

WBC News – August 2013

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

Bridget reminds us this is the last chance to purchase an entertainment book.

AGM - Wednesday, 23 October at 6.30 pm

Quiz Night – Saturday 9 November at 7.30 pm

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

During the recent earthquake three ceiling tiles fell in the main playing room. As a consequence we had an engineer investigate the ceiling structure and also undertake a visual review of the remainder of the building. This visual review found no issues with the building. The review of the ceiling found that some of the perimeter ceiling fixtures were loose, the ceiling tiles are very heavy and the fixture holding each tile does not meet current seismic standards. As a consequence of all these factors it was decided to have the existing ceiling removed. We have over the last two weeks looked at options for replacing the ceiling including leaving it open with appropriate tidy up and painting (industrial look). At our meeting last night the committee discussed the options and likely costs and have agreed to the installation of a new ceiling including insulation, in the main playing room. It is hoped that this work can be completed in the next two weeks and we can get back to using the room.

We have recently undertaken a survey of Tuesday players to see if they would prefer some other playing arrangements/times. In general the preference was for status quo however, there was considerable support for ensuring that bridge is completed no later than 10.30pm. The committee had some initial discussions on the survey results and agreed two committee members would have a more detailed review of the survey results, which include social bridge players, and report back to the next committee meeting. The committee did agree that from next year a bridge lesson on a particular bridge topic will be held at 6.30pm before each of the Tuesday Hand Trophy Pairs events during the year. A similar and very successful session is currently held for Thursday night players before the Neal Salver Pairs event.

Finally a reminder. Slow play is a problem in this club and some of you are not considerate when you are slow/late. In particular there are some of you who continue to fill out personal score sheets when you are already late or when it is your turn to bid or play. You should only complete your personal score cards if you have time and it causes no disruption to play so that all can enjoy bridge.

Wellington Club Intermediate 5B Tournament – Sunday 28 July

On 28th July we held our annual Intermediate Tournament. 23 pairs enjoyed a great day. Plenty of interesting and challenging cards, combined with great food made for a fab and friendly day. Every tournament comes with challenges for the players and organisers, and our director Vivienne Cannell and president Kevin Walker had to find solutions at the last moment for a very curly problem – for example no cards! We had lots of lovely people helping in the kitchen, without them the day wouldn't have been so successful. **(Christine Haronga)**

Congratulations to the winners: 1st **Christine Haronga and Barbara Allen.**
2nd **Jude Lucas and Karen Eriksen;** 3rd **Alex Swainson and Ken Betteridge**



Where have all our Intermediate Tournament Players Gone?

Due to grading changes implemented by NZ Bridge we are experiencing declining numbers taking part in intermediate tournaments, and the Club is exploring offering a new combined tournament for both Intermediate/Restricted players. The Restricted grade was introduced in Wellington interclub competition this year for lower-ranked Open Grade players (those with between 100 and 150 Grading Points). It is hoped that this will provide a good, competitive new tournament option for a wider range of mid to upper-ranked players and boost the numbers!

Wellington Club Novice Tournament



Winners of the Novice Tournament:

From Left to right: **Nigel Kirkpatrick and Liz Baker 2nd Wellington Club; Nan Wehipeihana (Sponsor); J Peter Watts and Angela McDonnell 1st Kairangi Club; John McGrath and Loek Strik 3rd Hutt Club.**

Five tables of enthusiastic players competed in the Novice Pairs Tournament in the relaxed atmosphere of the Wellington Bridge Club last Sunday afternoon. The victorious pair from Kairangi Bridge Club, Angela McDonnell and Peter Watts won with a very respectable 66%. Nigel Kirk-Patrick and Liz Baker from Wellington Bridge Club were right on their heels with 65%. Congratulations to all who took part. Many thanks to those who are making a real effort to welcome the novice players and encourage them to fully engage in the game. Ruth Brucker is the driver and chief organiser of this event; and Nan Wehipeihana generously sponsored the tournament. Well done both of you for your leadership and encouragement. Thanks also to the diligent director Nebojsa Djorovic, and wonderful kitchen wenches Jude Lucas and Patti Poole. **(Patti)**

[We were fortunate indeed to have Nan Wehipeihana sponsor this one session tournament for Novice players (less than 3 years experience) and Nan generously donated the Wehipeihana Novice Cup, prize money and bottles of wine. Hopefully this little tournament will expand with the encouragement of all the Wellington clubs to show new players what a "drug" the game of bridge can be! Ed]

Centre Island Teams – last weekend

Twenty-six teams took part in the Centre Island Teams held at the Hutt Bridge Club over the weekend of 10 - 11 August. It was a truly New Zealand event as participants came from as far afield as Kaitia and Invercargill. It was also a very successful event. Everything ran very smoothly and according to plan and the Hutt Club did themselves proud with the catering. Excellent lunches were provided on both days and there was plenty of food on offer at all other times.

