

SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



JULY 2018

Thanks to Andrew Beck ,Aroha Beck, Alan Butler, Lizzie Catherall, Felicity Warren, Martin Connelly and Peter Francks for help in compiling this newsletter. Special thanks to those who are in the photos!!

We have so much to celebrate this month!!



The victorious Novice Interclub team- another BIG win in June. After a rocky start the Novice team is on fire!! with two big wins in May and June. Full Interclub results are on our website

<http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/interclub-bridge>

This photo is on the South Wairarapa Bridge club Facebook Page and also New Zealand bridge Facebook Page and also kiwibrige facebook page

Dean Sole shared a [post](#).

June 23 at 3:21 PM

Enjoyment, as bridge should be
(a comment on kiwibrige)



Bill Hughes Memorial Simultaneous pairs

We had the BEST night on the 29th June when we played the Bill Hughes Memorial Pairs – this was an International event, and was played in 16 countries. 891 pairs took part from 65 clubs - there were four clubs from New Zealand. Top scoring pair was from from a club in Nairobi with a score of 71.15% and the bottom pair was also from the same club with a score of 28.79%

<http://www.simpairs.com/default.asp?session=004566>



Our Winners were John and Margaret (North South) and Andrew and Margaret (East West) Margaret and John ended up 23rd out 891 pairs - and are the second New Zealand pair (by a margin of .14%!)

More photos on the South Wairarapa Bridge Club Facebook Page – anyone can look at Facebook – you don't have to join Facebook to have a look <https://www.facebook.com/swbridgeclub/>

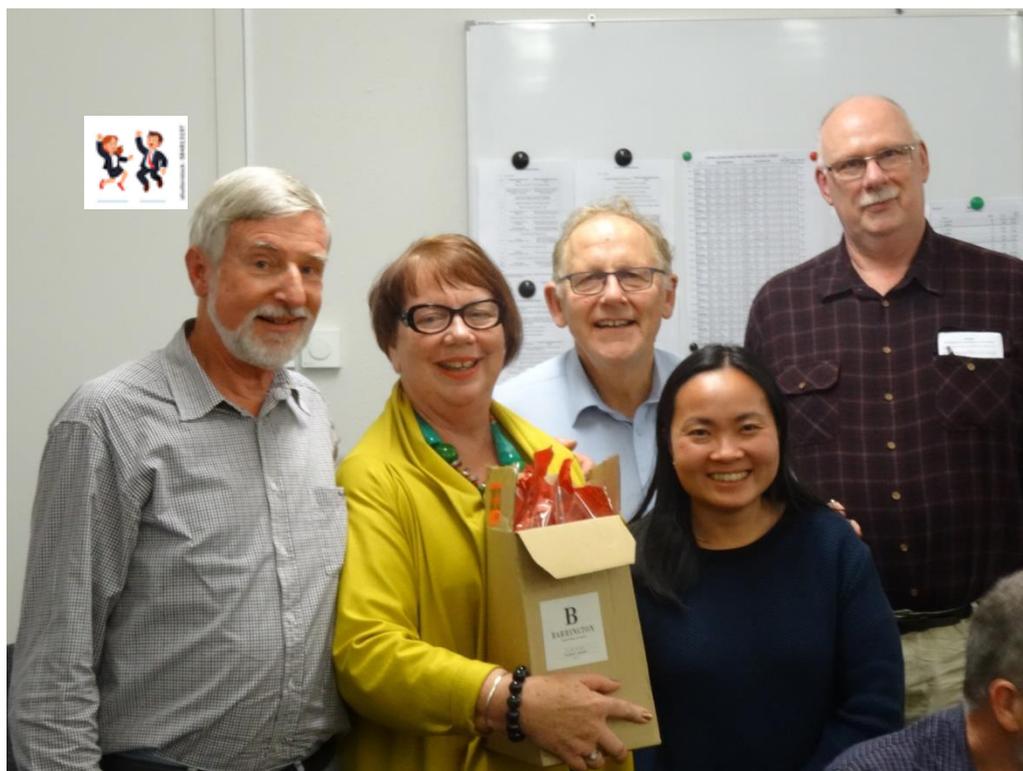


The night started with fabulous finger food prepared by Aroha and her gorgeous helpers Charlotte and Chichi – thank you Aroha – we loved it!!!



