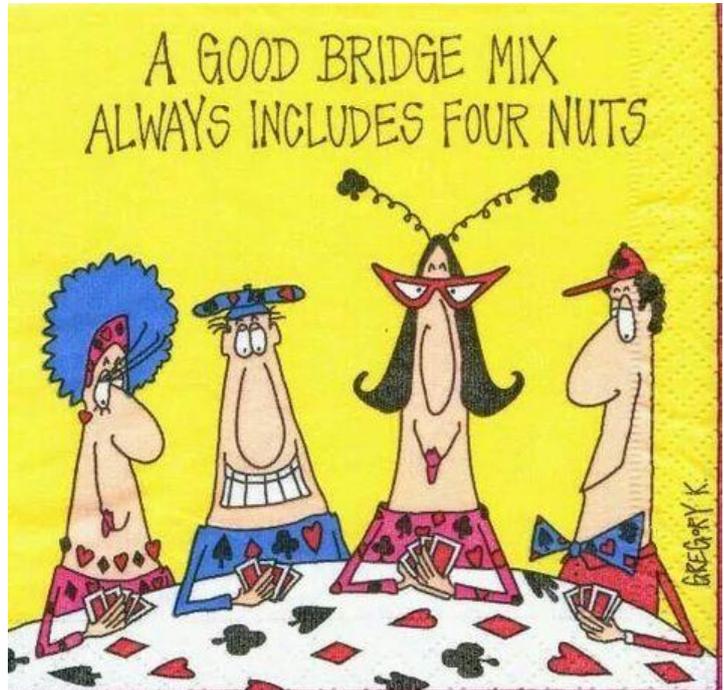
### President's corner....

Hi everyone

Well although it's only February the bridge year is now well under way. We have a Thursday initiative coming up in April with the Presidents Teams – read up on the details further on in this newsletter – and also in April we have Congress here at our club. Four days of bridge – see the poster on the notice board and also info on the website.

Bridge lessons start this week (on Tuesday) and a second set of lessons will follow in late May. We are lucky to have teachers of the quality of Alan Grant and Anna Herries to introduce new people to the game and from there to our club. Remember it's not too late to get friends to join in if you think they could be interested in learning.

The committee has been alerted to the fact that some new members have joined another Wellington club basically because they have encountered rudeness. We have to remember that while we aim to be one of the most competitive clubs in the country, we are all here to have fun. Rudeness in any circumstances is not acceptable in our club, but more than that, we want to embrace new members so all enjoy it and the club thrives.



### Welcome to new members

Welcome to new Mariusz Tumilowicz, Michelle Edwards and Ben Thomas.

### Get your President's Cup team together

Time to start organising your President's Cup teams. Remember, the Thursday event starting on April, 4 now offers a new prize open to all grades so long as your four members do not have more than 12 points by grade score (Your score is in the Bridge Book with Juniors on 1 and Open players on 4). This is an initiative to encourage more teams, so a team with out-of-grade players can still win a prize. The regular President's Cup will still be presented to the best Thursday nighters' team.

### Speaking of getting teams together – get entries in for the Wellington Sixes

The new Wellington Sixes one-day tournament is a great Swiss Pairs format tournament to be held on Saturday, March 16. Teams need to have a Junior, Intermediate and Open pair. Don't be intimidated in you are a Junior or Intermediate – you will be up against your peers. Also, Bridget will facilitate finding you a team if you are a pair or a four who haven't made up a full team. Prizes will be for each grade, \$30 entry and there will be a maximum of sixteen teams.

### NZB novice tournament at Wellington club

If you attended Beginners classes in the last two or three years or you do not yet have a "Certificate of Proficiency" from New Zealand Bridge you are very welcome to come to Wellington Regional Bridge's Novice Tournament to be held at our club on Sunday, February 24 starting at 1pm. For more details contact Katherine Gough [katherine.gough@nzbridge.co.nz](mailto:katherine.gough@nzbridge.co.nz) 027 2433495

## ALSO PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ....

### Tournaments

Hutt Multigrade 8B – Sunday, March 3  
Kapi Mana Multigrade 8b – Sunday, March 10  
Wellington Sixes 3A/5B/3B – Saturday, March 16  
Paraparaumu Open 5A – Sunday, March 17  
Masterton Open 5A – Sunday, March 24  
Kairangi Intermediate/Junior 5B/3B – Sunday March 24

