

Waikanae Bridge Club

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thanks to those who attended or offered their apology for our recent AGM. Overall, it was a relatively short event. I am delighted to welcome Hugh Wolfensohn, our new Vice President, to the Committee. And to ensure we all know who is on this year's Committee, we are Chris Farrow (President), Rae Lutman (Secretary), Margaret Gordon (Treasurer), Graham Cheater, Stephanie Cheeseman, Ady Dale, Viv Gray, Eileen Queree and Derek Snelling.

My sincere appreciation to our 50th Jubilee organising committee and the Jubilee Booklet committee for their excellent work in bringing the preparation together for this event in May. Please see more details on the AGM and the Jubilee later in this Newsletter.

As you are aware, Blair as a long-time volunteer, controls and issues our Sessions cards. There is a limit as to how long he should wait for you to pick up your Session ticket – so it would help if after purchasing or intending to purchase a Session Card that you pick it up as soon as you arrive at the Clubrooms. In order that Blair can have time to discuss their playing system with his partner, please pick up your Session card 10 mins before our Session sitting time. Your consideration would be appreciated. Thank you.

Thanks also to Vicki Boffa for arranging and displaying the great variety of artwork from two local male artists, Peter Davey and Rich Wells.

Recently, we have certainly had a number of members undergo either hospital stays or surgeries. Our best wishes to all 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.

CLUB WINNERS



Congratulations to our February club competition winners.

Charles Fleming Pairs	Murray Lobb and Margaret Gordon
Roy Lynds Pairs	Anthea Black and John Donbavand
Ilca Evans Mixed Grade Pairs	Rezea Morgan and Karen Hutchins
Agnes Richards Pairs	Anne Ricketts and Annette Downey

MONTHLY MONDAY AFTERNOON TEA



Our March Afternoon Tea was well received by all. Thanks to Elva Brown for organising this month's event and many thanks to members who volunteered to provide the food.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Patricks Day Celebration – Monday, 18 March



Although St Patricks Day is on a Sunday this year, that shouldn't deter us from still marking the occasion. So, on Monday, **18 March we celebrate our St Patricks day** by wearing green, and the usual spot prizes and jokes. The best dressed competition will be judged at afternoon teatime. Please join in and enjoy.

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 the flyer on the Club Notice Board.

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 1.15pm 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. **Please note that a maximum of 13 pairs from each Club play this event.** See the flyer on the Club Notice Board.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

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

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

Levin Multigrade Pairs

Saturday, 30 March. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Wellington Region Mixed Pairs at Karori

Sunday, 1 April. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Waikanae/Paraparaumu Interclub

1pm Sunday, 7 April. Entries through the Club Top Table.

Paraparaumu Open Pairs

Sunday, 14 April. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Upper Hutt Junior and Intermediate Pairs

Sunday, 14 April. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (KHAP Autumn 2)

Thursday 18 April. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

RECENT NOTABLE RESULTS – E&OE

- Masterton Open Pairs

Nine tables competed on Sunday 17 February. Interesting to note that Liz Wilcox (Roto) and Michael Wilcox (Kair) won this event. This same sister/brother pairing won our Waikanae Open Pairs the week before!!

- Fielding Open Pairs

Two of our members played in this 13 and a half table competition. Graeme Norman and his Wellington partner finished the morning session 4th N/S scoring 54.32% and 2nd in the afternoon session E/W scoring 58.65%. **Overall they finished 3rd**, scoring 56.48%. John Donvaband and his Wellington partner also participated. Well done guys.

Hutt Multigrade Pairs – Sunday 3 March

One of our members played in this 14 table competition. John Donbavand and his Wellington Club partner finished the morning session 1st N/S scoring **59.34%**, 2nd in the afternoon session E/W scoring **59.34%** and finishing **1st equal overall** with an average of **59.34%**. Now that really is 'consistency'. Congratulations John.

Wellington Intermediate/Junior Pairs – Sunday 9 March

One of our new members (Andrew Cozens) played in this 9 and a half table Intermediate competition. He and his partner finished **1st N/S** in the morning session, scoring 55.92%. Well done Andrew.

No Waikanae juniors entered the 5 table Junior Pairs competition.

GOLD COAST CONGRESS 2024



A contribution by our special correspondent, Pryor Rowlands.

The Gold Coast Congress is held annually at Broadbeach, Queensland and is the largest bridge congress in the Southern Hemisphere. This year more than 2000 players attended including more than 200 kiwis, with players from 18 countries having entered the tournament.

A number of members from Waikanae went to the congress this year and achieved some very good results.

