

News – August 2015

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Please arrive and be seated by 7.20 pm on playing nights.
Quiz 2015 – Saturday 29 August at 7.30 pm
Wellington Club Open tournament on Sunday 6 September

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

Another month and another two successful events at the club. Firstly we held the North Island pairs that were won by Kathy and Anthony Ker - well done. All reports back say that this was a well-run and enjoyable event, so thanks to all who contributed to making it so.

In the weekend just gone, 56 Youth players from around the country were in Wellington enjoying the hospitality of our club members, and the bridge. Again the event was a success thanks to the organisation by Richard Solomon on behalf of New Zealand Bridge, and for all of our club members who had billets, played on Saturday evening and in other ways helped for the weekend.

A couple of important dates coming up for your enjoyment are the quiz night on Saturday 29 August and the Wellington Club Open tournament on 6 September – hope to see you at one or both of these events.



Winners of the North Island Pairs:
Anthony & Kathy Ker



Directors looking very happy too:
Vivienne Cannell, Murray Wiggins, Caroline Wiggins and Sam Ward

20A North Island Pairs – 1 & 2 August

We held a very successful tournament under the auspices of visiting director Caroline Wiggins with Scoring/IT managed by Murray Wiggins for the two days – 21 tables for the Saturday and 26 tables for Sunday's Consolation 3A Tournament. Very nice too to welcome again our regular out of town supporters who tell us they love our Wellington tournaments. In fact one of them said the trestle tables were "groaning with food"! A big thank you to our tournament committee managed by Christine Haronga and Toni Izzard, to Bridget who co-ordinated so many little details, to our directors and caddies, to Mindy Wu's catering staff and to our wonderful members for their hoards of fabulous home baking.

Congratulations to the winners **Anthony and Kathy Ker**. Sounds like a very exciting finish as Anthony Ker describes below.

"With six hands to go and just 5 matchpoints separating the top 4 places we sat down against Douglas Russell and Rachelle Pelkman. Sitting North holding

♠Q4
♥963
♦K752
♣A543

Kathy had to choose a lead after the following auction:

Dir: S EW Vul
South West North East
Pass 1♥ pass 1♠
Pass 2♣ pass 3♥
Pass 4♥ All pass.

With first place hinging on this decision, what would be your choice?

BD: 19 Dir S Vul: EW

♠Q4
♥963
♦K752
♣A543

♠873
♥AQT874
♦---
♣KQJ2

♠J965
♥KJ5
♦AQT
♣987

♠AKT2
♥2
♦J98643
♣T6

3 Norths led a diamond. That would be my choice too but it allows an overtrick if declarer guesses diamonds (playing the queen, not the 10 at trick 1). 4 Norths lead a trump.

That's safer but with the 10♣ falling in two rounds 10 tricks were there.

Kathy was the only North player to start with the ♠Q! The defence quickly took the first three spades with the A♣ to come - one down was a complete top for NS.

Inspired by this we were very focused on the last 5 boards and scraped home on the last hand when a 2♣ part score failed by one trick. The final scores were very close (one top is worth 16 MP): "

- 1 478.4 ANTHONY KER - KATHY KER
- 2 474.8 GLENN COUTTS - NICK JACOB
- 3 471.2 GEORGE MASTERS - BLAIR FISHER
- 4 469.8 ALAN GRANT - IAN BERRINGTON

YOUTH WEEKEND – Last weekend - 7& 8 August

Our club hosted the biggest Youth weekend ever with 56 young players from all over the country – fantastic numbers and so interesting to meet the players and some of their parents or teachers from Invercargill, Dunedin, Westport, Oamaru, Christchurch, Blenheim, Wellington, Taupo, Napier, Taranaki, Palmerston North, Hamilton and Auckland. Richard Solomon and his helpers had planned a very full weekend. He thanked our club and in particular praised our Manager, Bridget, who he said had gone the extra mile to arrange all the many tiny details. Thank you to our club members who helped in some capacity – Martin Reid for his par contest, approximately 20 of us who played with them on Saturday evening; Mindy Wu's caterers – we heard one young man drooling over the fabulous Chinese food on Saturday evening; Alan Joseph who directed; and special thanks to our members who kindly billeted the players. It was a buzz to feel the confidence and enjoyment our Youth players are getting out of this great game!



21 tables for last Saturday evening's competition. Lots of fun and lots of noise!

Wellington Regional Committee will sponsor one Intermediate/Junior Package (value \$190) to attend the National Congress in Hamilton in September. They must be "first time" Congress attendees. Applications close 20th August 2015. For details please check with Bridget.

Thursday Night Lessons

Our thank you to Peter Newell for his interesting lesson on "Deceptive Play". Thursday nighters have really supported these monthly lessons and there's one more in September. Peter has a good book on "Leads" he said – we'll find out and let you know. We do appreciate the time to chat to our expert players on these evenings. Thank you to all of you who have helped us.



Reminder: Quiz Night 2015 – Saturday 29 August
Fundraiser for purchase of scoring devices – replacement Bridgepads

Our popular Quiz Night with Quizmaster **Dean Sole**
and Master of Ceremonies **Gordon McBride**.

Ask your friends, family and colleagues to join us. Tables for 4-10 people preferred.
7.30 pm start and \$20.00 each. Bar sales and light food available. Tables are limited as in past years – please book your table with Bridget.

All money raised will be put towards the upgrading of our Scoring devices.
Remember to fill your pockets with lots of gold coins so you can buy lots of questions !!!
This is a fun night and absolutely **NOT** to be missed.

