



Waikanae Bridge Club

NEWSLETTER

October 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our **sincere condolences to Angela Gattsche** over the recent loss of her grandson. Our thoughts are with you.

It is great to see Blair regularly back at Bridge again.

And finally, 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 September.

Spring Pairs

Pat Stuart and Anne Ricketts

Adriane Hart Pairs

Graeme Norman and Ady Dale

Colleen Jones Medley

Rezea Morgan

Parkwood Teams

Still underway

Des Ellis Medley

Still underway

NZ BRIDGE AWARDS

We are delighted to note the following NZ Bridge awards were received by;

John Donbavand

National Master

Karen Hutchins

Club Master

John Ellen

Certificate of Proficiency

Judi Vernau

Certificate of Proficiency

Our heartiest congratulations to you all. Well deserved.

OTHER RECENT NOTABLE RESULTS – E&OE

- Kapiti/Horowhenua Quadrangular Tournament

The Bridge Advisory Group selected the following team to represent Waikanae at the tournament on Sunday 17 Sept.

Open Pairs Pryor Rowland and Graham Cheater
and Rezea Morgan and Judith Jackson

Rezea was called in as a late replacement for Angela Gattsche.

Intermediate Pairs Nicky Bradley and Vicky Young
and Ady Dale and Rae Lutman

Junior Pairs Karen Hutchins and Margaret Gordon
and Eileen Queree and Annette Downey

And didn't they do us proud.

- **1st Overall** – Waikanae
- **Top Open Team** – Waikanae
- **Top Junior Team** – Waikanae
- Very well done to you all – and **many thanks.**

The Team. There may be truth in the adage 'winners are grinners'!



- **Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (KHAP Spring Series 1)**
 - Five pairs of our members played in this 6-table competition.
 - **1st East/West** – Vicky Young & Miriam Lewin.
 - **2nd North/South** – Nicky Bradley & Pryor Rowland.
 - **3rd Equal E/W** - Graham Cheater & Jeanne Wardill.
 - Very well done to all who participated.
- **National Congress, Tauranga**
23-30 September. Four of our number participated in the countries premier Bridge event for the year. Well done to you all.
- **Paraparaumu Multigrade Pairs**
 - 13-tables with two Waikanae pair and five other Waikanae members. Marie Groves and her Partner won the morning session East/West. In the afternoon session;
 - **1st North/South** – Jane Bradbury & her Partner.
 - **3rd North/South** – Rae Lutman & her Partner.
 - **3rd East/West** - Doug Galyer & his Partner.
 - **Final Results Overall**
 - **Intermediate/Junior** - 4th Rachel Patrick & Vicki Boffa
 - **Intermediate/Int** - 1st Jane Bradbury
 - **Open/Intermediate** - 1st Rae Lutman
- 2nd Ady Dale & Judith Jackson
 - **Open/Open** - 4th Doug Galyer
 - Very well done to you all.
- **Kapi Mana Intermediate Pairs**
 - 11-tables with three Waikanae pair. Thanks for participating.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome a new beginner from this year's class into our bridge community;

<u>NZ Bridge No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
56162	Liz Campbell	027 487 0290

Please make Liz welcome and do not hesitate to call her if you are looking for a partner on Monday.

FOR OUR BEGINNERS

The **Welcome Pairs** series is well underway – and a tight competition it is too. It is great to see Vicki Boffa and Murray Lobb fighting it out with Steve Ricketts and Margaret Gordon. And Trevor Archer and Judith Jackson are not necessarily out of it yet. Good luck for the final round.

As a final reminder, **Penalty Doubles** are now permitted in Monday play. This notwithstanding, I would ask that experienced players be thoughtful of players from this year's New Beginners class. Thank you.

As an aside, an example that shows that the decision to change the Penalty Double rule was probably timely. On the last Monday in September, in a contested bidding game, an opponent at one table bid **5S** and while smiling, made the comment – “you can't double me on a Monday”. The writer bit his lip and hesitantly bid 6D which was passed out. The writer has since thanked that opponent for his comment – he pushed them into 6D, which was made, and gave them a top board – something that doesn't happen very often!!

I hope you have entered our upcoming one-session **Junior/Novice tournament on Sunday, 29 October**. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to approach Ray Lutman, Margaret Gordon or myself. We look forward to seeing you there.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (KHAP Spring Series 2)

Thursday 19 October. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Kairangi Open Pairs

20-22 October. **This tournament has been cancelled.**

Waikanae Junior Pairs

Sunday 29 October. Entries through NZ Bridge web page or on the board at the top table. See the Posters in the Clubroom.

Waikanae Intermediate Pairs

Sunday 5 November. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs

Friday 10 November. Entries on the board at the top table.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

The following provides an insight into the range of issues dealt with at our recent Committee meeting;

Improvers Lessons - 2024

There will be two Improvers Lessons series next year. Dates will be shown in the 2024 Programme Book.

2023 Christmas Party

Dennis Jenkins, Roz King and Vicky Young will organise this year's event scheduled for after Bridge on Thursday, 7 December.

For catering purposes, a list will be put on the top table in early November.

It should be a great night so put it in your diary and add your name(s) to the list. There will be a cost for spouses/partners.

2024 Club Programme Book

Preparation of next year's Programme Book is nearing completion.

I wish to acknowledge the tremendous work put into this this by Rae Lutman, Maureen Pratchett and Ady Dale. Also a big thank you to Gillian van Raalte, Shelley Ross or Pat Stuart, for contacting members to ensure our database was update.

I am delighted to advise that we have had two members volunteer to fill the roles on our Monday and Thursday Partner Coordinators next year. Their names will be shown in the Programme Book.

And by the way, next year's Programme Book will be available to members as you leave the Club's Christmas Party.

Maintenance

You may have noticed some damage to the carpark tar seal near the new blue road sign. Efforts are underway to have this repaired.

Tournament Director and Scorer Training

Maureen Pratchett has agreed to train some Scorers to become Tournament Scorers. Maureen has also undertaken to train and

mentor some of our Club Directors to undertake the training and examinations as Tournament Directors in 2024.

The Waikanae Bridge Club 50th Jubilee

A **diary reminder** – club's 50th Jubilee celebration is planned for Saturday, 4 May 2024. More details will be included in the 2024 Programme Book.

The Renewal of the Bridge Club 'Building Certification'

This process continues. A building inspection is pending.

Gift from the Girl Guides

For members information, last month the Girl Guides who use of Clubrooms left the following gift and note on the kitchen bench.



The Note reads:

Dear Bridge Club

Us at Waikanae Guides thankyou for letting us use this space. We appreciate it.

We hope you enjoy this morning tea.

Have fun playing bridge!



A nice gesture.

Regards to All and Happy Bridging.

Chris Farrow
President