

SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



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“Always return your partner's lead at first opportunity “ from Trevor

Thanks to Kath Banks, Lizzie Catherall, Andrew Beck, Martin Connelly and Trevor McKeown for help in compiling this newsletter



Andrew giving a “pop up” workshop on “Alerting

Improvers classes

These are due to start on Tuesday the 1st May and run until the 19th June
Andrew has organized a programme of 8 classes - each class will start at 7pm and run for 1 hour. Class per is \$2.00 to cover costs for hiring the venue

- 1st May Opening leads (Andrew)
- 8th May Transfers (Katherine)
- 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)

From The Committee Meeting held on the 5th April

Present:- Lizzie, Andrew, Katherine, Dinah, Anna and Kath

Apologies:- Hugh, Ed, Angie and Alan

Financial –Kath (filling in for Alan) presented a very comprehensive Financial Report The committee congratulated Kath on the good work she is doing in Alan’s absence. Closing Balances are: Savings Account:- \$2262.38, Current Account:\$2258.38, Second Savings account \$2000, Term Deposit1:- \$20,480.00,Term Deposit2:- \$5000. Balances as 31st March 2018 (less outstanding cheques)

Volunteers – Lizzie raised this subject in January and the committee has discussed this over the last two months. This month the committee agreed that:-

“We are a club of volunteers therefore no one will be paid for services provided to the club.

Historically Jill Baker (for her work doing the dealing for the club) and Martin Connolly (for his work with our computer system, updating all software, solving bridgepad problems and keeping everything running smoothly) have received dispensation from paying table - and this will continue.

Starting on 3rd May Directors will no longer be exempt from paying Table Money

New Committee Member

Pip Fowler has been co opted on to the committee

Monday and Thursday Convenor Reports

Dinah said Mondays are going well Some newer players did not understand about the need to put your name down in the book and how the book actually worked, but that is sorted now.

Katherine said Thursdays are going well – great response to having a nonplaying director for the Championship Pairs. David Steele requested that we put the winners of the Championship Pairs on our website under “Hall of Fame” as we do not have an honours board in our club rooms. Kath said she would do that.

Wellington Congress

Lizzie suggested that the Wellington Congress is mentioned in the newsletter and that our members are encouraged to enter.

Bill Hughes Memorial Simultaneous Pairs:-

Our club has been invited to take part the Bill Hughes Simultaneous Pairs which will be played on the between the 24th and 30th June

This event is very similar to the NZ Babich Pairs except that it in International Event and is run by David Stevenson from England.

“Booklets are given to competitors with comments on the hands. All heat winners receive two small prizes and a trophy to keep. Prizes are also given for leading pairs.

Clubs are invited from much of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand and a few from elsewhere, although any club from anywhere is welcome to enter C points will be awarded



The Committee would like to hold this event on Friday night the 29th June.

We could have supper and wine after play was finished.

Entry Fee is \$10.00

We would like your expression of interest before we make a final decision – entries close on the 1st of May so we need your opinion now!

There is a list on the notice board for you to write down your names **OR** you can send an email to me:- goughgirl@gmail.com **OR** just tell one of the committee that you would love to come!!

Next committee meeting to be held on the 3rd Ma

Interclub – Mixed results this month – three teams won and three teams lost

Congratulations to Angie’s team who are now on top of the Junior ladder.

Kath (and her apprentice Anna) have update the website

<http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/links>



Dinner at the Wah Loon before Interclub



Dora and Joy - two members of our Novice Team with Robin a member of one of the Intermediate Teams after dinner and before Interclub

Next Interclub is on the 4th May – oh yes we do play bridge – not just eat!!

Visit from Masterton Club

On the 10th May Masterton Bridge Club (Our sister Club) is coming to visit.- we would love as many of you as possible to attend. Although it is held on a Thursday night all club members are welcome.

There will be no table money charged on the night.



A photos from Last years's Masteron Visit

Club members are asked to bring a plate

Starts at 5.30 -

You will need to have you own partner – if you want help to find a partner get in touch with our Monday or Thursday convenors – Dinah or Katherine

We will have a return visit to Masterton on the 14th August

Thanks to Trevor for sending me some sayings he likes:-

Don't go to three if you don't hear from me

Bid 1NT if you can - it's your first thought if you have 12-14hcp

Don't double 5D/C if they have gone there boldly

There are more to come

Score over 65% since our last newsletter

Monday 26th Championship Pairs 3

John Bath and Frank Minehan 65.10%

Monday 9th Autumn Pairs 2

Alice Forward and Birgitta Harper 67.80%

Thursday 5th April Featherston Pairs

Trevor McKeown and Marilyn Smithurst
70.90%

Paley Down and Richard Harvey 67.69%

This month we have had a total of 46 tables playing on a Monday night and a total of 42 playing on a Thursday night. During the month our website had 352 Visits – the most popular place to visit was the results page followed closely by the Tournament Page <http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/links> - Martin has added some new links to this page e.g. Interclub and Tournaments

