



NEWSLETTER November/December 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Well, what a great finish to our Bridge year within the Club. While all of our Club Competitions and Trophy winners have been announced, I am delighted to again acknowledge our Club members who gained National, Regional or wider recognition for their prowess at the Bridge table – namely;

Jeanne Wardill and Graham Cheater – who finished second overall in the Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs;

Rachel Patrick – who finished as the top competition Junior in the Wellington Region;

Roger Palmer – who was the third Junior in the Wellington Region, Nicky Bradley & Pryor Rowland – winners of the 2023 KHAP series, and Ady Dale & Rae Lutman -third in the 2023 KHAP.

As Waikanae Clubs members, we were delighted to learn of their success and marvel at their performances. Extremely well done and thank you to you all.

I must also make a very special thank you to Dennis Jenkins and Roz King for their Christmas Party menu and food presentation. Absolutely wonderful. Supporting Dennis and Roz were a great team including Vicky Young, Elva Brown, Miriam's daughters, Anne Ricketts and Ann Hancock to mention just a few. Please accept my apologies if I have omitted a key player.

Of course, the Christmas Party finished with the handing out of the 2024 Programme Books. Our sincere thanks to Rae Lutman, Maureen Pratchett and Ady Dale for the significant work behind the scenes to bring this Programme Book to fruition.



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.

VOLUNTEERS

May I take this opportunity to thank our numerous volunteers who all play pivotal roles behind the scenes to make this Club operate somewhat seamlessly. In addition to our Committee members, the members of the Bridge Advisory Group, our playing Directors of each session, our Dealing Teams, our Scorers, our Duty Officers and our Table Money collectors at each session, we have Maureen Pratchett our Computer and IT guru, Vicky Young who provides our weekly supplies, Graeme Norman our Recorder, Miriam Lewin our Almoner, Shelley Ross our webmaster, Stephanie Cheesman who looks after our Room Hire, Margaret Gordon who looks after our Sponsors, Nicky Bradley who looks after our Recycling, and of course the team who guide and look after our Learners – Judith Jackson, Blair Campbell and Ady Dale. While this list does not identify every one of our volunteers, thank you one and all.

And talking of volunteers, we are still looking for one or two people who could help out in our Dealing Teams. Please do not hesitate to speak with Eileen Queree (Phone 021 293 3920) if you could help – Eileen can also provide details of what is entailed.

JUBILEE

To remind, 2024 is the Waikanae Bridge Club's 50th Jubilee year. The club's 50th Jubilee celebration is planned for Saturday, 4 May 2024. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

While this might be somewhat later than was originally envisaged, **Waikanae Lions Club** have asked us to include the following in our newsletter.



THE TASTE OF XMAS

The famous and delicious Waikanae Lions Club Xmas cakes are available direct this year for members of your club.

The price is \$25 and delivery within Kapiti is included.

The rich and tasty cakes are made by Couplands Bakery in Christchurch and are a significant fundraiser for Waikanae Lions in supporting many community organizations which need a helping hand.

For orders, email waikanaelionschristmascakes@gmail.com



Buy one or more for your family or use them as Xmas presents for relatives and friends – they will never forget the rich flavour of Christmas.

A very Merry Christmas to each and every one of you and your wider family members. May you have a wonderful and safe break from Bridge and enjoy the holiday season. Happy New Year and have a great 2024.

We look forward to getting back together again in the New Year.

Regards to All,

Chris Farrow
President

NZ BRIDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of NZ Bridge has recently issued several edicts which they have asked that we pass on to our members. These include (in no relevant order);



World Bridge Federation an International Sports Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee Headquarters:

Full details of the WBF Amendments to Laws 79 & 83, effective 1 January 2024, will be distributed to Directors by Graham Cheater in the near future.

LAW 73 – COMMUNICATION, BEHAVIOUR, TEMPO, AND DECEPTION

LAW 89 – PROHIBITED BEHAVIOUR AND REPREHENSIBLE CONDUCT

Bulletin- Interprovincials 2024

Following consideration of recent feedback and in keeping with the (NZBridge) Boards desire to reinvigorate the Interprovincial championships the following changes have been agreed for the 2024 event.

- The finals will no longer be held in conjunction with the National Congress
 - The event will be held f2f in Wellington - 29 Nov to 1 Dec 2024
 - Regions will be free to select teams of 4 or 6 players.
 - NZ Bridge will provide a schedule of travel subsidies based on location which will be bulk funded to regions for distribution to team members.
 - All other costs are to be met by the players or regions who are encouraged to seek gaming grants for this purpose.
 - Bridget Willcox has agreed as part of her role to manage this event and the Rubber Bridge finals which will remain as part of the National Congress. Information specific to these events will be circulated early in the new year.
 - Regions are reminded that they are required to submit their selection trials plan and a copy of their trials entry notice to the chief director no later than 20th Jan 2024 for sign-off.
 - Finally, the Board has agreed to rebrand the event which from 2024 will be known as the “New Zealand Bridge Regional Championships”
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION for PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS OF ALL BRIDGE CLUBS THAT ARE INCORPORATED SOCIETIES. CHANGES TO LEGISLATION.

A copy of this information has been passed to all members of the Committee.

Bridge Player Survey

The World Bridge Federation is conducting a survey exploring what types of leisure activities people do and why.

Please help us by passing it on to as many bridge players as you can so that we get as wide a representative set of view as possible. We need to hear from players at all levels and not just those participating in international events.

The link to the survey is: <https://pip.surveymonkey.com/r/DKJW93X>

There is also an article about it on Bridge

Winners: <https://bridgewinners.com/article/view/leisure-activities-survey/>

The survey is aimed primarily at bridge players, and will help us get a better understanding of why different groups of people around the world like and play bridge, and how bridge compares to other activities that bridge players and potential bridge players like to do.



Bidding Challenge
Fundraiser (A4).pdf

The attached PDF carries the Poster with more details of this fundraiser.

Hi everyone,

A great fundraiser bidding challenge is coming up very soon (21st December) to help support youth players that are travelling to the Australian Youth Week in Canberra in January.



People who sign up (and pay a donation) are emailed 15 hands with different scenarios. During a live panel session on 21st December, you can compare your answers with those of an expert panel.

You can find out more or register here:

<https://ausyouthbridgeweek.wixsite.com/australian-youth-bri?fbclid=IwAR0jS8DsPMT0sH0vo7UJInOFaMtelazkc0SXihwixYQk6UdbC9BAe-E3NYI>

Please contact sam.coutts@nzbridge.co.nz for more information.

Call for Nominations
Election of Members to the Board of NZ Bridge
for a term of three years commencing 1 April 2024

Election Process

In late February/ early March 2024 NZ Bridge will hold an election to fill the positions of 3 ordinary members of the Board.

Anna Kalma, Sam Coutts & John Skipper will retire by rotation, and all are eligible for re-election.

Voting for the election of any candidates will be conducted by postal ballot of Affiliated Clubs as described in Rule 9 of the NZ Bridge Constitution. A copy of this document is available via our website.

<http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/nzb-constitution.html>
