

WBC News – June 2014

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

Wellington Region Club champs – Sunday 15 June at Hutt Bridge Club

Wellington Congress – 5-7 July

Wellington Intermediate/Junior Tournament, Sunday 27 July

National Swiss Pairs 15A – 9-10 August at Wellington Bridge Club

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

On the 21 & 22 June the club will host the New Zealand Bridge Directors workshop. New Zealand Bridge is bringing three very experienced Directors from the Australian Directors Association to participate in the weekend workshop. Over the two days they will share their knowledge with directors from around New Zealand. The Wellington Club is very appreciative of the dedication of our directors and hope they get the most from this workshop.

The first new players' lessons have been completed and we are now wanting buddies to help players through the first few weeks of bridge play on a Tuesday. See notices later and from grade captains. The next new players' class kicks off with mini bridge on 17 June so if you have any friends interested let them know and they can contact Bridget.

Finally all the best for those representing the Club in the Regional Club play-offs this Sunday at Lower Hutt.

Congratulations to the following Wellington Club Members, who have been selected for the Wellington Inter-Provincial Teams:

Open Team: Alan Grant and Anthony Ker / Tony Lenart and Robyn Freeman-Greene

Senior's Team: David May and Peter Benham / Patrick D'Arcy and David Macdonald

Women's Team: Mindy Wu and Janet Woodfield

Intermediate Team: Christine Haronga and Turei Haronga

Congratulations to winners / placegetters, Hawkes Bay Congress, Queens Birthday Weekend.

Open Pairs: 1st Kathy Ker and Anthony Ker; 2nd James Li and Alan Grant
(fantastic scores Kathy and Anthony - 70.77%; 61.59% and 63.57%)

Open B Pairs: 2nd Suzanne Duncan and her partner

Open Teams Final: Wellington Club had 4 teams – Reid, Sole, Rigler and MacDonald 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th

Open Swiss Pairs: 2nd Claire McAllister and her partner

It will be interesting to see how the loyal supporters of this Congress – and there are certainly a great many regulars including a large contingent from our Wellington Club – rated the change of venue to Lindisfarne College in Hastings. The organisers worked very hard to ensure its success. A few hiccups to start with – eg heaters not working on the Friday night, cold showers in the dormitory, speaker system needing improvement, and catering to allow for timing with the teams events. Of course the non-smoking rules might also influence numbers – however a very enjoyable congress and wonderful home-made soups!

Buddies Required

We have the latest group of beginners finishing their lessons and require "buddies" to assist their transition to Tuesday play. Buddies will be required for Tuesday 1st, 8th and 15th of July. (No table money payable by those helping). If you are available 1, 2 or all 3 nights, please enter your name on the list (see notice board) or email Bridget. wnbridge@paradise.net.nz. Many thanks for your support.

Kitchen Help Needed Please! –

Wellington Congress Saturday 5 July, Sunday 6 July and Monday 7 July

It's that time again when our club hosts the Wellington Congress which is run by the Wellington Regional Committee. That means we will need our members to help in the kitchen tidying cups, keeping tea and coffee supplies going, loading the dishwasher etc. All very easy tasks! No cooking. We will prepare a roster of helpers and ask you to volunteer an hour of your time on the forms available on club nights this month. We will also need a volunteer or two to man the bar Saturday and Sunday nights.

Club champs update...

Come along and support our Wellington Club team – Hutt Bridge Club, Sunday 15 June!

Thank you to all who expressed interest to play for our club in the Wellington regional heat. The challenge versus other Wellington clubs is on Sunday 15 June at the Hutt Bridge Club. Our aim of course:

Wellington Club is the best bridge club in New Zealand, but first we have to win the Wellington heat.

Wish us luck! Our team will be:

Open: Alan Grant and James Li; Ray Gruschow and Graeme Norman
Intermediate: Christine and Turei Haronga, Kevin and Helen Walker, Brad Tattersfield and Jan Borren
Junior: Warren Tocker and Lee Walker, Paul Devadatta and Megan Turner

Tuesday Night Lessons

Following on from the success of improvers lessons for Thursday night players the Committee felt that it would be a good idea to offer the same opportunity to those playing on Tuesday nights.

The first of these was run on the 27th May being the night of the Hand Trophy Pairs. A very good turnout of 27 players caused a degree of consternation for me as presenter. However the opportunity to give back a little of the teaching I have enjoyed was very worthwhile. I chose, as an introductory topic "*Transfers*". Whilst the discussions ranged far and wide, I hope I was able to impart the merit of using transfers in response to partner's 1NT opening, how different shapes and strengths could be described and possible strategies for dealing with interference over partner's 1NT opening. I hope that the session was as rewarding for those who attended as it was for me to present. "*To teach is to learn twice over*" Joseph Joubert

The committee is looking for experienced Thursday or Wednesday night players to continue this series of lessons. If you are interested please let Bridget know. **Derek Snelling**

Thursday Night Lessons

Thank you to Peter Newell for his lesson on "Plan the Play". Approximately 30 players enjoyed Peter's relaxed style of discussing what to look for: listen to the bidding, shape of the hands, what can go wrong etc – all those details Peter finds so easy! – followed by various examples of hands. We will all improve now! Thank you Peter.

