

WBC News – May 2016

Presidents Corner... Mindy Wu

Occasionally an idea for improving the Club that may seem obvious when you look at it, except for the fact that no-one has actually suggested it or thought of it for a number of years.

Julie Hawkins, has presented a discussion paper to the Committee on the Wellington Bridge Club Library. What library you may ask? Oh yes – the one with a few old books in behind the glass door cabinet in the foyer. The one where the last borrowed book was several years ago.

The Club now has a number of books donated by the late Dougal McLean and Andrew Thomson, and others. Julie has suggested we open up the library again and catalogue and stock the library with a mixture of beginners to advanced books for the club members to borrow at no cost.

We think it is a great idea, and we welcome any new suggestions that will help reinvigorate the Club.

Wellington Regional Congress – Anzac Weekend

Again this year, the familiar faces of the Wellington Regional Committee organised a very enjoyable weekend's tournament with players attending from Auckland down to Invercargill – mainly Open grade players – maybe the word "Congress" deters Junior or Novice players from entering? It would be satisfying to build up these numbers for next year. We must thank all those kind and busy people who helped to make the weekend a success – and there were many comments from visitors confirming what a well organised, well run tournament and fabulous catering they enjoyed. Congratulations to the prizewinners and our Wellington Club members: Photos at the back page....

Open Teams Final:	1 st Martin Reid and Peter Newell with Michael Ware & Geo Tislevoll
Intermediate Teams Final:	1 st Graham Potter, Jolene Zink, Glenn Bush, Mira Trifunovic
Open Swiss Pairs:	2 nd Dale Lacey and Robyn Freeman-Greene
Tommys Junior Pairs:	1 st : Lee Walker & Amy Haste; 2 nd Denise Barnett and Tegan Bennik
Intermediate Pairs:	1 st Malcolm & Brad Tattersfield; 2 nd Stephanie Smith & Pam Hancox
Open Pairs :	2 nd Peter Benham & Brian Cleaver; 3 rd Ray Gruschow & Graeme Norman

The "Kitchen Upgrade" raffle was enthusiastically supported, raising (after expenses) \$636.00. Raffle winners were:

1 st	Pink	150	Dale Lacey	4 th	Pink	145	Shona Spencer
2 nd	Green	105	Tereska Knap	5 th	White	6	Gail Tippett
3 rd	White	126	Janet McMenamin	6 th	Pink	89	Judy Johnson
				7 th	White	19	Susan Brown



Some members have asked about the tax status of donations towards the kitchen fund or other club activities. We can confirm that donations to the Wellington Bridge Club are tax deductible – and, of course, we welcome any donations!

Check out our new Casual bridge days... Table money \$7.00

Wednesday Walk-In – Started 4 May

- **11am to (approx) 2:30pm.**
- **BYO lunch (lunch break after about 12 boards), self service tea/coffee.**
- **No partner required - all sessions are individual sessions.**
- **Playing or non-playing Director (as required).**
- **Open to all members of Wellington Bridge Club.**

Supper tickets will not be awarded, but the individual with the most C points will be recognised at the end of the year.

The first day of Wednesday Walk-in saw 8 players walk through the door. 2 pairs had arranged to play together and the other 4 players came along ready to be paired with a partner. As there were two tables it was decided to play a team match! Twelve Boards were played before lunch. BYO Lunch was a cosy affair in the lobby complete with checked tablecloths and during the break there was lively discussion with lots of helpful tips from Director, Heather Jared. The hand records for the 12 played boards were available. The second half of the session saw the pairs switch around to play the other half of the Team. A most enjoyable day's bridge.

Sunday Stroll-In - Started 8 May

- **2pm to (approx) 5pm.**
- **No tea break, but self service tea/coffee.**
- **All sessions are individual sessions.**
- **Open to all bridge players from any club.**
- **Supper tickets will not be awarded, but the individual with the most C points will be recognised at the end of the year.**

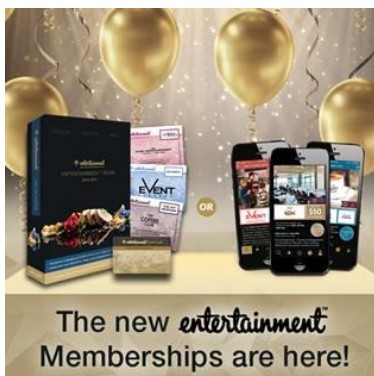
Mother's Day was the first in our Sunday afternoon bridge sessions with 4 players arriving. They had a very informative informal session under the guidance of Director, Suzanne Duncan. A wee quote from one of the players attending sums it up. *"Thank you to all those involved for arranging the Stroll-in Sundays. I attended the inaugural one today and I can say definitely this was the best Bridge session I have had ever since I started classes last year."*

Now that Winter is nearly here.... (or supposedly we will see it soon) ... the Sunday Stroll-in could be an idea to invite your social bridge playing friends and arrange a casual dinner after play and do a pot luck dinner. We hope to see more of you this week.



Saturday afternoon improvers play

How about coming along to our informal bridge sessions on Saturday afternoons (fortnightly) where you all play the same hand and also have a brief discussion after each hand with an experienced player there to give helpful advice? The purpose of the sessions is to assist with confidence and reinforce skills. If this interests you, please contact Bridget for the timetable. No partner required.



Entertainment Books. Wellington Bridge Club are fundraising for the "Kitchen Upgrade" Project. Why not support us and entertain yourselves. <http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10490x3>

Monthly Pairs - Results from April 2016

<p>Tuesday: <u>Tuesday</u> Morley/Bennett Ladder 1st Tegan Bennik; 2nd Wayne Stechman</p>	<p>Wednesday: Jubilee Cup Pairs 1st Ray Gruschow & Graeme Norman 2nd Peter Benham & Dale Lacey</p>
<p>Thursday: President Cup Teams 1st Christine Haronga, Turei Haronga, Gail Tippet & Paul Maxwell 2nd Jolene Zink, Nebojsa Djorovic, Shelley Best & Nan Wehipeihana</p>	<p>Friday afternoon: Autumn Pairs 1st Peter Benham & Sylvia Johns 2nd Mary Slowey & Pat Knight</p>

Results from Recent Tournaments - Congratulations!

<p><u>Kapi Mana Multigrade Pairs May 8</u> Overall winners and top Open Pair: Max Wigbout and Joan Waldvogel (Wellington Club) Top Junior/Junior Pair: Denise Barnett & Tegan Bennik Top Intermed Pair: Malcolm Greig & Brad Tattersfield</p>	<p><u>Upper Hutt Open 1st May</u> 1st Anthony Ker & Charles Ker 2nd Clinton Scott & Haley Fenwick 3rd Sandy McKirdy & Graham Stronach</p>
<p><u>Upper Hutt Junior 1st May</u> 1st Denise Barnett & Tegan Bennik</p>	<p><u>Kairangi Intermediate 17th April</u> 2nd Pauline Murtagh and Mike Murtagh</p>
<p><u>Kairangi Junior 17th April</u> 1st Denise Barnett and Tegan Bennik</p>	<p><u>Masterton Open 17th April</u> 1st Mindy Wu & Sandra Coleman</p>

Winners from Wellington Regional Congress – Anzac Weekend



**Brad Tattersfield & Malcolm Greig -
1st Intermediate Pairs**

Amy Haste & Lee Walker 1st Junior Pairs



Winners of the Intermediate Teams:
**Glenn Bush, Jolene Zink, Mira
Trifunovic, Graham Potter**

Winners of the Open Teams:

Peter Newell, Martin Reid, Geo Tislevoll and Michael Ware