### Club series

Tuesday/Junior – Thelmas Wylde Pairs – starts March 5  
Thursday/Intermediate – J.Robson Pairs – starts March 7  
Wednesday/Open – Poppy Roberts Trophy Preliminary – starts February 27  
Wednesday/Open – Andrew Thompson Memorial Pairs – starts March 6  
Friday Afternoon – Gladys Taylor Cup – starts Feb 15  
Friday Afternoon – Hobson Pairs – starts Feb 22

### Recent triumphs

#### Club Series

##### Tuesday

Watts Jug Ladder  
1<sup>st</sup> Toni Izzard (pictured right)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stetchman

##### Wednesday

Young Cup Pairs  
1<sup>st</sup> Nigel Kearney & Alan Grant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Stronach & Sandy McKirdy

##### Thursday

Alder Cup Ladder  
1<sup>st</sup> Dianne Tredger  
2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Potter



### Tournaments

#### TOTS Open Teams 26 January

1<sup>st</sup> Kate Davies John Patterson Mindy Wu and team-mate Pamela Dravitski  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robyn Freeman-Greene Dale Lacey & Team-mates Steve Grey & Lyndsay Guy

#### Wanganui Picnic Pairs 3<sup>rd</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Schuck & Dougal Watson

#### South Island Teams 9/10<sup>th</sup> February

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Newell & Martin Reid with team-mates Ella Pattison & John McAlister  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Grant with team-mates Jane Lennon David Skipper & John Skipper

#### Waikanae Open 10<sup>th</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> Nelson Procter & John Donbavand  
2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie McLeod & Brian Cleaver  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tani Blackburn & Anna Herries  
4<sup>th</sup> Mindy Wu & David Macdonald

## You need a disabled sticker to use our disabled car parks

Please don't use one of the disabled car parks unless you have an authorised disability sticker on your car. These parks are reserved for those that do.

## NZ Chess Champions

Congratulations to Wellington Bridge Club members Anthony Ker and Russell Dive who are 2019 joint NZ Champions. Anthony extends his remarkable tally of NZ championships to 14, Ortvin Sarapu's astronomical record (20) might really be at risk. Russell's 6th title is not too shabby either.



## Chess grandmaster playing blind at club a sight to behold



Former club president Brad Tattersfield said the sight of Uzbek-born chess grandmaster Timur Gareyev playing 12 games simultaneously while blindfolded and on an exercise bike was a sight to behold. Playing in the Pipitea room, where the Wellington Chess Club regularly meets. Anthony Ker and Russell Dive (pictured above) were among those who took on Gareyev – also playing in the mind without pieces on their boards. For the record, Russell and Anthony held up the honour of the Bridge Club by being one of three to hold out for a draw. A 15-year old Wellington College lad was the only one to beat Gareyev.

## Wellington Regional Congress is already looming

Wellington Congress is coming up in April 25-28. There is a big push to encourage novices/juniors and intermediates to enter. The congress will be held at the Wellington Bridge Club and it is very well attended by open players - but in the past not so well by the lower grades.

