

SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



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Thanks to Lizzie Catherall, Martin Connelly, Kath Banks, Andrew Beck, Robin Draper and Ed Hudson for help in compiling this newsletter.

Last Thursday the 8th February the last meeting was held with the present committee – the Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd and after that we will have a new committee which I will tell you all about in the next newsletter!

So..... We are calling for nominations for all committee positions.

There is a list on the notice board for you to write the name of the person you want to nominate and all nominations must be seconded – there is a space for seconds too.



This is your chance to have your say in how the club is run

If you have just joined the club - don't be shy about joining the committee – we would love to have you.

If you are not sure how to go about being nominated ask Lizzie – she'll sort it out for you.



Our club has grown! Last Thursday Robin gave me a folder that she found in her late husband Tom's papers that relates to the South Wairarapa Bridge Club when he was president. I have had a quick look at some of them and at the Annual Report for 2002 we had 57 members – in Lizzie's annual report this year we have now have over 120 members. The question is – do we want to grow more or do we want to consolidate – we would like your opinion!

From our last committee meeting

Finance – all 2017 accounts have been reviewed and a statement of the accounts has been attached to an email to Club members advising them of the AGM on 23 February. Alan presented a comprehensive financial report for January 2018 – all subs have now been paid and the first levy payment to New Zealand Bridge has been made.

New Bridge Boards Andrew presented two sample bridge boards and a pack of cards from China, which Jill will test to see if they will work well in the dealing machine. Martin has also received some from Australia and we will see and discuss the results of both sets of boards at our next meeting.

Monday nights. The beginners have been well supported with many senior members playing with them. There are 2 more sessions of the current series left then they will become more integrated with pre-arranged partners into the main room. Playing in separate rooms has been successful and will continue if table numbers warrant it. Lizzie – mentoring newbies and Dinah - convening Mondays is working well and will continue – William Wallace will also continue coming before play on Monday to set up tables. Alan congratulated Lizzie for all the work she has done with the beginners.

Supper list Club members have been great at accepting the new system, and have either done it themselves or arranged their own substitutes. (Thank you!!) Jill Thomas is now purchasing the tea, coffee, biscuits etc_ as the Rapsons are involved in the_Dealing.

Nesting Pairs We have talked about this twice in the newsletter but as there were only three pairs interested in taking up Nesting Pairs it is not viable to hire the club rooms and arrange to have the extra boards dealt, so unfortunately it will not go ahead as a club activity. Those interested can still do the programme by themselves as everything is on youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fL1SHqitE4>

Volunteers and Expansion or Consolidation were discussed briefly but will be discussed again with the new committee

Our next meeting is on the 8th March.

2018 Tournament Grades Recently you would have received an email from the club about regarding Tournament Grades and there is the complete list on the notice board – except for Paley and Lynette Downs who for some inexplicable reason have been missed off by NZBridge.

There have been Status changes in our club:-

Congratulations to:-

Margaret and John Bath - from Junior to Intermediate

Neil Catherall - from Intermediate to Open

Rae Kennedy - from Junior to Open. (A massive jump! Rae had earned lots of points in the UK and has now had them transferred to New Zealand.)

XClub Extra Did you know that as our club is a member of XClub you can sign up for the “Thursday Review” which is free and issued every Friday on a couple of the hands they you would have played on Thursday night. The review is by Vil Gravis who is a Bridge Grand Master and plays at the Hutt Club - he has been doing Wednesday Reviews for several years but as we don’t play that night they weren’t relevant to us, but he has switched to Thursday Reviews which suits us perfectly as all XClubs play the same cards. If you would like to receive a copy of Thursday Review you can send an email to Vil and he will add you to his list.

This is a link to Vil’s Blog <http://www.compassmate.bridge-centre.org/node/220>

And this is his email address villyn@xtra.co.nz

Vil is also running a Bridge Education programme called “Thirteen Tricks” which he will be running this year. He guarantees that if you follow what he tells on this programme your Bridge results will improve by at 10% this year!!! More details on his blog

Another Great Free thing!! A new bridge Magazine which is produced in England and available on line.

