

WBC News – August 2012

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Casual bridge fortnightly on Tuesday evenings – gather up your retired bridge friends!
Tonight **Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 28 August**

Presidents Corner... Derek Snelling

Congratulations to Tony Thompson and John Cormack currently representing New Zealand in the Senior Team at the 14th World Bridge Games in Lille, France. So far they have only dropped one game to USA in preliminary rounds lying second after 9 rounds. This of course could change by the time this is published but we wish them well for getting through to the knockout stage.

We are very grateful to see Dot back at the helm for a short period whilst Bridget has some family commitments to attend to. Thank you Dot and I'm sure there will be some happy members hearing your familiar voice on the end of the phone again.

Please be patient with us whilst we try to find the best solution to the heating needs of the club. We hope to have a solution finalised very shortly, but this will require a significant expenditure at a time when the club is facing an increase in a number of our expenses.

Don't forget the reminder re the AGM on Wednesday the 17th October and the need to have any remits in by a month prior.

The "Dealer"

It's always a happy scene when one arrives at the club to see Duncan Reid in the office, flat out throwing those cards into the machine, the familiar click click clicking and his Ipod music. Alan Joseph was heard to remark: "*If there was a dealing competition, Duncan would be a champion!*"

Wellington Bridge Club Intermediate Tournament, Sunday 29 July

On 29 July our Club hosted a well-organised and enjoyable Intermediate tournament, this time in the motorway room which is always popular with the players. The event was well-attended despite the unusually sunny winter's day, with 17 tables including a good entry from clubs around the region. Wellington players took out nine of the top ten placings, though top spot went to Judith McManus and Elaine Richardson from the Hutt – well done to them. Frances Blyth and Jenni Borren were runners-up. Kevin Walker was our director and as usual he did a great job. Special thanks to Jenny Delany who organised the event in her usual efficient way, helped by a cheerful team of club volunteers – they managed to turn on an excellent lunch and post-match nibbles as well as making an overall profit for the club, which is always welcome!
Brad Tattersfield

Youth Weekend – 3-5 August

Well done to our club members who generously offered to billet one, two, three and even four of the visiting youth players. It was quite a mission to find all our billets for 32 players but we got there for a very successful and enjoyable weekend. A big thank you to Bridget who doggedly asked and asked for billeting help. As always, your help and support is most appreciated. We had 44 youth players participating and Richard Solomon was delighted with the response for the weekend with numbers attending showing a very positive interest. Martin Reid gave a Par Contest presentation on the Saturday morning/early afternoon and on Saturday evening 24 of our club members joined the youth players, two of their college teachers and Richard's assistant, James Coutts, to make up 17 tables and a 20 board session. It was a pleasure to play with and meet these young players, and congratulations again to our club members for the outstanding way they showed their genuine interest and friendliness to our visitors.

We asked two of the girls from Hamilton how they became interested in bridge and both of them had read the young adult novel "The Cardturner" by Louis Sachar. It tells of a 17-year old boy who learns to love playing bridge by turning cards for his blind rich uncle. At the start of the novel, Alton knows nothing about bridge but he eventually learns how to play and becomes an avid bridge player. Tahlia and Erin from Hamilton both decided they could well become avid bridge players too.

We had an email of thanks from Richard Solomon as follows:



"A quick thank you for your help and all those at the Wellington Club who helped in some way to make the Youth Weekend most successful. Bridget did a wonderful job in organising billets, far more than at previous Youth Weekends. Duncan was excellent and most co-operative in board dealing. You did very well in keeping them fed (all the cold sausages went!). The play session on Saturday night was really nice, a very friendly atmosphere, thanks in no small way to Sue Brown (director). It is a pleasure seeing such a group of varying ages mix well together, united by a love of cards and bridge. It is also nice to see that group growing in number. I am sending a report to the Wellingtonian as soon as I get pictures from one of the players who is a keen photographer. So, many thanks....and maybe we can knock on your door again in a year or so for a repeat." **Richard**

Documentary to Showcase Bridge.

