

## June 2018 Newsletter

### Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hi everyone

You may have noticed that our playing numbers are slipping a bit, especially on Thursdays. We talk regularly at the committee about what we can do to turn this around. Wednesdays are still well supported but we need people coming through from Tuesdays and Thursdays to ensure we can maintain a good competitive standard of bridge.

One very effective way of bringing “new blood” into the club is through lessons. We currently have about 40 people going through three sets of lessons, run by Alan Grant and Anna Herries on Tuesday nights and a new Wednesday afternoon session hosted by Tereska Knapp. One of the Tuesday sessions is finishing soon and Ruth Brucker will be looking for “buddies” to pair up with new players to help them get used to club night play.

We encourage you to recommend our lessons to friends and family who enjoy playing cards and might be keen to learn the best game ever invented! It’s also important that we retain those who have done the lessons – if you are able to help as a “buddy” for a monthly session, please contact Ruth B or Bridget.

Congratulations to Graham Potter, New Zealand Bridge “volunteer of the month” for June (see story below) and also to Dennis McKinlay, who is now a trustee of the New Zealand Bridge Foundation.



### Congrats to NZ Bridge volunteer of the month, Graham Potter

One of our “unsung heroes,” Graham Potter, has won New Zealand Bridge’s Volunteer of the Month award for June. We nominated Graham because he regularly pops into the club, without being asked, to help with the many and varied jobs that otherwise would pile up on Bridget’s plate.

“Graham is my ‘go to’ person,” said Bridget. “A quiet helper that most members don’t realise has been beaver away, most would think the fairies have been again. On my first day back after the Christmas break, Graham phoned and asked if I would like him to take down the Christmas decorations...we have 400+ members and he was the only one to think of it!

“He always makes time to come in for an hour or two to assist with those annoying little tasks around the club, from tidying up the sets of boards after tournaments, setting up the room for the night’s play and moving furniture.”

Graham reckons that when you’re retired there are a lot of hours in the day so it is no skin of his nose to help Bridget for an hour or two each week. She has far more important things to do managing the relationships of the members and increasing the number of people playing.”



## **Congrats also to Dennis Mckinlay, appointed to NZ Bridge Foundation**



Wellington member Dennis Mckinlay, the former NZ Executive Director of UNICEF, has been appointed as a Trustee to the NZ Bridge Foundation – well done. NZ Bridge has another vacancy on its board with the elevation of the chair. Nominees or self nominations welcome.

## **Welcome to new and old members**

Welcome to new members: Murray Climo the first one who has completed the lessons for 2018, joining Tuesday night, and Casey Campbell & Jennifer Ritchie-Campbell both playing on Thursday nights, and welcome back to former members Charles Gilmore and Elizabeth Whyte.

## **Quiz night and “late night” lounge – July 13**

We are holding a fundraising quiz night on Friday 13 July. Funds will go towards purchasing a coffee machine for the club.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start. MC Eric Frykberg will “direct” your evening while quiz master Dean Sole pushes your brains to the limit. Nibbles will be provided. And that’s not all!!

Following the quiz you will be able to wind down with coffee, cake and another glass of wine/beer (or a whiskey even!) in our late night lounge while listening to some up and coming vocal talent.

All this for \$25.00!!

Get together your table of 4-8 people. Tickets available soon, but in the mean time, please feel free to register your interest with Bridget so that you don’t miss out! Bridget can also put you with others to make up a table.

Cash bar throughout the evening.



## **Speaking of booze, welcome to the cashless society**

The committee decided at its last meeting to introduce a voucher system for the bar. Avoid the hassle of all those small coins or no coins and buy vouchers from Bridget. Pay \$50 online, or to Bridget in cash and you will get a 10-trip ticket.

## **Improver lessons Part 1 rerun with Alan Grant – July 28**

If you missed the improver lessons Part 1, this is your chance to learn how to lift your game to a new level. Master transfers, better raises, card techniques and best percentage plays.

Cost: \$50 including the “Competitive Bridge for Improving Players” booklet, or \$42 if already you have booklet and don’t wish to purchase an extra copy (retail value \$20). Light lunch included.

## New books in the library

### David Bird: *Famous Bridge Swings*, 2017

This looks at over 150 big swings from international play. He suggests you ask yourself: 'Would I have made that mistake?' Not to just accept the writer's verdict. That bridge is a game of opinions, when it's close – even expert opinions vary.

### Boye Brogeland & David Bird: *Bridge at the Edge*, 2011

"Bridge Should be Fun," says World Champion, Boye Brogeland. "Follow him through the ups and downs of top-flight competition, as he encounters the proverbial thrill of victory and agony of defeat. This book is full of new bidding ideas, critical decisions, great cardplay, and roller-coaster excitement". It's bridge at the edge!

