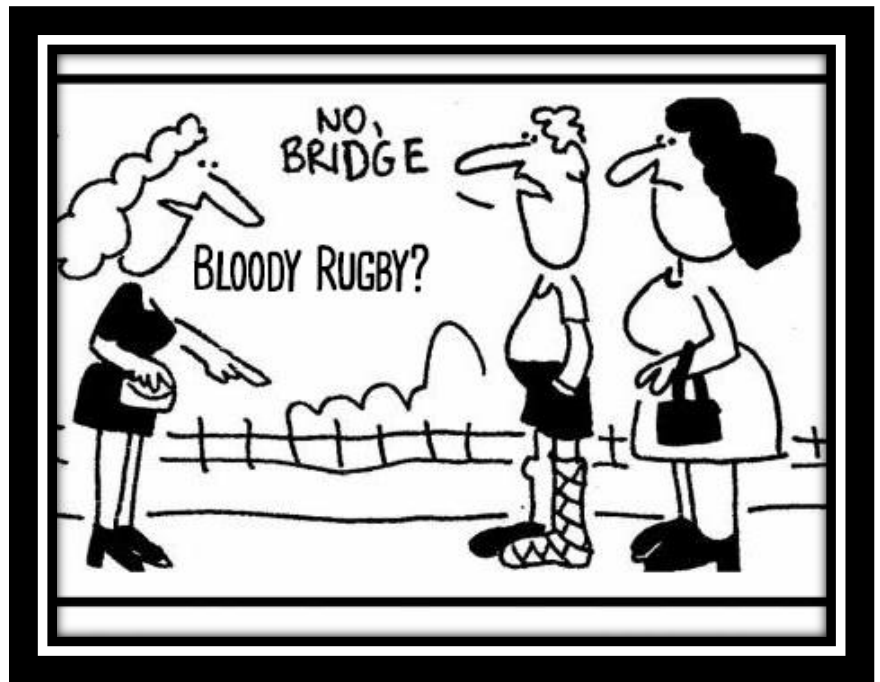


## October 2018 Newsletter President's Corner... Brad Tattersfield

Hi everyone

Our club is continuing its proud record of success at top levels of bridge. Seven of our players have been selected as triallists to represent New Zealand in various teams for the 2019 international programme. Congratulations to Peter Newell, Martin Reid, Alan Grant, Kate Davies, John Patterson, Stephen Henry and Annette Henry, and the best of luck for the trials next month.

With the year winding down and our annual general meeting coming up, we can reflect on a pretty good year. Memberships are holding up, and our building and finances are in good shape. We are providing tournaments and lessons at all playing levels, and most of our playing sessions are well attended.



But we have a Thursday problem – and we'd like to hear your ideas for fixing it. Just a few years ago, Thursday nights attracted similar playing numbers to Wednesdays. Now there's often only half the number of tables, sometimes less. Our Thursday night issue is on the agenda for discussion at the AGM on 2 November. We would love to hear your ideas. We have tried some changes, such as prize money for the Neal Salver monthly competition, but we need something more. Might it help, for example, to allow teams to include a Grade 4 player and still be eligible to win a competition? Or should there be an incentive for members to bring back a lapsed club member, or to introduce a new player?

Please come along at 6 pm on November 2<sup>nd</sup> – remember, you will get a free meal if you attend the AGM, which will last about 45 minutes. After the meal, you can stay and play in the New Zealand Wide pairs competition. Let Bridget know if you're coming, for catering purposes.

Finally, congratulations to our club players who achieved notable success at the recent National Congress in Hamilton – they are listed on the next page.

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

#### **Club AGM combined with NZ-wide pairs – free kai**

Come along to the club AGM (which is almost certain to be a brief affair) at 6 pm on Friday, November 2 and will be followed by the NZ-wide Pairs. The bribe to attend the AGM first is a free meal, but you must put your name on the list so we can cater the numbers. Get in your nominations to join the club committee. Should be a fun night.

#### **Club series**

**Tuesday/Junior – Thorndon Trophy Handicap** – starts Oct 23

**Thursday/Intermediate – Stockman Salver Handicap** – starts Oct 11

**Thursday/Intermediate – Robson Cup Teams** – starts Nov 8

**Wednesday/Open – Woe Wilson Mem. Handicap Pairs** – starts Oct 10

**Wednesday/Open – Poppy Roberts Trophy Finals** – starts Nov 7

**Friday Afternoon – Gladys & Neil Crabbe Pairs** – starts Oct 26

## Tournaments

**Kapi Mana – Intermediate** – Oct 14  
**Kairangi Open** – Oct 19-21  
**NZ Wide Pairs** – Nov 2  
**Waikanae Intermediate/Junior Pairs** – Nov 11  
**National Teams, Wellington-** Nov 17-18  
**Masterton Multi Teams** - Nov 17-18  
**Inter-provincial Finals (Remuera)** – Nov 24-25