Two American film makers, Jeremy Goldstein and Derek Sieg, have turned their cinematic skills to the world of duplicate bridge, and what Goldstein and Sieg discovered was a topic perfectly suited to a documentary feature film. "I love the family feel, the sense that you're part of a tightly knit community" said Goldstein. "We want this film to reach beyond current players to get more people playing the game" said Sieg. "And because it's important to start players young, we want to focus on youth." To that end, the filmmakers have followed the U.S. Junior teams to the world championships in China recently. Interviews with all the players have already been filmed. While in China, the producers wanted to capture the drama of an international contest.

The producers are keen on actively engaging the bridge community to find good stories for the film which they intend for release in the summer of 2013. "Our goal is to hit the film festival circuit next year," said Goldstein. We want a project that the bridge community embraces, but one that also reaches people who don't play already." To allow players to offer ideas or stories, Goldstein and Sieg have created a website (www.bridgedocumentary.com) and a Facebook page ([Facebook.com/bridgedocumentary](https://www.facebook.com/bridgedocumentary)). They may also be contacted by email at info@bridgedocumentary.com.



Courtesy "Jude" (ACBL Summer 2012 NABC Bulletin)

Tuesday social bridge

Tuesday social bridge nights are continuing on a fortnightly basis – we have a good group of keen players, though attendances have fluctuated a bit recently. The club is trialling this format to suit the needs of players who, for whatever reason, find that the regular club night format doesn't suit them. Social bridge starts and finishes a bit earlier, and the emphasis is on fun and learning rather than results – we have a couple of good players present each night to discuss the hands at the end (or even during play!). So if this sounds like you, please come along – if you don't use it, you might lose it! Playing nights are posted on the club website – next one is on 14 August.

To remember forever and ever: After 1♥-1♠, 2♦-2♥ or 1♥-1NT, 2♣-2♥ responder figures to have a doubleton heart. Amen.

to Hamilton, where the scoring across sections was done. Then the results were fired to the internet for all to see the progress and eventual final result. This event was made possible by linking the Compass Scoring Programme with Bridgemate and Bridge-club.org.

Bridge Group on FaceBook

There is a lively group where you can keep up to date with bridge happenings around the world. Simply log on and search for KiwiBridge. This is an open group where all bridge players are welcome. Join in the discussions with fellow players from around the country and keep up with all the news in bridge.

Recent High Score Joan McCarthy and Joan Waldvogel - **74.23%** on Friday, 27 July.

Recently Qualified Club Directors

Congratulations to **Cecilia Doogue** and **Cathy Nijman** who were successful in the recent Exam series.

Welcome to our new members... [Jill Dobson](#), [Janice Van Rooyan](#), [Sam Ward](#)

Results from Tournaments

Otaki Multigrade – 15 July 1 st Maureen Pratchett & Matt Poulton	Top of the South Open Pairs – Richmond 21/22 July - 1 st Rosa Mishkin and Judy Manhart
Wellington Intermediate Tournament 1 Judith McManus & Elaine Richardson 2 Frances Blyth & Jenni Boren 3 Steven Coulter & Heath Tolley	Waikanae Multigrade 2 nd Debbie Gapes & Anthea Black
Wanganui Open 1 st Tony Lenart & James Li	Centre Island Pairs – last weekend 2 nd Mindy Wu & Lorraine Stachurski 3 rd Johnny Davidson & James Li

The following are comparative figures for the year to date

July	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Total
2005	1226	2248	2838	638	6950
2006	1086	2311	2756	634	6787
2007	1386	2426	2622	668	7102
2008	1485	2584	2370	820	7259
2009	1858	2670	2530	844	7902
2010	1619	2736	2398	874	7627
2011	1726	2660	2588	940	7914
2012	1556	2974	2876	1014	8420

Results from Club Nights

Tuesday Morton Salver Pairs

- 1st Clinton Scott & Sam Ward
2nd Nick Venter & Mike Murtagh

Wednesday United Nations Cup Pairs

- 1st Alan Grant & Anthony Ker
2nd Robyn Freeman-Greene & Jim Murray

Thursday Blomeyer Cup BTF Team Pairs

- 1st Lorraine Borland, Christine Haronga, Barbara Allen & Sushila Kumar
2nd Vivienne Cannell, Malcolm Greig, Michael Revell & Brad Tattersfield

Friday Pipitea Pairs

- 1st Joan McCarthy & Joan Waldvogel
2nd Barbara Allen & Sushila Kumar