

Victoria Bridge Club Inc.



Newsletter – June 2017

From the President - Pat Knight

It has been a busy month. Jane Stearns came to get an update on the recommendations she outlined for us and was most impressed with how we had integrated the beginners into Wednesday night. She was also pleased with the improvements we are setting-up to retain members.

June was our month for the Open Swiss Pairs Tournament, which was a great success and our thanks go to Robyn Greene, Denny Davidson, Maeve McCarthy and all the other helpers who worked so hard before, during, and on the day.

It is with sadness that we report Wendy Tolley, Tim Heartt, and Diana Preston have passed away, they will be sadly missed. Some may remember former club member Joan Gordon, who also died this month at the grand age of 103 years.

On Thursday 29 June, we are holding our mid-winter luncheon. It would be good to see a few people who do not normally play on Thursdays. A catered lunch, to be followed by fun bridge.

Congratulations to the May Session Winners

Monday	Waitangi Pairs	Ollie Gilbert & Paula Gilbert
Tuesday	Garland Pairs	Tony Thomson & Mary Slowey
Wednesday	Petone Pairs	Simon Nathan & Judith Nathan
Wednesday	Top Beginner & Mentor	Bruce Hall & Derek Gill
Thursday	May Pairs	Dinnie Hall & Sally McLean

Congratulations to the May Tournament Winners

Hutt Bridge Club Open 5A Pairs Tournament
Joan McCarthy & (Nigel Kearney) 2nd Place

Wellington Regional Committee

The Wellington Regional Committee is resurrecting a form of the Wellington Regional Clubs Championship event. This is being held on 16 July, at Victoria Bridge Club.

Each Club puts forward a team of six players: two Junior, two Intermediate and two Open. Each pair would only play other pairs of the same grade, in a Swiss Pairs style match. The result of each club match would be based on having hopefully all or at least most of our 12 clubs meeting for a bridge event. This could also have a more social aspect to it, (maybe best-dressed or novel team outfit?)

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Mid-year Luncheon

Thursday 29 June 2017 at 11.30 am (*The date has changed so differs from the Programme Book*)

This is a catered finger-food luncheon with a glass of wine. Due to catering requirements, we ask that you please register for this event on the sign-up sheet at the club.

Cost is \$25.00. All are welcome for a fun day of Bridge. Play starts at 1.00 p.m.

♠ Tournaments Coming Up ♠

16 July 2017	Regional Clubs Championship	Victoria Bridge Club
23 July 2017	Intermediate 5B Pairs	Karori Bridge Club
23 July 2017	Junior 3B Pairs	Paraparaumu Bridge Club
30 July 2017	Open 5A Pairs	Wellington Bridge Club

Details for all these events are posted on the Club's notice board

Other Events

28 July 2017 Interclub at Victoria, Wellington and Karori Bridge Clubs

Solution to last month's Bridge hand:

The case literally hung on the play of the cards and in this case, Mr. Bennett could have saved his life if he played his cards a bit better.

West led the Diamond Ace and then switched to the Jack of Clubs, which was won by Mr. Bennett who then drew trumps, and it was all over.

What about if after the King of Clubs Mr. Bennett established the club suit to throw his losers on, then he could make the contract. To do this he should have led his remaining diamond from his hand, ruffed low in dummy then led a trump to his king and then the 10 of clubs. When that holds, and is covered by the Ace hi, immediate problems are over.

The nine of clubs in dummy can be ruffed in and it is up to West whether they over ruff with the Queen. If they do West has his friend's life in his hands – there is one play by West that is fatal while all the other plays means the contract is safe and a life spared.

Can you work out the play by WEST that takes the contract down and Mr. Bennett is 6 feet under!!!

First correct entry to Derek.Gill@hotmail.com with the prize, which is unclaimed from last month

A Ten-Cent Signal with a Five-Cent Partner

A bridge teacher has just taught her beginners the attitude signal: high card indicates, "You like the suit"

Defending 5♣ on the first hand, the opening leader correctly led the A♦ from AK64. Partner alertly signalled with the nine. The king was led at the second trick, and partner followed with the 2.

However, at trick three, diamonds were abandoned, after which declarer took the rest of the tricks. The teacher asked the opening leader: "Didn't your partner's nine tell you he liked the lead, and wanted you to continue the suit?"

"Well yes, but when he played the 2, I thought he must have changed his mind"

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A very successful end to the Beginners Lessons was held on 3 May 2017, with supper, drinks, and presentation of the Graduation Certificates



From left; Meredith Ross, Jenny Harker, and Mentor, James Young



From left: Mentor Helen Philpott, Denise Marten, and Shelley Hall



From left; Mentor, Jill Allen, and Helen Patience

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More photos from the Beginners Graduation evening at the club. Congratulations to the following Graduates, from the 'Class of 2017'

Sally Schoon, Yvonne Adair, Shirley Jones, Stella Bridge, Margaret Macken, Helen Patience, Denise Marten, Shelley Hall, Bruce Hall, Linda Caradus, Jacqueline McIntosh



Facing; Yvonne Adair



Facing; Sally Schoon

Happy bridging everyone

