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Thanks to Lizzie Catherall, Martin Connelly, Alan Butler, Margaret Bell, Andrew Beck, Kath Banks and Ed Hudson for help in compiling this newsletter – I really appreciate your help!

From the Committee meeting on 14th May

One of things we did this month was vote on the Captions we received for this photo. Thank you so much everyone who entered – I have printed all the captions later on in this newsletter

Congratulations! To the winner Dinah Airey



“Four Becks! What’s next. The dog as well?”

- We have received a \$3575 grant from Greytown Sport and Leisure. We applied for a grant of \$1300 to go towards new tablecloths, but as they allocate funds on out operating costs we were eligible for the bigger

amount. Kath and Anna are in charge of the tablecloth project and the fabric has been ordered, so soon you will see beautiful midnight blue cloths on our tables.

- Total Bank Balances as 31st May 2018 - \$33105.52
- The Committee agreed to increase the next lot of petrol vouchers, given to the Interclub teams for travel, to \$40.00 because of increased petrol costs.
- The Improver classes have been going well – last week Andrew asked the attendees if they would like to have more sessions where they can play specially dealt hands that reflect the lessons –and as they are keen we are going to start them after the last lesson . The cost will still be \$2.00 per lesson (a bargain) – they will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.00 and last about an hour.
- The committee agreed to purchase Microsoft Office as we need it for good quality Power Point presentations – Martin will investigate this for us.
- Andrew to draft the criteria for awarding session prizes at our tournaments
- Monday and Thursday Reviews – Both nights are going well. The committee thanked Martin and Andrew for the smooth running of the teams. Helen Hayes has the Monday book while Dinah is away.

Bill Hughes Memorial (International) Simultaneous Pairs
An excellent thing to do on Friday night 29th June!!

The night will begin at 6.00 with finger food and a wine and then we start playing bridge about 6.30ish.

You will need to :-

Bring a plate

Bring \$10.00

We will provide the rest!!

Not sure what International Simultaneous Pairs are?

On a normal Bridge night NS will play the same hands and EW will play the same hands, and as we are part of X Club a lot of club in New Zealand play the same hands as us – the simultaneous pairs are much the same, except there lots of clubs from all over the world playing the same hands - so it's nothing mysterious or scary - it will be fun.

At the end of the night you will receive a specially produced booklet with all the hands recorded and telling you what contract you should/could have played and how you should/could have played it!

We have closed this competition now – as we either wanted eight or twelve tables

Mindy Wu Workshop

Saturday 23rd June

Time 1.00 – 4.00

\$5.00 per person

This will be the second Mindy Wu workshop this year – she is running it for people who have been playing more than two years. You'll love it – she is an inspiring teacher

I have a new role – Regional Bridge Mate for the for New Zealand bridge. New Zealand Bridge has seven different regions – each region has a Bridge Mate and I am “it” for the Wellington Region. The role is a new initiative by NZ Bridge to grow bridge and try and stop the decline in numbers – this year the emphasis is on two things

- Beginner lessons encouraging people to come to the lessons and then to retain them as club members
- Encouraging junior and intermediate members to play in tournaments
Playing in tournaments is fun and definitely improves your bridge and if you love your B and C points it's a great way to get them to grow quickly.

This new role will not affect my participation at this club – I love it here – it's great to belong to friendly, happy club and an innovative, forward thinking committee - under the leadership of Lizzie - who are not afraid to try new things.



More Captions – (thanks for entering!)

From Felicity Warren

Andrew “ You said I could come to dinner tonight”

Katherine “ NO, no, I said you could be a winner tonight”

From Sue Wright

I'll show your mine if you show me yours!!

From Perry Cameron

"That's not a full hand."

"Öh, yes it is..."

"Look at mine."

From John Perham

"I'm telling you, Andrew, four no trumps was a valid bid!"



From Katherine Gough

Mini Bio – Margaret Bell

Margaret was born in Hamilton – she had one brother- tragically her father died



when she was six years old. She trained as a nurse and then went overseas to trip around for two years. While she was in London she met Monty, a Wairarapa boy who was also visiting London and fell in love!! When they came back they married and Margaret moved to her new home in the Wairarapa. They had three children. Now she also has six grandchildren and one great grand son

Margaret has done many “things” over the years one of them was growing strawberries for five years – but not to eat!. She picked off all the flowers and then when the plants were ready they packaged and sold them throughout New Zealand... until she rebelled and decided she had enough of working in

the hot sun in the summer and packing plants in a freezing shed in the winter – so on the last the last year they ate all the strawberries they could and made the rest jam.

Another “thing” was that she was office manager of Wairarapa vets for twelve years until they restructured.

