



**NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024**

## **OBITUARY**

It was moving to mark the recent passing of our special friend **Blair Campbell** with the Memorial Afternoon Tea on Thursday, 18 April. A notable turnout, enjoyed by all. Going forward, Blair will be remembered by all members of the Club. Rest In Peace Blair.

Our condolences go to extended family, Judith, and all his friends at the club.

We are still dividing up all the jobs Blair did for the Club behind the scenes!

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

My sincere appreciation to our 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee organising committee and the Jubilee Booklet committee. They have worked tirelessly for many months.

Thanks to Stephanie Cheeseman for the gardens beside the steps into the Clubrooms. They certainly look a picture of wonderful blooms.

Thanks to Vivienne Cannell for taking over the responsibility of purchasing kitchen and Bridge session supplies. Sincere thanks to Vicky Young who quietly carried out this role for the last few years.

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

## 50<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE UPDATE

Well, it is finally here. Next week we celebrate the **Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee**.

**Our Saturday, 4 May programme is:**

**11.00am – Day begins**

**11.15am**

- 1. Bubbles on arrival:** both alcoholic and non-alcoholic
- 2. Welcome**

**11.45am – Celebration Lunch**

**1.15pm – Prepare for the Tournament**

**1.30pm – Jubilee Tournament – Monday Rules fun tournament**

**5.00pm – After tournament drinks and awards**

**6.00pm – Our day is over**

Registrations have now closed. We have 95 registered for lunch and 85 have indicated they will be playing our afternoon Jubilee Tournament.

It will be a great day for all.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer's Report presented at this year's AGM included the paragraph "there are a few grey clouds on the horizon we need to be aware of and bear in mind. As we all know the cost of living is taking a toll on all costs, but the cost of insurance is a key concern. In 2023 the insurance premium increased 16% from the previous year. Given the national insurance cost of weather events of 2023, insurance premiums are now rising steeply, as I am sure many of you will have witnessed yourself with your own home and contents policies. In addition, we are also reviewing the value of our cover, given the substantial increase in building costs over the last few years. Therefore, we are anticipating further significant increases in insurance costs."

Since the AGM, we received the valuation report from a local Registered Valuer, and it indeed showed we were significantly underinsured for the replacement cost of the building and improvements. The impact of this increased sum insured on the premiums we must pay has been dramatic, rising by \$4,700 in the current insurance year (which ends on 31<sup>st</sup> May). This

is likely to increase further again in the new insurance year. Our insurance broker is currently seeking alternative quotes from other insurers but is not hopeful of an improved outcome.

As protecting our main asset, the Club building, is a key responsibility of the Committee we are regrettably needing to raise additional funding to cover this increase in expenditure. As a direct consequence, we advise that the price of **a session ticket increases** in price by \$10 to **\$60**. This new cost equates to \$5 per session of play. Please also note that **the cost of a casual session of bridge is increasing to \$7**(from \$5).

**These pricing changes are effective immediately.**

## CLUB WINNERS



Congratulations to our March club competition winners.

<b>Pub Charity Pairs</b>	Judi Vernau and Judy Rickard-Hall
<b>Easter Medley</b>	Miriam Lewin
<b>Tory Pairs</b>	Judith Jackson and Jeanne Wardill
<b>NZCT Pairs</b>	Jeanne Wardill and Pryor Rowland

## NZ BRIDGE AWARDS

We were delighted to recently present NZ Bridge ranking awards to the following members;

<b>Promotion to Master 2 Star</b>	Anthea Black
<b>Promotion to Local Master</b>	Julia Tait
<b>Promotion to Club Master</b>	Nedra Shand
<b>Award of Certificate of Proficiency</b>	Murray Lobb

Congratulations and well done to you all.

## MONTHLY MONDAY AFTERNOON TEA



Our April Afternoon Tea was well received by all. Thanks to Anne Ricketts for organising this month's event and many thanks to members who volunteered to provide the food.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee on Saturday, 4 May.**

### **KHAP**

The third night of the Autumn series of the **Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs** is scheduled for a 7.15pm start on Thursday, 16 May. This year's venue is the Paraparaumu Bridge Club.

### **Rubber Bridge**

The Kapiti Coast section of the National Rubber Bridge competition is well underway. Best wishes to all those taking part in this year's event.

## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

### **Wellington Congress – all Grades:**

25-28 April. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

### **Wellington Interprovincial Trial**

Saturday, 4 May. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

### **Masterton Junior & Intermediate Pairs**

Saturday, 11 May. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

### **Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (KHAP Autumn 3)**

Thursday 16 May. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

### **Hutt Open & Junior Pairs**

Sunday, 19 May. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

### **Paraparaumu Intermediate Pairs**

Sunday, 19 May. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

### **Otaki Multigrade Pairs**

Sunday, 26 May. Entries through NZ Bridge web page.

## RECENT NOTABLE RESULTS – E&OE

### Kapi Mana Multigrade Pairs – Sunday, 17 March

Nine of our members played in this 13-table competition.

Morning result -

N/S	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naciye Bagci & her Partner	57.53%
E/W	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rachel Patrick & Vicki Boffa	54.17%

Afternoon result -

N/S	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ann Verboeket & Judith Jackson	65.87%
N/S	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Naciye Bagci & her Partner	59.13%
E/W	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger Palmer & Pat Stuart	54.97%

Overall result -

1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Naciye Bagci &amp; her Partner</b>	<b>58.33%</b>
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**Top Juniors Roger Palmer & Pat Stuart**

**Heartiest congratulations to Naciye, Roger & Pat. Well done.**

### Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (KHAP Autumn 1)

Thirteen of our members played in this 9-table event on Thursday 21 March. Results were;

N/S	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pryor Rowland and Bridget Hannaway	59.03%
E/W	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Graeme Norman and John Donbavand	59.95%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Graham Cheater and Jeanne Wardill	59.03%

### Levin Multigrade – Saturday, 30 March

Fifteen of our members played in this 15-table competition.

Morning result -

N/S	4 <sup>th</sup>	Maureen Prachett & Murray Lobb	56.59%
E/W	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Judith Jackson & Karen Hutchins	58.65%

Afternoon result -

N/S	4 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Hutchins & Judith Jackson	56.27%
E/W	5 <sup>th</sup>	Vicki Boffa & Rachel Patrick	53.72%

Overall result -

2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>Judith Jackson &amp; Karen Hutchins</b>	<b>57.46%</b>
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Congratulations Judith and Karen, extremely well done.

### Wellington Region Mixed Pairs – Monday 1 April

Two of our members played in this 12-table competition.

Ady Dale and her Wellington Club partner finished the afternoon session 3<sup>rd</sup> E/W scoring **59.97%**. Congratulations Ady.

### **Waikanae/Paraparaumu Interclub – Sunday 14 April**

This year's event, while a close encounter, was won by Paraparaumu by a margin of 1.2%. Congratulations Paraparaumu. The top three Waikanae pairings were;

Alice Henke and Lois Anderson	59.29%
Karen Hutchins and Judith Jackson	55.93%
Graham Cheater and John Donbavand	54.17%

The top placegetters overall were;

Lucy O'Regan and Pauline Reid	61.38%
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While it was a most enjoyable afternoon, we will endeavour to take it back next year.

### **Paraparaumu Open Pairs – Sunday, 14 April**

Nine of our members played in this 13-table competition.

Graeme Norman and his Wellington partner finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

### **Upper Hutt Intermediate Pairs – Sunday, 14 April**

Eight of our members played in this 14-table competition.

Karen Lucas and Karen Eriksen finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon and 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Rachel Patrick and Vicki Boffa finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

### **Upper Hutt Junior Pairs – Sunday, 14 April**

Two of our members played in this 6-table competition.

Pat Stuart and Roger Palmer finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the morning and afternoon sessions and 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

### **Kapiti Horowhenua Area Pairs (KHAP Autumn 2)**

Sixteen of our members played in this 9-table event on Thursday 19 April. Results were;

N/S	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeanne Wardill and Graham Cheater	62.96%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anthea Black and Naciye Bagci	59.49%
E/W	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Averil Wotton and her partner	54.63%
	4 <sup>th</sup> =	Pryor Rowland and Nicky Bradley	52.55%
	4 <sup>th</sup> =	Graham Norman and John Donbavand	52.55%

### **Victoria Multigrade Pairs – Sunday, 21 April**

Seven of our members played in this 17-table competition.

