

## News – December 2015

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

Visitors Day – this Friday 11 December at 1 pm.  
Members please bring a plate.

**Wellington Christmas Cheer** Tournament –  
Saturday 12 December at 10am.

Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs – evenings of 27, 28  
& 29 December (see notice on page 3).



### Presidents Corner... Mindy Wu

An application for external funding for the kitchen renovation has been made. We would know the outcome before the end of the year.

Congratulations to the new grade captains for Thursday – Jolene Zink and Donna Upchurch who will share the duties. I would like to thank the past grade captains for their contribution in keeping the members informed of achievements and club activities: Paul Gold and Johnny Bell (Tuesday), Mindy Wu (Wednesday), Tanya Wynn (Thursday).

We have two upcoming tournaments at the club in December; the popular Christmas Cheer on Saturday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>; the Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs (evenings of Dec 27, 28, 29). The enthusiasm and help from our members to contribute their time to make these tournaments so popular and successful is always appreciated.

Have a Merry Christmas and a successful new year of bridge.

### ***Interprovincials in Christchurch 27-29 November ... Report from Joan Waldvogel***

The venue for the interprovincials this year, which were held from 28 to 30 November, was the Christchurch Bridge Club. The Wellington contingent consisted of the following four teams:

Open: Cathy Kerr, Anthony Kerr, Russell Dive, Gary Duncan.

Intermediate: Chris Collins, Sam Ward, Sue Johnstone, Nan Wehipeihana

Senior: David May, Peter Benham, Patrick D'Arcy, David Macdonald

Women: Mindy Wu, Sandra Coleman, Judith Johnson, Joan Waldvogel

Our Chef de Mission was Annette Henry who did a very good job of keeping us informed and making sure we had everything we needed.

Christchurch were excellent hosts and the organisation seemingly faultless. We were met at the airport and taken by shuttle to the club rooms. Low blood sugar levels could not be used as an excuse for poor play as food, tea and coffee was available at all times, hot water for the latter coming from a rather clever dispenser which also provided cold filtered water. Lunches, at a very moderate cost, could be ordered for Saturday and Sunday. As our team had a bye on the last round on Monday and unfortunately no prizes to collect, we chose to leave for home earlier but judging from the smells issuing from the kitchen and reports, the lunch provided by the club at close of play was a very good one. We were particularly appreciative of the special seating arrangements made for one of our team members.

The first match was at 11am on Saturday morning. However due to the weather, some flights had been delayed so not all team members were present when play started. This meant that Annette and Stephen Henry had to fill in for the absent Open players while the neutrality of two Canterbury Intermediate players was put to the test when they became honorary Wellington players. By the time play resumed after lunch with the second match, the absentees had arrived. The round robin format meant that we played each team twice, and each opposing pair once with a bye on each round. In total each team played 14 twelve board



matches. The best performing Wellington teams were the Intermediate, who finished second, and the Seniors who finished third. Two pairs scored the highest datums in their particular events. **Chris Collins and Sam Ward** in the Intermediate and **Peter Benham and David May** in the Seniors, the latter helped by David making a one heart redoubled contract. If only we could all have performed so well!

### ***extract from November 2015 Bridge e-newsletter:***

When The Inter-Provincial Championships left their regular pre Congress Hamilton home, the intention was to move them around our three main centres, Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. New Zealand Bridge is delighted to announce that in 2016, this event will take place at the Otago Bridge Club in Dunedin where all the well-known hospitality of the "Deep South" will be evident.

We thus look forward to plenty of entries when all regions hold their trials over the same weekend, a new innovation for 2016, on the weekend of May 14/15<sup>th</sup>.

At the time when it has been decided **not to run the National Clubs' Competition in 2016**, it is worth reporting on the success of inter-club competitions in both Auckland and Wellington. Other regions also have club competitions during the year but not with the monthly regularity of those in our two large North Island cities, where Friday night is definitely inter-club bridge night. Both competitions have just finished for the year. It is worth reflecting the numbers who have taken part in these grade events where clubs can have more than one team representing them in each grade.

### ***Congratulations to our Inter-Club winners:***

Wellington	teams	Winning team	Captain
Open	10	<b>Wellington 1</b>	Annette Henry
Open Restricted	10	<b>Wellington 1</b>	Paul Cushnie
Intermediate	18	Karori 2	Margot Brough
Junior	14	South Wairarapa	Alice Forward
Novice	6	<b>Wellington</b>	Edmund Stephen-Smith



## ***Gloria and Neil Crabbe Trophy***

Congratulations to the inaugural winners of this trophy being presented by Gloria Crabbe.

**Sophie Atkin and Hitomi Maruo**



## ***Christmas Cheer Tournament on Saturday***

Tickets are still available for the fabulous Christmas Hamper raffle & other prizes. Reminder - please bring a suitable Christmas food item this week for the hamper. Raffle tickets 3 for \$5 or \$2 each.

## ***Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs Tournament*** ***sponsored by Morrison Kent, Lawyers***

***Evenings of December 27, 28 & 29***

***Play commences: 7.30 each night***

***Playing options: Players may participate on any or all of the 3 playing nights***

***Cost per player: All 3 nights - \$25***

***Sunday night \$10***

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***Tuesday night \$10***

***Payment can be made online directly to Wellington Bridge Club: 030 518 0093731 00***

This is a 5A Point tournament and players are welcome to "roll up" on the night or nights without booking although of course pre-booking helps the organisers. The first night seems to be the most popular and in recent years we have had a full house with 25 plus tables.



## **Welcome to our new members:**

Peter Smeaton 1 ; Shirley Anne Morrow 1; Justin Brownlie 1;  
Denise Clark 1; Kathy Ker 4; Sara Engel 1

## **Results from Recent Tournament**

Palmerston North Christmas Cheer won by **Anthony and Charles Ker**

## **Monthly Pairs - Results from November 2015**

<p><b>Tuesday - <u>Thorndon Trophy Handicap Pairs</u></b></p> <p>1st Alice Baird &amp; Johnny Bell 2nd Tegan Bennik &amp; Andrew Gentle</p>	<p><b>Wednesday - <u>Poppy Roberts Final</u></b></p> <p>1st Alan Grant &amp; Anthony Ker 2nd Stephen Henry &amp; Stephen Blackstock</p> <p><u>Poppy Roberts Plate:</u> 1st Mindy Wu &amp; Sandra Coleman 2nd Joan McCarthy &amp; Judith Johnson</p>
<p><b>Thursday - <u>Robson Cup Teams</u></b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Brad Tattersfield, Malcolm Greig, Tim Heartt &amp; Michael Revell 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Brucker, Phillipa Gardiner, Pam Skogstad &amp; Sue Johnstone.</p>	<p><b>Friday - <u>Gloria &amp; Neil Crabbe Pairs</u></b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Atkin &amp; Hitomi Maruo 2<sup>nd</sup> Sushila Kumar &amp; Sandra Lepper</p>

**Reminder:** 2016 Programme Book is available now.

**Another Reminder:** The little \$70 book of tickets for 10 nights of happy bridge at the Wellington Bridge Club is a great little Christmas present and stocking filler!



## **Happy Holidays & Safe Travelling.**

Thank you one and all who have contributed to our Newsletters during the year. It is very much appreciated - keep your ideas, interesting hands, and contributions coming this way please. Ed