

WBC News – June 2013

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Social Bridge tonight (Tuesday) and every Tuesday night in June at 7.30 pm
Beginners' Get Together – Friday 28 June at Victoria Bridge Club at 7.30 pm.
Wellington TSB Regional Bridge Congress – 5-7 July

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

This month we welcome the new players who have just finished the bridge lessons run by Alan Grant. There is social bridge or Tuesday bridge for these players in June and during the first three weeks of July they will buddy-up with some more experienced players – so please volunteer to be a buddy for these new players. There is also a Friday evening session of bridge planned for 28 June involving new players from other clubs to be held at the Victoria Bridge club. A new player/novice event is also planned for 11 August at our club. All these events are to help the newer players become involved and enjoying the game of bridge.

The second set of bridge lessons for this year begin on 25 June, so if anyone you know wants to learn to play bridge, the details are on our website or contact our Manager, Bridget.

Congratulations to all the members of our club who have been selected for the Interprovincial Team to play in the national finals to be held on 29-31 Nov.

The Wellington Regional Bridge Congress is being held on 5 -7 July across Open, Intermediate and Junior grades at our club and has a pairs and teams event. It would be great to have a record number of entries, so it's time to put your entries in for this event (see our website).

Finally, all the best to those who are representing our club in the Regional Club Championship to be held this Sunday.



New lessons - Beginners lessons on Tuesday 25 June

We have **15** students registered so far. Please spread the word and encourage your friends and relatives to join in. Also there are flyers available for members to promote our lessons in their work place. Please check the website for details.

Words from the Wise ...

Thank you to Nigel Kearney, Anthony Ker, Peter Newell

As a person who needs as much help with her bridge as possible, I thought I would write to thank the people giving their time and expertise to the Thursday players at the monthly teaching sessions. All of the presentations so far have been received enthusiastically, and taken to heart, to the extent that it would have been interesting to know the percentage increase in doubling after Anthony Ker's session!

I estimate that there were at least 50 people in the room last Thursday for **Peter Newell's** talk about Opening Leads and Deceptive Play. One person, I saw leaving only slightly early, was playing at another club that night! Opening leads are always tough, and mostly disappointing (when I do it) – but perhaps the most telling hints on the handouts were the words **careful** and **consideration** and **think!** I will try.....

So, thanks very much! **Suzanne Duncan**

[something must have clicked - check out her high score on page 5 after Peter's lesson! Ed]

Congratulations to all who made the Wellington IP teams to play the Inter-Provincial finals in November



**Open Team: James Li, John Luoni, John Davidson
(absent) Karl Hayes: – Reserve Pair Alan Grant & Anthony Ker**



Seniors Team: David May, Peter Benham, John Cormack, Tony Thompson: Reserve Pair Chris Bolland & Alex Drummond



**Womens Team: Anthea Black, Angela Gattsche, Lorraine Inglis ,
Judy Plimmer: Reserve Pair Mindy Wu & Janet Woodfield**



Intermediate Team: Diana Dobinson, Kathy Nijman, Barbara Allen, Jo Rollo: Reserve Pair: Turei Haronga & Martyn Rew

Good Luck to our Wellington Club Team who will contest the other Wellington clubs – Hutt, Victoria, Karori - in the regional club championships to be held this Sunday 16 June at the Wellington Bridge Club. All welcome to come and watch during the day. If we are successful, a team each of Open, Intermediate and Junior players will contest the finals at Hamilton on 4 and 5 October 2013. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to play. The teams selected are:

Open (**Stephen/Annette Henry; Nigel Kearney/John Davidson**)
Intermediate (**Kevin Walker/Tadek Gawor; Barbara Allen/Jo Rollo; Diana Dobinson/Cathy Nijman**)
Junior (**Nick Venter/Sarah Bradbury; Warren Tocker/Devin Kilminster; Grace Millar/Mira Trifunovic**).

Help Needed Please! Wellington TSB Regional Bridge Congress – 5-7 July 2013

As in past years, our club is hosting the Congress and we will more than likely have a full house. We will need some help please! Mainly in the kitchen – no cooking – just tidying up dishes, making sure tea and coffee are available. If you can help for an hour on the Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday, please contact Bridget Willcox. During this month we will put a “Help Needed” notice on playing tables for you to fill in. Many thanks.

