

Victoria Bridge Club Inc.



Newsletter – March 2024

From the President

Dear Members,

Every time I arrive at this club I think of how lucky I am to be a member and what a wonderful building we have to house “Our Club”.

When I go to tournaments, and I have been to many, when asked which club I belong to, I say “Victoria” and at least 3 people say “What lovely club rooms you have”.

I come to the club for many reasons. To play bridge, to help with tournaments, to run our hugely successful Youth Bridge Holiday Programme, to drop off tissues and chocolate biscuits and, definitely not the least, to socialise. We are known as the “The Friendly Club”.

Like every club, whether a bridge club, golf club, tennis club or scrabble club, our club runs on volunteer help. We are extremely fortunate to have Graeme in the office who works tirelessly.

But we need **YOU!**

What do we need **YOU** for?

To volunteer to be the next president. I have brought my own style of leadership and done it “My Way”. The next president doesn’t have to be Robyn V2.

The next president only needs to be passionate about bridge. And **very passionate** about this club. They will bring their own style of leadership to the task.

I have been overwhelmed with support and willing helpers. You won’t be alone.

The other task we need people for, is to turn up on a Sunday for Youth Bridge.

Youth are the very essence of our future and of this club.

We have over 250 members and all I am wanting are **40** people to offer one Sunday each until the end of 2024. **YOU JUST NEED TO TURN UP.** No preparation required.

Surely 40 people can put their hand up to cover one Sunday this year...

As we head into the Easter break, I wish you all a happy and relaxing long weekend, however you are spending it. Happy Bridging if you are playing in a tournament or two, and food for thought about whether you can put your hand up to help keep this club the best it can be.

Happy Easter

Robyn

**Robyn Green
President.**

Session Winners

Monday	Freyberg Pairs	Audrey Waters, Graeme Waters
Tuesday	McIntosh Pairs	Mary Jane Farrell, Val Cooper

Congratulations to the winners.

Congratulations to Margot Davenport and Ann Tyrie who came 2nd overall at the Kapi-Mana Multigrade tournament.

AGM 2024

The Victoria Bridge Club AGM will be held at the club rooms on Thursday 18 April at 7.30pm, followed by social bridge.

President needed. Robyn Green will have completed her 3 year term and we urgently need someone to volunteer to take on the President's role. You would have the support of a well organized and hard working committee. The role of president can be very rewarding. If you are interested, phone Robyn.

VBC Multigrade Tournament

This will be held on Sunday 21 April, starting at 10am, with morning tea from 9.30am. BYO lunch. Following the afternoon session nibbles and drinks will be provided. There are prizes for all grades so organize your partner. It would be great to have a full house. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs in the club rooms or enter on the NZ Bridge website. Entry fee is \$30 per person.

Beginner Lessons

Beginner lessons at VBC start on Wednesday 1 May at 7.30 pm, running for 12 weeks. For the club to be successful we need to have new players coming through each year. Graeme is printing advertising flyers and we encourage all members to take some and distribute them to their friends, neighbours, local libraries, supermarkets, etc.

Improver Lessons

A successful series of Improver lessons was held in March on Wednesday nights. I was very grateful for the help of mentors Owen Knowles, Stella Bridge, Suzanne de Vere, Joan Foster, Judy Simpson and Louise Munro. Mentors are vital to the success of these lessons. On the final night, Owen Knowles held a lesson on Bidding which attracted nearly 50 people. It was pleasing to see a large number of Monday night players at this very informative session.

STOP

Many players are failing to use the STOP card when making a jump bid.

1. Before bidding, pull out the STOP card and place it in front of your LEFT opponent.
2. Make your bid.
3. Count to 8. NB. Opponent cannot bid while the STOP card is out.
4. Return the card to the box.

The use of the STOP card means that the next player has some extra time to consider their action and can bid without undue hesitation.

Youth Bridge

Youth Bridge is held at the club on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 pm.

We still need members to volunteer as mentors. If every member helped for one afternoon it would greatly assist the organisers.

Venue Hire

We have multiple spaces at the club that are suitable for hire for birthday celebrations, family reunions, parties, meetings, club activities, work functions, etc, etc.

Contact Graeme to discuss your needs.

Bequests

You may wish to leave a gift of money or other property to the Club in your will, known as a bequest, to ensure your support lasts beyond your lifetime.

If this interests you see p.21 of the VBC programme book.

Upcoming Series

Mondays

8, 15 April	Waitangi Pairs
22 April	Victoria Pairs
29 April	Ed Hillary Teams

Tuesdays

2 April	Wellesley Pairs (1)
9, 16 April	Stott Pairs

23 April
30 April

Garland Pairs
Dougal McLean Pairs

Wednesday
3 – 24 April

Bowen Pairs

Thursday
4, 18, 25 April
4 April
11 April
18 April

April Pairs
Gladys Palmer Teams
Club Open Pairs
AGM and social bridge.

Sunday
21 April

Victoria Multigrade 8B Tournament

Julie Wright
Newsletter Editor

