



Waikanae Bridge Club

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

Due to the date of Easter this year, the April Committee meeting was delayed one week. As a result, this newsletter is also a week later than usual.

OBITUARY

Club members were sorry to lose one of our own earlier this month – **Rene Henke**. Rest In Peace Rene. Our condolences go to Alice, family members and friends at the club.

Condolences also to Derek Snelling for the loss of his mother.

CONGRATULATIONS

Club members were delighted to share in Blair Campbell's celebrations to mark his 88th birthday last month. Blair, we look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with you. And a very big thank you to Vicky Young for the birthday cake she baked and presented to Blair for sharing with Club members.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Best wishes to members who have recently been hospitalised, undergone a medical procedure or have not been in the best of health. May you all have a speedy recovery.

And it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the unfortunate round of COVID we experienced within the club early this month. I know a significant number of us suffered for a few rough days. However, thanks to the Committee for managing us through a situation that had the potential to be a lot worse had we not taken the decision to cancel a session – and with there

being no Bridge on Good Friday – buy ourselves a break of five days of no Bridge to give us a good chance for a clean start. Thankfully, that was successful.

With that experience behind us, it has certainly reinforced the need to always be mindful to maintain air flow through the clubrooms during our normal Bridge sessions.

CLUB WINNERS



Congratulations to our club competition winners in March.

Mark Byers Pairs	Jo Anson and Bob Moloney
Charlie Jelley Pairs	Graeme Norman and Anne Erwin
Adrienne Gilbert Pairs	Pat Reynolds and Linda Hair
Algie Pairs	Jeanne Wardill and Graham Cheater

And last week **Ady Dale** partnering Patrick D'Arcy in the **Wellington Regional Mixed Sex Pairs** held in the Karori Bridge Club, achieved a magnificent **third place overall** with a score of 58.18%. An outstanding result.

And talking of outstanding results – last Friday Judith Jackson and Graham Cheater scored a remarkable **76.39%** in the Buckley Medley. Congratulations.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome the following new members into the club. If you need a partner, please do not hesitate to call a new member – should they not have a partner I'm sure they would welcome the opportunity to play with a new partner.

NZ Bridge No.	Name	Telephone
15380	Anthea Black	021 200 3753
25264	Deirdre Kent	021 728 852
18939	Helen Walker	021 118 6025
44109	Kevin Walker	021 100 9154
54800	Meryl Harwood	027 448 9267

43440
41077

Joan Jarden
Megan Bruynel

021 064 0448
021 031 3191

The New Members Contact Details are also on the Club Noticeboard.

2023 PROGRAMME BOOKLET UPDATES



New Numbers

It may be useful to add the New Members names and numbers to the last page of your Programme booklet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KHAP

The second of the Autumn series of the **Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs** is played on Thursday, 20 April.

Rubber Bridge

The local draw of the national Rubber Bridge competition continues. Good luck and good bridge to those still in the hunt.

BEGINNERS LESSONS

We are delighted to note that Judith Jackson and her team continue the lessons with this year's class of new beginners. We must all remain mindful that these new members that we retain will be the life blood of our Club going forward.

And following last month's challenge for any seasoned player to achieve 100% correct answers to any of the NZ Bridge Beginners Lessons test papers – thus far, I haven't had any claims for a chocolate fish or an easter egg!!

A big 'Thank You' to Eileen Queree for organising the production of the Bridge Lesson Flyers and to the following members who distributed those flyers to letter boxes around Waikanae at the end of February;

Viv Gray, Stephanie Cheeseman, Ady Dale, Chris Farrow,
Blair Campbell, Shelley Ross, Barbara Henley, Nicky Bradley,
Margaret Gordon, Malcolm Hyland, Evita McGuire, Sue Hiles,
John Ellen and Maureen Pratchett.

2,300 flyers were delivered. Again, we have had a wonderful response to our lesson advertising with 36 people signing up for these lessons.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

Although the Minutes of our Committee Meetings are available on the club noticeboard, a brief update on some of the more topical issues currently being worked by your Committee include;

Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Fund

You will no doubt be aware of the NZ Bridge advice regarding the initiative of the New Zealand Bridge Foundation to raise money to help Bridge clubs and players adversely affected by the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle. The Chair of NZ Bridge has commented that 'every bit helps'.

While the Waikanae players who visited Paraparaumu in early March for the combined Interclub Shield/Charity event contributed to the \$1,066 raised for the Cyclone Gabrielle affected Bridge Clubs, the wider Waikanae Club members have not had the opportunity to contribute to this initiative.

As such, the Committee is inviting members to consider making an electronic contribution to the Waikanae Bridge Club bank account, citing '**Gabrielle**' in the Reference field. Cut-off is 30 April. In early May, the Treasurer will forward the total funds contributed to the New Zealand Bridge Foundation. Unfortunately, we cannot issue a Tax-Deductible certificate for these donations.

We will advise the membership of the total funds raised in the May Newsletter.

Carpark Lighting

Our insurance claim has been accepted and the reinstallation of the carpark lighting has been handed to our electrical contractors. Entire Electrical have advised this week that the light poles are expected to be delivered around 2 June – while certainly later than anticipated, we can be thankful progress is underway.

Bridge Club Lease

We are delighted to advise that the lease negotiations are now

complete. The new lease documents giving us 10-years with the right of a further 10-years (overall a 20-year security of tenure) has been signed by the Bridge Club. The lease documents are now with KCDC for their signature.

On behalf of us all, I offer sincere thanks to Ady Dale and her team of Graham Cheater, Rae Lutman, Vicky Young and Hugh Wolfensohn (not forgetting our legal consultant John O'Regan of Brandon's Lawyers) for bringing these convoluted negotiations to an acceptable conclusion for the Bridge Club.

Heating and Ventilation (HAV) Review

The HAV Review is underway. The sub-committee is expected to report back to the Committee with recommendations by 30 May. This report will be considered by the June Committee meeting.

Utauta Street Development

Currently, there is nothing new to report.

Communications Review

The members of this Review sub-committee are being put together now.

Defibrillator

The Committee is about to begin investigating options for the procurement of a Defibrillator for the Bridge Club.

Safe travel to anyone travelling over the next month.

Regards to All and Happy Bridging.

Chris Farrow
President