



NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024. 2024 is our 50th Jubilee year, a notable year for our Club. We certainly look forward to celebrating that milestone on Saturday, 4 May.

And what a way to start the Bridge year - 16 tables on Monday, 29 January – and in that competition, Adrienne Mandel and her son, Brent (a visitor from the Auckland Bridge Club) scored an amazing **72.61%**. And earlier in January, Graham Cheater and Pryor Rowland scored an impressive 71.25%. Well done folks.

I am pleased to acknowledge Cathy Pentecost's impressive array of art on the wall of the Clubrooms. Thank you.

And finally, our best wishes to any of our members, or immediate family, who have recently been hospitalised, undergone a medical procedure or have not been in the best of health. May you have a speedy recovery.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

To remind, the Club's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, 26 February 2024 at 4.30pm. The Agenda and all supporting papers have been made available to all members. A copy of all the papers are also available on the Club's website.

A club becomes strong when its members become interested and/or involved. Please attend this AGM if you are able. Should you be unable to attend, please submit your apologies to the Secretary. Thank you.

CLUB WINNERS



Congratulations to our club competition winners in January.

Norma Bridges Medley	Ady Dale
Charlie Jelley Pairs	Pryor Rowland and Anthea Black
New Year Medley	Ady Dale
Buckley Medley	Graham Cheater

MONTHLY MONDAY AFTERNOON TEA



Our February Afternoon Tea was well received by all. Thanks to Vicky Young for organising our first for the year and many thanks to members who volunteered to provide the food.

NZ BRIDGE AWARDS

Although some of these members may not have received their awards yet, the following have earned NZ Bridge ranking awards;

Promotion to Intermediate Grade	Margaret Gordon Rachel Patrick Eileen Queree
Local Master	Julia Tait
Club Master	Hugh Wolfensohn Roger Palmer
Certificate of Proficiency	Beverley Jackson

Congratulations and well done to you all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Waikanae Bridge Club Learners Lessons

These classes begin on Monday 11 March at 7pm.

KHAP

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs are back in a different format for 2024: the first of the three Autumn sessions in March/April/May begin on Thursday, 21 March at the Paraparaumu Bridge Club at 7.15pm. See page 45 in our Club Programme Book.

Rubber Bridge

The National Rubber Bridge competition, a free event in 2024, is played in people's homes over a period of months. Players of all grades can enter. Junior tournament systems apply to all players unless agreed otherwise. Contact grahamlcheater@gmail.com before **25 March**. Please see page 46 in our Club Programme book, our website, or the flyer on the Club Notice Board.

Annual Interclub vs Paraparaumu – Sunday, 7 April

This annual event against our neighbouring Paraparaumu Club is carded for 1pm on Sunday, 7 April at Paraparaumu. We have a tradition to retain this Shield so please add your name to the board on the top table. There will be a flyer on the Club Notice Board.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Wellington Poppy Roberts Pairs Series

This year's series begins on Wednesday, 28 February.

Hutt Multigrade Pairs

Sunday, 3 March. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Wellington Junior and Intermediate Pairs

Sunday, 9 March. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Kapi-Mana Multigrade Pairs

Sunday, 17 March. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (KHAP Autumn Series 1)

Thursday 21 March. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Kairangi Junior and Intermediate Pairs or Teams

Sunday, 24 March. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

RECENT NOTABLE RESULTS – E&OE

WAIKANAE OPEN TOURNAMENT



The club hosted its Open Tournament on Sunday 11 February, the first Open tournament of the year in the Wellington region. 12 tables enjoyed the challenge with 22 Waikanae players taking part in the Charles Fleming (Rymans) sponsored event.

After a tight finish, the final results were;

Winners – Liz Wilcox (Roto) and Michael Wilcox (Kair)

2nd Overall – **John Donbavand** and Marian Loader (Hutt)

3rd Overall – Nigel Kearney (Well) and Walt Davis (Well)

4th Overall – **Graham Cheater and Pryor Rowland**

5th Overall – Patrick D'Arcy (Well) and **Graeme Norman**

The story of the day was undoubtedly the Emergency Pair of Anne Wolf and Eileen Queree who were called in as replacements on the Saturday. They then won the morning session North/South with 60.71% and finished the day in the very creditable sixth place overall. What is also noteworthy, Eileen only became an Intermediate grade player five weeks ago and she has now won her first A point!! Extremely well-done ladies.

