



Waikanae Bridge Club

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Blair, it's great to see you home again and well on the road to recovery. And 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.

On a different note. We were delighted, in mid-May, to both acknowledge and share **Reka Solomon's 92nd birthday**. And when I say share – I really meant share. Reka graciously put on several marvellous plates of cheese, crackers, fruit and nuts together with a few bottles of delightful refreshments with which to celebrate the occasion. It was a wonderful night, and we all wish Reka many more birthdays and continuing good health.

And then last week we also shared in Graham Cheater's and Pryor Rowland's birthdays. Very pleasant indeed. Maybe birthdays aren't so bad after all!!

TEMPERATURE & VENTILATION SURVEY

Last week you would have received the e-mail from our Secretary Rae that advised the outcome of the recent survey and the subsequent decisions of the Committee on the way forward over these issues. May I add my thanks to all members who participated in the survey and to all the team behind the scenes who carried out the survey evaluation, developed the proposals to go forward and to the Committee members for their wise input. A great outcome.

CARPARK LIGHTING

For those that have not been at the Club for an evening session of bridge, I am delighted to advise that the new carpark lighting has been installed. And wonderful lighting it is too. A good month with the new lighting and the Elizabeth Street resurfacing behind us.

CLUB WINNERS



Congratulations to our club competition winners in May.

Pub Charity Pairs	Rachel Patrick and Vivienne Gray
Norma Bridges Medley	Eileen Queree
President's Pairs	Pryor Rowland and Jeanne Wardill
Ilca Evans Mix Grade Pairs	Vicki Boffa and Rachel Patrick
Bob Reid Pairs	Pryor Rowland and Blair Campbell

NZ BRIDGE AWARDS

I am delighted to record that Stephanie Cheeseman, Craig Jackson and Pat Stuart were awarded their Proficiency Certificates – their first NZ Bridge awards. Well deserved.

OTHER RECENT NOTABLE RESULTS – E&OE

- John Donbavand – 2nd in the Hutt Open
- Graeme Norman – 1st in the Hawkes Bay Congress Open Pairs
- Angela Gattsche & Judith Jackson – 2nd Hawkes Bay Welcome Prs
- KHAP Autumn Series – Four Club pairs topped this KHAP Series
 - o 1st – Pryor Rowland & Nicky Bradley
 - o 2nd – Angela Gattsche & Graeme Norman
 - o 3rd – Ady Dale & Rae Lutman
 - o 4th – Graham Cheater & Jeanne Wardill
- Levin Multigrade – Wow - 20 tables; what a great turnout
 - o 1st – Anthea Black & Partner
 - o 4th – John Donbavand & Partner
 - o 1st Open/Intermediate – Kevin Walker & Partner
 - o 1st Intermediate/Intermediate – Anne Wolf & Ady Dale
 - o 1st Intermediate/Junior – Ann Verboeket & Eileen Queree

- 2nd Intermediate/Junior – Rachel Patrick & Vicki Boffa
- 3rd Junior/Junior – Roger Palmer & Viv Gray
- Ady Dale & Rae Lutman – 1st in the Levin Intermediate Pairs
- Rachel Patrick & Roger Palmer – 1st in the Masterton Juniors

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome the following new members into our bridge community - do not hesitate to ask for guidance or help around the club.

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

NZ Bridge No.	Name	Telephone
49388	Annette Downey	022 523 4551

And the players joining from our Beginners class include;

99960	Trevor Archer	027 444 2801
51887	Elizabeth Beatson	027 733 2763
99962	Shona Cvetkovic	027 226 3935
99963	Sara Foote	027 223 6943
99971	Alison Hall	021 103 0169
2767	Rachel Jackson	027 776 3336
99976	Dennis Jenkins	027 436 8253
99964	Roz King	027 589 8168
99922	Glenis King	021 073 1807
99972	Annie Law	027 466 1962
99965	Peter Law	027 976 0861
99967	Murray Lobb	027 243 3604
99966	Linda Lousich	021 041 7778
99973	David Norgrove	021 083 66606
99968	Barbara Parker	04 904 6614
99969	Lorraine Pollock	027 393 1030
99974	Svetlana Rakic	022 088 0134
99959	Steve Ricketts	021 676 407
99975	David Sharp	022 088 0130
99970	Andrea Taylor-Stephenson	021 266 7566

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

UPCOMING EVENT – WINTER CELEBRATION

All members, including life partners, are invited to join together on
Friday, 14 July at 6pm for a soup night to celebrate Matariki.
\$5 per person, BYO drink.

Please enter names at the top table so we know how many to expect.

Please speak with Vicky Young if you can help with providing a soup. Note, there will be no charge for soup providers.

CLUB COMPETITION RULES – HOLIDAY PAIRS

Our 2023 Bridge Programme book (pages 18 and 19) outlines our Competition Rules for Nine Session and all Two, Three and Four Session Pairs events. However, in 2023, we have for the first time, a Five Session Holiday Pairs on Mondays. We therefore asked Graham Cheater and the Bridge Advisory Group to set/establish the Competition Rules for this Five Session Pairs event.

On behalf of the Bridge Advisory Group, Graham advised that the recommended option is to base the winning score on the best four results obtained, noting that one substitute score can be counted if the regular pair have only played three sessions.

