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MAY 2018

Thanks to Lizzie Catherall, Martin Connelly ,Anna McDonald. Dinah Edridge Kath Banks and Andrew Beck for their help in compiling this newsletter.

From The Committee meeting:-

- **Financial** – Kath filling in for Alan presented a comprehensive Financial Report by email. As part of the report there was a breakdown of the Income and expenditure of the Tournament. We made a profit of \$21.36(including raffle profit of \$150.00) Kath thanked Hugh for his work in helping counting and sorting the money on the day of the tournament
- Balances as at the end of April Current A/c \$9232.64. Savings A/c \$2276.75, Term Deposit A/c \$20, 480. Balance less outstanding cheques \$30,480.10
- **Tournament Review:-**Lizzie has set up a memory stick with all tournament duties. Thank you to Jill who loaned us her tables cloths and then took them home and washed them. Thank you to Ruth Burgess who took home our table cloths and bought them back clean and pressed
- **Monday and Thursday Reviews:-** Dinah and Katherine reported that no problems had been reported to them and everything seemed to be going well .A reminder to everyone – if you have any issues on the night you play bridge – let one of the convenors know so we can get it sorted out.
- **Greytown Sport and Leisure :-** Have changed the way they allocate bulk funding and asked us to supply certain documents before releasing funds Lizzie to write a Strategic Plan 2018, and Action Plan for 2018 and Kath will supply a Budget. We also need to supply Minutes from our AGM, Annual Report and Financial Statements and our Bank Account Number

SWBC 2018 Action Plan

The SWBC elected committee has the responsibility to meet the 2018 club objectives to upskill and consolidate club membership.

WORKSHOPS. The following workshops have been held or are in the pipeline for 2018.

March 10 Senior Wellington region bridge player and teacher, Mindy Wu held a three hour workshop with the focus on upskilling our Intermediate level players.

April 14 We employed a senior Wellington Region Director, Allan Joseph, to hold a three hour workshop for our club directors with the focus on hands on experience using the Laws that govern all NZ duplicate bridge play.

June 23 A workshop planned for Mindy Wu to work again with the SWBC Intermediate level players.

October (date to be confirmed) Allan Joseph workshop for club directors.

October (date to be confirmed) Mindy Wu workshop with Intermediate players

Tuesday nights starting May 1st the club is holding a series of ten refresher lessons with the focus on our Junior membership. The teaching in these lessons is provided by unpaid senior club members.

PARTICIPATION IN WELLINGTON REGIONAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION. The committee sees SWBC participation in the monthly Wellington Regional Interclub competition as an excellent form of upskilling membership. Members have been actively encouraged to form teams and participate with petrol funding made available. As a consequence of this approach, although one of the smallest clubs in the Wellington Region, the SWBC has, with **six** teams, one of the strongest participation presence. These teams include beginning (novice) bridge players.

PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

ANNUAL CALENDAR (country wide). The SWBC is part of this calendar holding two tournaments annually, a huge commitment for a small provincial club. The **April 15 2018** Junior and Intermediate level tournament attracted over 80 players from the Hawkes Bay and lower North Island. A second tournament is planned for **September 23**. As a Multigrade tournament it is expected to attract a greater number of players including Open players. These tournaments require a great deal of hard work to set up and hold. SWDC weekend costs for the hire of the Town Centre space are considerable. Plus the costs of hiring a senior director from Wellington to oversee play and provision of food during the day.

Justification is the experience and confidence building our members gain in the competition and the exposure given to our club.

THE PIANOLA BRIDGE SYSTEM . Recognising that our membership is almost entirely computer savvy and as a consequence of having knowledgeable and forward thinking skills within the club the SWBC has been innovative in purchasing the Pianola system. This is a set of tools that allows members to view their bridge results in new and innovative ways enabling them to analyse play and trends over time. Pianola also empowers members to find partners and has numerous other features. 2018 the club has taken the further step to subsidise use of Pianola Plus.

COMMUNICATION The committee views open communication and open governance as a key part of our 2018 action plan. Extensive use is made of Pianola to send messages to membership and we have a monthly Newsletter highlighting club activities/ feedback of committee decisions and discussion.



Our Supper Roster is working really well – **thank you** everybody for taking your turn or arranging for someone else to do it for you.

Thank you also to Jill who is doing a great job of buying supper supplies

In response to some queries we have had – if you play on a Thursday and a Monday you will only be on the roster one of those days

Roster for May is on the Notice board and Roster for June is included in this newsletter



Masterton Visit

What a great night we had – Thanks you to club members who provided the delicious food and were wonderful hosts to out guests - Thank you Sheridan who was the director - everything ran like clockwork. The bridge was fun too.



Loving it!



We presented Masterton Bridge Club with a beautiful Mirror for their refurbished club rooms
Lizzie presenting Rosie with our gift.



Bridge Buddies



Interclub



Mixed results this month- unfortunately our Novice team had to default as they couldn't get a team together – but the rest of us all fronted up and received various results You can catch up on results here

<http://www.wellingtonregionbridge.nz/interclub.html>

Photos taken before Interclub
Combining food and bridge – we are good at that!



