

## WBC News – April 2017

### Happy Easter & Safe Travels



### PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge – tomorrow 12 April with guests from Hutt Bridge Club. 1 pm start  
Direct Debit – Table Money. Please fill in the table slip and return to Bridget  
Wellington Regional Congress 22-25 April – enrol now... check our website for details  
Friday 30 June – diary this date for our mid-year social event. Details to be advised.

### Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hi everyone

Our very busy events schedule this year kicks off in earnest soon with the Wellington Congress. This tournament, running from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Anzac Day, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, offers excellent bridge for players of all abilities – Open, Intermediate, Junior (i.e. those who normally play on a Tuesday night), and Novice. There are pairs, teams and Swiss Pairs events across the four days.

Congress is a Wellington Regional Bridge Committee event that our club is pleased to host again this year. **It's not too late to enter, but time is running out!** Entries close on 17 April.

You can enter via this special Wellington Congress website: <http://www.wellingtonregionbridge.nz/congress-2017.html> If you don't have a partner, the organisers will help pair you up.

Those of you who feel the cold will be pleased to learn that we have just installed new, more efficient heaters in the second (Pipitea) playing room and in the main foyer. To get the club looking really ship-shape for Congress, we are also having the Pipitea room walls repainted in time for Congress, partly to remove the marks made by the old heaters.

As I mentioned last month, direct debiting of table money is starting – this service will be available from next month. See following item for more details. We encourage you to use it – it's more convenient for you, and it reduces administration for us, so it's a win all round.

Finally, a special thank-you to the team of busy sewers who cut up and stitched the new, fitted tablecloths that now adorn our tables. Well done to **Christine Haronga** for coordinating this, aided by **Turei Haronga, Susan Laurenson, Ruth Brucker and Maureen Pratchett.**

### ***Our recent Thursday night's Lesson ...***

Many thanks to **Nigel Kearney** who illustrated several hands, some from recent Wednesday night sessions, as we played the hands with him. And it wasn't easy, and we learned to assume nothing and Nigel made us think and think about the play - which finesse to take first and the old squeeze trick. He had a good audience and we were very appreciative of his excellent notes with the handout afterwards. Thank you Nigel: you showed us that evening that bridge is not an easy game!

## ***It's countdown to the Wellington Regional Congress – 22-25 April 2017.....***

Our Club looks forward to hosting the Tenth Wellington Regional Congress over the long Anzac Day weekend. Hopefully **Intermediate, Junior and Novice** players – you have already enrolled - this might be your very first congress and a great opportunity at our own club. You will love it ! There's still time. Do it now!

It has come to our attention that some members do not know their "ranking" eg Junior or Intermediate. As a general guide, Tuesday night players are "Junior"; Thursday night players are "Intermediate" and Wednesday night players are "Open". However, you can easily check with Bridget - or NZ Bridge website for your official ranking.



### ***Help Wanted in the Kitchen Help Wanted to run the Bar***

We are nearly there with offers of help but still need you please on Saturday 22 April or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> .Monday 24<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April We will need a Bar Person in the evenings.

***If this sounds like you, please contact Bridget. Many thanks!***

There will be a raffle run on behalf of the Wellington Regional Committee – please come prepared! This is a big and busy weekend for our Club hosting, playing, catering. There will be many out of town visitors. All help and support from our own members to assist in some small way over the weekend, if needed, is always appreciated.

### ***Gentlemen v Players, 2017 - report from Rex Benson***

The 11th annual Gentlemen v Players match for the **Doreen Wilkinson** Trophy took place at the WBC on April 1st. The contest consisted of 48 boards, 3x16 with rotating partners, and a standard system used throughout and by all: Acol circa 1980. Doreen came from Sydney for the event to join the other Players:



**Ross Quayle, Peter Benham, and Rex Benson.** You will find Doreen on the Honours Board in the foyer. The Gentlemen were some of the usual suspects: **Charlie Cahn, Dale Lacey, John Jowett and David May.**

For the second year running the Players team emerged victorious (110-82 imps), and now lead 7:4 over the eleven annual matches. A curious feature of the event was the paucity of slam

hands. One slam was bid as a sacrifice and went four light doubled, while two other possible slams were missed. This prompted Ross Quayle to remark that "the banter was superior to the bidding". Following the match there was a lengthy period of intense hand analysis, as is evidenced by the photograph.



## ***Playing Bridge in Sydney ... Toni Izzard***

I went to Sydney for a long weekend. My friend (who is a Very Good player) suggested we play bridge on a glorious Saturday afternoon. We went to the North Sydney Bridge Club which is the largest bridge club in Sydney. There were 36 (!) tables. Table money is \$15 per player, and the only refreshments are serve-yourself instant coffee, indifferent tea or water (in plastic cups). We played 27 boards. Unbeknown to me, as the scores were entered, the results were translated as a running total onto a large electronic board on the side of the room. About two-thirds of the way through, I said to my friend, '*so how do you think we are doing?*'. She said '*Oh, fair to middling – like FIRST*'. I couldn't believe it! We managed to retain that position, ending up with 66.45%. However, that was all the glory! There are no prizes, no supper tickets, no nothing. The Club took in over \$2000 that day, and apart from the Director's fee and a bit of tea and coffee, that was all profit. We don't know how lucky we are at our fabulous Bridge Club. **[And as John Clarke "Fred Dagg" would say to us: "We don't know how lucky we are!". Ed]**

## ***Welcome to New Member: Ross Quayle***

## ***Monthly Pairs - Results from March 2017***

<b>Tuesday: <u>Thelma Wylde Pairs</u></b>  1 <sup>st</sup> Carol Storer & Alison Turner 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anna Locker-Lampson & Wayne Stechman	<b>Wednesday: <u>Andrew Thompson Memorial Teams</u></b>  1 <sup>st</sup> Nigel Kearney, Charles Cahn, Peter Newell & Martin Reid. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alan Grant, Anthony Ker, Kate Davies & John Patterson
<b>Thursday: <u>J Robson Cup Pairs</u></b>  1 <sup>st</sup> Donna Upchurch & Jolene Zink 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tone Borren & Jan Borren	<b>Friday Hobson Pairs</b>  1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Weatherley & Lindy Thomson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Val Cooper & Sally McLean

## ***Results from Recent Tournaments - Congratulations***

<b><u>Kapi Mana Int/Junior Tournament. 19 March</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Mira Trifunovic & Graham Potter  <b><u>South Wairarapa Intermediate 2<sup>nd</sup> April</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Karen Eriksen & Jude Lucas	<b><u>Masterton Open 26<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> 1st Alan Grant & Anthony Ker 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graeme Norman & Patrick D'Arcy  <b><u>South Wairarapa Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> April</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Simon Dixie & David Fowler
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