

SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



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Congratulations to our Prizewinners of 2017

Mondays

Holiday individual – 3

Monday Championship pairs –
best 6 out of 8 (1 was scrapped)

Summer Pairs – 4

Monday Individual – best 7 out of 9

Autumn Pairs – 4

Winter Pairs – 4

Monday Teams -4-

Toucans: Hamish McDonald, Anna McDonald, Julia Murray and Nicki Rutherford

Gladstone Pairs – 4

Jellicoe Pairs – 4

Christmas Pairs -3

Margaret Bath

**John Bath and Alice Forward
Peter Francks and Anna McDonald
Eslyn Beck**

**Greg Whitten and Rosie Collins
Barbara Page and Ruth Burgess**

**Hamish McDonald and Nicki Rutherford
Lizzie Catherall and Anna McDonald
Richard Harvey and Andrew Beck**



Winner of the Stu White Cup
for the most improved player
Eslyn Beck

**Cup Presented by Margaret
White**

Thursdays

New Year Individual – 3

Sheridan Evans

Club Individual – best 6 out of 8

Margaret White

Greytown Pairs – 4

Barbara Page and Marilyn Smethurst

Championship Pairs – best 6 out of 8

Margaret White and David Steel



Thursday Teams – 4

Sharks: Sheridan Evans, Rosie Bauckham, Sue Wright and Linda Gibbs

Martinborough Pairs – 4

Andrew Beck and Margaret White

Ahikouka Pairs – 3

Swiss Pairs – 3

Pirinoa Pairs – 4

Jean Parker and Margaret White

Hamish McDonald and Peter Francks

Katherine Gough and Neil Catherall

SWBC Prize giving and End-of-year dinner 2017

Thanks to Lizzie for this contribution

Heigh ho and our bridge year slipped into history. At the evening's



beginning everyone gathered in the WBS room, wine glasses filled, to enjoy a giving of prizes that broke all records for speed of delivery. Perched on a box, microphone confidently in hand, Mistress of Ceremonies, Gail Rapson, whisked us through each of the winners. The cheers and applause rose with gathering momentum.

Next came the eating. Muddles of members in tables of four, not quite as random as people might have thought.

Cahoots did a fine first course followed by Glenys Almas's classy lemon roulade with strawberries. Some post food bridge play, in most cases with partnerships never previously tested, before a decision from the heartland brought the evening to a timely close. (Thank you Gail for whispering into the director's ear).

The little red 2018 booklets box emptied fast as members flowed out into the warm night. Committee members aided by Zac and Eslyn's youthful muscles, shoved tables in all directions and in the kitchen our now permanent helpers Marie and Angie whirled washed plates, glasses and cutlery into boxes. All to be tucked away in the basement until the next big event: our 2018 tournament on April 15.





President's Accolades -2017 prize giving has come and gone with effective partnerships and competent play acknowledged.

However, over the year there have been other SWBC prizewinners, ones who don't get acknowledged with trophies and bottles of wine (although some win competitively too). I call them collectively and affectionately **The SWBC's Grunt**. They are the ones who make all the rewarded results possible with their willingness to take on a whole range of tasks. So in no particular order I lift my fingers and blow thank you kisses from the SWBC membership to all the following

- Jill and her team of dealers who ensure that we have the boards we need to compete
 - Martin who scores the competitions, sometimes directs them and tends our "to be envied" very up-to-date website
 - Pam Lloyd who quietly monitors and meets our stationery needs
 - Gareth and Gail Rapson who fill biscuit tins and provide caffeine to rejuvenate flagging players
 - Andrew and his team of directors who run the competitions, often compromising their own results in the process
- Alice our interclub liaison person
 - Those who bravely ignore the wobbly steps and the head threat, to haul our equipment up and down. Particular mention for David Steele on Thursday nights, Tony Rigby on Mondays, Ed Hudson and Hamish McDonald, whenever the need arises!



- Our 2017 convenors Barbara and Katherine. A big thank you to Barbara who understandably is taking a break after several years convening Monday nights and a big smile for Katherine for her willingness to continue Thursdays 2018

- The Tuesday Team: all those members who gave of their time for weeks on end to ensure 2018 the club has graduate learners to integrate into regular play.

- Katherine for her monthly Newsletters which have transformed the way that our club members now access information

- The SWBC committee starting with Vice President Andrew, Treasurer Alan Butler, Secretary Kath Banks, and members Ed, Glenys, Gail, Helen, Angie and Katherine. Treasures all.





