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May 2024 Newsletter

President's Message

Kia ora

Brr hasn't it been cold lately, good bridge playing weather.

Over the last few months we have had a few issues with our scoring system and have had to revert to manual scoring. The main issue has been with our wifi setup. Some of the wifi parameters had been altered and this was unexpected and not picked up straight away. The wifi connects the Scoring system (Compscore2) with the Tablets. Both Compscore2 and the Tablets were checked first and worked fine. It then took a few more days to check and isolate the wifi issues.

Outside of the wifi issue we occasionally have minor issues with the set-up of sessions (human and sometimes technical) but most of these can be fixed by restarting Compscore2/Tablets. So I am hopeful that we won't have any major issues anymore.

We have been running Sunday afternoon youth bridge sessions at Victoria Bridge Club over the past few months. This was a follow-on from the successful Bridge holiday programme that we jointly ran with Victoria in October last year. Numbers vary, but up to about 10 children are coming which is pleasing, and some of the parents are showing an interest in bridge too. If you know any children who might be interested in trying out bridge, please get in touch with Barbara Tumilowicz who is our youth bridge coordinator.

We are planning on running a further school holiday programme in the July school holidays for a week. If you may be able to help with youth bridge and our bridge holiday programme in particular please get in touch with Barbara.

If you haven't noticed already, have a look at our new website. Thanks particularly to Helen Climo, Nan Wehipeihana, and Bridget for the huge amount of work to get this live over the last 6 months. I think it is a major improvement from our old website, and we can now develop some further features that will link up to the new website.

Peter

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Beginner Bridge Lessons

The next set of lessons commences on Tuesday 11 June at 7.30 with 2 free weeks of Mini Bridge and then 10 weeks of lessons commencing on 25 June for $80. Please encourage any of your friends, colleagues or even acquaintances that have any interest in cards to come along.

April/May Monthly Results Club Series

Monday - Autumn Handicap Pairs

1st Mike & Pauline Murtagh
2nd Stuart Badger & Cathy Nijman

Tuesday Morley Bennett Ladder

1st Gavin Painter
2nd Gavin Kane

Wednesday Jubilee Cup Pairs

1st Graham Stronach & Ray Gruschow
2nd Colin Haywood & Ross Quayle

Thursday J Robson Pairs Cup

1st Dennis McKinlay & Richard Gawith
2nd Susan Brown & Helen Climo

Friday Hobson Pairs

1st Jenny Delany & Lee Miller
2nd Ann Tyrie & Sophie Atkin

Friday Autumn Pairs

1st Kim Tate & Peter Barker
2nd David Norel & Eleanor Morel

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Recent Tournament Successes April/May

Another busy and successful month for our club members. Well done to you all.

South Wairarapa Junior Pairs

2nd Rupert Rokeby-Johnson & Kathryn Brown

Upper Hutt intermediate

2nd Olivia Sawrey & Jean Williams

Paraparaumu Open

1st= John Luoini & Brian Cleaver

Victoria Multigrade

1st Sandy McKirdy & Graham Stronach
2nd Pat D'Arcy & Adrianne Dale
3rd Anne-Marie Russell & Nelson Procter

South Canterbury Teams

2nd Alan Grant, Richard Solomon, Jane Lennon, Jan Alabaster

Wellington Congress Results

Swiss Pairs

1st Anthony Ker & Kathy Ker
Top national master or below Brad Tattersfield & Malcolm Greig
Top Intermediate Pair Helen & Murray Climo

Provincial Pairs

Top national master or below - Lee McDonald & Andrew Hudson

Provincial Teams

1st Martin Reid, Peter Newell, Malcolm Mayer, Michael Ware
2nd John Davidson, Asley Bach, Leon Meier, Ramon Quennell

Intermediate pairs

2nd Martyn Rew & Andrew Cushnie
3rd Susan Brown & Denise Barnett

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Intermediate Teams

1st Dennis McKinlay, Stephanie Smith, Lindy Thomson, Sally Broadhurst

2nd Lee McDonald, Andrew Hudson, Pauline Edwards, Cheryl Scott

Congress Raffle (recently drawn)

1st Max Morrison, 2nd Sue Southern, 3rd Bruce Ivamy, 4th Lee McDonald 5th Brian Cleaver & 6th Christy Corlett.
Your prizes are in the office for collection

Upcoming tournaments

As always plenty of opportunities to play bridge within the region. I note that the Upper Hutt tournament has changed from an open tournament, as advertised in your bridge books, to a multigrade tournament. They could really do with our support so please do consider entering.

May 26	Otaki Multigrade	8B
June 9	Karori Junior Pairs	3B
June 9	Victoria Open Swiss Pairs	5A
June 16	Upper Hutt Multigrade Pairs	8B
June 23	Kapi Mana Open Pairs	5A
June 23	Masterton Int/Jun Pairs	5B/3B

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Regional Teams

The 10A regional teams event is being held at the Wellington Bridge club on 29th and 30th June starting at midday on the Saturday. As always, we will need volunteers for this event. Please let Sandy/Bridget know if you are available.

