

JULY NEWSLETTER



WELCOME OUR LEARNERS

In late July our Learners Group will move into playing club bridge. Making this step can be pretty daunting so please make sure they have an easy time when they come. Remember, no doubling for penalties on Mondays for the rest of the year, and please wear your name badge so new people can get to know other members.

WAIKANAЕ MULTIGRADE TOURNAMENT

Our Multigrade Tournament takes place at Waikanae on Sunday 1 August. Put in your entry through NZ Bridge and please pay online if possible.



All offers of help are appreciated. Contact Anne Ricketts, our tournament organiser.

WAIKANAЕ/PARAPARAUMU

INTERCLUB RESULTS



Waikanae fielded eight pairs against Paraparaumu in the annual contest between the two clubs on 11 July. Congratulations to the team who played. We are pleased to retain the shield for another year.



NO PLAY ON THURS 30 SEPT

On Wednesday 29 September we will close for three days to allow two new air conditioning units to be installed. The installer requires three consecutive working days to complete the job so unfortunately Thursday's play on 30 September has to be sacrificed.

We have already had under floor insulation fitted and made improvements with the heating. Installing better air conditioning is the next step in our programme of capital works which will allow us to control the inside environment to make it more comfortable in all seasons. New carpet is projected for 2022.



DIRTY TRICKS

Read about the doco that exposes cheating at the highest levels of international bridge.

https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2021/may/05/lotan-fisher-bridge-cheating-scandal-2015-documentary?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other



LOOKING FOR A HOME

Now we have a shiny new disability toilet, we are left with a lovely four inch high toilet seat that is surplus to requirements. As new! If you can find a use for it please let Ady know. Well, let me rephrase that...

ITALIAN NIGHT



Mark **Friday 20 August** in your diary for pizzas at the club. Bring your partner at 6.00pm to eat with us before play begins at 7.00pm. Wear something Italian.



BATHROOM REFURBISHMENT

We expect the refurbishment of the women's toilets to be completed during July so they will be sparkling new for the visitors to our Multigrade tournament on 1 August. Work on the men's toilets will begin in August and we look forward to the completion of the project before too long.



REMINDERS

*Claiming – if you choose to claim the last few tricks, play stops. You must face your cards and explain clearly how you plan to play them. If there is the slightest doubt from anyone, the director must be called.

*Bridge tabs – after the result has been entered, please place the bridge tab in the middle of the table so we can all see the contracts and hands.

*If you are uncomfortable with anything going on at the table, address the issue at the time if you can, or call the Director (please).

FROM PRESIDENTS PAST (with acknowledgements to Vicky Young)

IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN AT WAIKANAE BRIDGE CLUB

10 new bridge players liked the cheese and wine
 "That really was a silly bid"
 Next week there were nine

9 new bridge players, one a minute late
 "You must be here by seven o'clock"
 Next week there were eight

8 new bridge players, opening on eleven
 Tuts and sighs and rolling of eyes
 Next week there were seven

7 new bridge players, thinking how to bid
 "We haven't got all night you know"
 Next week there were six

6 new bridge players, forget to follow suit
 "You've revoked" accusingly spoke
 Next week there were five

5 new bridge players, East drops a board
 "Don't touch that, I'll do it, I'm South"
 Next week there were four

4 new bridge players, desperate for a pee
 "You can't go now, we're already behind"
 Next week there were three

3 new bridge players, scoring is so new
 "You're very slow" the boards are snatched
 Next week there were two

2 new bridge players, the lessons were such fun
 If they don't have a good time here and find friends and be given encouragement and have a few laughs
 Next year there'll be none

Happy bridging
 Ady Dale
 President