### Barbara Seagram & David Bird, *Practice Makes Perfect*, 2016

A follow-up to 'Bridge Conventions You Should Know' – with more analysis of the defence or play of the conventions.  
J.E.H



## PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ....

### Club series

- Tuesday/Junior – Morton Trophy Pairs – starts July 3
- Thursday/Intermediate – Blomeyer 'BTF' Team Pairs – starts July 12
- Wednesday/Open – United Nationals Cup Paris - starts June 27
- Friday Afternoon – Pipitea Pairs – starts June 29

## Tournaments

- KapiMana Open Pairs – June 24
- Wellington Regional Teams – June 30-July 1 (flier with more info on Notice Board) Helpers needed! A roster is on the board.
- Kaiarangi Multi Teams – July 8
- Wellington Regional Club Champs – (Cambridge Sixes Format) – Postponed until October
- Karori Intermediate Pairs – July 22
- Parapaumu Junior Pairs – July 22
- Wellington Open Pairs – July 29
- Te Omanga Hospice fundraiser Hutt Bridge Club Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August. (Register with Rosa Mishkin)

## May Tournaments

### Interprovincial Team 2018

#### Open Team

Nigel Kearney & Karl Hayes  
Alan Grant & Anthony Ker

#### Women's Team

Janet McMenamin & Lorraine Inglis  
Pam Bannatyne & Lynn Hall

#### Intermediate Team

Simon Louisson & Turei Haronga  
Graeme Dick & Margaret Dick

#### Seniors Team

Peter Benham & Pat D'Arcy  
John Davidson & Ross Quayle

### Parapaumu Intermediate Tournament 20 May

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Brough & Margot Brough

## **Hutt Open. 20 May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Grant & Anthony Ker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Bolland & Charles Ker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mindy Wu & John Patterson

## **Hutt Junior 20 May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sally Broadhurst & Jeremy Gogan

## **Otaki Multigrade 27 May**

- Top Junior/Open Pair Allan Joseph & Hilda Burgess

## **Auckland Walk-in Pairs 4 June**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Grant & Ian Berrington
- 4<sup>th</sup> Stephen Henry & Annette Henry

## **Victoria Swiss Pairs 10 June**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Grant & Anthony Ker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tegan Bennik & Nigel Kearney
- 4<sup>th</sup> Janet McMenamin & Rosa Mishkin

## **Hawkes Bay Congress 2018**

### **MatchPoint Swiss Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Heather Jared & Gary Duncan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kate Davies & John Patterson

### **Intermediate Pairs**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillipa Gardiner & Trevor Gane

### **Open Teams**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Gruschow, Graeme Norman, Linda Rigler & Peter Delahunty
- 4<sup>th</sup> Claire McAllister, Julie Sheridan, Kate Terry & Karen Martelletti

### **Swiss Pairs**

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

Teams Plate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Patrick d'Arcy, Dean Sole, Peter Benham & Brian Cleaver

## **Club Nights**

### **Tuesday- N Robson Cup Teams**

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Norling, John Farrell, Alan Rhodes & Margot Booth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Gogan, Sally Broadhurst, Simon Dixie & David Fowler

### **Wednesday Suzanne Duncan Swiss Pairs**

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Donbavand & Murray McMillian
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Henry & Charles Cahn

### **Thursday May Manoy Salver**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brad Tattersfield & Jenni Borren
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzanne Johnstone & Sushila Kumar

### **Friday Moturoa Pairs Salver**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Tyrie & Peter Benham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandie Lepper & Graham Potter
- 1<sup>st</sup> Patricia Knight / Eileen Gray
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandie Lepper / Cheryl Scott



## “Worst bidding ever” by Bridgebum

Have you ever heard that the definition of "insanity" is repeating the same action but expecting different results? Playing on BBO IMP Pairs yet again with a pick-up partner (I never learn), I am dealt a very innocuous hand:

♠ J765  
♥ J9  
♦ K82  
♣ A843

The bidding, however, quickly careens into the realm of the insane:

| LHO | Partner | RHO      | Me   |
|-----|---------|----------|------|
| 1 ♥ | 2 ♥     | 3 ♣      | 3 ♠  |
| 4 ♣ | 6 ♠     | Pass     | Pass |
| Dbf | Redbl   | Pass     | Pass |
| 7 ♣ | 7 ♠     | All Pass |      |

Allow me to translate the bidding, in case you aren't fluent in Crazy.

LHO: 1 ♥. "I have an opening bid and 5 hearts."

Partner: 2 ♥. "Michaels, showing 5-5 in spades and a minor."

RHO: 3 ♣. "I've got a good club suit and at least a dozen points to be introducing a new suit at the three-level."

Me: 3 ♠. "I think the Law of Total Tricks encourages me to bid. 5 spades + 4 spades = 9 tricks."

LHO: 4 ♣. "Would you like club support, partner? I have club support."

Partner: 6 ♠. "WaaHOOOOOOO!!!!!! Yee-haw!! Whoop! Whoop!"

RHO: Pass. "Uh... you win."

Me: Pass. "I can't believe I have to play this."

LHO: Double. "You've got to be kidding."

Partner: Redouble. "Yee-HAWWWW!!! Whoop! Whoop! Fire in the hole!"

RHO: Pass. "I have no idea what's going on."

Me: Pass. "Me neither."

LHO: 7 ♣. "Ehhhh... maybe one of my two aces will be ruffed vs. 6 ♠. Mayday! Mayday!"

Partner: 7 ♠. "I shoulda passed 6 ♠-X, but you know what??? SEVEN is my lucky number! WHEEEEEEEEEEE!!!! Yip! Yip! Whoop!"

RHO: Pass. "I'm no longer on speaking terms with my partner."

Me: Pass. "Me neither."

LHO: Pass. "I thought 6 ♠ was worth a double, but I think I just peed myself."

Now, you may be wondering if 7 ♠ actually made, but then this wouldn't be part of my Bad Bridge article series, would it? Down 1, -50, -11.40 IMPs.