

WBC News – July 2016

Put it in your Diary

Wellington Open 5A – 31 July 2016. Please register on our Notice Board. See “Help is Needed” on Page 3
New Kitchen Christening Bridge & Dinner: 28 August at 2 pm. All grades welcome. Check our Notice Board and/or website for registration.

Presidents Corner... Mindy Wu

Work on the kitchen is progressing nicely and we hope it will be all done by the time we hold the Wellington Open tournament (31 July). In the meantime, please be patient with any disruption or inconvenience this may cause.

We are in the height of the flu season. If you're not feeling well and think you may be in the infectious stage of your illness, please be considerate by doing your best to avoid infecting others. The Club has tissues and sanitizing gel available in the playing room and by the water cooler.

People are falling back into bad habits by turning up late at the table, meaning later finishing times. Please remember to be seated by 7.20pm.

The Club has introduced two additional playing sessions on Wednesday (11am-2.30pm) and Sunday (2pm-5pm), as per members' request from the recent Survey. However, we need more people to support these events in order to make it viable. Partner is not required so just turn up if you have a few hours spare.

Help ! Do you know a suitable person to do the Tea on a Friday afternoon 2pm and as a backup during the week nights?



Goodbye to the Orange Kitchen Fundraiser on Sunday, 26 June



It was perfect timing weather wise to support this fundraiser – nice and warm at the club and a happy group of 6 tables playing a Howell of 27 boards. Although rumour had it we were being served one of Mindy's delicious hot curries, the surprise was a slow baked beef casserole, mashed potatoes, green peas and beans, followed by a serving of “paradise slice”. A perfect finish for lots of hungry players. **Paula Jenner and Tony Lenart** were the winners. Thank you all for your support.

Improvers Day last Saturday 9th July.

19 attended Alan Grant's Improvers Day, a mixture of Club Members and a few players from some of the other Wellington Clubs. A great day of Bridge for those wanting to sharpen their skills, very informative, lots of interaction and a nice lunch to boot, supplemented with a tasty slice provided by Birthday Girl, Shirley Anne Morrow. A big thank you to Mary-Jane Farrell who assisted Alan with admin/lunch/clearing up. Alan was kept on his toes with loads of questions from the floor. Hopefully the attendees will put their newly learned tricks into practise on Tuesday night!

We look forward to Part II of Alan's Improvers Day later in the year. Tentatively Saturday 29th October.

New Kitchen Christening Bridge & Dinner

Please diary **Sunday 28 August** because we are going to have another Bridge Afternoon & Dinner to celebrate our wonderful bright and beautiful new kitchen. Mindy Wu & her team of course will be catering and she has promised if there are 40 players or more, she will cook one of her finest curries! And another promise: this will be a fun tournament and the source of final proceeds towards the Kitchen Upgrade.

Cost is \$25 for bridge and dinner. Bridge at 2pm: Dinner approximately 6 pm.
Register now on the Notice Board or email Bridget.

Thursday Lessons:

Many thanks indeed to Peter Newell for his lesson on Hand Evaluation. A very good attendance and we picked up various tips eg:

Points are only a guideline – they tend to undervalue Aces, and 10s, and over value Jacks

- Short suit honours are often weak
- Consecutive honours and intermediates are good - J1098; QJ10
- Length of suits makes a difference – adds a lot to playing strength but having a fit is still key
- Hand pattern makes a difference
- Context is important – ie who has bid what...

Rex Benson reports on Round 6 of the recent Regional Teams event played at the Hutt Club.

In a bizarre set of ten boards, the contracts were :

2S-N, 3S-S, 4S-N, 2S-S, 4S-S, 4S-E, 3D-N, 2S-E, 1S-N, 4S-W.

Although one of us remarked on the emerging pattern halfway through the set, there was no connivance to arrive at the final outcome of nine out of the ten deals being played in spades. Might this be some sort of record?



Help is needed please!


Our Wellington Open tournament is being held at the club on Sunday 31 July. How would you like to be the first to utilise our brand new kitchen for one of our major tournaments? We would be thrilled if you could volunteer an hour or two of your time to man the kitchen, collect cups etc. Hours would be from 9 am to 6 pm. Please let Bridget know if you can help here.

Monthly Pairs - Results from June 2016

Tuesday: Neal Trophy Pairs 1 st Simon Havill & Jenny Norris 2 nd Greta Keur & Judy Mallalieu	Wednesday: United Nations Cup Pairs 1 st Anthony Ker & Nigel Kearney 2 nd Sophie Atkin & Nebojsa Djorovic
Thursday: Bill Joss Memorial Swiss Pairs 1 st Frances Blyth & Tone Borren 2 nd Julie Hawkins & Alistair Young	Friday afternoon: Winter Pairs 1 st Sally McLean & Joan McCarthy 2 nd Mhairi Smith & Lindy Thomson

Results from Recent Tournaments - Congratulations

<u>Kapi Mana Open 19 June</u> 1 st Sandy McKirdy & Graham Stronach 2 nd Anna Herries & Annette Henry 3 rd Heather Jared & Warren Johnson	<u>Dannevirke Intermediate/Junior 2 July</u> 2 nd Martyn Newman-Hall & Peter Ramsey
<u>Kairangi Multi-grade Teams</u> 1 st Tony Sutich, Lorraine Sutich with team-mates R Barnard & C Bridge 2 nd Rosa Mishkin, Allan Joseph, Yiyang Wang & Alison O'Dea 3 rd Gail Tippett, Paul Maxwell, Susan Brown & Keith Massey	<u>Main Centre Teams 2/3 July</u> 1 st Peter Newell, Martin Reid, with team-mates Geo Tislevoll & Michael Ware



Welcome to New Member: Janel Bennik 1

Advert:

Tai Chi

Place Victoria Bridge Club
 Time Sundays 10 am for 1hr.
 Contact: Joan McCarthy ph 3851006
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 Very good for Balance!!!

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