

Victoria Bridge Club Inc.



Newsletter – October 2017

From the President- Pat Knight

Since our last Newsletter we have held a successful Intermediate/Junior Tournament, fewer tables than last year but that seems to have been a trend this year. Our thanks must go to all those helpers who gave up their time to assist in the running of the Tournament – what would we do without them!

We have said farewell to Shona Spencer, a long time and active member of our Club. Shona will be sadly missed. We also sent sympathy cards to the families of Betha Ormerod (Turney), and Priscilla Flipp.

◆ New Members ◆

A very warm welcome is extended to, Yvonne Adair, Stella Bridge, and Ginny Cheyne

System Cards

It appears the use of System Cards is lacking. Every pair should have a system card at the table at each session, no matter which night you play. It helps the Director if he is called to a table where there has been a problem with the bidding or a particular bid cannot be explained clearly enough.

Etiquette and Good Manners

Unfortunately, we have had a few complaints regarding members conduct to other players and we would like to reiterate our policy of; Smile, Be pleasant, Greet players, and enjoy a wonderful game!

Email Tree

In the past month, an Email Tree has been set up for Tuesday night and Thursday afternoon players. This has been used for Monday and Wednesday night's for some time. Although you can still phone the convenor for a partner, it is now possible to find a find partner's through the email set up. All you have to do is **reply-all** to the latest group email asking for a partner giving date and day. Members who have already used this system have found it very successful.

Programme Book

Next year's Programme Book is in the process of being collated and any change of address, phone, or email addresses should be sent to Jan Hart as soon as possible.



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♠ Congratulations to the August Session Winners ♠

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| Monday | Burns Pairs | Pauline Swann & Kahu Livingstone |
| Tuesday | Victoria Teams | Kay Austad, Alex Drummond, David Esterman, Lorraine Inglis, Joan McCarthy |
| Wednesday | Lambton Pairs | John Handiside & Michael Chilton |
| Thursday | August Pairs | Jennifer Jenner & Christina Mander |

♠ Congratulations to the September Session Winners ♠

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| Monday | Heretaunga Pairs | Kahu Livingstone & Robyn Green |
| Tuesday | Hutchison Pairs | Kay Austad & Tony Thomson |
| Wednesday | Khandallah Pairs | Graeme Schofield & Paul Cheng |
| Thursday | Ron Knight Individual | 1 st Pat Knight & 2 nd John Hall |

Congratulations to the August & September Tournament Winners

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| Karori 5A Open Pairs | Robyn Freeman-Greene & Dale Lacey 3 rd |
| Victoria 5B Intermediate Pairs | Julie Wright & Warwick Wright 3 rd |
| Victoria 3B Junior Pairs | Neave Fraser & Hilda Burgess 3 rd |

Christmas Function

After last year's successful "Do" we have decided to hold another on Friday 8 December and because of the squash last year ticket numbers will be limited to 50. It is hoped that we will get a good support to finish a successful year at the Club.



Some photos from last year's Christmas Dinner

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♠ Tournaments Coming Up ♠

November

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| 3 | Various venues | Babich NZ Wide Pairs |
| 5 | Upper Hutt Bridge Club | Multigrade 8B Pairs |
| 12 | Waikanae Bridge Club | Int 5B & Junior3B Pairs |
| 19 | Masterton Bridge Club | Multigrade 8B Pairs |
| 25-26 | Wellington Bridge Club | National IP Finals |

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It's smart to practice your bridge!

The thing that distinguishes beginners from more advanced players learners isn't how much more sophisticated the bidding systems are. What separates them is how the cards are played. Good card play comes from practice, and conscious self-reflection learning from your mistakes.

For those of you with smart phones, there are now a wide range of freeware apps that you can access that can improve your play. These include

Fun Bridge which can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store, depending on what kind of a device you're using. With this app it is possible to have a computer partner and computer opponents.

iBridgePlus is an iOS Bridge app only, free download, supports multiple bidding systems including ACOL and can be played offline.

Bridge V+ is available on Google Play and the App store. This app: requires no internet connection; features a bid analyser which is very helpful; provides extensive information on scores and cards; allows auto-bidding and auto-card play.

Bridge Base Online (BBO) is the mobile app version of one of the most popular Bridge playing sites. With this app, you can play against computer opponents and other players; compete in tournaments; chat with other players; make a cup of tea; watch live Bridge matches. Some of the world's best Bridge players play on BBO.

Skybridge is listed on the NZ Bridge website <https://skybridgeclub.com/> and can be played on a phone IPAD or computer

If you have a favourite bridge app not listed here I'd love to hear about it - drop me an email on derek.gill@hotmail.com

Happy bridging everyone

