

## News – April 2015

### **PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...**

Please arrive and be seated by 7.20 pm on playing nights.

Wellington Regional Congress – Anzac weekend, 25, 26, 27 April. See info on back sheet and offer to our members from the sponsors, TSB Bank.

Wellington Bridge Club Junior and Intermediate Tournaments 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

### **Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker**

The issue of cars parked in the middle downstairs blocking those wanting to leave soon after bridge finishes was again raised at our recent committee meeting. This issue has been raised on a number of occasions in the past and members have been and are again reminded of the need to promptly shift their vehicles after bridge so as to allow others to leave. If there continues to be issues with parking we will have to look at not allowing any parking that blocks other vehicles. We hope that this is not necessary as it will result in less parking spaces in the basement.

In order to assist in tracking the drivers of any vehicles parked in the middle downstairs we ask that they put their name and car registration number on a white board that will be in the foyer of the club.

You are also reminded you are not permitted to park on any yellow lines or in the drive ways as this restricts access and exit.

On a brighter note it is good to see the first stage of exterior painting has been completed. We are very pleased with the result and I should put in a plug for our Master Painter (and bridge player), Damian Palmer and his team. See his advertisement in our 2015 programme book. The painting of the remainder of the outside will be undertaken during this year.

The Wellington Regional Congress is being held at our club over ANZAC weekend. I would encourage club members to enter especially in the Novice, Junior and Intermediate grades. I wish all playing in the Congress good bridge.

### ***Supporters Page Live***

We now have a page on the Club website listing people and businesses who have provided sponsorship. Listings on this page are free to anyone who sponsors the club by, for example, taking an ad in the programme booklet.

We encourage you to use businesses that support your club - and do let us know of any businesses that might be interested in sponsoring us.

The club is now seeking sponsors for all its activities, including the website, this newsletter, and for our competitions. Our supporters' page includes a click-through link to our sponsorship rates. Please send any ideas to Bridget at [wnbridge@paradise.net.nz](mailto:wnbridge@paradise.net.nz) – we welcome your views on this.

## **Thursday Night Lessons**

Welcome to our monthly lesson before the Neal Salver Pairs... Approximately 40 of us gathered recently to hear Anthony Ker's excellent advice on "**To Bid or not to Bid**" and his various examples. If we could have Anthony reminding us of all he knows on a very regular basis, we couldn't help but improve.

*"in 4<sup>th</sup> seat, who has the spade suit? 5/5 or better is huge, 4333 is blah; Pearson's rule - only in 4<sup>th</sup> seat pass the hand out unless your HCP and number of spades = 15; Rule of 20 if your HCP + the length of your two longest suits = 20 or more, then open; if you're 2<sup>nd</sup> in hand be cautious; and if you're 3<sup>rd</sup> in hand you don't need a rebid". "Is your partner a pessimist or an optimist". And more !*

Thank you **Anthony** and please may we have another session from you soon?

## **YOUTH WEEKEND – 7 & 8 August**

NZ Bridge is holding a Youth Weekend to be hosted by our Club on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of August.

Firstly we would like to invite any youth players from our Club to register. Cost is \$100. The Wellington Regional Committee will subsidise this by \$50 and we will sponsor any of our youth members \$25. So the net effect is youth are able to attend this fun week-end for just \$25.00. Please contact Bridget [wnbridge@paradise.net.nz](mailto:wnbridge@paradise.net.nz) for further details.

Keep in mind that closer to the date we will be seeking billets for some of the youth travelling from out of town. If you have a spare bed or two (or 4 J) please let Bridget know.

**[Hopefully the organisers will ask some of our players to pair up with a youth player for a competition on the Saturday night. These have always been popular evenings in past Youth Weekends. Ed].**

## **Entertainment Books for Sale**

We have had some major costs with the painting of the building (and more to come) so once again we are doing a little fundraising.

We have the ever popular Entertainment Books available for sale. Cost is \$60 per book or Digital version. (\$12.00 goes to the Club).

Books/Digital versions are available either online via our website or by contacting Bridget. [wnbridge@paradise.net.nz](mailto:wnbridge@paradise.net.nz). Thanks for your support.