Open pairs finals section K: Vivienne CANNELL - Maureen PRATCHETT 3rd

Intermediate pairs finals section A (116 entries): Pryor ROWLAND - Graham CHEATER 2nd, Kevin WALKER - Helen WALKER 5th

Restricted pairs finals section F: Vicky YOUNG - Nicky BRADLEY 10th

Teams Under 1500 MP - Vivienne CANNELL - Maureen PRATCHETT – Kevin Walker – Nan Wehipeihana 39th of 50

Intermediate teams: G Cheater – P Farley – P Rowland – B Ure 11th of 74 and 1st in category Same Sex Team;
N Bradley – V Young – T Stanley – H Walker 33rd

Swiss Pairs Open: Vivienne CANNELL - Maureen PRATCHETT 82nd of 100

Swiss Pairs Intermediate: Pryor ROWLAND – Nicky BRADLEY 11th of 80;
Kevin WALKER - Helen WALKER 21st

Swiss Pairs Restricted: Graham Cheater – Peter Farley 3rd of 76

Perhaps the most spectacular result occurred in the Intermediate Swiss Pairs Round 7. Our opponents bid freely to 7NT asking for controls along the way and everyone expected the bidding to end but my partner in the pass out seat DOUBLED. RH Opponent now REDOUBLED.

What to lead? My partner must have an Ace but which? Eventually I led KD that held, followed by QD overtaken by AD then JD. 3 down came to 1600 or 20 imps on one board!

The Congress was very successful and Waikanae acquitted themselves well. I recommend this tournament as being extremely well organised and including educational lunchtime talks.

NZ BRIDGE AWARDS

We are delighted to note the following NZ Bridge awards were received by;

Julia Tait	Local Master
Hugh Wolfensohn	Club Master
Roger Palmer	Club Master
Beverley Jackson	Certificate of Proficiency

Our congratulations to you all. Well deserved.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

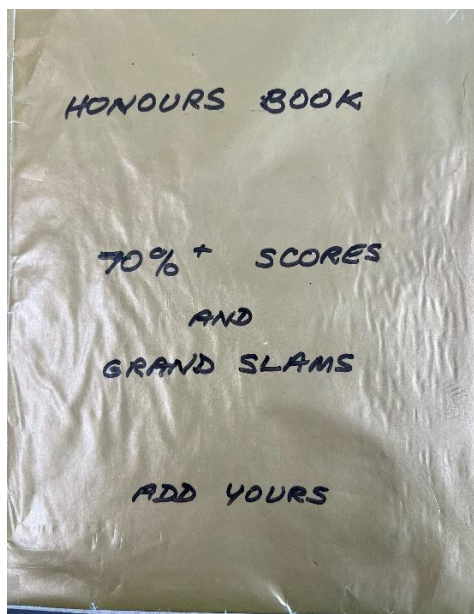
We are delighted to welcome the following four new members into our bridge community - please do not hesitate to ask for guidance or help around the club.

<u>NZ Bridge No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1803	Naciye Bagaci	027 204 4002
46313	Andrew Cozens	027 616 9036
46960	James Jones	021 0261 7617
55028	Ginny Williams	021 297 3641

All new members Contact Details, including e-mail addresses, are available on the Club Noticeboard. Please welcome these folk 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; Barbara Henley, Richie Rama, Jenny Simpson and Lorraine Pollock.

CLUB'S HONOURS BOOK



To remind, the **Club's Honours Book** is the Gold covered book on the left end of the top shelf below the Club's Noticeboard.

Please ensure you enter any score over 70% and/or any Grand Slam made in the relevant section of the book.

It is great to see that two pair scored Grand Slams in February and four pair have scored Grand Slams so far (as at 12 March) in March. Extremely well done.

BEGINNERS LESSONS

We are delighted to note that Judith Jackson and her team have commenced this year's classes with **32 new beginners registered**. We must all be mindful that any new members that we retain from these lessons will be the life blood of our Club going forward.

We remind you that any Junior, or in fact any financial club member, can attend any or all of these new bridge sessions at no cost. Should you wish to use this opportunity to revise the basics, please informally discuss it with Judith or one of her team (Blair or Ady) so they can have the necessary additional copies of the course notes/paperwork/deals available.

Most would agree that to our peril, many of us have forgotten - or ignore - aspects of the basics of the ACOL bridge system. I am also sure that most seasoned players would consider that they are well above **Beginners Lessons** level. However, this year I again challenge any seasoned club player to achieve 100% correct answers to **any of the NZ Bridge Beginners Lessons test papers** – I would be delighted to present a chocolate fish or easter egg should anyone succeed in this challenge. Best wishes.