Last week, one of our old club members, Joan Leach, died at Masterton Hospital. Anna asked me to share a conversation she had with her daughter, Sue, who she met this week. She regularly came over from Australia to see her mother and a couple of years ago when she was here, her mother wanted to come the club for a game of bridge –Sue said she really didn't think it was a good idea because her Mum's memory was gone, but anyway they came. She said it is lovely to think of it now because they had a great night and she and her Mum came top!

Dinah said she remembers Joan fondly for a great tip she gave her – one that she has used many times and it WORKS! If your opposition are in game and you have 10 points and 4 of their suit "Double" and as Lizzie said when we had the moment's silence for Joan last week – Joan was queen of the Double

Club Teams Competition

Thursday Teams are in June - this year the theme is “Vegetables” so you need to name your team after a Vegetable, but just to make it a bit more fun we would like you to add a quirky adjective to your vegetable – i.e, arty artichokes, perky peppers etc



Monday teams are in July – this year the

theme is Flowers – following the same idea as the Thursday teams you will add an adjective to your chosen flower– i.e. Devilish Daisies, Marvellous marigolds

You need four players for your team, and once you enter you are committed to playing for the four weeks of the competition – please arrange your own substitutes if someone in your team can't play

If you are not in a team don't despair add your name to the “Substitutes” list (also on the notice board) and you will find you will be asked to fill in for various team.

I was in that situation a couple of years ago and I actually filled in for a different team every week.

Thursday night teams start on the 7th June and Monday night teams start on 6th August

Inspirational Mindy Wu is coming back on the 23rd June – write your name on the list on the notice board if you would like to attend her workshop.

NZBridge sends us emails on a regular basis keeping us up to date what is happening in the Bridge World. <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz>

They tell us about tournaments coming up (which Anna puts on to SWBC website.)

They have produced a video about entering tournaments online

<http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/latest-updates,listing,4171,watch-a-video-on-how-to-enter-a-tournament.html>

They emailed to all the clubs, an excellent article from Canterbury Bridge about Masterpoints and Ranking called ABC of Masterpoints –Anna has also put this on our website.

You can go to their website any time and catch up on playing and bidding tips and to see what other regions around New Zealand are doing.

Bill Hughes Memorial Simultaneous Pairs

We are going ahead with this and it will be held at on the 29th June.

We are limiting this event to twelve tables, so make sure you put your name down now. Planning is still underway for this event - will let you know more details after the next committee meeting.

Improvers Classes

We are two weeks into our Improver lessons and they are going well. So far we have learnt about opening leads and Transfers and Stayman

These lessons are still to come:-

- 15th May Declarer play and how to get extra tricks (Martin)
- 22nd May Signals (Andrew)
- 29th May When to Double 1NT and how to escape when it happens to you (Katherine)
- 8th June Declarer Play -3No Trumps – (Martin)
- 12 June 4th suit forcing (Andrew)
- 19th June Declarer Play (4H or 4S) –(Martin)

Everyone is welcome - each class \$2.00

Winners of the Featherston Pairs

Linda Gibbs and David Steele 58.23%

Closely followed by

Paley Downs and Richard Harvey

Followed even closer by 57.87%

Trevor McKeown Marilyn Smethurst 57.22%

Scores over 65%

Thursday 10th May

Margaret White and Jean Parker 66.93%

Lynette Downs and Linda Gibbs 65.61%

Thursday 3rd May

Katherine Gough and David Steele 65.51%

Thursday 26th April

Sue Wright and Margaret White 68.25%

Thursday 19th April

Sheridan Evans and Jean Parker 69.06%

Whew!! That is the most high scores I have written down at one time! Well done everybody !



Monty came along to Andrew's Opening leads class – but he was a little disappointed!!

Winners of the Autumn Pairs

Hamish McDonald and Gareth

Rapson 60.82%

Pam and Peter Francks 49.04%

Sheila Stapleton and Alisoun

Werry 48.52%

Monday 23rd April

Andrew and Eslyn Beck 73.02%

Monday 16th April

Lizzie Catherall and Anna 69.55%

McDonald

Hamish McDonald and Gareth

Rapson 66.14%

Next month I'm going to start a section about Slam – How many available and how many did we bid

Roster for June

If you can't do supper Duty on the day you are rostered, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. The Monday and Thursday convenors will remind you the week before it's your turn – the monthly list will also be in the newsletter.

It works out to be two turns each a year to do supper
Duties are listed on the notice board

Mondays

Jun 4 John Bath
Jun 11 Marilyn Smethurst
Jun 18 Martin Connelly
Jun 25 Neil Catherall

Thursdays

Teams Andrew and Trevor
 (all of June)

Monday

June 4th
Barbara Page and John Perham

June 11th
Bob Petelin and Ann Rainford

June 18th
Julia Murray and Mike Murray

June 25th
Nicki Rutherford and Pam Sims

Thursday

June 7th
Val Rait and Marilyn Smethurst

June 14th
Angie Smith and Sheila Stapleton

June 21st
Hugh Townend and Katherine
Gough

June 28th
Margaret White and Felicity Warren



The Final Word!

I'm finishing off with a little competition:- –
Write a caption for this picture – and send it to
swbridge@xtra.co.nz
Next month our guest judge will award a prize
for the winner!!
Looking forward to lots of entries!

Have a great Month Katherine