## **Our Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Social 5% & 10% night**

Friday night at our club in the Foyer Cafe is such good fun with the expectation of Mindy Wu and her catering team looking after us, and indeed they did with a very tasty dinner of Grilled Spiced Chicken with Wasabi Herb Butter , Potatoes and Salad and a desperate need to go back for second helpings!



Thank you Mindy – we'd love to have a similar evening later in the year please. We had 11 full tables for dinner and bridge to follow and very pleasing to see a good mixture of all the grades, particularly Junior, and it's a bit of a revelation to chat with Tuesday night players about their enjoyment of the game. It's a lot to take in it seems, the bridge etiquette, all the rules, hesitations, why we have stop cards, when to call the director, the well meaning but inconsistent advice they receive from more experienced players. We recounted to them the very first time (lodged permanently in our memories) of when we were called up for a hesitation, who called the director on us, and how intimidated we felt at the time, and this also

brought to mind the following poem by Suzanne Green published in our October 2010 newsletter. We'll never forget we must keep the Board in the middle of the table at all times! So stick with it, our newer members to the game, and we'll organise more lessons and discussion groups to keep you keen – after all this is a game where one never stops learning.

It was great to see everyone enter into the spirit of the evening, many pairs making the effort to mix their gradings. Very many thanks to Sam Ward, our director & wine waiter & Easter Bunny - he did a fantastic job.



Results were 1<sup>st</sup> E/W Pryor Rowland & Nicola Bradley; 1<sup>st</sup> = N/S Mindy Wu & Julie Ballance; John Wilkinson & Jenny Delany.

We must mention the hats! Mindy's friend styled and made these fabulous creations out of Mindy's old playing cards. The hats were beautifully lined and the flowers lit up somehow!! Very clever, very original..

Let's plan another evening soon.

**Photo: Mindy Wu & Julie Ballance**

## **Ode to Rule 7... Suzanne Green**

[ Suz and Jenny playing Swiss Pairs at National Congress – So astonished at the fuss and unpleasantness when East could have told us herself, Suzanne felt compelled to compose the following].

T'was Congress Swiss Pairs when "it" raised its head  
The mighty "Rule 7" after the first card was led  
As declarer I said: Play the spade ace  
The opp on my left raised her arm at great pace

"Director", she cried - in fact was almost a shriek  
Just as well I was sitting, my knees went quite weak  
"I want you to read Rule 7, " she spat  
None of us knew what to make of that

What was Rule 7? I really felt muddled  
The director too, was clearly befuddled  
Rule 7 it seems means the board must remain  
Set in the middle - that's its only domain

Quite unaware to the left I had moved it  
Thus causing left opp's apoplectic fit  
When I'm done here on earth and (hopefully)  
in heaven  
Forever I'll remember that Important Rule  
Seven!



## **Message from our Chief Director Indecisive Play ... Maureen Pratchett**

Indecisiveness in play is one of those mannerisms that is noticeable in other people...but most of us don't recognise it in ourselves because it is unconscious. It is however fairly common. Indecisiveness can be seen by your opponents as a form of hesitation, and they may conclude that you are conveying (albeit inadvertently) unauthorised information to your partner.

Here are some things to be conscious of and to avoid:

- When you are dummy, lay your cards smoothly and swiftly on the table. After all, your partner deserves as much time as possible to check out the bounty you are giving to them.
- When you pull a card to play from your hand, put it on the table immediately – don't hover it before making it visible to everyone else and don't play in slow motion.
- Do not fidget with the cards (take one out and then put it back into your hand). This gives information to the opposition but also may be seen by the opposition as conveying information to your partner.
- Remember that if you really have no decision to make (such as when you have a singleton in the suit you are playing to), play your card without hesitation and at an even tempo. It is against the rules to consciously or unconsciously imply to partner that you have a decision to make when you really don't.
- Indecisiveness should not be confused with thinking. It is perfectly acceptable to take some time to consider what play you wish to make. This thinking time is for the brain to be active and the rest of you to be inactive.

**Wanted for Anzac Weekend...** "kitchen helpers" for the Wellington Congress weekend to be held at our club on Saturday 25 April, Sunday 26 April or Monday 27 April. All offers of assistance would be hugely appreciated as this is a busy weekend for us all. Say a 1 or 2 hour help in the kitchen – we will roster you and please let Bridget know your availability. Men in the kitchen look really good too! All the more the merrier!