<http://www.newbridgemag.com/> This is a very large magazine – 89 pages – but easily read on line and contains lots of excellent articles and some great information



The first two competitions for the year have finished and the results are:-

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

Monday Individual

Congratulations to
Dora Aw Yong 62.81
(Dora was one of the learners in 2017)
Anna McDonald 58.53
Prue Dodge 57.22

Thursday New Year Individual

Katherine Gough - by a whisker! 60.94
Linda Gibbs 60.75
Martin Connelly 55.45

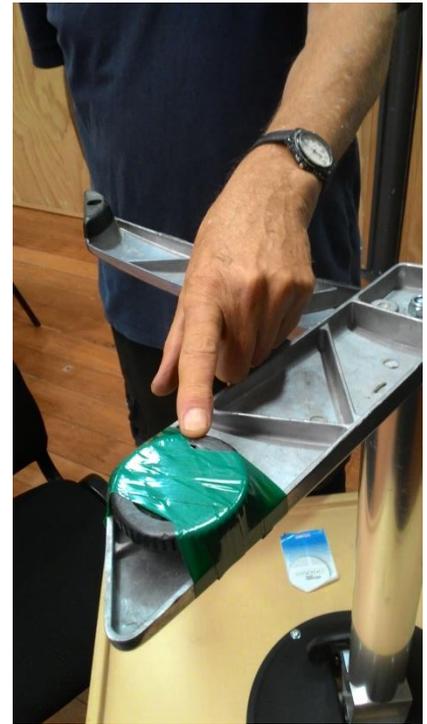
The story of a VERY Wobbly table that is wobbly NO MORE - Thanks Ed – you are a Legend!



This is a very Wobbly Table –
I'll just get my tools.....



Shouldn't take me long
oops! It's not going as well as
I had hoped! I'll try Plan B



Steady as a Rock!!

Looking forward to March 10th when Mindy Wu is coming to give us another one of her popular workshops

It will be held at SWBC Club Rooms between 1 and 4
Cost to Club Members \$5.00 each
Suggestions from the Club about what they would like to
learn about at the workshop are:-
Bidding slams and large hands
Defence signals
Doubles – negative, penalty and take out



**Congratulations
Mindy – In the
January 2018
Gradings**

**Mindy is now a
Silver
Grandmaster!**

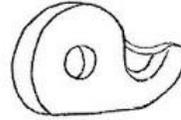
In April we will be starting **Improver Classes** - They will be held on a Tuesday Night
More details in our next newsletter.

Mindy's workshop is for Intermediate Players

only take one or two really slow players to alter the night's experience for everyone.

Of course we all play at different speeds but the realities of a room full of tables means that players need to bid and play in a steady rhythm.

Our SWBC directors let the room know the time allotted for each board and try to be realistic noting that Monday night players need a little more time than Thursday nights. As a rule, each hand is expected to be played in 6 minutes.



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SCROSS

"I don't care if she is a tape dispenser. I love her."

- Directors do have the ability to penalize for slow play, but the club's preference is that we all self manage. You as players can help the director by handling your cards efficiently at the start of play. This may mean reviewing the practice of picking up each card one by one, a very slowing procedure. Some practice at home, and a cardholder (club can provide) may help.
- Planning your play as declarer when dummy goes down. It is no use playing half the cards and then spending 5 minutes wondering how to get back into dummy.
- Following the director's call to move quickly with only East lingering to input the score. This is not the time to review boards; cards only need a small reshuffle.

Familiarising yourself with our club playing requirements in the red booklet pages 6-7.

Interclub Teams starts on Friday 16th March This year SWBC fielding five teams

The Tree Intermediate Teams are:-

Alice Forward
Andrew Beck
Margaret Bath
John Bath
Kath Banks
Di Martin

Hamish McDonald
Pip Fowler
Felicity Warren
Marilyn Smethurst
Jill Baker
Robin Draper

Lizzie Catherall
Mary Herrick
Katherine Gough
Martin Connelly
Lynette Downs
Gail Freeman

Subs for Intermediate Teams, Ed Hudson, Barbara Page, Sue Wright

Angie Smith
Gail Rapson
Gareth Rapson
Ruth Burgess
Deb Brunning
Eslyn Beck

Anna McDonald
Birgitta Harper
Aland Butler
Sheila Butler
Frank Minehan
Hamish Banks

Two Junior
Teams
Novice Team

Godfrey Bowden
Anne Rainford
Joy Cooper
Dora Aw Yong
Aroha Beck

Introducing the Connelly Laminated Score Sheet

Written by Martin Connelly – mentor of the Novice Interclub team

“The decision to create something like this for the Novice team, and others, was because of my own reflections when I first played Interclub Bridge. I had not realised that we would have to keep the score on paper. That was a shock, then another shock came my way when I tried to write on the score-sheet and the pencil just went through the paper because of the soft material underneath. And if that was not bad enough, when I realised that there was a score sheet on the table – well the other side wanted it to write on so that their pencil would not go through the paper, and asking to see what it said just kept taking up time. So, when we are not sure about the scoring or how “Interclub Teams” works – it helps if we all have our own score-sheet.

