

## Hepetema 2020 Panui

### President's Corner – Margaret Curnow

Kia ora tatou:

It's Te Wiki o te Reo Maori so very appropriate for us to recognize this in our communications. It's just one week a year where real focus is given to te reo Maori, however it is one of Aotearoa's official languages, and I find it heartening to hear more and more people using te reo words and phrases in everyday conversation.

As I write, we are hopeful of returning to Level 1 next Monday at midnight and you can read elsewhere in the newsletter and on the website, what our plans are whether we do go back to Level 1 or stay at Level 2.

With all the changes we have had to bridge this year it was great to be able to hold our intermediate tournament on 6 September which we ran as a swiss pairs event. It was a great success and big thanks to Ruth Brucker and her team of helpers for all their work. The cancellation of Congress in late September, while very disappointing, has given us the opportunity to hold another tournament. It will held on 4 October , once again with a swiss pairs format.

More details on the website and on the notice in the foyer.

Keep on enjoying your bridge in whatever way you are playing it – and fingers crossed we can return to Level 1 before too long. Kia kaha

Margaret



### Congress cancelled

Sadly, NZB has had to cancel the 35<sup>th</sup> national bridge Congress supposed to be held at Lake Karapiro starting September 26. NZB Chair Allan Morris said the Covid considerations made the running of the event impossible. "It is sad but it is what it is." The main criteria was for the country to be at Level 1 by Sept 16 and the Government decision to extend the Auckland Level 2.5 for a further week, meant the NZB criteria could not be met. Leaving a decision any longer could have a detrimental impact on player travel and accommodation arrangements, Allan said.

### Compensatory all-comers tournament in Welly

As partial compensation for the cancellation of the National Congress, NZB has allowed each region to hold a tournament. So Wellington is holding a Swiss Pairs-format tournament open to all-comers on Sunday Oct 4, starting 9.30am. The tournament has a 5A ranking but there are prizes for top performing juniors, intermediates and open restricted. Juniors and others should not be intimidated as the Swiss Pairs format means you will play against pairs at your level. Lunch is provided and a cash bar will operate. Should be fun. Enter online with Oct 1 the closing date.

### AGM to again coincide with Aotearoa-wide Pairs

We will again hold our Annual Meeting to coincide with Aotearoa-wide Pairs event with a meal provided in between for those who attend the meeting.

A few vacancies have opened on the committee, with Turei Haronga and Nigel Kearney stepping down and President Margaret Curnow retiring after her two-year stint. We will of course recognise their contributions during the meeting. We are always keen for new blood on the committee, so if you know anyone who would like to join, or you would just like to nominate yourself, please step up. If you have a formal notice of motion for the meeting, you have to table it to Bridget one month ahead of the meeting (by Sept 29). The AGM starts and 6pm, the dinner at about 7pm and the cards at 7.30pm.

## Programme ahead

Uncertainty about when we will move back to Covid Level 1 has meant it has been a nightmare scheduling and rescheduling the club bridge programme. We are hoping for a shift back to Level 1 on Monday and if that proves to be the case, we will largely revert to our revised programme which you will find on the website and on the noticeboard in the lobby. The committee has decided to prioritise the Premier Teams and Poppy Roberts for Wednesday nights., the Neal Salver Pairs on Thursday nights, the Hand Trophy on Tuesday nights and the Gladys Taylor Cup Pairs on Friday afternoons.

Play at Alert Level One – a revised programme, with priority given to monthly pairs and Premier Teams.

Play at Alert Level Two - we will play pre-registered events of either Swiss Pairs or Teams

The Club will be closed at Alert Level 3 or 4.

Please check out website for weekly updates.....

## Welcome to new member

Welcome to Rosalind Cervante, playing on Tuesday nights

## Congratulations to those selected for inter-provincials

Congratulation to Wellington Club members selected to defend Wellington's title in the inter-provincials in November. Because of Covid, there were no trials and the teams was selected by a Regional committee. All of the Wellington team are members of our club, showing the strength of the club.

Nigel Kearney, Karl Hayes, Anthony Ker and Alan Grant were selected for the Open grade; Mindy Wu, Sandra Coleman, Annette Henry, and Anne-Marie Russell for the Women's team; Johnny Davidson, John Luoni, Pete Benham and Pat D'Arcy for the Senior team, and Jeremy Morley, Simon Louisson, Martyn Rew and Andrew Cushnie for the Intermediate team. No pressure, but Wellington has held the Dougal McLean Trophy for the last three years and this year it will be played on our home turf over November 21-23.



## Bridge lessons available in the library

Many of us know Andrew Robson, a 21<sup>st</sup> century top player. He was part of the British team that won the 2019 World Cup Tournament, is a brilliant teacher, and runs his own Bridge School. The club library has started collecting the 'Bridge Lessons' series on recommendation, and so far, have nine out of a series of twenty-two.

Why they are so highly thought of? To start with they are not beginners' books. They are books for beginners to start on and work their way through to become skilled players. Each book is on one subject, and are so structured that each small step of the learning process is clearly and concisely explained. The examples and the explanation for the plays are clear and easily understood. It takes a unique skill level, to be able to make complex subjects easy to understand and learn. There is something in these books for all players progressing through the levels.



### The Catalogue

An up-to-date printout of the catalogue, is now in the yellow folder. There are lists by Author, Title and Subject. The subject list should be helpful. We may have been a tad creative in our headings. But if it leads users in the right direction then it is doing its job. Julie Hawkins (Acting Librarian)

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

### **Wellington Region Tournaments**

South Wairarapa Multigrade 8B – Sunday, Sept 20 - **Cancelled**

Paraparaumu Multigrade 8B – Sunday, Sept 27

Wellington Club 5A All Comers Swiss Pairs – Sunday October 4

### ***Tournament and club triumphs***

#### **Club series**

##### **Tuesday August Lockdown Teams**

1st Jared Greig, Rosy Moar, Ambrose Fok & Simon Havill.

2nd Liz Baker, Nigel Kirk-Patrick, Elaine McFayden & Anne Gaskell

##### **Wednesday August Lockdown Teams**

1st Stephen Henry, Annette Henry Stephen Blackstock & Anne-Marie Russell

2nd Nigel Kearney, Karl Hayes, Peter Benham & Brian Cleaver

##### **Thursday August Lockdown Teams**

1st Michael Cox, Dianne Tredger, Sushila Kumar & George Westermayer.

2nd Ruth Brucker, Margaret Curnow, Yiyan Wang & Loretta Wong

##### **Friday Lockdown Teams**

1st Joan Waldvogel, Lorraine Inglis, Sophie Atkin & Sylvia Johns

2nd Lindy Thomson, Stephanie Smith, Mira Trifunovic & Pauline Murtagh

### **Tournaments**

#### **Hutt Club Intermediate Pairs 9<sup>th</sup> August**

1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Stechman & Kevin Moar

2<sup>nd</sup> Megan Turner & Sue Storer

#### **Wellington Intermediate – Swiss Pairs 6<sup>th</sup> September**

1<sup>st</sup> Martyn Rew & Andrew Cushnie (pictured right)

2<sup>nd</sup> Hilda Burgess & Sandy Connon (below right)

3<sup>rd</sup> Nicky Bradley & Miriam Lewin

(pictured below all with Ruth Brucker)