Results from Hawkes Bay Congress, Queens Birthday Weekend

Results were:

Swiss Pairs: 2nd Peter Delahunty & Lynda Rigler

Open B Pairs: 2nd Maureen Pratchett and Vivienne Cannell

Intermediate/Junior Teams: 3rd Paul Maxwell, Gail Tippett, Sue Brown, Donna Upchurch

Restricted Pairs: 3rd Madeleine Askew & Phil Revell

Open Teams and Plate Final: No top prizes for us here but **20 out of 64 players** in the final and plate were members of our club.

It's a great weekend away and a very enjoyable Congress. However, the relatively new format to play Open Pairs on Saturday from 9.30am till 8pm at night with barely 30 minutes break for lunch surely doesn't agree with some of the players and/or their rumbling tummies!



Be sure to watch the Vugraph and check out results this week at:

http://www.hkcba.org/apbf/2013/pdf/result/or1_8.pdf As you know, our club members Alan Grant and Anthony Ker are playing there in the Open and John Cormack and Tony Thompson in the seniors.

Friday 28 June 2013 - Beginners Get Together

The clubs around Wellington have had a great turn out for beginner's lessons this year. In conjunction with the Victoria Club we will run a night for these new players to get them familiar with club play in a relaxed social setting. This is to be held at

VICTORIA BRIDGE CLUB Friday 28th June 2013.

A 7.30pm start. The cost will be normal table money of \$7.00.

Any beginners interested please register on the flyer in the lobby or by contacting Bridget Willcox.

Doggies Do Bridge Too !



OMG board 18 did I really go light?



Oh no! Board 19 was cold too...



Have to get rid of them both...



What the hell... may as well devour the lot!

(With thanks to **Hugo Murphy-Luoni** for his hugely useful advice on how to avoid the post-mortem).

Results from Recent Tournaments

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| Levin Open Pairs – 18 May 1 st Dinnie Hall & Deborah Jones 2 nd Chris Bolland & Alex Drummond | Paraparaumu Intermediate – 19 May 1 st Jolene Zink & Donna Upchurch |
| Hutt Open Pairs – 19 May 2 nd Peter Delahunty & Lynda Rigler 3 rd Graeme Norman & Ray Gruschow | North Island Teams – 19 May Peter Newell & Martin Reid were 2 nd in the Final Alan Grant & Anthony Ker won the plate. |
| Victoria Open Swiss Pairs – Sunday 9 June 2 nd Peter Delahunty & Lynda Rigler 3 rd Mindy Wu, Debbie McLeod 4 th Lorraine Inglis & Janet McMenamin | |



Recent High Scores

Tania Wynn and Suzanne Duncan – Neal Salver Pairs 6 June **71.78%**

Welcome & Welcome back ... to our new members:

Margot Brough, Jim Brough, Patricia Knight, Eileen Gray, Lynn Cole

PLAYING NUMBERS for May 2013

| Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Total |
|-----|-----|------|-----|-------|
| 40 | 136 | 104 | 48 | 328 |
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The following are comparative figures for the financial year to date:

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| 2004-2005 | 1854 | 2962 | 3402 | 852 | 9070 |
| 2005-2006 | 1660 | 3254 | 3792 | 888 | 9594 |
| 2006-2007 | 2011 | 3156 | 3722 | 958 | 9847 |
| 2007-2008 | 1983 | 3358 | 3282 | 1196 | 9819 |
| 2008-2009 | 2309 | 3096 | 3056 | 1076 | 9537 |
| 2009-2010 | 2412 | 3408 | 3200 | 1228 | 10248 |
| 2010-2011 | 2276 | 3544 | 3358 | 1368 | 10546 |
| 2011-2012 | 2112 | 3734 | 3666 | 1396 | 10908 |
| 2012-2013 | 1856 | 4124 | 3880 | 1498 | 11358 |

Club Results from May 2013:

Tuesday - N Robson Cup Teams

1st Simon Havill, Toni Izzard, Patti Poole & Greta Keur
2nd Robbie Blair, Lynne Newell, Lee Walker & Clinton Scott

Thursday - May Manoy Trophy

1st Anthea Black & Derek Snelling
2nd Brad Tattersfield & Jan Borren

Wednesday – Suzanne Duncan Swiss Pairs

1st Stephen Henry & Nigel Kearney
2nd Annette Henry & Sandra Coleman

Friday – Moturoa Pairs

1st Jenny Coulter & Sylvia Johns
2nd Anthea Black & Sophie Atkin.

Reminder Please: We need buddies for Tuesday nights, 2, 9 and 16 July – Morton Salver Pairs. Please let Bridget know if you can help here.