I also noticed, several times, that when people do not know how to score in their heads and when the other team gets to the score-sheet first that many people ask their opponenet what the score should be. Big Mistake. Never ask the opponent what they want the score to be – if they have made a mistake you are just copying it. Any mistakes will always favour them, you can place a bet on it.”

The Club has laminated 50 copies of the Connelly Score Sheet – they are available to all Interclub Teams and also very helpful if you play Social Bridge. If you would like one contact Lizzie.



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Duplicate Bridge Scoring Table

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<https://www.facebook.com/swbridgeclub/>

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		Non-vulnerable			Vulnerable		
Contract	Made	Undbid ¹	Dbid	Rdbid	Undbid	Dbid	Rdbid
1♣-1♠	1	70	140	230	70	140	230
	2	90	240	430	90	340	630
	3	110	340	630	110	540	1030
	4	130	440	830	130	740	1430
	5	150	540	1030	150	840	1830
	6	170	640	1230	170	1140	2230
	7	190	740	1430	190	1340	2630

		Non-vulnerable			Vulnerable		
Contract	Made	Undbid	Dbid	Rdbid	Undbid	Dbid	Rdbid
1♥-1♠	1	80	160	520	80	160	720
	2	110	260	720	110	360	1120
	3	140	360	920	140	560	1520
	4	170	460	1120	170	760	1920
	5	200	560	1320	200	960	2320
	6	230	660	1520	230	1160	2720
	7	260	760	1720	260	1360	3120

		Non-vulnerable			Vulnerable		
Contract	Made	Undbid	Dbid	Rdbid	Undbid	Dbid	Rdbid
1NT	1	90	180	560	90	180	760
	2	120	280	760	120	380	1160
	3	150	380	960	150	580	1560
	4	180	480	1160	180	780	1960
	5	210	580	1360	210	980	2360
	6	240	680	1560	240	1180	2760
	7	270	780	1760	270	1380	3160

		Non-vulnerable			Vulnerable		
Contract	Made	Undbid	Dbid	Rdbid	Undbid	Dbid	Rdbid
2♣-2♠	2	90	180	560	90	180	760
	3	110	280	760	110	380	1160
	4	130	380	960	130	580	1560
	5	150	480	1160	150	780	1960
	6	170	580	1360	170	980	2360
	7	190	680	1560	190	1180	2760

		Non-vulnerable			Vulnerable		
Contract	Made	Undbid	Dbid	Rdbid	Undbid	Dbid	Rdbid
2♥-2♠	2	110	470	640	110	670	840
	3	140	570	840	140	870	1240
	4	170	670	1040	170	1070	1640
	5	200	770	1240	200	1270	2040
	6	230	870	1440	230	1470	2440
	7	260	970	1640	260	1670	2840

¹ Undbid means "undoubled"; Dbid mean "doubled" and Rdbid mean "Redoubled"

Oops!! Thought I was finished but I have just remembered the supper Roster for March

SUPPER ROSTER

If you can't do supper Duty on the day you are rostered, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. The Monday and Thursday convenors will remind you the week before it's your turn – the monthly list will also be in the newsletter.

**It works out to be two turns each a year to do supper
Duties are listed on the notice board**

March

Monday

March 5th

Godfrey Bowden and Pat Brown

March 12th

Jim Brasell and Waverley Brasell

March 19th

Steve and Joy Cooper

March 26th

Paul Collins and Rosie Collins

Thursday

March 1st

Margaret Bell and Ruth Burgess

March 8th

Alan Butler and Sheila Butler

March 15th

Trish Donald and Robin Draper

March 22nd

Lynette Downs and Paley Down

March 29th

Sheridan Evans and Alice Forward

Have a fun Bridging Month!

Katherine

