

Victoria Bridge Club Inc.



Newsletter – May 2017

From the President – Pat Knight

Hello, yes it is me (again) sitting in the hot seat, for just a year, until Derek Gill takes over as President.

We have a very good committee this year and we are placing special emphasis on members and the retention of members, as well as trying to encourage members who haven't played in a while, back to the club.

This is all thanks to Jane Stearns who visited the club at the end of February, met with some committee members and then presented a coaching session for the Monday & Wednesday players. Jane gave us plenty of recommendations to help us improve. I would like to thank all the mentors who have been helping the learners integrate into Wednesday night sessions. I turned up one Wednesday to see 13 tables and a great sense of enjoyment in the room.

♠ Welcome to a New Member ♠

A very warm welcome is extended to the Club's new member: [Lynn Scott](#)

Congratulations to the April Session Winners

Monday	Rhodes Pairs	Robyn McKenzie & Peter McKenzie
Tuesday	Stott Pairs	Don Dalgliesh & Kay Austad
Wednesday	Bowen Pairs	Robyn McKenzie & Mary Prangnell
Thursday	April Pairs	Alex Drummond & David Esterman

Flying the flag for Victoria - Tournament Successes

It was great to see [Mary Jane Farrell](#) and [Lesley Gilhooly](#) place 3rd in the recent Kapi Mana Multigrade Tournament, held on 7 May 2017. They were also the top placed Open/Open pair

Our very own Swiss Pairs Open Tournament

This is a very popular tournament which will be held on Sunday 11 June 2017 starting at 9.30 a.m. As numbers are restricted it is worthwhile entering as early as possible. We often have a waiting list and those with the lowest rating points are eliminated if necessary.

If you are not playing, your assistance helping with this tournament would be appreciated. Any offers please contact Robyn Green, our Tournament organizer.

Important Change of Date for our Mid-Year Luncheon

Although the Programme Book states the date as 20 July, we are changing it to **Thursday 29 June 2017**. Lunch and drinks starting at: 11:30 a.m. This will be followed by bridge starting at the usual time of 1:00pm.

This is open to all club members and we would like to see a good sized crowd join us for this enjoyable and fun social event.

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♠ Tournaments Coming Up ♠

2-5 June	Napier	Hawkes Bay Congress10A
11 June	Victoria	Swiss Pairs Open 5A
11 June	Karori	Junior 3B Pairs
17-18 June	Wellington	Natiional 15A Open Pairs
25 June	Kapi Mana	Open Pairs 5A
25 June	Upper Hutt	Intermediate Pairs 5B
29 June	Victoria	Mid-Year Luncheon

Full details of all these events are posted on the Club's notice board

Other Events

26 May 2017 Interclub Round 4 at Wellington & Upper Hutt Bridge Clubs

Membership Milestone



Judith Willis, John Hall and Joy McNicoll

Outgoing President James Young said it was a pleasure to acknowledge the three club members who have achieved the 50-year membership milestone.

All three have played, and continue to play, a significant role at the club.

Their membership was acknowledged at the Annual General Meeting on 20 April 2017

James invited John Hall to share some memories of bridge at Victoria.

John gave a very interesting, humorous, entertaining and informative talk about his early bridge playing days, while a student at Otago University medical school in Dunedin in 1952, to how he came to join the Victoria Bridge Club many years later, and the rules that were firmly in place at Victoria regarding the strict dress code for men.

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With outgoing President, James Young, Judith Willis, John Hall and Joy McNicoll

Library



We welcome our new Club Librarian Trudy Keenan, and say farewell and a big thank you to Tania Wynn who has done a great job over the past few years.

We are currently doing an audit of the collection and ask for your help. If you have borrowed a book, would you please call into the library and reissue the book so we have an up-to-date record. Alternatively, if you have finished with a book, please return it to the library.

Trudy will be focussing on setting up a separate section for Beginners and it would be valuable if members could recommend suitable titles to go in the Beginners section. E.g. Paul Marston 'Introduction to Bridge'

Death

It is with sadness that we report the death of club member Joy Owen. Joy joined the club in 1989 and played mainly on Thursday afternoon's, and sometimes on a Monday evening. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Joy's family.

And to finish off!

A little old man goes to the doctor and in the course of his physical, the doctor asks him, "are you an athlete?"

"Take a look at me, what do you think," Grandpa shoots back.

"Your shins and knees are all beat up, that's why I asked."

"No, no", says the old man. "I just play duplicate bridge with my wife."

There must be a lesson there!!!

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COULDN'T PLAY A HAND TO SAVE HIMSELF

Last month's newsletter contained the sad but true story of Mrs Bennett who shot her husband over a bridge hand in Kansas in 1931.

To make it even sadder despite overbidding his hand by opening light and ending in four spades, it was not an impossible contract.

The hand was as follows:

N - Mrs Bennett

S A 10 6 3

H 10 8 5

D 4

C A 9 8 4 2

W - Mr Hoffman

S Q 7 2

H A J 3

D A Q 10 9 2

C J 6

E - Mrs Hoffman

S 4

H Q 9 4

D K J 7 6 3

C Q 7 5 3

S - Mr Bennett

S K J 9 8 5

H K 7 6 2

D 8 5

C k 10

So can you play bridge to save yourself?

Solution available next month.

Spot prize to the first person to email the correct solution to
Derek.gill@hotmail.com

Happy bridging everyone

