

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



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### **Lizzie's report from the Wellington Regional Meeting**

Oxygen is blowing through top management of NZ Bridge. Changes in the past year are recognizing that bridge as a club activity is declining and top management has to address that and not stay tucked away in an ivory tower Auckland.

Last Sunday I represented you at a Wellington regional meeting at the Victoria Bridge Club. Every club was there except for Paraparaumu and Otaki.

We had national committee feedback from

Greg Whitten who is a member. It seems that a major overhaul of the NZ Bridge Association Constitution is underway, and also some interesting initiatives to "grow bridge NZ."

One of these initiatives is to have Bridge Mates in each region. We are hugely fortunate because the Wellington Region for the next few months will have as our Bridge Mate Jane Stearns, one of the two Cambridge "Bridge Babes" on the national committee. Jane has a reputation for working magic growing clubs. Earlier in the year she visited the Wairarapa and generously wrote a very forward thinking report for the SWBC. She knows us, sees us as enthusiastic and progressive and will be a valuable sounding board for any 2018 initiatives that your committee undertakes.

As a result of discussion on Sunday a sub committee was created to look at new ways that monies held by the regional committee can be spent to grow bridge. Currently there are strict



Lizzie schmoozing with Kathy – one of our new members

parameters: petrol reimbursement and help with financing stationery and little more. The feeling around the table was that the regional committee could do more to give the lead with member upskilling. For example nothing has been organized by the regional committee to help clubs cope with the 2017 Law changes. There has been one session organized in the region by the national committee. We as a club are unusual in taking the initiative to hold a directors' workshop to be run by Allan Joseph.

Jim Brough, President of the Karori Club raised the question of why there has not been any attempt by either the regional or national committees to negotiate better group deals for the purchase of items needed by all clubs: dealing machines, printers etc. I raised the question of whether the national committee could do more to act in a Consumer Magazine type role, reviewing and offering advice on the different merits of bridge programmes on offer and other items that bridge clubs are looking to buy.

A major concern for both the national and regional committees is the decline in numbers entering junior tournaments. SWBC's two 2017 tournaments have in fact gone against the trend and the number of junior tables in the April event was especially heartening. Your committee will be giving this issue some thought but I have given some feedback to the regional committee. It is recognized that juniors need lots of encouragement and support to venture away from their home clubs.

Another initiative for the region was the move to have all club lessons at the same time, with the use of radio to publicize paid for by the region. Your committee, along with Masterton, was supportive of this initiative but opted not receive radio funding as we didn't see application in the Wairarapa. We'll be interested to follow up findings next year but will continue with our own ways of attracting learners: word of mouth, flyers in public spaces.

Interclub is seen as a big success in the Wellington Region, and we are viewed as enthusiastic participants. I'll keep you posted on ongoing regional and national developments especially initiatives taken by our Bridge Mate.

Lizzie



### **Team work**

Eslyn Beck was the only person from our club to go to Congress which was held in Hamilton at the beginning of the month. He played in the youth teams – they were held on Friday, the first day of Congress.

Eslyn and his dad were up at 4.00 am, arriving in Hamilton at 7.15 in plenty of time to start playing at 9.00!

Eslyn played for the Yao team and they ended up by being 5<sup>th</sup> out of ten teams

## **Babich NZ wide pairs**

This year the Babich Pairs will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Cost is \$5.00 per person (this fee is payable to NZBridge) - no table money will be charged and the Club will provide supper and refreshments after play has finished. This event is open to all Club Members – there will be a cut off at 14 tables. Last year some pairs missed out because of the cut off – so if you are keen to play put your names down on the list on the notice board.

Play starts at 6.00

Some facts about Babich Pairs New Zealand from 2016 – The Babich Pairs was played at 59 clubs and 998 pairs participated – the winning score was 68.63%. From the reports I saw online there were actually 60 clubs playing, but it looks as though one of the clubs did not get their results to the organisers for some reason so they weren't counted in the final tally. They have never had 1000 pairs competing, so hopefully it will happen this year

## **From The Committee Meeting**

1. We welcomed back Ed this month
2. Alan presented a very comprehensive financial report – he asked club members to check their table money as during the month he has received several Euro's instead of \$1 coins. Current Account balance \$5466.47, deposit account, \$7155.08 and Term deposit balance \$20,000. Term deposit will mature in November and the committee agreed that it would re – invested for another year.
3. The Multigrade Tournament in September showed a small loss. We bought too much wine for prizes, (which we will use at our Christmas Party) so when that is taken into account we actually made a small profit.
4. Andrew has applied for a licence for our Christmas Party.
5. We are looking for a Computer Whizz-if you are interested get in touch with our secretary Kath Banks.
6. Some matters were held over for more discussion until next month including the sub committee report, proposal to change starting time and substitutes.