## Recent triumphs - Club Series

### Tuesday- Manoy Estate Teams

1st Murray Climo, Helen Climo, Elaine McFadyen & Anne Gaskell  
2nd Carol Storer, Megan Turner, Carol Storer & Alison Turner

### Wednesday - McDermont Cup Ladder

1st Stephen Henry  
2nd Annette Henry

### Thursday - Porter Ladder

1st Denise Barnett  
2nd Diane Tredger

### Friday - Owen Cup Handicap Pairs

1st Mhairi Smith & Michael Stride (Pictured right)  
2nd Sophie Atkin & Sylvia Johns



## September tournaments

### Victoria Intermediate Pairs 9<sup>th</sup> September

1<sup>st</sup> Tegan Bennik & Jeremy Morley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sandie Lepper & Julie Hawkins  
3<sup>rd</sup> Martyn Rew & George Westermayer

### South Wairarapa Multi-grade Tournament 23<sup>rd</sup> September

2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Potter & Mira Trifunovic  
3<sup>rd</sup>= Graeme Dick & Margaret Dick  
3<sup>rd</sup>=Rosa Mishkin & Hilda Burgess

### Paraparaumu Bridge Club Multi-grade Tournament 30th September

1<sup>st</sup> Graham Potter & Suzanne Duncan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy McKirdy & Graham Stronach

## National Congress 2018

**Rubber Bridge** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Newell & Martin Reid  
**NZ Teams Final** 2<sup>nd</sup> Martin Reid Peter Newell & Teammates Michael, James, Liam & Juzz  
**NZ Open Pairs Plate** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Newell & Martin Reid  
**NZ Bridge Novice Pairs** 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Climo & Murray Climo  
**Goulash Pairs** 1<sup>st</sup> E/W Gary Duncan & Les Gould  
**Mixed Sex Pairs** 4<sup>th</sup> Johnny Davidson & Susan Laurenson  
**Same Sex Pairs** 4<sup>th</sup> Mindy Wu & Kate Terry  
**NZ Seniors Teams** 4<sup>th</sup> Lorraine McArthur Eleanor Morel & Teammates

## Super Sunday success

Joan Druett (right) and her partner won the well attended Super Sunday even held here on September 30 with an impressive 73% sitting East-West. The next Super Social Sunday will be held at Kapi Mana Bridge Club on Sunday 4th November starting at 1pm



## Best luck for our reps in the club champs

Congratulations and best luck to those selected to represent Wellington Club at the upcoming club champs on Sunday, October 28. The following were selected:

Junior	Helen Climo & Murray Climo
Intermediate	Tegan Bennik & Jeremy Morley
Restricted	Tereska Knap & Bridget Willcox
Open	Kate Davies & John Patterson.

## Gold Grandmaster Peter Newell

Congratulations to Peter Newell, who was presented with a Gold Grandmaster award by NZ Bridge Chair Alan Morris Chair at the NZ Bridge Congress in Hamilton. A Gold Grandmaster has to accumulate at 4,000 A and B points with at least 2500 being A points.



## Lots and lots of new books

**Firstly**, let me say that we have not spent the 2018/19 book budget in one mad fling! We have found a bargain books site! The McLean collection, which was donated to the club in 2016 did not go past the 1990s. This means we only have the books we have bought and those that have been donated, which are 21<sup>st</sup> century publications. So it is great that we can fill that gap for very little cost.

Most of the books we have bought are from the period 2000 – 2010. Each covers a common convention, and they are aimed at beginners who are progressing to intermediate level. From David Bird's *"Bridge Technique Series"* (All Co-Authored)

'Deceptive Card Play', 'Eliminations and Throw-Ins', 'Entry Management'.

From Barbara Seagram's *"Practice Your Bidding Series"* (All Co-Authored)

'Four-Suit Transfers', 'Jacoby 2NT', 'Jacoby Transfers', 'Splinters'. And, for those who like to analyse hands played by top competitors, 'Hands of Time', by Mark Horton, and 'Playing With the Legends' by Barnet Shenkin.

**Secondly**, thanks are due to an anonymous (at this stage) couple, for donating some books by Klingner and Marston. These will be added to the collection, giving us a second copy of each.

**Thirdly**, reassuring those who like to be completely up-to-date, two 2018 publications are on order.

Please note that these new books are not on the shelves yet. We are awaiting their arrival.  
JEH



Welcome to new Members ...

*Richard Gawith, Sue Wihare & Warwick Tiller*