



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

OBITUARIES



The Club is sorry to lose two members this month, Robin Dundas and Lorraine Harkness. Our condolences go to their families and their many friends at the club. We also acknowledge the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.



MASKS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED



The Committee have agreed that the wearing of masks at the club will now be a matter of personal choice. Players may also take food and drinks to the table during play.

Please bear in mind that we are in close contact with one another as we play and our demographic is particularly vulnerable to viruses such as Covid and flu.

Help yourself to RAT tests from the black shelf and please, if you are sniffly or otherwise unwell, please stay home.

SESSION WINNERS FOR AUGUST 2022



Congratulations to the session winners in August.

Welcome Pairs	Bob Molony and Viv Gray
Val Andrews Pairs	Pryor Rowland and Miriam Lewin
Reka Solomons Pairs	Sue Legat and Anne Wolf
Anne Ricketts Pairs	Jeanne Wardill and Graham Cheater



SESSION TICKETS

Our Treasurer has been carefully managing our finances over recent times while our weekly income has fluctuated due to Covid. We have no major financial problem however we believe it is prudent at this point to raise the price of a twelve session ticket to \$50, beginning 1 October 2022. Please pay on line if possible.



SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

After a long winter of covid-induced restraint we are now looking forward to the fresh air of spring and some opportunities to get to know people better.

1. On Monday 26 September, when play finishes around 4.15pm everyone is invited to stay on for wine and cheese. Here is a chance to put some names to faces and maybe make some bookings to play together over the next few months.

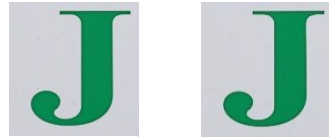


26 September also happens to be a public holiday in recognition of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Dress royally and you may win a spot prize. Well behaved corgis are welcome.

2. On Friday 7 October all members, including life partners, are invited to a pot luck dinner at 6.00pm. Bring a plate and have your dinner at the club before we begin play at the usual time. The club will provide drinks. Enter your name(s) at the top table so we know how many to expect.



CALLING ALL JUNIORS...



A Junior Tournament is to be held at Wellington Club on Saturday 15 October. You don't have to be a genius player, just a Junior player. You won't be playing against any Intermediates or Open players. It will be a half day, one session only.

Our club has lots of Junior players and we would love to see a big group of you there if possible. The club will help with transport costs such as taxis from Wellington Railway Station or the hire of a van to carry a group from Waikanae. The club will also acknowledge our highest ranking pair with more than just a mention. Contact Margaret Gordon on marjohnzoe@gmail.com if you are interested.



IMPROVERS LESSONS

A second block of three lessons is scheduled, taught by Graham Cheater. Mark in your diary Monday 31 October, 7 November and 14 November to attend these. They will be at Intermediate level and players at all levels will find them useful. Graham will cover card reading and making inferences from bidding and leads. Please enter your name on the sheet on the top table and pay \$15 into the club account.



RUBBER BRIDGE TOURNAMENT



Isobel Ross and Derek Snelling narrowly beat Joan McCarthy and Joan Waldvogel to win the Wellington heat of the National Rubber Bridge Competition. Leading by a massive 2800 points halfway, their winning margin was reduced to just 30 points at the end. Unfortunately Isobel and Derek have family commitments that prevent their continuing their winning run at the National finals. Congratulations to you both.

SURPLUS PACKS OF CARDS

We have a number of old packs of cards for sale to members, with or without jokers. Four packs will cost you \$5. Please pay on line or directly to the Treasurer, Margaret Gordon. For the cards, ask Eileen Queree or Ady Dale.



DO YOU HAVE A LAPTOP YOU DON'T WANT?



The club has bought a new programme to use for timing play in tournaments and other events. We need a laptop to run it on so the director doesn't have to bring their own from home. If you are able to donate a laptop with the Microsoft operating system installed we would be very grateful. Please email maureen.pratchett@gmail.com

QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Unfortunately, this year's four-way tournament which pits the talents of Waikanae Bridge Club against those of Paraparaumu, Otaki and Levin clubs had to be cancelled because we were the only club able to field a team! We have a depth of strong players at all levels at Waikanae, ready and waiting for next year. We retain the shield in the meantime.



EVENTS AT PARAPARAUMU BRIDGE CLUB

On Sunday 17 September at 1.30pm we are invited to join Paraparaumu Bridge Club in their casual In-House tournament (bring a plate). See their flyer on our noticeboard for the details.



On Sunday 2 October Paraparaumu Bridge Club holds their Multigrade Tournament. Enter on line through NZBridge.



BRAIN WORK

“The Listener” notes that thinking hard makes your brain tired and worse at making decisions, according to French research “Current Biology”. They say that hard brain work over several hours leads to a buildup of glutamate in the pre-frontal cortex – the part of the brain responsible for cognitive control. Consequently it is harder to make decisions and we are more likely to choose low-effort, high-reward actions. Do you give up or go for chocolate towards the end of a long session?



Play well

Ady Dale
President