One of the “things” she loves now is Bridge. – she learnt to play in Carterton and then went to play at Kuranui College when Gloria and Sue held classes and held lessons there. Margaret does not consider herself a tournament player but she really enjoys a good, competitive game of bridge. She is a good keen club member and plays most Mondays and Thursdays and helps out with club duties. One of the reasons she loves playing bridge is that she enjoys our company – she often steps in and plays at a moment’s notice when someone hasn’t got a partner. I took this photo last Thursday when she had just had her hair done – one of her extravagances she says - and wearing her favourite colour – BLUE!

Results

Scores over 65% over the last month

Monday 21 st May	Dinah Airey and Andrew Beck	66.14
Thursday 24 th	Lynette and Paley Downs	68.25
Thursday 17 th	Linda Gibbs and Sue Wright	65.62
Monday 10 th	Anna McDonald and Dora Aw Yong	71.57

Tournaments

During the month some of our members have played in tournaments throughout the Wellington Region

Katherine and Martin played in the Papaparumu Intermediate and won the first session
Barbara Page and Rona Huggins (one of our ex members) played in the same tournament and were awarded a bottle of wine for the honour of getting bottom
Deb Brunning and Ruth Burgess, Anna and Birgitta played the Upper Hutt Junior tournament and were all in the top 10

It's fun to play in tournaments – Give it a go. New Zealand Bridge are particularly interested in Junior players and are trying new things to get them to enter tournaments
They have started playing one session tournaments which seem to be very popular

Who is this Andrew Robson??



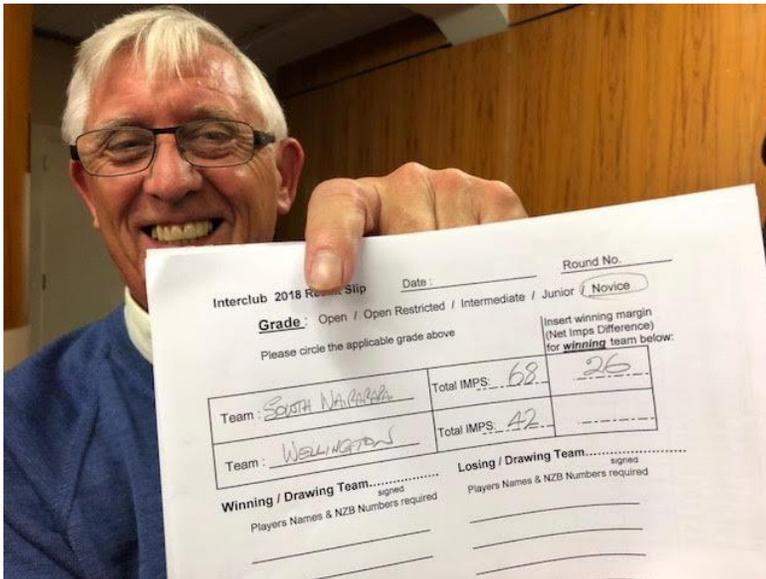
Andrew Robson

From small beginnings above a pub in Chelsea in 1995, Andrew has recruited a fabulous team which, under his leadership, make bridge uniquely fun, friendly and non-threatening. At its heart, ARBC is a teaching Club and Andrew has devised all the courses and is constantly fine-tuning them. You will see Andrew most Tuesdays, some Wednesdays and at other odd times when he is not running charity events and master classes around the country, playing tournaments or writing his daily Times column or weekly for Country Life and Money Week. Andrew has written over 25 books on bridge and also constructed our three ever-popular flippers: Beginner, Essential and Conventions. To read more about Andrew [click here](#).

During the Improver lessons Andrew has quoted Andrew Robson a lot! Besides being a fantastic player and winning everything, he is also a prolific author and he also runs his own his own Bridge Club in Notting Hill – there are two links below – one to Andrew's Bridge Club page and one to the Independent Article about how bridge became cool – which also talks about his Bridge Club (it really does sound cool!!)

<https://www.andrewrobson.co.uk/andrew/about/>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/this-britain/how-bridge-became-cool-426099.html>



Interclub

Another month of mixed results – for our club -we are all thrilled for the novice team who had their first win. Aroha emailed me this great photo about 2 mins after the game had finished with the caption “**WINNERS of the novice section!!!!**”

Angie’s Junior Team played against the Masterton Junior team and had the unusual result of a draw – Alice’s intermediate team won and the rest of had a loss. There is link to the Interclub results on this link <http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/links>

Lizzie is on the prowl – for photos for the Caption Competition – she snapped this one last Thursday – and with Ed and Kath’s permission I have printed it. We would love you to send in a caption to this address swbridge@xtra.co.nz Looking forward to what you have to say!!



See you at Bridge! Katherine