



Waikanae Bridge Club

NEWSLETTER JULY 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Blair, it's great to see you back playing Bridge and resuming your role in the Club again. Keep that positive recovery going. Our best wishes to any other member who has recently been hospitalised, undergone a medical procedure or have not been in the best of health. May you all have a speedy recovery.

Again, on a different note. Earlier this month we were delighted to observe both Alice Henke's **91st birthday** and share in Judith Jackson's birthday celebration. Good luck and good health to you both.

It is probably also timely to remind members that if you are playing Bridge on the actual day of your birthday, we are happy for you go have a free session of Bridge to celebrate the occasion.

CLUB WINNERS



Congratulations to our club competition winners in June.

Lion Foundation Pairs

Julia Tait and Margaret Gordon

NZCT Pairs

Miriam Lewin and Pryor Rowland

Vicky Young Pairs

Maureen Pratchett and Vicky Young

John Mautner Pairs

John Donbavand and Sue Legat

OTHER RECENT NOTABLE RESULTS – E&OE

- Wellington Regional Club Teams -

- Our heartiest congratulations to the team selected to represent our **Waikanae Bridge Club** at this event in early July:
 - **Open** – Graham Cheater and Pryor Rowland
 - **Open Restricted** – Judith Jackson and Angela Gattsche
 - **Intermediates** – Ady Dale and Rae Lutman; and
 - **Juniors** – Rachel Patrick and Eileen Queree
- I am delighted to report that the team finished a very creditable **Third overall in the Wellington Region**. The **Juniors** finished **first** in their section, the **Open Restricted** were **third** and the **Intermediates** were **fifth**.
- We are also delighted to acknowledge other club members efforts in that competition;
 - Derek Snelling and his Wellington partner **won** the Open section; and
 - Vivienne Cannell and Helen Walker agreed to represent Paraparaumu in the Open section.
- The Wellington Region section of the National Rubber Bridge competition is at the semi-final stage. Derek Snelling and Isobel Ross lost out against their Wellington Club opponents last Saturday, but congratulations for getting that far in a tough competition.
- It is great to see the number of members, of all grades, playing in regional Bridge competitions. Recently, we have had members playing in most clubs between Masterton and Levin. Best wishes in these forays into competitive Bridge.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

While we did not have any new members join the club since our last Newsletter, it is pleasing to report that there have not been any resignations.

Several new members from the Beginners class are rising to the occasion and settling into our Monday sessions. Hang in there folks and best wishes to you all. Most of all, enjoy your Bridge.

Please make these folk welcome and do not hesitate to call one if you are looking for a partner.

All new members Contact Details, including e-mail addresses, are available on the Club Noticeboard.

MATARIKI SOUP NIGHT

What a resounding success on Friday, 14 July. Vicky Young had organised and coordinated a marvellous evening – ably assisted by the team of volunteers who made this a great night to remember – Elva Brown, Ann Ricketts, the six members who provided the wonderful array of delicious soups and those who provided the array of breads, and, to all those who took part.

Followed, of course, by a great night of Bridge – the second night of the Wallace Mixed Grade pairs. Some wonderful results there too.

1st North/South – Paul Brinkman and Ann Verboeket

2nd North/South – Reka Solomons and Judy Roberts

1st East/West – Nicky Bradley and Karen Hutchins

2nd East West – John Donbavand and Stephanie Cheeseman

MEETING WITH PARAPARAUMU BRIDGE CLUB

You may recall that there was one issue that I undertook to update this month. Paraparaumu asked us to consider the possibility of Joint Membership of both clubs in that a member of either club would have joint membership to play in the other club. They proposed that while paying no Membership fee in the other club, any member playing in the other club would pay the Visitor table money fee.

We are aware that the likes of Tauranga and Mt Maunganui have an arrangement between them – however, they are the only two clubs in the area. We acknowledge Paraparaumu being our close neighbours, however we also have a number of valued members from Otaki and Levin. In noting the potential financial implications and after some considerable discussion, your committee agreed that we maintain the status quo. We have advised Paraparaumu of our decision.

TEMPERATURE & VENTILATION/MAINTENANCE

While the T&V policy issues have been dealt with and in the main implemented, the one outstanding issue is the fitting of the catches to limit the opening of the windows on two of the North wall windows. Action to complete this is expected to be completed over the next week or two.

And the one other maintenance issue currently underway is the repair of the **Hot/Cold water tap** on the refreshment table. We have had one plumber visit the club however they could not rectify the problem. The tap distributors representative contract plumber has now been tasked to visit the club to undertake the repair. We apologize that this has taken longer to repair than we would have ever expected. **STOP PRESS** – The water tap was repaired on Friday – by, believe it or not, an electrical contractor!! Great news.

BEGINNERS/IMPROVERS LESSONS

To remind, we repeat the dates critical to the **Beginners integration** into our Bridge Club over the coming months and the **Improvers lessons** offered by the Club;

July	24	7pm Graeme Norman's – Card Play – throw in and end play
	31	7pm Graeme Norman's – Escaping 1NT Doubled
Aug	5	Revision of basics Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm
Sep	4	7pm Graham Cheater's – Reverses and jump shifts
	11	7pm Graham Cheater's – Fourth suit forcing
	18	7pm Graham Cheater's – Losing Trick Count
Oct	2	Welcome Pairs
	9	Welcome Pairs
	16	Welcome Pairs

And again, to continue easing the Beginners into our Monday Club play, we have again reactivated the rule of '**No Doubling for Penalties on Mondays for the months of July through December inclusive**'. Please also note that any doubles left in which ultimately become Penalty Doubles will be taken out by the Scorer before the results are published.