CONGRATULATIONS TO NEIL CATHERALL – who has passed the Director’s Laws Examination . Bravo as this brings to three the SWBC qualified directors: Andrew Beck, Neil Catherall and Trevor McKeown. There is a rumour that the cumbersome and difficult route to becoming a qualified director is to be overhauled, and the annual challenging Laws examination could be replaced with a more manageable approach. Hopefully this might make the notion of gaining the qualification 2018 more

attractive to those members already willing to direct

Now it’s time to look forward to 2018



As a result of the poll we held at the end of the year the starting time for our playing sessions on Monday and Thursday will now be 6.30

Monday Play 2018 - Thanks to Lizzie for this contribution

- For the first nine weeks of Monday night play January 8th through to and including March 5th there will be two sections. **Starting time: 6.30pm.**
- **Section A** will be overseen by Dinah Edridge who will hold the Monday book and take names as usual. The club rule requiring Senior players to partner Junior players will remain. There will be no seating plan.
- **Section B** has been created to ensure that the newbie group, successfully shepherded by Andrew and his team of volunteers from lessons to intelligent play, will have their learning consolidated and hopefully their confidence retained intact. This section will include less confident, often recent learners. Partners will be arranged, and there will be a seating plan.
- Lizzie has undertaken to oversee this section, and will be in touch with Section B players and partners well before January 8th.
- Both sections will offer C points, but Section B will play fewer boards.
- Section A contact: Dinah Edridge 06 304 9677
- Section B contact: Lizzie Catherall 06 304 9952
- **March 12th on** there will be no more sections” A and B” on Monday nights. There will no longer be a seating plan. The requirement that a Senior graded player partner a Junior will continue. **And importantly** from March 12th on the club will need to find a Monday night convenor to replace Dinah and Lizzie

Supper

We all love supper – it's great to have a break and a social catch up during the night and we have a marvellous array of biscuits and teas to choose from – however things are not going well with club members taking their turn on supper duty!!

At various committee meetings during 2017 Gail Rapson who with her husband Gareth have been supper convenors during 2017 has told us about the difficulty they have had getting volunteers to do supper duty.

They have are happy to continue buying all supplies for supper – which incidentally cost the club over



\$2000 per year, and as part of our new lease agreement Gail – who is one of negotiators – asked for and we have received a new cupboard because we were running out of room to store our supplies .

Earlier in the year Gareth spoke at both Monday and Thursday nights telling us that they were having problems getting a roster of helpers together and their vision would be for members just to get up and help – the supper and cups have to be set out before play and cleaned up at the end of supper time, and then cups have to put away and the cupboards locked at the end of the night.

However that approach has not worked and recently the cups and keys were not put away after a Monday night session and often the last person left standing has to put away cups and lock up.

Next year we are going to start a new initiative

- We will have a roster for Supper Duty for both Monday nights and Thursday nights. There will be three players rostered on each playing session
- Rosters will be pinned on the notice board at the beginning of the year and the Convenor of each night will also be in touch to remind you it is your turn the following week.
- Everyone who plays bridge at our club will be on the roster - The only exemptions are the Directors, Scorers and Convenors
- If you can't do supper duty on your rostered night **it is up to you** to swap or ask someone else to stand in for you.

Empowering our members We are planning more Bridge Education events next year



A Grand Slam

– we have a healthy bank balance and we plan to spend some money on providing workshops with Bridge tutors in various subjects. This year we started a series of improver classes which were very well received – we will definitely have more of those next year. We plan to have more Mindy Wu type workshops and more Director Workshops with Allan Joseph and also “Nesting Pairs” with Jane Stearns –more details on the next page And of course we have another Beginners class starting

again on Tuesday May 1st

Look forward to seeing you all in 2018! - Have a great Christmas and New Year!

PS Don't forget Subs are due by the 20th January!

Some information about the Nesting Pairs Run by Jane Stearns

Announcing the launch of NESTING PAIRS a new course aimed at intermediates and the less experienced/recent open player. Enthusiastic Juniors with a sound understanding of the basics may also enjoy taking part. NZBridge and Cambridge Bridge Club funded the filming of this series – so there is no cost to clubs or participants. Nesting pairs has been run in Cambridge and across the Waikato region since 2012.

The Nesting Pairs is for players who want to build a partnership with a view to playing well together in competitions and tournaments

Jane has given us some details on you tube - click on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fL1SHqitE4c&feature=youtu.be> to see what Jane has to say about this new initiative.

Although the committee hasn't made a final decision about Nesting Pairs we have two options on how to run it. It will depend on how many people are interested in what option we take.

1. Those who are partnered up (The club could help people with partnering up if there are members interested) would come along to the clubrooms on the dates advertised and watch the YouTube video for the lesson advertised. The club would have dealt the preset boards in advance and tucked in behind the notes on bidding and hand records and printed off the seminar notes for each player. After watching, they form groups and play the preset boards with their notes handy. They can Skype Jane live from 8 to 9 if they get stuck
2. Alternatively, if players don't want to come into the club - they could get together in groups of 4 - 8 in their homes – watch the seminar on you tube and then play the predetermined boards (which they will have to deal) Jane on Skype between 8 and 9 pm.

This is what Jane has written about her Nesting Pairs system



"It really is just a course I put together, it has jollied people along at Cambridge and got them more interested in the game and more interested in going to tournaments - and I thought - well I could do this nationwide, and got the Cambridge Bridge Club and NZ Bridge to cover the filming costs.

It isn't a perfect system Katherine - it is all about getting people excited and raising the bar. I would say half the people at Cambridge who have done it have not had much clue about at least a half to two thirds of the course content beforehand -. but they have LOVED trying it and I've just watched them get so enthused and excited and roaring with laughter as they get it wrong ... so it's a lot about trying some new things and giving it a go and enjoying it."

If you are interested or want to know more about Nesting Pairs – I would love to hear from you. Email me at goughgirl@gmail.com or ring me 027243349