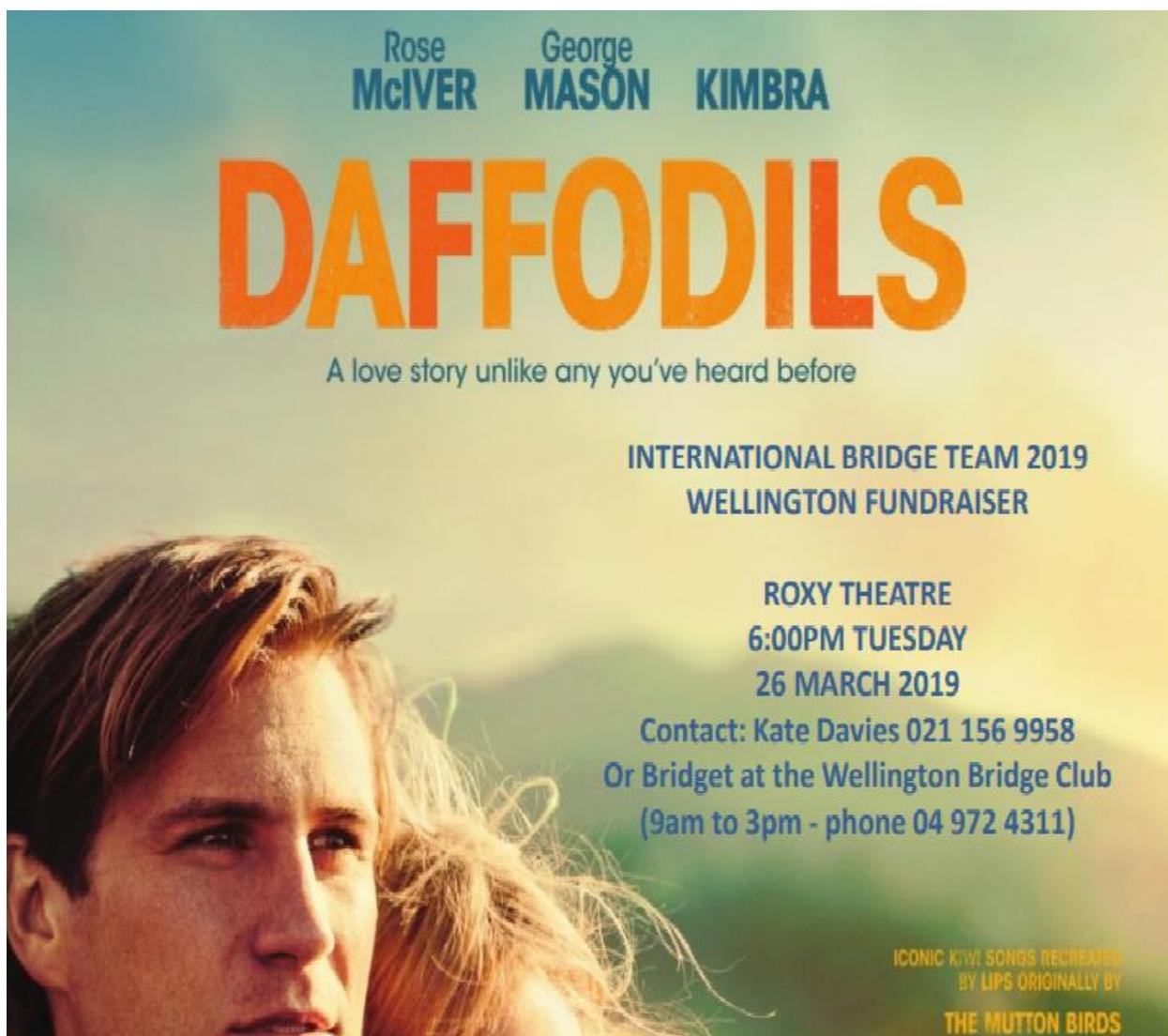
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## Sandy McKirdy to take over as Chief Director

Sandy McKirdy is next month taking over from Maureen Pratchett as the club's Chief Director. This is an important role for the club. Maureen has done this job admirably for six years and it is to her credit that we have such a great team of directors who help every bridge night and tournament run so smoothly. Maureen is still in charge of IT where she has done an equally fine job looking after our technology, especially the bidding tablets. Long-time member Sandy took a break from bridge for a few years but has thrown himself back into it big time. Thanks so much for all your hard work Maureen and everyone please give Sandy your full support.

## Fund raiser for our international stars

A film fund-raiser (Daffodils) will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Roxy theatre in Miramar to support international players, including Annette and Stephen Henry, Alan Grant, Kate Davies and John Patterson travel later in the year to an international tournament they have been selected for. Tickets costing \$25 are available from Kate or Bridget.



Rose  
**McIVER**      George  
**MASON**      KIMBRA

# DAFFODILS

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**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TEAM 2019  
WELLINGTON FUNDRAISER**

**ROXY THEATRE  
6:00PM TUESDAY  
26 MARCH 2019**

**Contact: Kate Davies 021 156 9958  
Or Bridget at the Wellington Bridge Club  
(9am to 3pm - phone 04 972 4311)**

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