The Thursday night teams were also held in June. – The Glazed Carrots, Alan, Ed, Marilyn and Sheila had a great start to the Final night but the winners were the Rockets = Margaret White, David Steele, Linda Gibbs and Sue Wright – Congratulations!!

Katherine, Martin Dora and Paul recently played in the Multigrade Teams at Kairangi. and won the the special prize of 4 bottles of wine for the team that “punched best above its weight” or the team that performed the best according to their NZB rating



Have you heard of The Bridge Zone? It is a bridge radio programme that is broadcast live on access radio in Hamilton and then goes on line so anyone can listen to it anywhere. This week some of the topics were opening 1NT when you have a five card major and Announcing bids e.g. when you partner opens 1NT or 1C. <http://www.accessradio.org/player.aspx?pid=6379a3ce-8450-482c-bad1-6b4cc2574313&Last=1>



Congratulations to Peter Francks who was recently awarded the Paul

Harris Award

This is the highest award an individual Rotarian can receive and only a 150 (at the most) are awarded each year by the Board of Rotary International.



Caption Contest

Winner of last month's Caption Contest is Sue Wright.

Sue's winning caption is "Ed you devil – you have tickled my fancy"

Felicity was on supper duty a couple of weeks ago - she took her duties to the next level and baked for us. Here is the recipe

Ginger Cake a la Martinborough

1 ¾ cup of flour

1 cup of castor sugar

130g crystal ginger – chopped

190g butter (melted)

