



Waikanae Bridge Club

NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

A shorter time between the April and May Committee Meetings suggested we may not have as comprehensive a newsletter as we normally have. Not so!

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.

CLUB WINNERS



Congratulations to our club competition winners in April.

Easter Medley

Pryor Rowland

Torry Pairs

Rezea Morgan and Angela Gattsche

Buckley Medley

Graham Cheater

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

While we have not had any new members this month, we do expect to have a number of the new course of Beginners join our Monday sessions in July. We will provide details of these players next month.

MEETING WITH PARAPARAUMU BRIDGE CLUB

I am pleased to advise that I had a meeting, that hopefully will become regular, with Trevor Smith, President of the Paraparaumu Bridge Club. Graham Cheater accompanied me, and Trevor had Gillian Travers with him. As yet, we haven't had an opportunity to brief our Committee, so we will provide more details of the topics/issues discussed in the next Newsletter.

ELIZABETH STREET - ROAD RESURFACING

Higgins have advised on behalf of KCDC that Elizabeth Steet, Waikanae, between Seddon Street and Matuhi Street will undergo asphalt resurfacing between Tuesday 9 May and Friday 19 May, Monday to Saturday, 7am and 7pm – **weather permitting**. Overall, the work is expected to take 4-5 days.

While traffic management will be in place, **some delays should be expected**. Noise and dust can also be expected. More details on the Notice Board.



MONTHLY MONDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Our May Afternoon Tea was held on Monday, 8 May. Very many thanks to Anne Ricketts for arranging this during Vicky's absence overseas. A special thanks also to those who provided the home baking that we all enjoyed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Paraparaumu Intermediate Pairs

Sunday 14 May. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

KHAP

The third and final of the Autumn series of the **Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs** is played on Thursday, 18 May.

Otaki Multigrade Pairs

Sunday 21 May. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

And a head's up to our upcoming....

Waikanae Multigrade Pairs

Sunday 30 July. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

BEGINNERS/IMPROVERS LESSONS

We are pleased to provide an outline of the dates critical to the Beginners integration into our Bridge Club over the coming months. Please also note that this programme outline also **includes** opportunities for more experienced players to attend **Improvers lessons** run by the Club;

May	29	Lesson 11 - Graduation and drinks with the Committee	
June	5	No lesson	<i>King's B'day, 1pm Holiday Prs</i>
	12	Play with Committee	7.00pm
	19	Play with Committee	7.00pm
	26	Play with Committee	7.00pm
July	3	Begin play in Club	Mondays, 12.45 for 1.00pm start
	10		
	17		7pm Graeme Norman's Improvers Lesson 1
	24		7pm Graeme Norman's Improvers Lesson 2
	31		7pm Graeme Norman's Improvers Lesson 3
Aug	5	Revision of basics	Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm
	7		
	14		
	21		
	28		
Sep	4		7pm Graham Cheater's Improvers Lesson 1
	11		7pm Graham Cheater's Improvers Lesson 2
	18		7pm Graham Cheater's Improvers Lesson 3
	25		
Oct	2	Welcome Pairs	
	9	Welcome Pairs	
	16	Welcome Pairs	

While mindful that the new Beginners that join our Club will be the life blood of our Club going forward, we need to ensure we provide a friendly, welcoming club environment for them to start out and enjoy this game of Bridge. To ease these Beginners into our Monday Club play, we will again reactivate the rule of **'No Doubling for Penalties on Mondays for the months of July through December inclusive'**. 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!

Thank you.

Oh, by the way, I haven't been approached for any claims for that Chocolate fish (we appear to have missed the Easter egg opportunity!) for achieving 100% correct answers to any of the NZ Bridge Beginners Lessons test papers. I really would be very happy to be proved wrong!

Please also note that we propose to provide an outline of the topics that both Graeme Normal and Graham Cheater will cover in their Improvers Lessons. There will be a charge of **\$20** for each set of Lessons – payable on-line into the Club's account with the Reference field identifying the provider of the Lessons (eg Graeme N or Graham C). You may recall that last year's lessons from each of these presenters were very well received by Club members.

BRIDGE BOARDS FOR SALE

The club is offering used bridge boards for sale at a cost of \$10 per set of four boards. If you wish to purchase a set of these boards, please talk to Eileen Queree for details of payment and collection.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

With a week less between the April and May Committee Meetings, we started out expecting a relatively light Draft Agenda for the meeting. This was not the case. In addition to the normal monthly business, the major topics considered/discussed included;

Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Fund

No donations were received.

Bridge Club Lease

We are delighted to report that KCDC have now also signed our lease agreement – so all requirements of our lease are now settled and complete. It is great that it is all now 'done and dusted' and we have at least a 20-year tenure going forward.

Financial

Following discussions around the usual financial reports, the Treasurer agreed to produce a draft annual Budget Plan.

Defibrillator

Work on the options for the procurement of a Defibrillator for the Bridge Club are being progressed behind the scene. While this is unlikely to be completed in the immediate future, we are confident that we will eventually achieve the goal. Updates will be provided.

Heating and Ventilation (HAV) Review

The HAV Review sub-committee have presented an excellent 8-page **Interim Report** for consideration by the Committee.

The Committee acknowledge that we have a Health and Safety duty of care for both club members and the playing conditions within the clubrooms.

As a way forward, the Committee is expected to hold an extraordinary Committee meeting before the end of May to discuss this issue and make decisions around the next steps.

We expect to provide a further update on this issue by the end of May.

Communications Review

With so much going on at present, I just haven't got to this yet. We will not drop the ball.

Safe travel to anyone travelling over the next month.

Regards to All and Happy Bridging.

Chris Farrow
President