“Bridgy things” to look forward to May and June:-

Improvers Lessons starting on the 1st May – list for names on the noticeboard

Masterton Visit on the 10th May – list for names on the noticeboard

Bill Hughes Simultaneous Pairs on June 29th (Subject to Club Approval)list for your opinion on the notice board

Mindy Wu workshop on the 23rd June – no room for this list yet!!

Tournament

We have just finished a really great, busy, sociable, successful weekend for our club – on Saturday Allan Joseph ran another Directors Workshop which was well attended by the Club Directors and on Sunday we ran our Intermediate and Junior Tournaments for 2018

Tournaments – we had 12 Intermediate Tables and 7 ½ Junior Tables (Unfortunately we had a late withdrawal from one of the Junior Pairs on Saturday night) – there is always an air of nervous excitement when people arrive for a bridge tournament – doesn't



Paley and Lynette Downa won a session prize with a score of 61%

matter if it is your first time or a hardened tournament player -the day is full of promise when you walk in the door – will you bid perfectly, will you play magnificently, will the opposition make a mistake or two that will help you out of a disastrous contract, will the director be kind – at the time it is all the glorious unknown! Such fun!! Later – if things haven't panned out too well

in the bridge department – there is always a chance you will be able to go home with a beautiful raffle prize and in between times you have the chance to enjoy beautiful

tasty food, drink some lovely wine and enjoy the company of like minded people.



Hugh was Lizzie's assistant on Tournament Day – some of his duties even extended to the kitchen and creaming the lamingtons



Neil and Dinah shopping for Tournament supplies!

We are so grateful to Fresh Choice who gave us 26kg of Potatoes free of charge.

Last year Lizzie (Our Tournament Convenor – Extrodinaire!) put an excellent Tournament Run sheet together as a guide for future tournaments – and it worked a treat!– Everyone had their jobs to do and it ran like clockwork .

Thank you to all the playing clubs members who brought plates for morning tea.

Thank you to Dora – who proved lemons and some of her lemon and lavender products, Helen Hayes for giving us huge beautiful pears, and Lizzie who donated a set of her original cards for the Raffle Baskets.

Thank You to Angie who donated baskets for the raffle and also organised the donation of the Potatoes from Fresh Choice..



Maciej Szczesny and her partner Andreana Pilalis with an average of 64.09% won the Junior tournament– they are playing this hand with Jennie Smith and Joy Cooper.

Session Prizes for the Junior Tournament were Birgitta Harper and Anna McDonald and Ruth Burgess and Deb Brunning



Birgitta and Anna won a session prize



Ruth and Deb (sorry we missed getting your photo Deb) won a session prize

Allan Joseph and his team of students in action



SUPPER ROSTER

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**

May

Monday

May 7th

Helen Hayes and Jim Lynch

May 14th

Fay Mangin and Julia Murray

May 21st

Frank Minehan and John Perham

May 28th

Bob Petelin and Barbara Page

May 3rd

Lesley Marsh and Di Martin

May 10th

Anna and Hamish McDonald

May 17th

Roger Musgrove and Jean Parker

May 24th

Trevor and Janice McKeown

May 31st

Sally McLeod and Val Rait

Directors for May

Monday

Monday 7th May

Martin Connelly

Monday 14th May

Hamish McDonald

Monday 21st May

Katherine Gough

Monday 28th May

Andrew Beck

Directors for May

Thursday

Thursday 3rd May

Neil Catherall

Thursday 10th May

Sheridan Evans

Thursday 17th May

Fran Jenkins

Thursday 24th May

Fran Jenkins

Thursday 31st May

Margaret White

At long last our lease has been signed - thanks to of Gail Rapson and Andrew Beck for working with the council to get this done.

We now have the use of the forum, the kitchen and the WBS room on our Bridge nights

- Cost per night is \$70.00 – this includes power, cleaning and access to the internet although if we require the rooms on Friday night or in the weekends we pay the current rate.
- The council do not want us to smoke in or around the building
- and to return any chairs and tables in the forum back into the WBS rooms after each session.

More photos from the tournament



Have a great Month

Katherine