

SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



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We were sad to hear that Ed Hudson passed away on Wednesday night after a very long battle with cancer. If our club was open we would remember him there, instead Margaret has written these words.

. Ed was a very valued member of our club. He was our “fix it man”. Every Thursday he was at bridge he would check all the table legs (as we all know they do get very wobbly from time to time). Anyway Ed was our man for attending to all that for us. I remember once when we could not get into the cupboard downstairs Ed went and got his tools out of his car and lo and behold he had that door opened in no time. Nothing ever a problem for Ed – a very helpful member. Ed was also Treasurer for a few years probably going back about 9 years ago. I have sent an email to his son on behalf of the Club. There will be no funeral or memorial service.

Ed will be missed by a lot of club members, a valued member and highly respected. RIP Ed



Message from Margaret I hope you are all keeping safe and well in your bubble. I have been working from home for the last five weeks which certainly helps pass the time, but it is so different from actually going to the office. Fortunately we have had lovely weather over these weeks. Georgie (my fur baby) and I go walking every morning and that is helping me try to keep “sane” over this period. Amazing the people out walking, biking etc – I have met such a lot of people that I have never seen before in Carrington Park so that is a positive. Lots of little dogs wanting to run around and sniff each other’s bottoms not allowed now and sadly I must say my Georgie has really missed doing that. My daughter Belinda and son-in-law Richard and my two lovely grandsons, Jacob and Charlie visited me yesterday – first time I have seen them in about six weeks. I was ever so pleased to see them and had a great time with my boys. Charlie said he is quite keen to learn bridge so I went through a bit of learning with him yesterday, but I think he thought “this is all too hard”. (He has just turned 12). Anyway lets wait and see. I would love him to learn the game so him and I could play together and I could dump my nephew Butch – just kidding.

Keeping in touch

At this stage we don't know when we will be back playing bridge at the club again. We have been trying to keep in touch in other ways

- Sheridan has been sending our regular emails from Allan Morris , Chairman of the NZ Bridge "Letters from the Chair" so you all will know what is happening in the bridge world.
- We are sending weekly emails to all our club members suggesting videos you can watch or bridge websites you can visit. We definitely encourage as many of you as possible to play bridge online –BBO and Skybridge run free games.(We now have a few B BO addicts in our club!!)
- We are now running a regular a SWBC virtual bridge club on Friday nights for our members – details on our website <http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/>
- Margaret said she is available any time for anyone who would like phone contact
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One of the things mentioned in a recent "Letter form the Chair" was the Financial

Wellness Survey that was sent to all clubs. Although we have not had a committee meeting since the club closed Martin did a Financial report last month and emailed it to the committee. We are in the fortunate position that as we are not playing bridge we have no current expenses We are not paying rent, supper expenses or C points. Just before Lockdown we had a new permanent notice board installed This was made by the Menz Shed –as yet we haven't received the invoice for that.

Keeping in touch

Thanks for everyone who answered my call about sending some Lockdown activities

From Pip Fowler I have a new grandchild. Her name is Charlotte Elody Robinson and she was born on April 22nd in Somerset, England. I should have been there to help look after her two-year-old brother, Freddie, but because of the virus have had to make do with nightly FaceTime sessions. I haven't played any online Bridge as I have been busy doing an online writing course. But I am missing all of you



From Felicity Warren I am currently organising to move an old woolshed which we will do up for a wedding venue we are planning and I am making my way through planting nearly 800 natives as an entrance to The Vue (combo of Venue and View!) I am slowly but surely deborering (if there is such a word) 133 sq m of flooring we have lifted from another old wool shed ready for the house which we will be starting to build in the spring! Meals have progressed from meat and 2 veg to more adventurous recipes to the delight of our bubble of 6! In so many ways lock down on the farm is almost no different from normal times. Hope everyone else at the club is bearing up

From Steve Lillyston During lockdown at our house, I have taken on the role of Chief Bread Taster. This has been a very demanding role, given my current duties as Coffee Meister, but as I have many years experience of tasting bread fresh out of the oven, I could hit the road running. Our latest creation is Sunflower and Flax Seed Whole Wheat Cast iron Bread, photo attached, and I can attest that it tastes even better than it looks. Ann says I can't divulge her recipe as I would then have to kill you, but I'm far more liberal than that and would be willing to share the recipe in return for us all promising to be nicer to our bridge partners when they make critical errors such as failing to recognise our suit preference signals.



From Hugh Townend

We miss our grandchildren but have just finished a daily zoom reading with the Wellington family of The Hobbit. We all take turns at reading and have managed a chapter every afternoon. Tomorrow we're starting Watership Down.

Max, aged 5, is a bit young for this but has his own daily story on WhatsApp.

Stay safe

From Perry Cameron. Here is a Wasgij puzzle 1000 pieces that my partner and I played with for 10 days or so.



From Jane Minchin

I hope you are keeping well in these trying times. I dont think I can add anything interesting to your newsletter because I have only been working as usual during the lockdown. I dont go out because my partner is immune suppressed so it is too risky. The furthest we have been is the letterbox for the dawn parade.

Although I can share this link to my little granddaughter, Charlie who has been keeping us cheerful with her roadside visits

From Pip Dagleish Lockdown garden total destruction- before and after photos. Obviously have had far too much time on my hands.



From Katherine Gough During the lock down my Sydney daughter Anna and I have had fun sending each other "Lockdown photos with a story" every night. I've played a lot of bridge on BBO and done a lot of experimenting with cooking and baking - the other day I made gnocchi for the first time and did you know how versatile a tin of chick peas is – you can make hummus with the chick peas and meringues with the water!! Our family is thrilled to welcome Bohdi Mark Anzac Dawson – his parents are our grandson Sam and his partner Lyndsay He is four days old. I could have put in the video where he has the hiccups (adorable) –but I thought that might have been too much!



From Steve Gladwell I've become a convert to YouTube during lockdown. Not just for bridge purposes. Comedy panel programmes like 'Would I lie to you', and '8 out of 10 cats does Countdown', particularly the highlights gives me the giggles. There have also been some interesting cricket blogs I would stress for 'England' fans, and of course if you want to land a 747 it will take another hour. 'Get a life' I hear from the background. Okay will stick to the golf training videos

From Sheridan I have lost my Bridge book and have no idea who I am playing with for the rest of the year. If I am lucky enough to be in your book please let me know.

One of my jobs was to find my bridge book in the lockdown but to no avail.

It was a rare treat today Graham and I walked to town for a fresh Ciabatta and had coffee, sitting outside the library maybe we are getting back to normal soon!!

To finish this newsletter I would just like to tell you again about the "SWBC virtual club night" Friday night at 7.30 – it would be great if you could join us.

If you like the idea but have never joined or played on BBO let me know – Carol is arranging practice games to get you started, All the details are on our website

<http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/>

Keep Safe! Look forward to seeing you soon at our Virtual Bridge Club!

Katherine