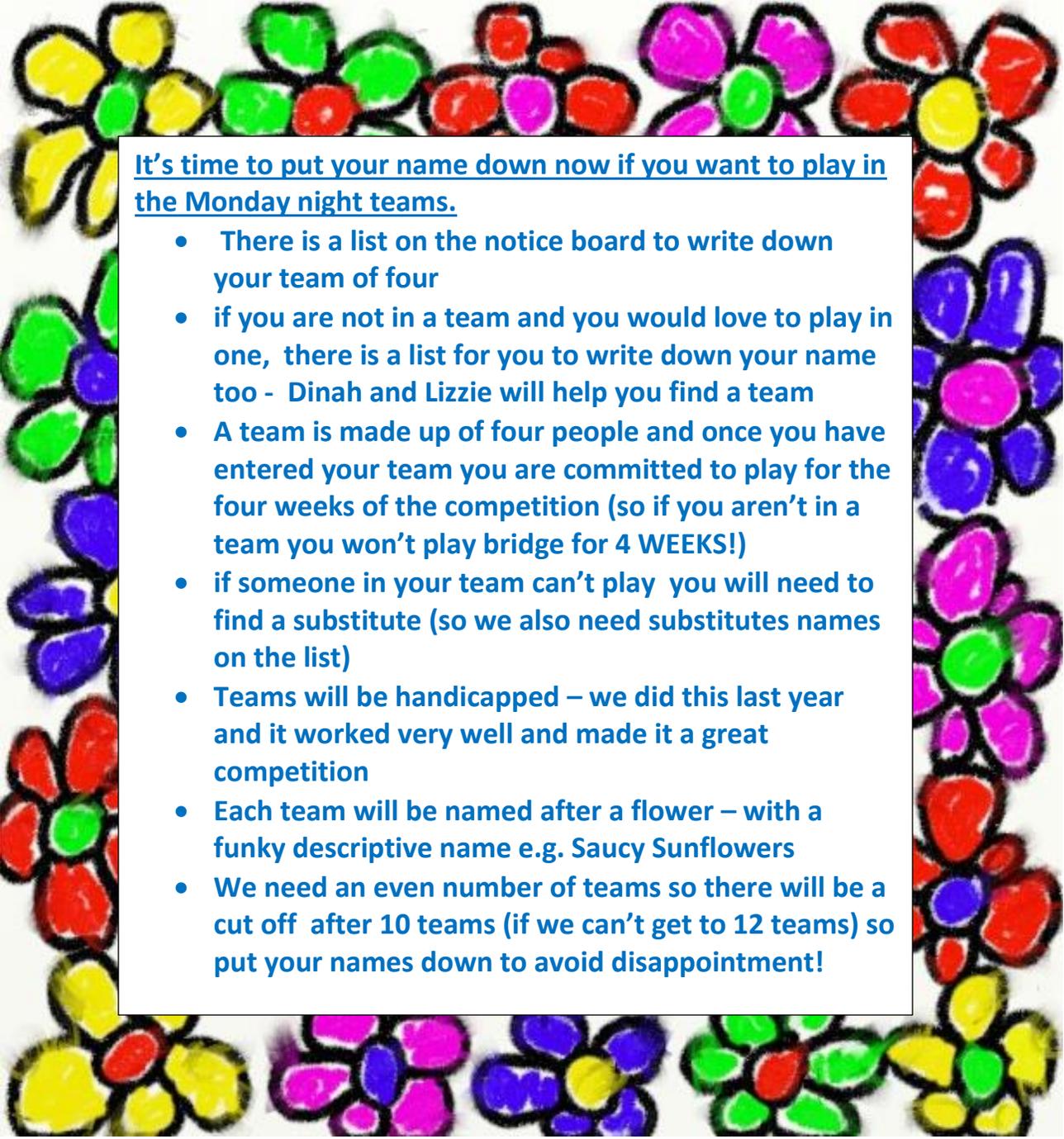
1 egg

50 g of blanched almonds (roughly chop most of them and place whole almonds on top.)

Mix dry ingredients, add melted butter and egg. Mix in ginger and almonds put in tin and cook one hour 180 degrees

I put Baking paper on top after ½ hour to prevent darkening.

Recipe was tripled for our supper treat



It's time to put your name down now if you want to play in the Monday night teams.

- There is a list on the notice board to write down your team of four
- if you are not in a team and you would love to play in one, there is a list for you to write down your name too - Dinah and Lizzie will help you find a team
- A team is made up of four people and once you have entered your team you are committed to play for the four weeks of the competition (so if you aren't in a team you won't play bridge for 4 WEEKS!)
- if someone in your team can't play you will need to find a substitute (so we also need substitutes names on the list)
- Teams will be handicapped – we did this last year and it worked very well and made it a great competition
- Each team will be named after a flower – with a funky descriptive name e.g. Saucy Sunflowers
- We need an even number of teams so there will be a cut off after 10 teams (if we can't get to 12 teams) so put your names down to avoid disappointment!



Results over 65%

Well!!! for the first time since I've been doing this Newsletter there are no scores over 65% - Dora and Paul almost made it with their score of 64.81% on Monday

“What would you do?”

On the last night there was a focus on bidding. And the following situation arose, and caused a lot of heated discussion.

♠ K 6 5
♥ J 5 4 3
♦ J 3
♣ A Q 3 2

You have this 11 point hand and your partner bids 1 Spade. Then there is a Pass, and it is your bid.

What is your response? (And you are playing Acol where an opening 1NT is 12 to 14, and with 4 card majors.)

When it came time for the answer, I stated that the correct answer was 2 Clubs. And this caused howls of pain and outrage from all over the room – from people stating that you cannot make a 2-level response without a 5 card suit. A couple of people said that the NZB website also says that you cannot reply at the two level without a 5 card suit. And for these people the only correct answer would be 2NT.

So maybe we could finish by saying that the NZB website does not say you need a 5 card suit to reply at the 2 level. It says you need a 4+ card suit and 10 or more points. However most Acol players will not reply 2 hearts with a 4 card heart suit if their partner opened 1 spade. And the reason here is that if Partner had 4 hearts and 4 spades, they would open 1 Heart. So bidding Hearts is a pointless exercise with only a four-card suit. But when you reply 2 clubs with this hand you give your partner room to do several things:

- a) Bid 2 Spades, showing a five-card spade suit – and now you have found a fit in spades
- b) Bid 2 Hearts, showing 5 spades and 4 hearts – and now you have found a ‘double fit’ in spades and hearts
- c) Bid 2NT, showing 15 or more points, and now you can to game in 3NT
- d) Bid 2 Diamonds, showing 5 spades and Diamonds – you have found a fit in spades and so you should bid 3 spades
- e) Every once in a while partner will reply in Clubs

Some Feedback from the Improvers class

“I note that the recent lessons have been headed up “refreshers” but the reality is that most of the material is NEW to several of us, which makes it a wee bit harder to take it all on board (particularly when a lot of it is verbal). That said, it is all useful stuff and I greatly appreciate the effort the club has made to educate us newbies.”

