

October 2020 Newsletter

President's Corner – Margaret Curnow

Kia ora tatou:

This is my last newsletter column as I will be stepping down from the role of Club President after the AGM on 30 October. It has been a busy two years, and certainly this year, a challenging time, and I have really enjoyed it. As a club we are lucky to have a very productive and hard-working committee who are consistently focused on making the playing opportunities and the bridge experience as good as they can be for our members. We have a new evening event next year with the all-grades teams' night on Mondays (details further on in the newsletter), and are in the process of reviewing our Complaints Procedures and our Zero Tolerance Policy to ensure that they meet our needs, and that we strike the right balance between acceptance of people's individual personalities and not accepting unreasonable behaviour. I look forward to sharing the results of those reviews with you before the end of the year.

I want to end with a very sincere thank you to everyone who helped with the 5A Swiss Pairs Event on 4 October and to all of you who have helped in so many ways during the year. A special thank you to Simon Louisson who has put the newsletter together for the last two years. Each month you have given us a great read Simon and a welcome chuckle with your cartoons. Margaret

Usual free dinner bribe for our AGM

We are providing the usual free dinner bribe to those who attend the club AGM on Friday, Oct 30, at 6pm. As a further incentive, you can play in the NZ-Wide Pairs tournament afterwards. You also have the option of coming to the meal only, for a very reasonable \$15. You will need to let Bridget know if you are going to be having dinner (free or paid) and register on line for the NZ-Wide Pairs. The Annual Report will be sent to all members next week.

Vote early, vote often, including at our AGM

Would you still want my vote if I told you that every candidate I voted for lost the election?



Welcome to new member

Welcome to new member Marina Smith. We also have 11 people from the lessons who are joining up, showing the value of the lessons in maintaining our membership numbers.

Assistance needed for IPs?

WBC is hosting the Inter-provincial tournament on Nov 21-23. In view of the cancellation of this year's Congress, there will be lots of attention on it. Not only are we hosting, but the Wellington region is defending the Dougal McLean Trophy after a four-year winning streak. We will need lots of helpers, so if you can lend a hand, please Bridget know.

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Wellington Region Tournaments

Babich Wines NZ-Wide Pairs 3A – Friday, Oct 30

Waikanae Intermediate 5B & Junior Pairs 3B – Sunday, Nov 8

Masterton Multigrade Teams 8B – Sunday, Nov 15

Club Tournaments

Tuesday night – Thorndon Trophy Tournament – starts Oct 20

Wednesday night – Poppy Roberts finals – starts Nov 4

Thursday night – Robson Cup Teams – starts Nov 5

Tournament and club triumphs

Club series

Friday Spring Pairs

1st Mary-Jane Farrell & Val Cooper

2nd Sophie Atkin & Suzanne Johnstone

Tournaments

Tauranga 5A Pairs Sept 26

1st Anne Marie Russell & Peter Benham (pictured right)

Paraparaumu 8 B Multigrade Sept 27

1st Sandy and Christine McKirdy

Top Open /Intermediate Rosa Mishkin & Hilda Burgess

New Plymouth 5A Swiss Pairs Sept 27

1st Kate Davies and John Patterson

2nd John Davidson and Pam Livingston



Wellington 5A All Comers Swiss Pairs Oct 4

1st Ray Gruschow & Graeme Norman (Pictured right with President Margaret Curnow)

2nd Allan Joseph & Rosa Mishkin

3rd John Davidson & Jack James

Top Open Restricted - Brad Tattersfield & Malcolm Greig

Top Intermediate Pair - Helen Climo & Murray Climo

Top Junior Pair - Ruth Harley (pictured below right) & Colleen McCaw



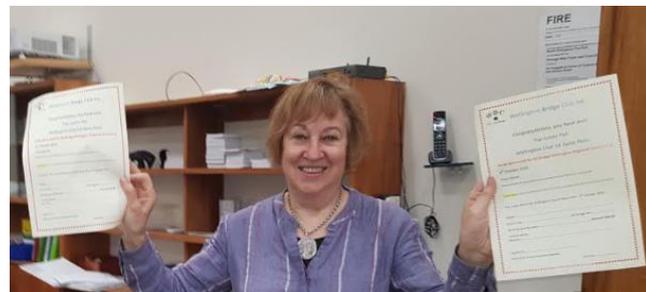
Director training course

For those wanting the challenge of becoming a director, and earning a little on the side, the Wellington Regional Committee will be organising lessons next year. If you are interested, please contact our Chief Director Sandy McKirdy.

New bridge books – notify any changes of phone# or email

Anyone with a new phone number or email, please update

Bridget before the end of the month as next year's programme book will be published next month. If you want to take out an ad or know someone who may be interested, let Bridget know.



Monday night bridge

Speaking of those who can't get enough bridge, the committee decided at this month's meeting to initiate Monday night bridge next year. The evening will be open to all comers, with everyone playing against players of their own grade. Full details will be in the 2021 Programme Book

Poppy Roberts

Because of the disruption to the programme due to Covid, there has been some confusion about qualifying for the Poppy Roberts finals. Pairs count their best five results of the six qualifying nights.

Bridge podcasts for those who can't get enough bridge (or can't sleep)

The Bridge Zone is a radio show and podcast encouraging fellow Bridge players to share the passion that enthusiasts have in playing this challenging game.

<https://www.freefm.org.nz/Programmes/Programme-Details.aspx?PID=6379a3ce-8450-482c-bad1-6b4cc2574313>



New newsletter editor Maureen Sheldon

Committee member Maureen Sheldon has kindly agreed to take over from me, Simon Louisson, editing the monthly newsletter.

“In a previous life I lived in Auckland and wrote the newsletters for the Papatoetoe Bridge Club, so feel confident that I will be able to offer an informed and easy to read monthly update which I hope you will enjoy,” says Maureen.

It would be great if people send her contributions. One suggestion made at the committee meeting was to have a roster of people writing a column on interesting hands. If you would like to have a go, let Maureen know.