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A couple of weeks ago Jo and I decided to have our eyes tested and where else to go but Specsavers, Johnsonville. Great news to read in our recent Newsletter that Specsavers Johnsonville is now one of our sponsors. Jo booked an appointment for us both.

It's a busy little corner shop in the Johnsonville Mall; customers buzzing in and out, questions asked, appointments made; the team members chatting away such a friendly warm atmosphere - the staff going out of their way to assist. Fascinating to sit and watch and listen. And then Jo and I were called... Jacob looked after me - very delighted to learn I was from the bridge club and most enthusiastic to have had conversations with Bridget to sponsor our club. I needed a new pair of glasses. He put me through all the sight tests, assessed what I needed; did I want drops in my eyes for Glaucoma, Macular Degeneration and Cataract assessments. Yes, did that with Fiona and lastly a consultation with Liam to conclude the final requisites for my glasses.

It was the most enjoyable hour where you were made to feel their very special customer. Jo had a consultation with Talna who gave Jo far more information than she had expected; very comprehensive and efficient and Talna was extraordinarily friendly. The first words Jo and I said to each other when we left "Wasn't that a fabulous experience". We highly recommend. Ask for Jacob.. he will look after you. Jenny Delany

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We need your assistance.

Sandy and Bridget do a lot to keep the club running smoothly but would appreciate your assistance. There is a list of jobs that you could help with. They are setting up a roster for those able to help for an assist for an hour or two once a month. None of the tasks are onerous and you will be able to pick from the list. Please register your availability with Sandy

Introducing ...Peter Newell

I hope everyone knows who Peter is, after all he has been our president for the past two and a half years! He therefore might not seem an obvious choice for my "introducing" section but I am sure you will all enjoy getting to know him a little better, I certainly have.

Margie: How long have you been playing bridge
Peter: I started playing bridge at College year 11, 3 of the 4 people I played with ending up joining bridge clubs, two are still playing - Mark Hangartner in Auckland and Casey Plunket plays occasionally at our club.

M: What prompted you to learn bridge?
P: I came from a very keen card and game playing family - my father played bridge in his university days and taught me a "2 handed bridge game" so while I had never played bridge before year 11 at school I knew a fair bit. I joined the Wellington Bridge Club in 1980 during my first year at university.

M: Do any others in your family play bridge?
P: My brother and sister-in-law both play bridge, but not at the Wellington Club. My mother and father-in-law played bridge at the club in the past. I also have some Dunedin family who play bridge.

M: What is your occupation and is it always what you wanted to do?
P: My occupation is hard to describe - I have always worked in Government in quite a few different places, largely in cross-government, transformation or strategic and finance type roles. I have been heavily involved with KiwiSaver, having spent more than 3 years helping set up KiwiSaver originally, and a few years back reviewing/upgrading KiwiSaver.

I didn't have a clue what I wanted to do other than some kind of analytical/thinking type role. My first role was with Stats NZ, and then in 1985 I left New Zealand for England with the intention of becoming a bridge professional, with fallback options of trying to make a living from Backgammon or as a share analyst. After a few months I changed my mind and went back to work in Government.

M: With work

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and bridge, as well as serving the club as president taking up a great deal of your time, is there room to follow other interests and if so what are they?
P: Family, I have a close but challenging family. I enjoy tramping and still do a bit of skiing and play pool and golf regularly.

M: You have travelled a great deal representing NZ in bridge. What was the most interesting place you have been to, and why?
P: Hmm not sure - One of my last bridge trips was to Wuhan, a few months before the pandemic, trips to Bermuda and Jamaica in particular were memorable - Bermuda being like paradise and around the new millennium, and Jamaica for its poverty and absolute craziness (longest ever taxi ride to the airport and a miracle I got there, the Wall St share crash happened while we were there and we broke the news to John Wignall a rather prominent stock broker at the time) - and I was on my way to Las Vegas... and England to try my luck as a bridge pro.

M: Is there anything you would like the readers to know about you?
P: Hmm, just in the short time remaining of being President I am always open to feedback.

M: Thank you Peter for sharing these details with us all.

Wellington Regional Website

As a lot of you will know the existing website is no longer available. A new website has been set up and while it doesn't yet have the previous history it is operational going forward. Here is the link
https://wellingtonregionbridge.org.nz

From the Editor

I regret to tell you that this is my last newsletter. I have really enjoyed my time writing this for you all and I thank you all for the positive feedback you have given.

We are going to be travelling for most of what remains of the year. We are indulging in our love of sport, going to Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open (all tennis); and then after a brief sojourn at home taking an All Black tour to England, Ireland, France and Italy. The negative is that our bridge will suffer.

Thank you all, and good bridging.

Margie Michael (Editor)

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