

# *Victoria Bridge Club Inc.*



## Newsletter – May 2023

### From the President

Another AGM is over and we are fortunate to have 12 on the committee, which is the maximum number under the constitution.

Colleen Pilgrim left after 12 months, due to family reasons. Colleen spent the day in the kitchen at the last tournament and also made many insightful comments and contributions at committee meetings.

I want to acknowledge the huge contribution given to this club by James Young. He served on the committee for many years, has been Vice President, President for 3 years and then Vice President again.

He and Mary Elizabeth have been the standby pair for many tournaments, and James has willingly stayed and helped clean up after tournaments.

He has taken the Beginners Lessons and run refresher sessions.

There have been many times over the last decade that we have had to draw on James's legal expertise, especially in the reviewing of the Constitution. His advice has been very generously given and we owe him a great debt of gratitude.

We have been fortunate to have had James in our corner over so many years.

Also, a huge thank you to the 12 teams that entered in the Monday Night Ed Hillary Teams and the 20 pairs who entered in the Tuesday Garland Swiss Pairs. It was wonderful seeing the upstairs playing room so full again.

It would be fantastic if we could keep the numbers up.

I would like to turn your attention to Thursday afternoon bridge. It would be beyond wonderful to see those numbers rise. With Winter looming and dark days, why not grab a friend and come to Thursday afternoon bridge? If your friend is not a member, they can come three times to see how enjoyable it is before they join.

There are a number of social groups that play on a Thursday afternoon. Why not come to a series at this club? Did you know you are very welcome to bring your own wine and stay and chat afterwards? Just like you do at home. By playing at the club you keep warm at the club's expense!

Happy bridging everyone

Robyn Green  
President

## Session Winners

Monday	Waitangi Pairs	Judy Simpson, Julie Wright
Tuesday	Stott Pairs Garland Pairs	Pat Knight, Barbara Leach Ann Tyrie, Joan McCarthy
Wednesday	Wellington Individual Bowen Pairs	Jeannie Buxton Jeannie Buxton, Graeme Schofield
Thursday	Eileen Dick Pairs April Pairs	Mary Slowey, Dinnie Hall Mary Slowey, Ann Tyrie

## AGM

The AGM was held on Thursday 20 April followed by a delicious supper and very enjoyable social bridge, once again superbly run by Pat Knight.

The committee are as follows:

President: Robyn Green

Treasurer: Helen Philpott

General Committee: Robyn Albertson, Stella Bridge, Paul Cheng, Susie des Tombe, Suzanne de Vere, Joan Foster, Mark Holden, Louise Munro, Sally Schoon, Julie Wright.

A warm welcome to Susie and Louise and we hope you enjoy your time on the committee.

## Victoria's Swiss Pairs Tournament

Our Swiss Pairs Tournament will be held on Sunday 28 May starting at 9.30am.

BYO lunch. Morning tea and snacks between sessions are provided, as are nibbles and a complimentary drink after play. Cost is \$30.

To enter there is a sign-up sheet at the club rooms, or ring Graeme in the office or enter on the NZ Bridge website.

We already have very good numbers entered.

## Tony Thomson

Robyn Green has already emailed us on the sad death of our long-time member, Tony Thomson. However, many of us are unaware of the long and illustrious bridge career Tony had. There is an excellent article on the NZBridge website which details all Tony's achievements.

He played international bridge at Open and Senior levels and was also involved in several NZ Open and Seniors teams. Tony was Chairman of NZ Bridge Association for six years and held other management roles for many years. He was rewarded with Life Membership of NZ Bridge.

**Betty Knight** also sadly passed away recently. She has been a member for over 30 years and was still playing this year.

Best wishes to **Gay Williamson** who is in Ward 6 at Kenepuru Hospital and is comfortable. Visitors should ring beforehand.

## **Beginners' Lessons**

We have an enthusiastic group taking these lessons. Running the lessons on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning has proven successful as participants can switch between the two sessions if necessary.

## **New Members**

We welcome new members Maureen Haslett and Warren Tocker. Also welcome back to Joan Baigent. We hope you enjoy your bridge at our friendly club.

New member nominations are displayed on the notice board upstairs by the lift alcove, before being approved by the committee.

## **Wellesley Pairs**

The next session will be held on Tuesday 6 June after King's Birthday weekend. Pairing up players with more and less experience has proved very successful. Ring your convenor or Graeme if you wish to find a partner.

## **70 Years Old**

Next year we will be celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> year. We would welcome any suggestions as to how you would like to celebrate this event.

## **Hiring Out Of Our Rooms**

Are you a member of a club looking for somewhere to meet?  
Presently a scrabble club use our rooms, and we have bookings for family functions.

## **Too Much Noise!**

There have been a number of complaints about the loud talking between play as players analyse the hands. This is very distracting to those at other tables still playing, and probably very rude to your opponents. Keep voices and laughter to a minimum. The directors have been asked to clamp down on this.

## Upcoming Series

### Mondays

29 May	Victoria Pairs (4)
6 June	Wellesley Pairs (2)
12-26 June	June Individual

### Tuesdays

23 May	Dougal McLean Pairs (4)
30 May	Andrews Pairs
6 June	Wellesley Pairs (2)
13, 20 June	Andrews Pairs
27 June	Dougal McLean Pairs (5)

### Wednesdays

31 May	Thorndon Pairs
6 June	Wellesley Pairs (2)
7-21 June	Thorndon Pairs
28 June	Coaching Night – Teams Coaching

### Thursdays

1 June	Gladys Palmer Teams (4)
1, 15, 22 June	June Pairs
13 June	Club Open Pairs (6)
29 June	Ron Knight Individual (1)

**Julie Wright**  
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