**Welcome to our new members:** Johanna Evenbly; Kim Prescott ; Karen Hann; Aubrey Hann.

## Results from recent Tournaments

<b>Nelson Open Teams – 14 March</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Robyn Freeman-Greene & Dale Lacey and team mates	<b>Paraparaumu Open Pairs – 22 March</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Russell Dive & Gary Duncan
<b>Karori Mixed Sex Pairs 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Derek Snelling and Isobel Ross 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anthony Ker and Kathy Ker	<b>Victoria Multi Grade 12 April 2015</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> = George Westermayer and Malcolm Greig Ross Craig and Jenny Coulter Top Intermed Pair - Karen Eriksen and Jude Lucas

## Monthly Pairs - Results from March 2015

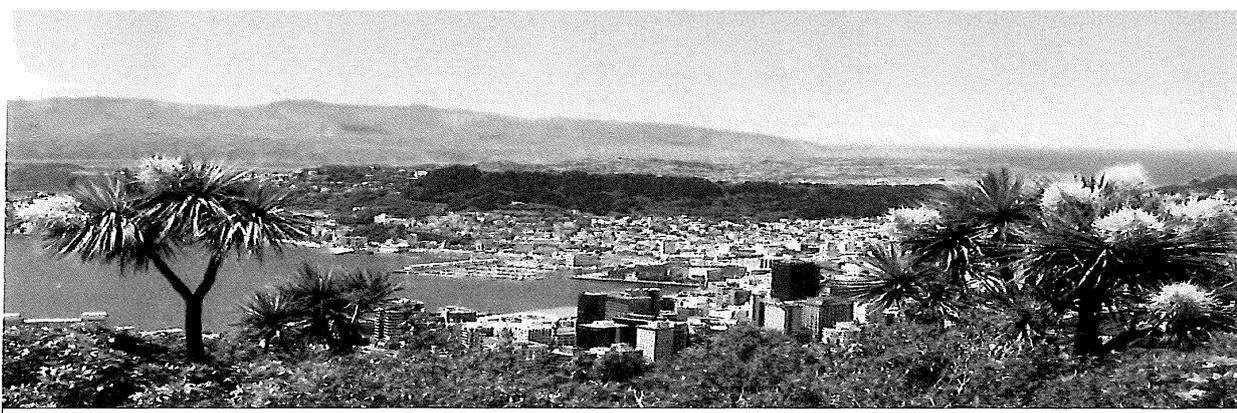
<b>Tuesday: Thelma Wylde Pairs:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Edmund Stephen-Smith & Kevin Moar 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gordon Streatfield & Graham Streatfield	<b>Wednesday: Andrew Thompson Memorial Teams</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Stephen Henry, Stephen Blackstock Annette Henry & Anna Herries 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alan Grant, Anthony Ker, John Luoni, Karl Hayes
<b>Thursday: J Robson Cup Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Michael Revell & Brad Tattersfield 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sally-Ann Murphy & Suzanne Green	<b>Friday: Hobson Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Shirley Green & Joan Waldvogel 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lindy Thomson & Alison Hehir

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Have you put your entries in for the Wellington Regional Congress – Anzac Weekend?  
 All details are on our website. Entries - <http://www.wellingtonregionbridge.nz/>

*Have a Capital Time With Us*

**Wellington Regional  
BRIDGE CONGRESS 2015**  
**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**



**10A Wellington TSB Provincial Open Pairs**  
**10A Wellington Provincial Open Teams**  
**5B Intermediate Pairs: 5B Intermediate Teams**  
**3B Junior and Novice Pairs: 3B Junior and Novice Teams**

**Saturday Pairs and Sunday Teams**

**Message from TSB Bank**

We are pleased to confirm TSB Bank has continued to show us support in providing sponsorship of the Wellington Regional Congress.

**For a limited time, TSB Bank is offering you a number of special deals** as a Wellington Region Bridge Club member. Plus, for every member who takes up an offer **they'll give your club \$50.**

TSB Bank has been looking after the needs of New Zealanders since they first opened for business in 1850 – and after all these years they're proud to still be 100% New Zealand owned and independent. This allows them the freedom to put their customers first, and give back to the community. We're very grateful for the support TSB Bank is providing, and we encourage you to take up these exclusive member-only offers.

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