I seek the assistance of every Monday session player in being welcoming and kind to these new players. We would also prefer that players do not give them advice as to where you think they might have gone wrong **unless they ask**. They already have enough on their plate!

And one last request – **please remember to wear your Name Badges to every session please.** Thank you.

The topics of the Graeme Norman and Graham Cheater Improvers Lessons are identified above. The charge is **\$20** for each set of Lessons – payable on-line into the Club's account with the Reference field identifying the provider of the Lessons (eg Lessons Graeme N or Lessons Graham C). Graeme Norman's lesson last Monday on Negative Doubles was most enlightening.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Waikanae Multigrade Pairs

Sunday 30 July. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Hutt Intermediate Pairs

Sunday 6 August. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Hutt Multigrade Pairs

Sunday 13 August. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Otaki Intermediate and Junior Pairs

Sunday 20 August. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Karori Open Pairs

Sunday 20 August. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

We would invite you to join us for our **Waikanae Multigrade Pairs** if you can. It will be great day.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

The following provides an insight into the range of issues dealt with at recent Committee meetings;

NZ Bridge AGM

The Annual AGM will be held in September in conjunction with the NZ Bridge Congress to be hosted in Tauranga. All Clubs are required to advise NZ Bridge by the end of August as to who their representative will be at the AGM.

Communications Review

This remains on the 'work list'.

KCDC Blackboard Request

KCDC have now withdrawn their request for us to host a blackboard on our Club for an upcoming KCDC survey.

KHAP Meeting at Otaki Bridge Club

Graham Cheater and I attending a meeting in late May which undertook a review of the KHAP Autumn series, considered the venue/format of the upcoming Spring series and discuss the 2024 future of the competition.

It was noted that;

- the Spring series will continue as a face-to-face format at Otaki beginning in September.
- Paraparaumu offered to host the 2024 competition on Thursday club nights
- a survey of KHAP club members will be undertaken in September to determine the format of the competition.

Separate the 2023 Junior and Intermediate tournaments

It was agreed to trial separate our Junior and Intermediate tournaments in 2023.

- a one session Junior tournament will be held on Sunday 29 October with two group session prizes; one for Juniors and one for Novices.
- The Intermediate tournament will be held on 5 November as originally scheduled.

The Club has forwarded a request to the Wellington Regional Committee to seek agreement and support in recommending this to NZ Bridge.

2024 Club Programme Book

Rae Lutman and Ady Dale have commenced work on the 2024 Programme Book layout so that it will be ready to lodge with the printers by mid-November. The cost to advertisers will increase to \$100.

The Waikanae Bridge Club 50th Jubilee

The club's 50th Jubilee celebration has been confirmed as

Saturday, 4 May 2024. A limit of 96 members and past members will be invited to play in an in-house 'Goulash' tournament after a meet and greet and a potluck lunch. After match drinks, cutting of the cake and afternoon tea will follow. The sub-committee has the preparation of a Jubilee booklet well in hand.

NZ Bridge Tournament Session Charges Increase

To finish off, here is the explanation of the upcoming tournament charge increase to which I referred last month.

A NZ Bridge Bulletin dated 8 May advised that the Board of NZ Bridge had taken decisions to create and fund a Communication, Marketing and Relationship Manager position; **and**, invest in the development of a **Club and Regional** toolkit of resources and support, that with the creation of a pool of skilled contractors, will provide practical support at club level, from administration, governance to marketing and beyond.

Under this second aspect, the Bulletin went on – quote:

“Having reviewed our options, and wanting to minimize the impact to club play, we have decided to **increase the cost of A and B point tournament pair sessions** and the cost of team and swiss events only. No change in the cost of fractional masterpoints. The cost of A and B point events last changed in 2007, and our expectation is that tournament players will support the increase, recognizing that it is going back into the welfare and development of the game.

Having reviewed our options, and wanting to minimize the impact to club play, we have decided to increase the participation fees for tournaments*:

- The participation fee will increase from \$1.00 (+gst) per player per session to \$2.50 per player per session (+gst)
- For teams and swiss pairs tournaments where the charges are calculated on a “per board played” basis, the fee will increase from 4 cents (+gst) per board per player played to 10 cents (+gst) per player per board played.
- There will be no increase in the charges for fractional and full A points awarded.

- There will be no change to the participation fees for club sessions.
- There will be no change to the player levy.
- These changes will not come into force until 1 November 2023 allowing sufficient time to review and amend the cost of your events if that is required.

In the coming days we will add a second “cost estimator” to the following page on our website so that indicative costs can be calculated for events scheduled from when the increase will take place <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/estimator-for-tournamentmasterpoint-fees.html>

In addition to the provision of a toolkit for clubs we now plan to extend the service to include a toolkit for the regions.

Clearly the additional funds derived from the changes mentioned above mean we will have more funds available to support the grass roots of the game by providing general and targeted support; help with growth and improved participation; and raising the quality and skills of our players.

In summary:

1. The engagement of a marketing, communications, and relationship manager.
2. Pay for the development of a club and regional toolkit.
3. Creation of a pool of skilled contractors who will be available for clubs to access.
4. Increase in the cost of tournament* participation fees - \$1.50 per session for pairs events, and for teams and swiss events 10 cents per board, all +gst.
5. Change effective from 1 November 2023.

An exciting time ahead as we add resources and services and position our game to thrive in the future. As always feel free to contact me or Alister should you require additional information.

(signed) Allan (Morris)

* Applicable to events on the NZ Bridge tournament calendar.”

Unquote.

Safe travel to anyone travelling over the next month.

Regards to all and Happy Bridging.

Chris Farrow

President