

# *Victoria Bridge Club Inc.*



## Newsletter – February 2024

### From the President

Dear Members,

Welcome back to Victoria Bridge Club 2024 - our 70th Year!

We have now finished the two series that ran in January, on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, where players of all grades are encouraged to come; and they did 😊

The first series for each playing session has also been played. Things are moving along nicely.

So, talking of nicely, I thought I would touch on something that not only irritated me but also other committee members two Tuesdays ago. That is the level of talking when you have finished playing your hands. There are those of us who are quick players and those who cut bidding and playing down to the wire. If you finish playing quickly, PLEASE hold your conversation. Every person in every session should have the allocated time to bid and play IN SILENCE.

I have noticed on Tuesdays as I rush in at the 11th hour (well 7.19pm) that there are a number of members downstairs socialising. If you want to chat and catch up, why not come early and do so over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Let's all make an effort to make playing bridge at Victoria this year so exceptional that every single member renews their sub at the end of the year and makes an effort throughout the year to play more sessions. As I have said before "bottoms on seats" keeps this club ticking over.

I would like to see Victoria, the preferred playing club in the Wellington Area.

Happy bridging in 2024.

Robyn

## Session Results

Monday	Ann Trotter Pairs	Robyn Albertson, Mark Holden
Tuesday	Individual Open Pairs Ross Pairs	Raw Score: Bryan Weyburne Handicap Score: Mark Holden David Esterman, Alex Drummond
Wednesday	Summer Individual Pairs Tinakori Pairs	Graeme Waters Pádraig O'Connor, Joy Iemsaunmonta
Thursday	February Pairs	Pat Knight, Margot Davenport

Congratulations to all the winners.

## Treasurer Wanted

Helen Philpott has been our Treasurer for many years and unfortunately is standing down at the next AGM. Helen has been a wonderful Treasurer and we will miss her expertise. We urgently need someone to replace her. If you feel you could fill that role, please ring Helen to discuss the job description. The accounting system used is very efficient.

## Gladys Palmer Teams

The first session begins on Thursday 7 March at 7.30pm. Substitutes are always needed throughout the year so if you haven't joined a team and would still like to play on an irregular basis let Graeme know.

## Youth Bridge

This is played every Sunday afternoon at VBC from 2-4 pm. We need members to volunteer as helpers. If everyone gave up one Sunday afternoon a year to assist it would make life so much easier for the organisers. Please ring Robyn or Graeme to suggest which date would suit.

**Remember, these are our bridge players of the future.**

## Improvers' Lessons

These lessons are to be held on Wednesday 28 February, 6, 13, and 20 March at 7pm. There will be a teaching session followed by the playing of hands that relate to the topic taught. This will include play techniques and leads. Everyone is welcome.

**Mentors.** If you would like to help out by mentoring at any of these sessions, please contact Julie Wright.

## Upcoming Series

### Mondays

4, 11 March	Freyberg Pairs
18 March	Victoria Pairs
25 March	Waitangi Pairs
1 April – Easter Monday	No Bridge

### Tuesdays

5, 12 March	McIntosh Pairs
19 March	Dougal McLean Pairs
26 March	Stott Pairs
2 April	Wellesley Pairs – all members

### Wednesdays

28 Feb – 20 March	Improver's Lessons
27 March	Wellington Individual

### Thursdays

29 Feb, 7 Mar	Eileen Dick Pairs
7 March	Gladys Palmer Teams
14 March	Club Open Pairs
21, 28 March	Eileen Dick Pairs

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