

Victoria Bridge Club Inc.



Newsletter – July 2023

From the President

Dear Members,

On a recent Saturday I attended the Wellington Regional Bridge meeting at the Wellington Bridge Club rooms.

Allan Morris, chair of NZ Bridge, gave a very interesting and informative overview of the future of Bridge. What is quite apparent is that Covid has changed the numbers of players now not returning to the game. Allan made a lot of new suggestions to get players back and how to keep those on our membership database.

I am someone who doesn't embrace change. But I came away with the very clear message that, in order for the game to grow, clubs cannot keep doing what we have done for the last 30 years.

We need to offer change. We need to make changes.

At Victoria we have started that process. We have asked if you would like an earlier start time. We have asked if you would like on-line bridge.

More than half the committee are away during July so we won't be having a committee meeting again until August.

I have an exciting new concept, which I am working on with Paul Cheng in his capacity as a director. Watch this space... Read the newsletter....

If you are travelling overseas, travel safe and return refreshed.

Take care

Robyn Green
President

Session Winners

Monday	Ed Hillary Teams June Individual	Ann Green, John Green, Paula Gilbert, Ollie Gilbert, Linda Anne Martin, Judith Pope. Linda Anne Martin
Tuesday	Andrews Pairs	David Esterman, David Macdonald
Wednesday	Wadestown Pairs Thorndon Pairs	Padraig O'Connor, Ross Robertson Jacqui Hyatt, John Hyatt
Thursday	May Pairs June Pairs	Margot Davenport, Val Cooper Jennifer Jenner, David Esterman

Congratulations to all the winners.

Victoria's Swiss Pairs Tournament

This was a very successful tournament with 34 pairs entered.

The winners were John Davidson and Brian Cleaver from the Wellington Bridge Club, The most successful Victoria pair was Anne Patterson and Linda Anne Martin who came 6th. Congratulations, Anne and Linda Anne.

A huge thank you to all those very hard working members who helped make the tournament such a success. The wonderful food kept on coming during the day and with the after play drinks.

Mid-Year Lunch, Thursday Afternoon

This will be held on Thursday 20 July at 11.30 am, followed by bridge organised by Pat Knight, which is a lot of fun.

Everyone is welcome. You don't need to come with a partner as that can be organised on the day.

Bring a plate of either savoury or sweet finger food and we provide a glass of wine.

We eat the savoury food, then at the bridge afternoon tea break have the sweet goodies.

There is a sign up sheet downstairs, but no problems if you decide to come on the day as we can still accommodate you.

If you have never played Thursday afternoon bridge before this is the perfect opportunity to try it out. We are a very friendly group.

The table money for this session will be \$10 to help cover the cost of prizes.

The Office

Graeme will be away from Friday 14 July and will return to work Monday 7 August.

Meredith Ross will be in the office for the first week and Louise Munro the second and third weeks.

Beginner's Lessons

The lessons have been very well attended with great progress being made with the support of the experienced mentors. There are two more weeks of lessons then the group will be moving upstairs on a Wednesday night.

Tony Thomson

Helen has very kindly donated Tony's bridge books to the club and these will be added to our library shortly. Thank you, Helen. There will be some gems amongst them.

The committee have decided to rename the Tuesday Victoria Teams **Tony Thomson Teams**.

Etiquette

Unfortunately another mention needs to be made of the volume of people's voices. This is particularly noticable when the director is speaking and conversations are being continued. Also when you have finished playing your boards keep your voices to a minimum. It is very distracting for tables who are still playing. If you must discuss a hand just played don't let the tables near you have any unauthorised information.

Children's Bridge

We are considering running a programme in the October school holidays for 10+ age children to learn to play bridge for a week. We're looking at bridge in the morning and board games in the afternoon. Do you have grandchildren interested in learning bridge? Let Graeme or a committee member know your thoughts.

Random Fact

There are 635,013,559,600 potential bridge hands.
Thank you, Mark Holden, for that interesting information.

Upcoming Series

Mondays

10-24 July	Rhodes Pairs
31 July	Victoria Pairs (6)
7-21 August	Ngaire Williams Pairs

Tuesdays

4-18 July	Pope Pairs
25 July	Dougal McLean Pairs (6)
1-22 August	Tony Thomson Teams

Wednesdays

5-26 July
2-23 August

Pipitea Teams
Lambton Pairs

Thursdays

6 July
13 July
20 July
27 July
3 August
10 August
17-31 August

Ron Knight Individual (2)
Club Open Pairs (6)
Mid-Year Luncheon
Ron Knight Individual (3)
August Pairs
Club Open Pairs (7)
August Pairs

Julie Wright
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