

## September 2019 Newsletter

### President's Corner

No President's column this month, as Margaret is taking a late-Winter holiday break.

### Junior and Intermediate tournaments

It was great to see a good turnout for our junior and intermediate tournaments on 1 September. We had 21 tables battling it out, well up on last year's entries. Thanks to Ruth Brucker and her helpers for promoting and organising these events so well. Our club winners are pictured below:



(Left to right):

**Best novices special award:** Caroline Hull and Emma Holland (with Wellington Bridgemate Katherine Gough)

**Junior winners:** Murray and Helen Climo

**Junior runners-up:** Oliver McCready (who has only been playing six months!) and Hannah Revell



(Left to right)

**Intermediate third:** Sandy Connon and Jane Brenan

**Intermediate winners:** Jude Lucas and Karen Eriksen

**Junior third:** Rosy Moar and Jared Greig

## Welcome to new members

We are delighted to welcome **10 new members** this month:

Rosemary Fullerton-Smith, Wiesje Geldof, Lorraine Joslin, Michelle Liddell, Brent Smaill, J Barry Vryenhoek, Claire James, Jo Wilkshire, John Denton and David Parmeter (returning member).

## Put in in your diary - AGM and bridge – all welcome!

Our ever-popular Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday 1 November**.

As in recent years, the formal meeting will start at 6pm followed by a free dinner (but only if you attend the meeting!). After that, you are welcome to stay on for the New Zealand-wide pairs event, starting at 7.30 pm.

## Martin Reid – Gold Grand-master

This month **Martin Reid** gained Gold Grand master status – that's 4000 combined A and B points, including at least 2500 A's.

Martin has been one of New Zealand's top international players for many years, and his partnership with Peter Newell goes back nearly 30 years. They have perfected their own transfer-based bidding system that leaves regular players like this writer completely bamboozled!



Here Martin receives his certificate of achievement from Vice-President Suzanne Green.

## Volunteer of the month

Congratulations to **Denise Barnett**, who has single-handedly covered all our library books with protective plastic.

Recently, a large number of books have been donated to us. Our long-serving librarian Julie Hawkins has come out of "retirement" to catalogue the new books and enter them into our library stock, before our new librarian takes over. We now have copies of several books, some of which are being offered for adoption. Please see Julie or Bridget if you are interested.

## Technology glitch

Some of you have noticed the recent problems we've been having with automatically uploading club night "C" points onto the New Zealand Bridge website. Rest assured we're aware of the problem and we're working on it – we expect normal service to resume soon!



"Tech support says the problem is located somewhere between the keyboard and my chair."

## Five Wgtn players take on the world

This month a six-person NZ Mixed team, including five Wellington players plus non-playing Captain Peter Newell, will contest the World Championships in Wuhan, China.

Very best of luck to **Kate Davies, John Patterson, Annette Henry, Stephen Henry and Alan Grant**.

## Recent triumphs

### August 2019 Monthly Results

#### Tuesday

Capital Cup Pairs

1st Liz Baker & Anne Gaskell

2nd Janet Dobbie & Wayne Stechman

#### Wednesday

Schneideman Salver Teams

1st John Luoni, John Patterson, Kate Davies & Tegan Bennik

2nd Nigel Kearney, Karl Hayes Peter Newell & Martin Reid

#### Thursday

John Fairbairn Cup

1st Chris Woods & Julie Ballance

2nd Barbara Allen & Berni Marwick

#### Friday

Tinakori Pairs

1st Barbara Allen & Peter Benham

2nd Sophie Atkin & Sylvia Johns

### August 2019 Tournament Results

#### Hutt intermediate Pairs 11 August

3rd Andrew Smith & partner Rae Julian

#### Fullerton Teams 17 August

1<sup>st</sup> John Luoni, John Davidson, John Patterson & Kate Davies

3<sup>rd</sup> Lynda Rigler, Peter Delahunty, Sandy McKirdy & Graham Stronach

#### Otaki Junior Tournament 25 August

2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline Hull & Oliver McCready

#### Levin Multi-Grade Swiss Pairs 31 August

1<sup>st</sup> Anne-Marie Russell & John Davidson

2<sup>nd</sup> Gail Tippett & Paul Maxwell

3<sup>rd</sup> Ruth Brucker & Sandy McKirdy

4<sup>th</sup> Jo Rollo & Bridget Hannaway

#### Wellington junior Tournament 1 September

1<sup>st</sup> Helen Climo & Murray Climo

2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Revell & Oliver McCready

#### Wellington Intermediate Tournament 1 September

1<sup>st</sup> Karen Eriksen & Jude Lucas

3<sup>rd</sup> Sandy Connon & Jane Brenan

## Wellington cleans up in Levin

Wellington pairs took out the top four places at the Levin multigrade on 31 August:




(left to right)

back row – John Davidson, Ruth Brucker, Bridget Willcox, Jo Rollo

front row – Gail Tippett, Paul Tippett, Anne-Marie Russell, Sandy McKirdy

## Last Resort.....by Nigel Kearney

This hand is board 13 from the Poppy Roberts qualifying on Wednesday 28 August.

Dealer: N	♠ 10874	S	W	N	E
Vul: All	♥ 7		P	P	1♦
	♦ K9875	P	1♥	P	1NT
	♣ QJ3	P	2♦*	P	3♦
♠ J		P	6♥	P	P
♥ AK986432		P			
♦ -					
♣ A1087					
	♠ AQ9652	* Game forcing checkback			
	♥ 105				
	♦ 103				
	♣ 952				

East chose 1NT instead of 3♦ to protect the two black kings. West has enough for slam and would have been considering grand, but after East rebid 3♦ it's quite likely there is a loser somewhere, so the practical choice is to just settle for 6♥. Notice that North/South made it easy by staying out of the auction. After a 2♠ overcall by South and jump to 4♠ by North, slam might still have been reached but it would have been more difficult for East/West.

The lead was the ♠8 and declarer, Karl Hayes, ruffed the second round and considered his options. There are 11 tricks and a twelfth might come from diamonds. There are three entries to dummy (QJ of hearts and king of clubs) which is not enough to ruff diamonds three times and take advantage of a 4-3 break in the suit. The alternatives are to just ruff twice which will work if someone has Kx or Kxx or take a ruffing finesse by leading the ♦Q through South. South having the king is a bit more likely though declarer has to consider whether South might have bid something if holding an extra king.

In any case the best start is to lead a trump to dummy and ruff a small diamond, then play another trump to dummy and continue with ace and queen of diamonds. If South had followed low on this declarer would have to guess whether to run it. However, declarer was rewarded for ruffing a small diamond earlier as South showed out on the third round of diamonds.

This revealed there was no hope of establishing a diamond trick but there was still one extra chance which is to find North with the QJ of clubs. After ruffing the queen of diamonds and running all trumps but one, these cards are left:

<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>♠ -</p> <p>♥ -</p> <p>♦ K</p> <p>♣ QJ3</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>♠</p> <p>♥ 6</p> <p>♦ -</p> <p>♣ A108</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #008000; width: 80px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>♠</p> <p>♥</p> <p>♦ J6</p> <p>♣ K6</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Immaterial</p>	<p>On the last heart, dummy can spare a small diamond but whatever North discards will concede the twelfth trick - either the ♦J will be high or the QJ of clubs will drop.</p>
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