IMPROVERS LESSONS

The Club is indeed fortunate to have two experienced senior players who are willing to run Improvers Lessons for those of us who wish to avail ourselves of the opportunity of endeavouring to improve our Bridge. The next three-session course of Improvers Lessons, provided by Graham Cheater, will cost \$20 for the series and be offered on Wednesday, 17 April, 24 April and 1 May at 7.30pm. The topics of each of these lessons will be advertised shortly.

Would those interested in attending these lessons please add your name to the list on the top table and make payment to the Club's bank account.

50th JUBILEE UPDATE

Believe it or not, there is now less than seven weeks to go to the **Club's 50th Jubilee on Saturday, 4 May**.

The programme for the day is:

11.00am – Day begins

11.15am

- 1. Bubbles on arrival:** both alcoholic and non-alcoholic
- 2. Welcome**

11.45am – Celebration Lunch

1.15pm – Prepare for Tournament

1.30pm – Jubilee Tournament – Monday Rules fun tournament

5.00pm – After tournament drinks and awards

6.00pm – Our day is over

This day is restricted to Members and past members only. Numbers for the Jubilee Tournament is restricted to the first 96 players (24 tables). Members are invited to sign up on the sheets at the top table or email waikanaebridge@xtra.co.nz.

The cost is \$35 – please pay into the Club bank account. Please note that your registration is not confirmed until you have paid.

CONSTITUTION – UPDATE. Prepared by Pat Stuart

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 is an update and incorporation of best practice for a membership organisation that wants to have the legal status and protection of incorporation under the Act.

The Waikanae Bridge Club is an Incorporated Society under the 1908 Act. If the Club wishes to continue to be an incorporated society, it is required to reregister with a new constitution that complies with the 2022 Act.

Work on preparing a new constitution has progressed and it is expected that a draft will be provided to the Committee for review at its April meeting. Subject to the Committee's review the draft constitution will be shared with you in preparation for the Club deciding on reregistration.

In the meantime, the draft Constitution follows the template produced by New Zealand Sport which it prepared for its affiliated national bodies including NZBridge. Many of the provisions in the draft Constitution are covered in the existing Constitution and will have minimal impact on Members. The most significant changes affect how things are done with greater emphasis on accountability and transparency.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

In addition to usual Committee business and initial discussions on the timings of evening sessions and a process to nominate Life Members, both raised under General Business during the AGM, the meeting topics included:

Waikanae/Paraparaumu Interclub

Issues relating to the playing conditions of this competition were briefed. Waikanae will continue to assist Paraparaumu identify a solution.

Clubroom Insurance Valuation

The Treasurer, Margaret Gordon, has obtained a new valuation of the Clubroom building. Margaret will now approach our insurance brokers to seek insurance quotes for the new value.

The Waikanae Bridge Club 50th Jubilee

The Committee was delighted to approve the Celebration Lunch Menu and the Jubilee Budget. Please see the earlier newsletter item for details regarding the Jubilee Day.

A funding application for the Jubilee booklet is underway.

Club Constitution Update

Please see the earlier newsletter item.

Annual Intervillage Bridge Tournament

The Waikanae and Paraparaumu Retirement Villages hold annual competitions in a variety of events – Bridge being one of them. The Parkwood Village were responsible for organising this year's competition. Last year Ann Verboeket sought approval to host this year's tournament in the Waikanae Bridge Club rather than within Parkwood Village. As both Parkwood and Charles Fleming (Rymans) are important and willing sponsors of our Bridge Club, we were delighted to agree. This year's tournament was held on Wednesday, 6 March.

On behalf of the Parkwood Intervillage team, Ann wrote a very complementary letter thanking;

- the Bridge Club for the use of the Clubrooms,
- Stephanie Cheeseman for negotiating the availability,

- Anne Ricketts for managing the Dealing of the hands,
- especially Graham Cheater for again Directing the Intervillage tournament; and
- Margaret Gordon for both organising the kitchen support and also stepping in at the last minute to play with Jane Cousins to fill in for a Kapiti Metlife Care player.

Ann added that it was a very successful Day and the Parkwood Intervillage Team were the envy of the other Village teams.

Defibrillator

We await the outcome of the funding application.

Waikanae Open Tournament

While the Secretary has written to the Wellington Region Bridge Committee (WRBC) to request a change of date of our tournament to prevent a clash in 2025, Graham Cheater will add additional poignant points at the next WRBC meeting to assist our case.

Lessons

Please see the earlier newsletter item regarding the Beginners. Many thanks to members who delivered the Lessons flyers around Waikanae and Waikanae Beach residential areas. You may have also seen the local newspaper ads or heard the radio ads for our Beginners Lessons.

Regards to All and Happy Bridging.

Chris Farrow
President