

February 2020 Newsletter

President's Corner

We are coming up to a very busy March with our club's Wellington 6s event on Saturday 6th and the North Island pairs the following weekend. This only the second time we have held the 6s, and last year's inaugural event was a great success, so get your team organised and make sure you are entered before the maximum number of teams (16) is reached. It's a great opportunity to mix with players from other grades but play within your own grade. If you need help finding pairs from other grades, ring Bridget. We have another opportunity to get to know club members from other grades coming up in April, with the Thursday night President's Cup teams event. You can have any players in your team as long as your total grade points are 12 or less. We look forward to seeing lots of Tuesday and Wednesday players on Thursdays in April. Again, ring Bridget if you need help finding team members.



If you are planning on selling your home in the next little while, make sure you read Nigel's tribute to Paul Titcombe from Lowe & Co Realty in this newsletter. You'll get top skill and service and he donates \$500 to the club – that's what I call a win/win!

Keep on enjoying your bridge and don't hesitate to talk to me or anyone on the committee if you have ideas for how we can improve what we are doing in the club.

Margaret

Our newest likely member

Congratulations to members Miriam and Simon Tankersley on the latest addition to their whanau, baby Jessie.

Welcome to new members

Welcome to
Leigh Roberts & Barbara Tumilowicz



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Club series

Tuesday/Junior – Thelma Wylde Pairs – starts March 3

Thursday/Intermediate – J.Robson Cup Pairs – starts March 5

Wednesday/Open – Poppy Roberts starts March 4 – **Please enter online via NZ Bridge website**
– **Andrew Thompson Memorial Teams** – starts March 11

Friday Afternoon – Hobson Pairs – starts Feb 28

Tournaments

Hutt Multigrade 8B – Sunday March 1

Wellington Sixes 3A/5B/3B – Saturday March 7

Kapi Mana Multigrade 8B – Sunday March 8

North Island Teams 20A – Wellington, Saturday, March 14

Kairangi Intermediate/Junior 5B/3B – Sunday March 22

Masterton Open 5A – Sunday March 22

Paraparaumu Open 5A – Sunday March 29

Upper Hutt Intermediate/Junior 5B/3B – Sunday March 29

Recent triumphs

- Club Series

Tuesday

Watts Jug Ladder

1st Alice Baird

2nd Christopher Taylor

Wednesday

Young Cup Pairs

1st Nigel Kearney & Alan Grant

2nd Isobel Ross & John Wilkinson

Thursday

Alder Cup Ladder

1st Julie Ballance

2nd Mike Cox

Correction from last month's newsletter for the Friday result

Summer Pairs

1st Lorraine Inglis & Eleanor Morel

2nd Jennifer Jenner & Val Cooper

Lessons start Feb 18 – talk to your colleagues and friends

This year's beginners' lessons with international player Alan Grant start on Feb 18 so make sure you talk to your work colleagues and friends. The 12 week course on Tuesday nights includes two mini bridge lessons as well as comprehensive notes – all for \$70. Bridget has flyers if you want to put one up somewhere.

Amazing what people leave behind

The watch pictured is one of the many quite strange items people have left at the club but have not recovered. Check out the lost property box and you may find your long lost treasure.



It pays to advertise



Paul Titcombe of Lowe & Co has kindly donated \$500 to the club after selling a member's property.

A satisfied member

"We recently sold our house through Paul Titcombe of Lowe and Co. Paul was very helpful, giving us good advice on preparing the house for sale and recommending tradesmen to do some work that was needed. The sale process was quick and straightforward. Within a couple of weeks we were able to accept an unconditional offer at a good price. We'd definitely recommend Paul to anyone looking to sell".
Nigel.Kearney

Directors' corner – by Sandy McKirdy

On a recent club night the director was called to make a ruling after dummy pointed out that one of the defenders had revoked. It highlighted that many players don't understand what dummy can or can't do.

Dummy can:

- Ask declarer, when he has failed to follow suit to a trick, whether he has a card of the suit lead - but can not ask a defender,
- Can answer questions on which hand won the previous trick and which hand is on lead,
- Can answer questions on what the contract is - but not what the bidding was,
- Can try and prevent an irregularity from occurring, and
- Can draw attention to irregularities (such as a revoke) after the hand has been played - but not during the play.

Dummy can't:

- Point out irregularities during play,
- Call the director during play unless another player has already drawn attention to an irregularity,

In short dummy should not be involved in the play of the hand. If dummy does breach the laws the director can apply a procedural penalty.

Another related law is when declarer tells dummy to "play anything", either defender can specify which of the remaining cards is to be played by dummy.

No cash!!!!!!!!!!!!



Vouchers Available

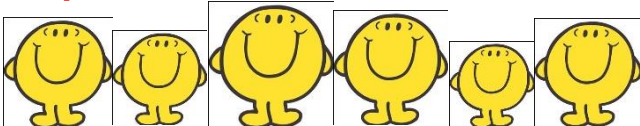
Session vouchers and Bar voucher are available to pre-purchase from Bridget. Just email wellingtonbridge@gmail.com with your requirements and pay online. A handy thing in this almost cashless society. Remember we also have direct debit service for your table money. A form can be downloaded from our website. Very easy and convenient.

2020 Membership Subscriptions overdue.

We have received payment from most of our members but there are a few stragglers, we would appreciate payment directly to our account 030 518 0093731 00. If you have any queries regarding your subs please email wellingtonbridge@gmail.com.

Wellington Sixes Please get you teams entered for this fun event to be held on Saturday 7th March. We currently need more Junior players. Prizes are awarded for the best dressed team. Please contact Bridget if you interested in being part of a team

Helpers for Sixes and North Island Teams



We need a team of helpers for the Wellington 6's and the North Island Teams on Saturday 7th March and then Saturday and Sunday 14th & 15th March. If you are able to spare an hour or two this would be greatly appreciated.



Some baking for morning tea would also be appreciated for the 14th & 15th as we have over 30 teams entered into the North Island Teams. A lot of players to feed!