Many thanks to Maureen Pratchett (the Director), Margaret Gordon (the Organiser of the overall event and Scorer), Ann (and Steve) Ricketts (Raffle), Dennis Jenkins (Menu and Food preparation), Elva Brown, Judi Vernau, Carol Hogan, Liz Campbell and all the volunteers who helped out during the day, the refreshment bar staff (Steve Ricketts and Hugh Wolfensohn) and to all the Club members who provided plates of food for the morning tea and the day.

A very successful competition and day.

2024 PROGRAMME BOOKLET UPDATES

Please note

In view of Anne Erwin's unfortunate health issue, **Eileen Queree** has offered to be the temporary stand-in **Tuesday Partner Coordinator** until further notice. Reference to the Tuesday Partner Co-ordinator details are carried on pages 27,32, 33 and 34.



Errata

Please amend the following phone number;

Page 54 – **Pat McCabe – 027 760 7601**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

<u>NZ Bridge No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
20264	Kate Methven	021 041 7070
52232	Trish O'Sullivan	027 482 1461
14240	Sue Osborne	027 437 4412
37449	David Cossar	021 165 2706

All new members Contact Details, including e-mail addresses, are available on the Club Noticeboard. Please make these folk welcome and do not hesitate to call one if you are looking for a partner.

Please also note that the following members have resigned from the Club; Elaine Anderson, Sheridan Evans, Doug Galyer, Joan Jarden, James Jones, Kate Pope, Peter Romijn and Noel Morgan.

THE ROLE OF THE RECORDER

We invite you to check out the role of the Club Recorder. This explanation is carried on the Club web page under '**How We Work**' and '**Recorder**'.

CLUB SHIRTS



T-shirts and Polo shirts with the Waikanae Bridge Club logo (as shown) are available for purchase. Please ask if you would like to see an example of either of these shirts.

Should anyone wish to order a shirt, please contact Ady Dale.

NAME TAGS

To remind, should any member wish to order a new Name Tag (magnet or pin), please add your details to the list on the Club Noticeboard. Blair is about to put in a new order or name tags. Please speak with Blair if you have any questions.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS

We wish the contingent of Waikanae players competing in the Gold Coast Congress all the very best for their week of intense competition. We look forward to hearing of their successes. Good luck.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

A good part of the last Committee meeting primarily dealt with issues relating to the upcoming AGM. Other topics included;

Clubroom Insurance Valuation

The Treasurer, Margaret Gordon, will obtain a valuation of the building and report back to the Committee with recommendation of the next steps.

The Waikanae Bridge Club 50th Jubilee

The plan for the Jubilee Day has been agreed and actions are

being implemented. Details will be provided in due course.
A funding application for the Jubilee booklet is underway.

Club Constitution Update

The update of the Constitution is in progress. To keep the Constitution as simple as possible, Pat Stuart will develop separate Policies to support the document. The first of these completed is the Privacy Policy.

WBC Privacy Policy

The updated Incorporated Societies Act requires all clubs to have a Privacy Officer. It was agreed the Privacy Officer would be the person who is responsible for the membership database, currently the Secretary.

It was agreed that a Policy folder be created and be made available to the membership. Pat Stuart also recommended that a committee manual be developed.

The proposed Privacy Policy was agreed and accepted.

Defibrillator

We await the outcome of the funding application.

Waikanae Open Tournament

Margaret Gordon has arrangements for the tournament in place. The tournament clashes with the South Island online teams. After discussion, it was agreed Graham Cheater would approach the Wellington Region Bridge Committee (WRBC) to request a change of the date of our tournament to prevent a clash in 2025.

Lessons

The distribution of the flyers is in hand. Newspaper and radio advertising to be repeated as in previous years.

Regards to All and Happy Bridging.

Chris Farrow
President