



NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is with regret that we learnt of the recent passing of **Joan Key**, a past member of the Waikanae Bridge Club. Our Deepest Condolences to John, the family, and her many friends.

On Monday, 7 August, at the Salt and Wood, it was great to acknowledge and share some memories of one of our past Life Members, **Agnes Richards**, and observe the 2year anniversary of her passing. Approx 30 club members were joined by her daughter Linda and son-in-law Gavin to mark the occasion with a toast to Agnes. A very pleasant and special occasion was enjoyed by all. A small number stayed on for an evening meal. Thanks to Blair for organising the event.

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

CLUB WINNERS



Congratulations to our club competition winners in July.

Judith Jackson Pairs

Anne Ricketts and Karen Hutchins

Fred Ord Medley

John Donbavand

Winter Pairs

Judith Jackson and Karen Hutchins

Wallace Mixed Grade Prs

Stephanie Cheeseman and Graeme Norman

OTHER RECENT NOTABLE RESULTS – E&OE

Waikanae Multigrade Pairs -

Wow - An extremely successful day with 18 full tables. And we were delighted to also note that the Top Intermediate Pair (one of ours) also finished **Third Overall**.

- **Winners** – Graham Stronach and Sandy McKirdy (Wgtn)
- **2nd Overall** – Dale Wills and Jane Bradbury (Paraparaumu)
- **3rd Overall** - Karen Eriksen and Jude Lucas (Waikanae)
- **Top Open/Intermediate** – Lesley Gilhooly & Averil Wooton
- **Top Intermediate Pair** – Jude Lucas and Karen Eriksen
- **Top Intermediate/Junior** – Miriam Lewin & Karen Hutchins
- **Top Junior Pair** – Margaret Gordon and Eileen Queree

Very many thanks to Margaret Gordon (the Organiser of the overall event), Ann Ricketts (event Dealer and Scorer), Vicky Young and all the volunteers who helped in the Kitchen during the day, the refreshment bar staff (Blair and Steve Ricketts) and to all the Club members who provided plates of food for the morning tea and refreshments at the end of the day.

We were also delighted with the success of the **Raffle** – my sincere thanks to all who contributed to the prizes, brought the tickets and of course to Anne Hancock who organised it all.

I would be remiss if I didn't particularly thank Derek Snelling for his donation of the top prize – a trailer load of firewood. And in Derek's absence in the UK, thanks also to Steve Ricketts for delivering the firewood to the winner – Trevor Smith, the President of the Paraparaumu Club.

Otaki Intermediate Pairs -

A great turnout of 15 tables with 8 Pairs from Waikanae. Miriam Lewin and Karen Hutchins finished best of our representatives.

Otaki Junior Pairs -

5 tables with 3 Pairs from Waikanae. Heartiest congratulations to the Waikanae winners of both sessions and winners overall.

- **Winners** – Rachel Patrick and Roger Palmer.

Karori Open Pairs -

13 tables with 7 Waikanae members entered. **Murray Phillips** was a member of the winning pair in the morning and this pairing finished **3rd overall**. **Graeme Norman** finished **4th overall**. Very well done indeed.

2023 PROGRAMME BOOKLET UPDATES



To remind

New members and those who may not have amended your booklets, please note the following changes that were previously advised:

Page 27 **Monday** - Spring Medley (September 11, 18 and 25) has been changed to the **Spring Pairs**

Page 31 **Tuesday** – Adrienne Hart Medley (September 12, 19 and 25) has been changed to the **Adrienne Hart Pairs**

and also please note a new correction:

Page 43 **Congresses and Regional Tournaments 2023** – the date of the Levin Multigrade Swiss Pairs should read 2 September **not** 26 August.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome the following two new members into our bridge community - do not hesitate to ask for guidance or help around the club.

<u>NZ Bridge No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
47577	Sandie Wright	027 541 5455

And from our Beginners class

56162	Liz Campbell	027 444 2801
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Please make these folk welcome and do not hesitate to call one if you are looking for a partner.

All new members Contact Details, including e-mail addresses, are available on the Club Noticeboard.

TEMPERATURE & VENTILATION

I am pleased to advise that latches have been fitted to three windows – two on the North wall and one on the South East corner window. Two of these windows are opened before the start of each Bridge session.

We also endeavour to maintain a constant temperature of 20-22deg C during each Bridge session.

MAINTENANCE

Hot/Cold water tap – finally repaired – hopefully, once and for all

Dishwasher – repaired – the dishwashing detergent is again being used.

Bridge Table – one table repaired.

Plastic footings on chair legs – several feet replaced.

Our thanks to **Viv Gray** for her regular maintenance tasks behind the scenes.

