

Victoria Bridge Club Inc.



Newsletter – August 2023

From the President

Dear Members,

One of my daughters has dragged me into the modern age - I've got an iPad. It is something I have resisted for years, but do you know what? It ain't half bad! I have talked before about embracing change (and how I don't like change) but that is what we have to do in the modern world.

At Victoria we are going to trial on-line bridge extra sessions and run a joint kids' programme in the October holidays with Wellington Bridge Club. This programme will have a focus on bridge. Julie will cover both of these later in this newsletter.

We are thrilled to welcome 17 new members from the Beginners Lessons. Running two sets of lessons was a new initiative. It was very successful.

My message to the beginners is the same as I said at the first and final session of the lessons - I hope you learn to love bridge as much as I do and that you have already put regular play at Victoria Bridge Club into your life calendar.

Happy bridging

Robyn

Session Winners

Monday	Rhodes Pairs	Michael Chilton, Peter McKenzie
Tuesday	Pope Pairs	David MacDonald, Don Dalgliesh
Wednesday	Pipitea Teams	Jacqui Hyatt, John Hyatt, Lynne Noonan,
Thursday	Ron Knight Individual	Barbara Leach

Congratulations to all the winners.

Victoria Tournament – Intermediate and Junior Pairs

This all day tournament is to be held on Sunday 10 September starting at 10am.

BYO lunch. Cost is \$30. Morning tea is provided beforehand, as are nibbles and a glass of wine, juice or a beer after the day's play.

It would be wonderful to see a large number of Victoria members supporting this tournament. It is always interesting to meet players from other clubs.

Enter on-line at NZ Bridge, speak to Graeme in the office, or there will be a sign up sheet downstairs. Payment can be taken out of your account.

Members Only Tournament

This is advance notice of the members only half day tournament to be played on Sunday 19 November in the afternoon.

Holiday Bridge For Older Children

We have been working with the Wellington Bridge Club to organise a joint Bridge holiday programme for kids age 10+ in the upcoming second week of the school holidays (after Congress) starting 2 October. While the focus will be on bridge, there will be other activities during the day, such as board games and possibly a movie.

We will look to have some posters and marketing in the next few weeks. If you know of any children amongst your family and friends who may be interested, or if you may be able to help during the week please contact Graeme or Robyn Green. Thank you to those who have already expressed interest.

Online Bridge

We are going to trial playing online bridge as extra evening sessions. This will start on Thursday 14 September at 7pm and run for 3 Thursdays. We will then assess the popularity or otherwise.

New Members / Beginners Lessons

A very warm welcome to our 17 new members who have joined after their lessons. They are a very enthusiastic group so we hope members will give them lots of help and encouragement.

A great deal of time and effort has gone into the successful beginners' lessons. A huge thank you to co-ordinator Helen Philpott, teachers Lynn Scott, Julie Wright and James Young, and helpers/mentors Graeme Schofield, Robert Philpott, Claire Leyland, Mark Holden, Stella Bridge, Pat Knight, Suzanne de Vere and Mary Elizabeth Young.

Membership Book

Next year's book will be going to the publisher soon. If you have any changes or corrections to your email or phone numbers let Graeme know.

Earthquake Protocols

The committee have been looking at the emergency fire and earthquake protocols. Enclosed with this newsletter is a notice detailing what we will do in the event of an earthquake. It is recommended that everyone has a basic Emergency Kit backpack in their car.

Upcoming Series

Mondays

31 August	Victoria Pairs (7)
4-18 September	Heretaunga Swiss Pairs (pre-entries essential)
25 September	Victoria Pairs (8)

Tuesdays

29 August	Dougal McLean Pairs (7)
5-19 September	Hutchison Pairs
26 September	Dougal McLean Pairs (8)

Wednesdays

30 August	Coaching Night
6-27 September	Khandallah Pairs

Thursdays

7 September	September Pairs
	Gladys Palmer Teams (7)
14 September	Club Open Pairs (8)
14 -28 September	Online Bridge Trial
21,28 September	September Pairs

Cards for Sale

We have a limited supply of cards (previously used for rubber bridge) for sale at \$2 per pack or \$4 for a double pack. These are upstairs by the director's desk or please contact Graeme.

Julie Wright
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