MEETING WITH PARAPARAUMU BRIDGE CLUB

The three main issues from the meeting included;

- Paraparaumu intend to put up a new proposal for the make-up of the annual local Quadrangular tournament as they and a number of clubs cannot now field an Open team.
- Both clubs would endeavour to identify suitable dates for both the annual Interclub and Charity tournaments. **Note;** dates have since been agreed for the 2024 programme.

- Paraparaumu asked Waikanae to consider a proposal pertaining to club membership. While our Committee has made our decision on the issue, I will update you next month after I have conveyed this decision to Trevor Smith, the Paraparaumu President.

WELLINGTON REGIONAL MEETING

The Chair of NZ Bridge, Allan Morris, attended this recent meeting and gave the Chair's presentation from the Boards perspective. A precis of the points raised included;

Allan spoke about the state of Bridge today and what NZ Bridge is doing to redress the many challenges facing bridge clubs today. He and NZ Bridge see that growth and increased participation are critically important to the future of bridge and several initiatives are planned to be implemented. These include:

- Creating a new position, that of "Communication, Marketing and Relationship Manager", a part-time role who can be placed anywhere within NZ. Part of this role will be to develop and champion Bridge's social media and website as well as developing external relationships.
- Developing a Club and Regional toolkit of resources and support and a pool of skilled contractors to provide practical support at club level, including administration, governance and marketing.
- To minimize impact on club play, NZ Bridge will fund this through increasing the cost of participation fees for tournaments.
- Learning and understanding the demographics of bridge players and understanding how these demographics can be broadened. The Board is delighted that they have sent out 1,600 learner packs.

The Board understands the need for being adaptable in finding solutions to some of the problems facing all clubs at this point, including bringing players back to face to face bridge whilst still catering in some way for those players have come to prefer on-line bridge.

Allan invited questions from the floor and offered pragmatic advice in many areas concerning clubs, including ways of solving the lack of tournament directors (using club directors with a tournament director who would be able to

give advice on setting up the room and assisting in dealing with difficult situations from a distance), and the possibility of 1 session tournaments, particularly for Novice and Junior players, but also possibly for Intermediate players. This latter idea would cater to those increasing numbers of players who are time-poor with so many conflicting interests.

End of precis.

Other interesting points Allan mentioned included;

- 90 percent of bridge club members are principally competitive social players and this is the majority we have to be mindful of.
- Only about 10 percent of bridge club members are motivated towards international and top national competitions.
- The cost of New Zealand Bridge **A and B points** will increase from 1 November 2023. More details to follow.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Wellington Regional Club Teams

Sunday 9 July - 4 Pairs (Open, Restricted Open, Intermediate & Juniors) will be selected to represent the Club in this annual event. This year the event will be hosted by the Wellington Bridge Club.

Paraparaumu Junior Pairs

Sunday 16 July. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Levin Open Pairs

Sunday 16 July. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Karori Intermediate Pairs

Sunday 16 July. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Wellington Open Pairs

Sunday 23 July. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Waikanae Multigrade Pairs

Sunday 30 July. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

And of course, the Levin Club continues to hold Monday Social Pairs on REALBRIDGE at 7pm every Monday. Further details are on the Notice Board.

BEGINNERS/IMPROVERS LESSONS

To remind, we repeat the dates critical to the **Beginners integration** into our Bridge Club over the coming months. Please also note that this programme outline includes opportunities for more experienced players to attend Improvers lessons run by the Club;

June	26	Play with Committee	7.00pm
July	3	Begin play in Club	Mondays, 12.45 for 1.00pm start
	17		7pm Graeme Norman's Improvers Lesson 1
	24		7pm Graeme Norman's Improvers Lesson 2
	31		7pm Graeme Norman's Improvers Lesson 3
Aug	5	Revision of basics	Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm
Sep	4		7pm Graham Cheater's Improvers Lesson 1
	11		7pm Graham Cheater's Improvers Lesson 2
	18		7pm Graham Cheater's Improvers Lesson 3
Oct	2	Welcome Pairs	
	9	Welcome Pairs	
	16	Welcome Pairs	

To remind - the new Beginners that join our Club will be the life blood of our Club going forward. We need to ensure we provide a friendly, welcoming club environment for them to start out and enjoy this game of Bridge within our Club. To ease these Beginners into our Monday Club play, we will again reactivate the rule of '**No Doubling for Penalties on Mondays for the months of July through December inclusive**'. 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.

Oh, and by the way, still no claims for that Chocolate fish!

Please also note that we propose to provide an outline of the topics that both Graeme Norman and Graham Cheater will cover in their Improvers Lessons. There will be a charge of **\$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). You may recall that last year's lessons from each of these presenters were very well received by Club members.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

Unsurprisingly, the last Committee meeting was entirely taken up by normal monthly business, the survey results, the way ahead with the Temperature and Ventilation issues and reports on some of the topics carried in this newsletter. Other updates included;

Defibrillator

Work continues behind the scene.

Communications Review

With so much currently going on, I still haven't got to this. However, we will certainly not drop the ball.

By this time you are probably raising your eyes saying 'enough, enough'. Will therefore keep the following notes for next month's Newsletter:

- Club Rep at NZ Bridge AGM in Tauranga to be held in conjunction with the NZ Bridge Congress in September
- KHAP Mtg at Otaki Bridge Club (Sat 27 May)
- Sitting/tossing for playing direction
- Club shirts

Safe travel to anyone travelling over the next month.

Regards to All and Happy Bridging.

Chris Farrow
President