BEGINNERS/IMPROVERS LESSONS

As a final reminder, we repeat the upcoming dates critical to the **Beginners integration** into our Bridge Club and the **Improvers lessons** offered by the Club;

Sep	4	7pm Graham Cheater's – Reverses and jump shifts
	11	7pm Graham Cheater's – Fourth suit forcing
	18	7pm Graham Cheater's – Losing Trick Count
Oct	2	Welcome Pairs
	9	Welcome Pairs
	16	Welcome Pairs

The rule of '**No Doubling for Penalties on Mondays for the months of July through December inclusive**' is again in force. Please also note that any doubles left in which ultimately become Penalty Doubles will be taken out by the Scorer before the results are published.

I seek the assistance of every Monday session player in being welcoming and kind to these new players. We would also prefer that players do not give them advice as to where you think they might have gone wrong **unless they ask**. They already have enough on their plate!

And one last request – **please remember to wear your Name Badges to every session please**. Thank you.

It was great to hear that the **Revision of Basics session** on Saturday 5 August went very well and was enjoyed by 16 Beginners and/or new players. Well done to you all.

Graeme Norman's Improvers Lessons were certainly very well received by the 22-24 club members who attended. Some of these players have now included these tips in their play with their partners – so be warned!!

The topics of **Graham Cheater's Improvers Lessons** are identified above and on posters in the Clubrooms. The charge is **\$20** for the set of Lessons – payable on-line into the Club's account with the Reference field identifying the provider of the Lessons (eg Lessons Graham C). There is a registration sheet on the top table for entries so **please add your name before the end of August.**

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Levin Multigrade Swiss Pairs

Saturday 2 September. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Wellington Sixes Open/Int/Jnr

Sunday 3 September. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Victoria Junior and Intermediate Pairs

Sunday 10 September. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Kapiti/Horowhenua Quadrangular Tournament

Sunday 17 September. The Bridge Advisory Group will select our representatives for this tournament.

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (KHAP Spring Series 1)

Thursday 21 September. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

And it is useful to also note the upcoming;

National Congress, Tauranga - 23-30 September.

CLUB SHIRTS



T-shirts and Polo shirts with the new Waikanae Bridge Club logo (as shown) are available for purchase. Please ask if you would like to see an example of either of these shirts.

Should anyone wish to order a shirt, please contact Margaret Gordon on 027 8329777 or marjohnzoe@gmail.com and we will confirm current pricing for a new order.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

We wished the three Committee members travelling overseas safe travels and enjoyment while the rest of us attended to the business of the August Committee meeting. Envy aside, a big **'thank you'** to Ady for stepping in to cover the secretarial role.

NZ Bridge AGM

The Annual AGM will be held in September in conjunction with the NZ Bridge Congress to be hosted in Tauranga. All Clubs are required to advise NZ Bridge by the end of August as to who their representative will be at the AGM.

Communications Review

This remains on the 'work list'.

KHAP Survey Form

You will have all received an e-mail containing the link to the Survey form. We ask that you take the time to complete and return the survey form before the end of August please. The outcome will be advised in due course.

Separate the 2023 Junior and Intermediate tournaments

We await advice of the Wellington Regional Committee and/or NZ Bridge on their decision over our proposal to trial separate our Junior and Intermediate tournaments in 2023. We have planned:

- A one session Junior tournament to be held on Sunday 29 October with two group session prizes; one for Juniors and one for Novices.
- The Intermediate tournament will be held on 5 November as currently scheduled.

We will advise the final decision in due course.

The Waikanae Bridge Club 50th Jubilee

A diary reminder – as outlined in last month's Newsletter, the club's 50th Jubilee celebration is planned for Saturday, 4 May 2024. Details will be included in the 2024 Programme Book.

The Club Constitution

Changes to the laws governing Incorporated Societies now require all Clubs to review and update their Constitution and ensure their Policies are reviewed and updated before late 2025. Pat Stuart has kindly offered to lead the work effort to review/update our Constitution and Policies.

Pat has had conversation with NZ Bridge who are proposing to provide templates for Bridge Clubs. Noting that any changes to our Constitution requires agreement and approval at a Club AGM means we will need the Constitution to be updated for approval by our February 2025 AGM or we will need to hold a Special General Meeting after February in order to comply by 2025-year end. Some work ahead!

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

The annual **Parkwood Teams** event is scheduled for **September 8th and 15th** and **October 13th and 20th**. **Please register your Teams** on the sheet on the top table. **Entries close 4 September.**

Enough, enough, I hear you say. Safe travel to anyone travelling over the next month.

Regards to All and Happy Bridging.

Chris Farrow
President