Our IP Teams



Here's our happy Wellington Intermediate IP team – **Sam Ward, Chris Collins**
Nan Wehipeihana and Sue Johnstone. Congratulations!

The following teams will represent the Wellington region :

Open: Kathy Ker/Anthony Ker/Russell Dive/Gary Duncan
Senior: David Macdonald/Patrick Darcy/Peter Benham/David May
Women: Mindy Wu/Sandra Coleman/Joan Waldvogel/Judy Johnson
Intermediate: Sam Ward/Chris Collins/Nan Wehipeihana/Sue Johnstone

To Alert or not to Alert #2 – Alerting During the Auction - Maureen Pratchett

First some definitions

A *bid* is an undertaking to win at least a specified number of tricks (in excess of 6) in a specified denomination.

A *call* is any bid, double, redouble, or pass.

A *natural bid* is one that conveys a willingness to play in the denomination named (and does not come under the definition of conventional) OR one that shows high-card strength or length of at least 3 in the suit named.

A *natural NT bid* is one that shows a preparedness to play in NT and conveys no specific information about your suit holdings.

A *natural pass* is a pass that does not convey any conventional message about strength or suit holdings.

A *conventional call* is one that is artificial. That is, its meaning is not related to the bid (e.g., multi 2D). But it can also be one that conveys extra information about other suits or strength (e.g., 2h showing 2 suits).

Announcing 1C or natural 1NT opening bids

The partner of a player who makes a 1C or natural 1NT opening bid must promptly alert the opponents by announcing their systemic agreement using the descriptions such as the following:

- For 1C opening bids in natural (Green) systems: “2 plus”, “3 plus” or 4 plus”
- For strong club (Blue systems): The word STRONG together with the minimum HCP holding
- For other systems: “Unusual”
- For a natural 1NT opening: “12-14” or the appropriate range

If there is a mistaken announcement, the opening bidder may not correct the error during the auction nor can they indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made. If at the end of the auction the opener is to be declarer or dummy, then the Director must be called before the opening lead is made and the opponents informed that an error has been made. If they are defending, then the Director must be called at the end of play but not before. Of course the opening bidder must not take any advantage of unauthorised information arising from an incorrect announcement.

Natural calls are generally not alerted

In general, natural calls as defined above do not require an alert, but there are some exceptions.

You must alert:

- A natural bid when you have an agreement by which your bid is forcing or non-forcing in a way that your opponents are unlikely to expect. For example, responders first round jump-shift on weak hands.
- A natural bid when its meaning is affected by other agreements which your opponents are unlikely to expect. For example, a natural 1NT overcall in the second seat which does not promise a stopper in the opener's suit
- A jump raise of opener's 1-level bid, which may be weak or preemptive.

Conventional calls do need alerting

Alert all conventional calls, except do not alert the following exceptions:

- A simple 2C Stayman response to a natural NT opening bid (this is considered to be so common as to not need to be alerted).
- Any 3+ minor or 4+ major opening bid at the one level unless there is additional information (e.g. canapé).
- A strong 2C opening and the negative 2D response.
- Any double or redouble irrespective of meaning.
- Any cue-bid — a cue-bid is a bid in a suit the opponents have bid or indicated (eg by way to their conventional bid) — irrespective of the meaning of that bid.
- Any bid at the 4 level or higher.

Do not alert if you have no agreement. When asked to explain a bid, state your agreement or that you have no agreement. Most of the time there will be no penalty for alerting when this is not required.

Welcome to our new members: Jeremy Spanjaard; Vivienne Spanjaard.

2015 Annual General Meeting – Friday evening at 6 pm on 30 October

Yes it's that time again, AGM time coming up. Time to think "would I like to become a member of the Committee?" If that sounds like you, please have a chat to Bridget or Kevin or a committee member. Last year we had a very large turnout which will more than likely be repeated again for this year's meeting with the same dinner and bridge format following. A formal notice of the AGM will be on the notice board. Remits are invited. Cost for the evening will be \$10 and will include a free dinner. Bar sales of course. Please diary this date now.

6 pm Annual General Meeting
6.45 pm approx. Dinner in the foyer
7.30 pm approx. "AGM Pairs" multigrade.

Results from recent Tournaments

<u>Kairangi Multi-grade Teams 19 July</u> 1 st Roy Tugwell with A McDonnell, L Kondogiannis, & P Watts, 2 nd Chris Bolland Sam Ward, C Collins and L Kelly 3 rd Jane Windle, Debbie Gapes, Peter Ramsey & P Loader	<u>Levin Open July 26</u> 1 st Alan Grant & Anthony Ker 2 nd Bridget Willcox & Jo Rollo
<u>Waikanae Multi Grade 9 August</u> 1 st Phil Revell & Alan McCarthy 2 nd Alex Swainson & Peter Farley	

Monthly Pairs - Results from July 2015

<u>Tuesday - Morton Salver Pairs</u> 1 st Denise Barnett & Graham Potter 2 nd Toni Izzard & Anne Gaskell	<u>Thursday - Blomeyer Cup "BTF" Teams Pairs</u> 1 st Julie Hawkins, Alistair Young, Sandra Lepper & Robyn Steele 2 nd Sam Ward & Haley Fenwick Roy Tugwell & Nicky Bradley
<u>Friday - Pipitea Pairs</u> 1 st Barbara Allen & Sophie Atkin 2 nd Jenny Coulter & Ross Craig	