

## WBC News – January 2014

Happy New Year and Welcome Back

Good Luck to those playing in Canberra

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

Goulash Fun Night – Friday 14 February 2014 at 7.30 pm

Poppy Roberts Trophy Pairs 5A Tournament, first night Wednesday 19 February

### Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

Welcome back to Bridge for the 2014 year. The club continues to thrive with a record of over 14,000 player nights of bridge last year.

As a club we aim to provide well managed bridge competition for all and also encourage those who are newer to bridge. As bridge players across all grades will know, you can always improve, and perfection is always around the corner.

This year we welcome new grade captains, Anna Locker-Lampson and Johnny Bell for Tuesday nights, Mindy Wu for Wednesday night and Tania Wynn and her helpers for Thursday night.

We are holding a bridge goulash evening for all club members on Friday 14 February. This evening will be a fun (and challenging) night of bridge and I would encourage all who can to come along. See details in this newsletter.

#### Avoiding slow play



Persistent slow play can be distracting and upsetting for other players, and recent instances have prompted several complaints. Following this, the committee has asked our directors to more actively enforce the club's existing guidelines for managing slow play. As a last resort, and only after a warning to the players involved, directors can apply a penalty for slow play of 10 percent of the available match points on a board, or three imps in a teams/swiss pairs event. Of course we want to avoid using penalties, so players are encouraged to keep to time. For pairs events, 14 minutes per two-board round are allowed on junior nights, and 13 minutes for all other club sessions.

#### ***Schneideman Memorial Premier Teams Final***

Congratulations to the four finalist teams and specially to the winning Henry Team of Stephen Henry, Stephen Blackstock, Martin Reid, Peter Newell, Annette Henry and Anna Herries.

2nd Grant Team ; 3rd McLeod Team : 4th Thomson Team

#### ***Congratulations to winners of the Points Cups for 2013***

A Grade:	1 <sup>st</sup> Nigel Kearney	2 <sup>nd</sup> Anthony Ker
A Reserve:	1 <sup>st</sup> Bridget Willcox	2 <sup>nd</sup> Paul Cushnie
B Grade:	1 <sup>st</sup> Pauline Murtagh	2 <sup>nd</sup> Greta Keur
Friday afternoon:	1 <sup>st</sup> Sophie Atkin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shirley Green

Olly Lenart Trophy (most promising beginner): Terry Neal

## ***Suzanne Duncan Memorial Pairs Tournament***

What a great three nights relaxing bridge we had – specially for those sitting West on the first night! Many of us did not play one hand all night and it didn't improve much for West on the second night either. Who dealt these boards? Our Wellington Club really enjoys hosting this tournament for members and visitors and it's good to welcome back the out of towners who make this tournament a regular fixture in their Christmas holiday break. Good numbers too, consistent over all three nights with 25 tables. Thank you to Kevin Walker who directed the three nights' play ably assisted by Sam Ward (who fabulously also helped with throwing coffee cups in the dishwasher). A huge thank you to Ruth Gilmore who prepared the last supper and thank you to sponsors, Morrison Kent Lawyers. The best thing for the committee though was the wonderful way all our members helped to tidy the room and tables each night, put away cups and generally help help help. Makes such a difference and very much appreciated.



Winners: James Li and Nigel Kearney (absent)

Congratulations to the prize-winners and a close finish for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>James Li and Nigel Kearney</b>	(60.96%)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>John Patterson and Kate Davies</b>	(60.18%)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Russell Dive and Anthony Ker</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stephen and Annette Henry</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dinnie Hall and Mindy Wu</b>	

## **\*\* Beginners Lessons for 2014 \*\***

### **Now's the time to spread the word and/or put up a flyer on your notice board at work.**

Please print off a flyer or two from our website or there's some in the foyer. Alan Grant will again be taking the lessons commencing Tuesday 18 February at 7.45 pm. There will be "Free " Mini Bridge Lessons for the first three weeks. The \$70 cost for the 12 weeks tuition includes comprehensive take-home notes. Remember those friends who said, "yes one day I'll get around to playing bridge" – well this year let's talk them into it!



### ***Valentines Day Goulash Fun Night - \$10 each***

***Friday 14 February at 7.30 pm***

Our first social evening to kick the year off... Please diary the date now and enter your name on the notice board – we encourage you to register and pay online. Goulash bridge is suitable for all grades so please Tuesday nighters come along and enjoy. If you're not familiar with the term "Goulash" don't be put off – it's a method of dealing the cards to produce freak hands. This promises to be a hilarious evening and you are welcome to fancy dress to create the mood, and there will be prizes for the various grades.



What's the bet you will find it hard to keep a straight face when you pick up ♠ AKQJ10976542 ♥ - ♦ Kx ♣ - 😊!  
If you don't have a partner, Bridget is very good at matchmaking! All the more the merrier and we can promise you it will be a very merry evening! Supper and bar available.

## **Calling any sponsors out there?**

The club committee works hard to keep all member costs as low as possible, so that bridge remains affordable for everyone. Sponsorship is one way of raising extra income for the benefit of us all. It can take many forms: support for a regular monthly club competition or tournament, or it can be tied to a particular activity such as building maintenance and upgrading. Some members may be in a position to offer sponsorship themselves, or they may know of other possible sponsorship sources. The committee would love to hear from anyone interested in sponsorship – if this sounds like you, please contact Bridget and she will arrange an initial obligation-free discussion.

## **30 December 2013 428 Total Membership**

Associate Members	22	Friday Members	27
Life Members	5	Members	368
Youth Members	6		

Membership subscriptions paid to date: 56% paid.

### **Reminder Please**

Subscriptions were due by 1st January 2014

## **Friday 13 December – Visitors Day**

We had 17 tables. Congratulations to the winners: North/South - Ann Tyrie and Joan McCarthy 60%; and East West - Mary Wilson and Rhona Carson with 57.1%.

**Supper Breaks in January:** There will be none! We will not be having a tea person for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights throughout January. However, you are welcome to help yourself to tea and coffee and a biscuit during play.

## **Results from December 2013**

<b>Tuesday Night: Committee Cup Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Pauline Murtagh and Haley Fenwick 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jenny Norris and Nicola Varuhas	<b>Wednesday Night: Schneideman Memorial Plate</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> David Macdonald and Patrick Darcy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Benham and John Luoni
<b>Thursday Night: Summer Pairs:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Bridget Willcox and Joanne Rollo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ken Betteridge and Patricia Herbert	

**From the Editor:** Another big year ahead of us, so please feel free at any time to send me or Bridget your interesting bridge hands, snippets of goss, photos, results from tournaments you've played in – write-ups from say Canberra / Gold Coast congresses – you know what we enjoy reading. We have a faithful little band of contributors at various times and this is much appreciated. **Jenny Delany**