Participants played six twelve board qualifying matches on Saturday with the top four teams going through to the final, the next four to the Plate and the remaining eighteen teams to the Flite Pairs. On Sunday, teams in the Final and Plate sections played each other off in three sixteen board matches while participants in the Flite Pairs, played four twelve board matches. (Joan Waldvogel)

Winners: Final:

1. Smith Team Scott Smith, David Ackerley, George Masters, Jenna Gibbons
2. Davidson Team: John Davidson, Peter Benham, Karl Hayes, James Li
3. Cormack Team: Jan Cormack, Jan Alabaster, Linda Cartner, Glenis Palmer
4. Ware Team: Michael Ware, Geo Tilsevoll, Martin Reid, Peter Newell

Plate:

1. Jarvis Team: Grant Jarvis, Blair Fisher, Bob Hurley, Evelyn Hurley
2. Jacob Team: Tom Jacob, Stephanie Jacob, Susan Humphries, David Humphries
3. Gruschow Team: Ray Gruschow, Graeme Norman, Joan Waldvogel, Judith Johnson



Congratulations to the Davidson team, Pete Benham, Johnny Davidson, James Li and Karl Hayes – 2nd in the final. [The uniform looks great... can't see what it says but is it something to do with brewing beer? And Johnny, how you've grown so tall! Ed]



Karl Hayes and James Li, v Peter Newell and Martin Reid

Directors wanted ! Club Directors Training - August/September 2013

- 4 lessons - each lesson is approximately 4 hours in length and will cover all the topics required for candidates to sit the N.Z. Bridge Club Directors Exam to be held 2nd November 2013.
 - Study Notes are given and past examination papers are presented and discussed at each lesson.
 - A revision session is offered for those needing additional help
 - A few weeks prior to the exam a trial examination will be set, marked and discussed
- These lessons are free**
- The cost of the Club Directors Examination fee is \$10, the cost of the 2007 Law Book is \$30 and the 2013 Manual is \$15. It is hoped that the respective clubs would reimburse successful candidates for these costs.

Please contact **Allan Joseph** to enable the dates and venue/s to be finalized.

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Monthly lessons before the Neal Salver Pairs

Many thanks to **Stephen Henry** whose lesson on "Play of the Hand" was a very popular topic for the 50 or so members who certainly appreciated Stephen's coaching.

[I would like to compliment our tutors who have given these invaluable lessons. The speakers are always well prepared and have the knack of being able to pitch the lessons at just the right level to extend, and at times overextend [!], our bridge. We are privileged to have these players giving us their time, they show us the depth of talent we have in the club. Paul Herrick]

Name a room

It can sometimes be a little confusing on busy nights when we use both our playing rooms to see them defined on the draw as "Motorway Room", the "West Room" or the "Main Playing Room". The committee suggests we all might like to have a go at naming these rooms – even the Lobby or the upstairs playing room – with something more imaginative, maybe the name of past or present members, something bridge related?. Eg the Diamond Room, the Walker Room, the Tinakori Room – let's have your suggestions to Bridget please. Would be good to christen our new-look main playing room with something more inspired.

Acol Tournaments on BBO

If you're home on a Saturday and/or Sunday evening, there are two excellent and friendly Acol tournaments – 12 boards Saturday Swiss and Sunday Bash starting at 8.15 pm (for the next few months, then it reverts later with daylight saving) but some of us Wed/Thurs night players play regularly – the Kiwi players – whereas most players are from England, Scotland, Ireland – a few Aussies, but it's good to get to know them each week and very enjoyable, specially when you get to play at Table 1.

You need to pre-register your name and join the Acol club: <http://acolatbbo.org.uk/index.php> or google Acol at BBO for instructions. Any questions, ask me, Jenstar (**Jenny Delany**)

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 23 October at 6 pm

It's that time again....time to think you might like to come on to the committee and help drive the club onwards and upwards. The committee meets once a month on a Monday evening. It's great to see our members taking an interest in the running of our busy club, so diary this date, come along and we'll feed you with some pizza and a glass of wine too. And it is UPWARDS....last Thursday night we had 30 tables for a pairs night... The Motorway Room was crammed and the lobby looked like a mini playing room....check out the figures below.

The following are comparative figures for the financial year to date - July 2013

July	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
2004-2005	2244	3604	4280	1070	11198
2005-2006	1986	3743	4480	1078	11287
2006-2007	2427	3822	4420	1178	11847
2007-2008	2508	4120	4020	1442	12090
2008-2009	2936	3962	3846	1362	12106
2009-2010	2913	4298	3928	1540	12679
2010-2011	2940	4324	4104	1674	13042
2011-2012	2684	4666	4568	1752	13670
2012-2013	2346	5110	4868	1914	14238



Quiz Night – Saturday 9 November at 7.30 pm

We're doing it again! Last year's Quiz evening with quizmaster, Dean Sole was such a fun night and fully booked, we plan to hold the same this year in lieu of a Christmas party and to raise some funds for a new Dealing Machine. Our dealing machine is 20 years old and a new one costs approximately \$7,000. Last year we raised \$3,150 for a defibrillator so we have high hopes of another successful fundraiser. No need to book yet. but watch this space and diary the date.

Results from Recent Tournaments

Otaki Multigrade, 14 July

We can't find the results on the website but "from memory **Suzanne Duncan and Tania Wynn** Top Open / Intermediate Pair".

Kairangi Intermediate Tournament 11 August

1st Paul Maxwell & Gail Tippett (& very close...)
2nd Margot Brough & Jim Brough

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Club Results from July 2013:

Tuesday <u>Morton Salver Pairs</u> 1 st Haley Fenwick / Vivienne Revell 2 nd Faye Smith / Adele Weston	Wednesday <u>United Nations Cup Pairs</u> 1 st Anthony Ker / Nigel Kearney 2 nd Dean Sole / Patrick Darcy
Thursday <u>Blomeyer Cup "BTF" Team Pairs</u> 1st Jenni Borren, Jan Borren, Tone Borren & Frances Blyth 2nd Paul Cushnie, Andrew Cushnie, Martyn Rew & Cheryl McDonald	Friday <u>Pipitea Pairs</u> 1 st Jenny Coulter / Ross Craig 2 nd Sylvia Johns / Sophie Atkin