

**WBC News – Tuesday 14 February 2017**

**Happy Valentines Day!**



*Best of Luck to the players travelling to the Gold Coast Congress,  
if the Bridge is not great then the weather must be better than here!!*

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

**Poppy Roberts** players: Please note your Programme Book - the amended date for 22 February (being the first night of the Poppy Roberts) is now 1 March as many of our players will be at the Gold Coast Congress in February. Reminders will be sent closer to the date. Please check this with your intended partner.

**Subscriptions** were due by 1st January 2017

**Sewing Bee** – Saturday 11 March – for details read on...

## **Presidents Corner... Brad Tattersfield**

Hi everyone

Wellington's so-called "summer" has had a positive spin-off for bridge. Our January monthly playing numbers have been the highest for at least the last decade! Nice that bridge has given so many of us some relief from the awful weather.

A reminder that "Pay and Play" is up and running again this year. This is a good opportunity for improvers to play with a stronger player, on the basis that the improver pays table money for both. Please contact Bridget if you are interested in Pay and Play, either as an improver or a mentor.

The consultation report on NZ Bridge's restructuring plans, by Allan Morris of Auckland and our own Stephen Henry, is now up on the NZ Bridge website. It is interesting reading and reflects views expressed by many of our members about the process and transparency around NZ Bridge's plans.

The NZ Bridge controversy has raised interest in this year's board elections. There are currently two nominations for chairperson and seven nominations for the two board positions up for election, though those numbers may change by the time nominations close at the end of today.

The committee has discussed the nominees and formed an initial view on who we may support, though given the high level of interest among members this year we would welcome any views on the qualities of the candidates on offer that might help us finalise our decision. If you have any useful insights, please send these to Bridget by the end of this month.

**PS** – We have just received a letter from Alan Turner, the "whistle blower" on the NZ Bridge board, saying that his nomination to stand as chairperson has been refused by the Board. The saga continues!

## ***Tomorrow Afternoon (Wednesday) at 1 pm***

**"The Tourist"** - A great movie with Johnny Depp posing as a school teacher. I think our Tourists will be a little more low key, although they are also retired teachers! Come along this Wednesday for a 1pm start as we will be hosting a group of visitors. This will be a casual/social bridge session, as our visitors are mainly "social players". If you can, please bring a plate for afternoon tea. Let's make this a fun afternoon and show the American Tourists some good old fashioned Kiwi hospitality. *(at this stage we are not sure how many will be coming but will be fun anyway).*

## ***Beginners Lessons for 2017***

To date we have approximately 20+ starting lessons/mini bridge tonight. There's still time for further enrolments in the next couple of weeks.

## ***Thursday Night Lessons before Neal Salver Pairs***

Anthony Ker has very kindly offered to kick-start our lessons with "*Play the Hand with Me*". This promises to be another of Anthony's excellent lessons. 6.30pm – Thursday 2 March.  
We will send you a reminder by email.

## ***2017 Interclub***

Reminder to register please...Entries need to be in by 24<sup>th</sup> February. To date we have:  
3 Open  
5 Open Restricted  
1 Junior  
No Intermediate or Novice Teams to date.

Bridget has expressions of interest from players wanting to join a team, so if you are struggling to get a team together let Bridget know as she may have some suitable players.

## ***A helping Hand Required***



We are replacing our tablecloths and need a helping hand or two,  
No need any Sewing experience but able to lift a heavy bolt of material (boy job)  
the other with some basic sewing knowledge (girl job!)  
But let's not categorize!!.

You will be under the guidance of an expert.  
Please contact Bridget if you are available on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## ***Subscriptions - Reminder Please***

Subscriptions were due by 1st January 2017. To date **74.25** % of members have paid.

## ***Welcome to New Members:***

**Rhonda Sweetman (3); Pam Cromie (5); Maureen Sheldon (2)  
Diane Horton (2)**

## ***We're off to a good start!***

### Playing Numbers as at 31 January 2017 (Calendar year to date)

January	Tues	Wed Day	Wed	Thur	Fri	Total
2010	156		252	264	32	704
2011	124		288	288	34	734
2012	140		338	316	86	880
2013	80		342	358	68	848
2014	114		340	374	82	910
2015	110		316	298	84	808
2016	128		296	308	74	806
<b>2017</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>934</b>

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

<b>Tuesday: Watts Jug Ladder</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> John Norling 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alice Baird	<b>Wednesday: Young Cup Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Carolyn Black & Peter Benham 2 <sup>nd</sup> Charlie Cahn & Nigel Kearney
<b>Thursday: Alder Cup Ladder</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Michael Cox 2 <sup>nd</sup> Suzanne Johnstone	

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

<b>Waikanae Open Pairs- 12 February:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Isobel Ross & Derek Snelling 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lynda Rigler & Peter Delahunty (Congrats to Isobel & Derek with 70.90% in 2 <sup>nd</sup> session!)	<b>South Island Teams</b> 1st Alan Grant with Teammates Jane Lennon, Christine Duckworth and Brian Callaghan 3rd Kate Davies with Team mates Anne Somerville, Moss Wylie and Blair Fisher. <u>Top Datum Pair:</u> Anthony Ker and Charles Ker. <u>Hearts Section 2<sup>nd</sup></u> Helen Fitzgerald & Team-mates.
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## **Last Reminders:**

Come along – Wednesday Afternoon (15<sup>th</sup>) Play at 1 pm – we have overseas visitors joining us

Entries for Interclub by 24 February 2017

Poppy Roberts amended date: Wednesday 1 March

Thursday 2 March at 6.30 pm - Lesson with Anthony Ker

Sewing Bee – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Pay & Play – it really works !

Subscriptions please