

# Victoria Bridge Club Inc.



## Newsletter – August 2017

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### From the President - Pat Knight

Sorry you did not get a newsletter for July but I was on the high seas around the top end of Australia, plus a short visit to Papua New Guinea. I have noticed a fall in table numbers and feel it could well be for a number of viruses going around and the usual overseas trips at this time of year.

In September, we have our Intermediate and Junior Tournament and we would like a good response from our members. There will be a special prize for the top Novice Pair (those who have played less than a year). The catering is in the capable hands of Jeannie Buxton and Denny Davidson so we can expect some lovely after show nibbles.

It is with sadness that we farewell Peter Hollier, who was a great support for the Club and was a regular on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Peter will be sadly missed.

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### ◆ New Member ◆

A very warm welcome is extended to Linda Caradus.

#### Congratulations to the June Session Winners

<b>Monday</b>	May/June Individual	1 <sup>st</sup> Lucy Neal & 2nd Lynn Scott,
<b>Tuesday</b>	Andrews Pairs	Don Dalgliesh & Alex Drummond
<b>Wednesday</b>	Thorndon Pairs	Graeme Schofield & Shirley Jones
<b>Thursday</b>	June Pairs	Mary Slowey & Pat Knight

#### Congratulations to the July Session Winners

<b>Monday</b>	Ed Hillary Teams	Pauline Swann, Barbara Poole, Geoff Davidson, Denny Davidson, Neil Buchanan
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pope Pairs	David Macdonald & Robyn Freeman-Greene
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wadestown Pairs	Jeannie Buxton & Shirley Jones
<b>Thursday</b>	July Pairs	Julie Wright & Margot Davenport

#### Congratulations to the June Tournament Winners

Kapi Mana Open 5A Pairs	Lesley Gilhooly & (Barbara Daly) 1st place
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## NZ Bridge – AGM – 30 September 2017

The Annual General Meeting of NZ Bridge will be in Hamilton in September. We would like someone who is going to play in the Congress to be the Victoria Club Delegate, and attend the AGM. Anyone interested please see Jan Hart so that she can advise the committee of NZ Bridge.

## ♠ Tournaments Coming Up ♠

Our very own **Intermediate & Junior Tournaments** are on the 17 September starting at 10.00 a.m. Entry Fee \$25 -BYO lunch, with nibbles and cash bar at the end. Notices for this and all other tournaments are on the club notice board.

Karori Bridge Club	Open 5A Pairs	27 August 2017
Otaki Bridge Club	Intermediate 5B & Junior 3B Pairs	27 August 2017
Wellington Bridge Club	Intermediate 5B & Junior 3B Pairs	3 September 2017

### Other Events

Interclub at Kairangi, Kapi Mana & Hutt 25 August 2017

Note: Kairangi venue will be Rongotai College Library 170 Coutts Street, Kilbirnie

Victoria Open, Intermediate & Junior teams at - Rongotai College Library

Victoria Open Restricted at – Kapi Mana Bridge Club



### What a line-up! - Who is this good-looking bunch? .....They are Victoria's past and present Presidents

Back row from left, James Young 2014-2017; Nat Dunning 2000-2003, David Macdonald 2003-2006

Front row from left, Pat Knight 2008-2011; Robyn Freeman-Greene 2006-2008; Judith Willis 2011-2014

Photo taken at the club Christmas Dinner December 2016

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## Etiquette & Code of Conduct

### All players are encouraged to:

- Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- Be a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table
- Make your convention card readily available to your opponents and fill it out completely.
- Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play.
- Enjoy the company as well as the game.
- Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents in public, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results or object to a call for the director or to dispute or argue about a director's ruling.

### Calling the Director

It is important to remember that whenever an irregularity occurs at the bridge table, the only proper course of action is to call the director. Players do not have the right to assess or waive penalties on their own initiative. Calling for the director is not tantamount to accusing an opponent of any illegal or unethical action; it is following the correct procedure and ensures that the rights of all parties are protected.

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### 2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge

The rule changes came into effect on 1 August 2017

There is a link on the Home Page of the club website to the Guideline for Players. For members without internet access, copies are available at the club.

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### Regional Bridge Mates

An opportunity within NZB to support and grow bridge clubs across New Zealand. NZB is seeking to contract motivated bridge players who are inspired by its vision to 'Grow the Game of Bridge'. Information about the specification for this "Regional Bridge Mate" role is below. The role information is available on the club notice board.

Anyone interested should send his or her CV and covering letter to [Jane.Stearns@nzbridge.co.nz](mailto:Jane.Stearns@nzbridge.co.nz)

If you would like further information about the role ring Jane for an informal chat on 021 134 5560

Applications for this two year fixed term contract work must be received by NZB no later than Thursday 31 August.

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## Regional Bridge Mates

**Mission:** To facilitate, maintain and grow the game of bridge in New Zealand.

### REGIONAL BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT ROLE

New Zealand Bridge is seeking the expertise of Regional Bridge Mates across New Zealand to contract to support and grow bridge club membership, participation and enjoyment of the game of bridge. Following training, the Regional Bridge Mate will use the provided development model to engage with all bridge clubs in the region to increase their tournament participation and raise the level of their game. In addition to this, the Regional Bridge Mate will work with specific clubs in their region to grow their membership by identifying their greatest areas of need and build an action plan using a proven set of “tools” to enable change at the coalface.

### KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Enthusiasm for growing the sport of bridge
- An active listener
- Able to talk to a group of people
- A confident communicator face to face and via phone/email/Skype
- Organised - ability to follow a plan, diarise and follow up
- Able to use basic Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Able to work autonomously and manage own time

### EXPERIENCE

- A keen bridge player
- Project management or change management desirable but not essential

### RELATIONSHIPS

- New Zealand Bridge Board members
- New Zealand Bridge staff and contractors
- Regional NZB committees
- Bridge club committees and members

### WORK ENVIRONMENT AND WORK FUNCTION / ACTIVITY

- Contractors will have a full and clean driving licence and use of their own car
- Contractors will have their own office
- They will need to do some work at a computer workstation.
- Reasonably sedentary role.
- Stretching, twisting, climbing is not a significant component of the job.
- Lifting is not a significant component of the job.
- Bending, squatting or crouching is not a significant component of the job.
- Repetitive arm hand and finger movements are constantly required when carrying out word-processing or data entry tasks.
- Driving is part of required work activities.
- Use of hand-held objects such as pens, calculators and staplers, as well as telephones will also be occasional to frequent. Contractors will also need to operate a printer and refill paper trays and ink supplies.
- Mental activities necessary include high level of concentration, accuracy and organisation, planning, communication and decision-making Source: [www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz)

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## **Now it is time for the last word!**

Slow down Partner! (This may be pointed to me!)

Some players are so excited to be declarer that as soon as dummy is tabled, they are off and running. Solution? Try the following whenever partner is one of these speed demons.

When you become dummy, use this strategy when tabling your hand. Put down your suits in a deliberate manner, one at a time. However, make sure that you **hold back the suit led until last**.

Why would you do that? To give partner time to look at the entire hand right away. It is amazing how many makeable contracts are lost at trick one.

**Happy bridging everyone**