Our sign /Logo



Last week Lizzie had an email from Helen McNaught, telling us that the Greytown Community Board had asked her to write to remind the club that our sign needs to be taken down after each bridge session. I joined the club in 2016 and it has been

hanging up ever since I have been here, so I thought I find out a little history about the sign.

Felicity designed the sign just after we moved into the Town Centre and she asked the Sign Factory in Masterton to make it up for her.

She says

“It hang around in the our locked cuboard up for a year or two so I took it to the SWDC so they would appreciate the sign was not going to denigrate the look of the rooms and asked them it could be hung permanently – I told them how it should be hung(matching the WBS sign that is already there) They agreed and said they would get their handyman to do it. They hung on to the sign for a year – every now and then I would pop in to see what was happening. Eventually one night I came to bridge and there it was hanging on a piece of cord! Some handyman!”

Bridgy things coming up!

Mindy Wu Workshop

Saturday July 28th –

Time 1.00 – 4.00

Fee:- \$5

The workshop will be held in St Luke’s Church Hall as the WBS room is not available that day.

Masterton Visit

Tuesday 14th August

Shared Meal at 5.30 and then we all play bridge.

We encourage you all to come – it is a social occasion with our Masterton Friends and everyone is welcome.

There is a list on the notice board for names – if you haven’t got at partner we will arrange one for you.

From The Committee Meeting 12th June 2018

Financial

- The large term deposit is due for re investment on the 24 July. Alan to look for the best term and rate
- Total Bank Balances as at 31/6/2018 - \$31209.22

Tablecloths -The fabric has arrived and Anna has made one tablecloth as a prototype. Work will start on them after the school holidays

Tournaments – Andrew drafted protocols for Session prizes at our tournaments. There will be a prize for the highest scoring pair in the morning session and another prize for the highest scoring pair in the afternoon session(as long as they are not one of the overall prize winners) This has come about because we were unhappy with the awarding of both sessions prizes to one session in our last tournament.

Monday Review - Everything is going smoothly. Dinah has the Monday Book again now.

If you are not happy with something tell your Convenor and she will get it sorted.
Monday night Convenor – Dinah Edridge (0273040008)
Thursday night Convenor Katherine Gough (0272433495)–

Thursday Review The last two weeks people have doubled booked themselves, so we have had an extra person arrive at bridge and then dejectedly have to go home again because they have no one to play with. This can be avoided by confirming that you and your supposed partner are in sync, or writing your name in the Thursday Book, or let me know by text or email. If you are double booked I can usually find another partner , but it is too late to try and get someone on a 6.15.

Electric Pencil Sharpener Kath is to investigate and purchase a suitable electric pencil sharpener.

**Have a good month - see you at
bridge!!**

Katherine



SUPPER ROSTER FOR AUGUST

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

August

Monday

August 6th

Aroha Beck and Godfrey Bowden

August 13th

Jim Brasell and and Waverley Brasell

August 20th

Hamish Banks and Diane Buckley

August 27th

Paul and Rosie Collins

Thursday

August 2nd

Bill Andrews and Jill Baker

August 9th

Adrian and Robin Blackett

August 16th

Alan and Sheila Butler

August 23rd

Lynette and Paley Downs

July 26th

Pip Fowler and Alice Forward

Directing Roster for August

August is Monday Teams Month

Andrew and Martin all month

Aug 2

Neil Catherall

Aug 9

Martin Connelly

Aug 16

Lynette Downs

Aug 23

Katherine Gough

Aug 30

Andrew Beck