**Allan Joseph's Directors' Workshop** is to be held on **November 4th 1pm to 5pm**

Of our eleven directors, ten have committed to attend the workshop and the one who can't has a wedding across the Tasman. We as a club are lucky to have directors prepared to give up a Saturday afternoon to learn more about our game. If you are not currently involved in directing but think you might like to give it a go 2018, and so would benefit from attending the workshop, please let Lizzie know.

## **Beginners**

Beginners Classes have finished now and club for the last three weeks they have been playing a mini club night of their own - with a buddy - on a Tuesday night. We have six tables and play twelve boards – beginners have access to their notes and are able to discuss the boards they have just played.

Play starts at 7.00 and finishes round about 9.00

It's great! Any beginners who would like to play are welcome to join in – at this stage we are not paying table money. We have been scoring manually, but this week we used the bridge pads for the first time.



Barbara and Marilyn – who with Andrew – have been teaching the Beginners with John de Joux – one of our new members

**Carving up XClub – this result was from Monday Night October 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Congratulations! John, Martin, Paul, Barbara, Eslyn and Gail!!**

1	<a href="#">John Bath &amp; Martin Connelly</a>	South Wairarapa	72.19%
2	<a href="#">Paul Baines &amp; Barbara Page</a>	South Wairarapa	71.55%
3	<a href="#">Kate McFadyen &amp; Clare Coles</a>	Cambridge	68.89%
4	<a href="#">Bev Knight &amp; Lorraine Murrie</a>	Tauranga	67.31%
5	<a href="#">Christine Burton &amp; Helen Carryer</a>	New Plymouth	65.65%
6	<a href="#">Marie Gilliland &amp; Margaret Lay</a>	New Plymouth	64.09%
7	<a href="#">Eslyn Beck &amp; Gail Rapson</a>	South Wairarapa	63.98%

**A Reminder – We will not be able to park on the Main Road on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November because Road works will be taking place from 7.00 pm to 5.30am**

## Results

**Exciting Month! Monday Night and Thursday Championships have finished. Congratulations to the winners!**

### Thursday Night Championships

David Steels and Margaret  
White  
62.67%  
Linda Gibbs and Sue  
Wright  
59.83%

### Monday Night Championships

John Bath and  
Alice Forward  
58.33%  
Lizzie Catherall and  
Alisoun Werry  
57.34%  
Margaret Bath and Robin  
Draper  
56.99%

### **Scores over 65% since our last newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Paul Baines and Barbara  
Page  
69.92%  
John Bath and Martin  
Connelly  
76.38%

### **12<sup>th</sup> October**

Linda Gibbs and Sue  
Wright  
75.52%

### **16<sup>th</sup> October**

Hamish McDonald and Anna  
McDonald  
68.90%

### Swiss Pairs – results over five rounds as Boards were corrupted in Round 5

Hamish McDonald and  
Peter Francks  
67.18%  
Margaret White and  
Trevor McKeown  
66.43%  
Neil Catherall and Rosie  
Bauckham  
59.67%

## An Interesting hand from our Tournament

### Board 12 Afternoon Session

Do you open 1 NT if you have a 5 card  
major – some say Yes and some say  
No. This hand was a triumph for the  
players who say “YES”

Two pairs played this hand in !NT  
making 1 and 12 pairs played it in  
2Hearts going 1 light

<b>North</b> <span style="float:right">V</span>	
♠ K Q 2	
♥ 10 5 2	
♦ Q 8 5	
♣ A 8 7 6	
<b>West</b> <span style="float:right">D NV</span>	<b>East</b> <span style="float:right">NV</span>
♠ A J 9 8	♠ 6 5 3
♥ J	♥ A K 9 8 4
♦ 9 7 2	♦ K 10 4
♣ Q 9 4 3 2	♣ K 5
<b>South</b> <span style="float:right">V</span>	
♠ 10 7 4	
♥ Q 7 6 3	
♦ A J 6 3	
♣ J 10	
HCPs	
11	
8 13	
8	