Improvers Class – Part 2

Still time to enrol. Alan Grant will be taking his Part 2 class this Saturday 14th June. Tuesday and Thursday night players will be interested to join in. You may also be interested in buying one of Alan's "flipper charts" for \$15. Check our notice board to sign up for Alan's class. We have **22** keen players enrolled so far.

Feel the Width... as they say

Here is the commentary on the rubber bridge hand Karl and I played recently featuring an instance of **exclusion key card** – and considering Anthony's talk recently on this topic. (Here are Anthony's notes to refresh us. Ed):

"If you have a void, regular RKCB will leave you wondering if your partner's keycard(s) is "wasted" opposite the void or in one of the suits where you need it. Enter Exclusion RKCB. This is an unusual jump once trumps have been agreed. It asks for keycards but do not count the ace of the suit jumped in – that is the void. Example: 1S -3S -5C

It is important to clearly agree trumps first, lest your partner misconstrue your jump and give preference to your void!

Responses: Next step up (5D in the above example) = 0 or 3 keycards

2 steps up (5H) = 1 or 4 keycards

3 steps up (5S) =

2 keycards without the queen

4 steps up (5NT) = 2 keycards with the queen

Remember not to count the ace of the void suit when counting your keycards!"

[**Now back to Alan...**]: One very memorable hand was the following hand # 25 which was dealt by Stephen Lucy. I picked up the following hand when we had a partscore of +90 on, both VUL:

Alan
 ♠Jxx
 ♥AJ9x
 ♦AJxx
 ♣Ax

As 1NT was enough for game already, I decided to be a little conservative and open 1NT on my 15 count. Partner responds 2D transfer and I toyed with the idea of a super accept, in the end choosing the conservative 2H as with +90 on below the line I wanted to make it as easy as possible to finish the rubber.

♠AKQx
 ♥KQ108xxxx
 ♦x
 ♣-

Next bid from partner was 5C! – which I recognised as exclusion **Key Card Blackwood**. Having opened a "heavy" 15 count 1NT, I thought this couldn't be a bad development and owned up to my 2 Key Cards, without the Q of trumps (after excluding the Ace of clubs) with my next bid of 5S

– and then partner's next bid was 7H! His dummy was the following amazing hand (and there were 14 total tricks. I can't remember ever before converting a +90 partscore (with just 10 required for game) with a grand slam.

Alan Grant

Acol Tournaments on BBO (Bridge Base OnLine)

This time of the year, with no daylight saving downunder and vice versa in the northern hemisphere, is a perfect time 8.15 pm for us to play these very friendly tournaments. Saturday and a Sunday night commencing approximately 8.15 pm. But you do need to register your BBO name with the Acol Club first. The tournament is a swiss 12 boards – two boards a table. Several members of our club play regularly and it really is very enjoyable and good standard of bridge. Contact Jenny Delany if you wish to discuss or need some help.

Results from Recent Tournaments - Congratulations to our Club Members!

Hutt Open – 18 May 1 st Graeme Norman & Ray Gruschow 2 nd Mindy Wu & John Wilkinson 3 rd Peter Delahunty & Lynda Rigler	Hutt Junior – 18 May 3 rd Mira Trifunovic & Paul Gold 4 th Margaret Jamieson & Tracey Shields Karori Junior (1 session) 8 June 1 st N/S Devin Kilminster & partner
Victoria Swiss Pairs 5A – Sunday 8 June 1st Chris Bolland & Dinnie Hall: 2nd James Li & John Davidson: 3rd Paul Maxwell & Gail Tippett 4th Graeme Norman & Ray Gruschow	

Results from May 2014

Tuesday <u>N Robson Cup Teams</u> 1 st Toni Izzard, Phillipa Ballard, Greta Keur, Anna Locker-Lampson 2 nd Margaret Curnow, Lee Walker, Paul Gold, Mira Trifunovic	Wednesday <u>Suzanne Duncan Swiss Pairs</u> 1 st Alan Grant & Anthony Ker 2 nd Ray Gruschow & Graeme Norman
Thursday - <u>May Manoy Trophy</u> 1 st Maureen Pratchett & Stuart Badger 2 nd Jenni Borren & Malcolm Greig	Friday - <u>Moturoa Pairs Salver</u> 1 st Peter Benham & Robyn Freeman-Greene 2 nd Anthea Black & Sophie Atkin

Youth fundraiser: Message from Susan Humphries on 28 May

The total raised as of this morning is \$11,026 ☺ ☺

I am so over the moon with the support and generosity of so many of the Bridge Community. This money will go towards helping this team with travel costs, two training weekends that are going to be held before they head to Turkey and some funds are going to be put aside to help the youth who wish to attend Australia Youth week next year. We had 25 clubs participate in the tournament and 7 clubs give donations.

Thank you from the New Zealand Youth Team