Morning result -

E/W	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ady Dale & her Wgtn Club Partner	65.26%
E/W	6 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Stuart & Roger Palmer	52.16%

Afternoon result -

N/S 5<sup>th</sup> Marie Groves & Lorraine Borland 57.45%

E/W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ady Dale & her Wgtn Club Partner 63.94%

**Overall result -**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ady Dale & her Wgtn Club Partner 64.60%**

**Top Juniors Pat Stuart & Roger Palmer**

**Congratulations to Ady, Pat & Roger. Extremely well done.**

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



We are delighted to welcome Helen into our bridge community.

<u>NZ Bridge No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
10202	<b>Helen Walshaw</b>	021 239 4777

All new members Contact Details, including e-mail addresses, are available on the Club Noticeboard. Please welcome Helen and do not hesitate to call her if you are looking for a partner.

## BEGINNERS LESSONS

The next week will introduce Overcalls (Lesson 7) to the new Beginners. On average, Judith and Ady have had 5-6 tables each week. We are delighted to also acknowledge a number of our members who regularly turn up to assist in whatever role is helpful to the class. Thank you for your assistance.

To remind, any Junior, or in fact any financial club member, can attend any or all of these new bridge sessions at no cost. Should you wish to use this opportunity to revise the basics, please informally discuss it with Judith or Ady so they can have the necessary additional copies of the course notes/ paperwork/deals available.

Some would agree that many of us have forgotten - or ignore - aspects of the basics of the ACOL bridge system. I am also sure that most seasoned players would consider that they are well above **Beginners Lessons** level. However, this year, I again challenge any seasoned club player to achieve 100% correct answers to **any of the NZ Bridge Beginners Lessons test papers – I would**

**be delighted to present a chocolate fish** should anyone succeed in this challenge. Best wishes.

## IMPROVERS LESSONS

The first two sessions of Graham Cheater's three-session Improvers Lessons were very well received. The last session will be held on Wednesday 1 May at 7.30pm (**note 7.30pm – not 7pm**) – where we will endeavour to come to grips with 'Ducking as Declarer'.

If I can understand and come to grips with this lesson, I might have to change my by-line from '**please be gentle**' to '**be careful, there is a chance I could be dangerous, even to myself!!**'.

## CONSTITUTION – UPDATE.

The Committee have just received a covering paper together with the draft of the new Constitution and a 'Conflicts of Interest Guidance' paper for consideration. The Committee now have several weeks to consider these before being tabled for discussion at an extra Committee meeting in mid-late May. We will keep you updated.

## COMMITTEE UPDATE

In addition to routine Committee business, the topics addressed at our last meeting included:

### **Waikanae Evening Sessions**

It was agreed that the start time for evening sessions would remain as – seated by 7.05pm and play begins at 7.15pm.

### **Waikanae Open Tournament 2025**

The Wellington Region Bridge Committee (WRBC) recommended the Waikanae Club also formally write to Allan Morris, the Chair of NZ Bridge, over the clash of our Open Tournament and the NZ Bridge on-line tournament the same weekend. This has been done. To date, there has been no response from Allan (NZ Bridge).



### **The Waikanae Bridge Club e-mail Address**

In view of the Spark NZ decision to introduce a charge for the continued use of 'xtra' e-mail addresses from mid-May 2024, it was agreed that the Club would discontinue the xtra e-mail address from 16 August 2024. A 'gmail' address will be introduced as soon as possible.

### **Waikanae Clubroom Rental**

The Committee agreed to offer the Paraparaumu Country Music Club rental of the Clubrooms on a year's trial. The rental includes allowing installation of a storage cupboard. The Music Club will be notified of the pending GST increase.

### **Club Social Events**

The Committee agreed that it was no longer viable to provide free social events. It was further agreed that all events will now be charged and will be financially self-sustaining.

### **Subscriptions for New Members**

The Committee agreed that members who join after 30 June will be charged Full-member - \$50, Secondary member - \$35.

### **Life Membership**

The Committee agreed that criteria for Life Membership is to be established. A first draft of a proposal has been circulated for Committee members input/comments and the updated criteria will be presented to the May meeting as a start point. The new Constitution is to be more precise about the process. There will be an associate by-law in support of the constitution.

### **Appreciation to Bob Fearn**

It was agreed that a US \$100 voucher and card be purchased by Maureen Pratchett to recognise the ongoing support from B Fearn.

Enjoy the Jubilee celebration day.  
Regards to All and Happy Bridging.

Chris Farrow  
President