

SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



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Thanks to Alan Butler, Lizzie Catherall, Kath Banks, Andrew Beck, Martin Connolly for help in compiling this newsletter

From Katherine -Oh NO!!! My phone died this morning – until further notice my phone # is 0273 111230 – my email stays the same goughgirl@gmail.com

It's nothing to do with Bridge but Click on this link and you will see a very cute and clever dog!!
https://www.youtube.com/embed/NK-T_t166TY?feature=player_embedded

Annual General Meeting held on the 22 February Meeting

We had a very quick AGM this year – This year the President's report and the Financial reports had been emailed to all Club members before the meeting – both were approved and seconded.

The new committee was voted in and thanks expressed, and a bottle of wine presented to the three members Glenys Almao, Helen Hayes and Gail Rapson who were not standing again Thanks was also expressed and a bottle of wine presented to Kath Banks who has been an excellent Club Secretary for the last three years. Kath will continue on the committee.

The New committee are

President - Lizzie Catherall
Vice President – Andrew Beck
Treasurer – Alan Butler
Secretary – Katherine Gough
Committee –
Angie Smith
Ed Hudson
Kath Banks
Anna McDonald
Dinah Edridge
Hugh Townend

At the first meeting of the new committee this month Lizzie said that saw the committee as a sounding board where ideas are expressed and decisions are made for the well being of the club. We will work together on projects and events i.e. Workshops, Tournaments, Masterton visit, Babich Pairs and Christmas Party.

There are many club members who volunteer to help our lovely club to run smoothly and happily – Thank you !

One of our Club members Bill Benfield sadly died recently. Bill and Sue played on a Monday night.
We have sent a Sympathy Card to Bill's Family

Recent Results –all results on Pianola <http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/>

Results of Thursday Night Greytown Pairs

Congratulations to:-

Lynette Downs and Anna McDonald

58.21%

Rosie Bauckham and Jean Parker

Results of Monday Night Summer Pairs

Congratulations to:-

Andrew Beck and Gail Rapson 62.66%

Lizzie Catherall and Bill Armstrong 58.82%

Katherine Gough and Angie Smith 56.74%

Scores over 65% over the last month (since the last newsletter)

Rosie Bauckham and Jean Parker 22nd February
69.71%

Martin Connelly and Margaret White 22 Feb
66.48%

Margaret Bell and Val Rait 5th March
65.70%

Andrew Beck and Sheridan Evans
67.31%



Interclub Teams start this Friday 16th March – all our teams are playing at the Hutt Club

A lot of the teams go out for dinner beforehand, so it a real social occasion

This year there are 64 teams in total playing in the Interclub Competition - SWBC is entering 3 Intermediate Teams, 1 2 Junior Teams and 1 Novice Team Good Luck Everybody.

Alan is in his "Happy Place:" collecting the Table Money – looks as though John is happy with Bank Balance too



The Supper Roster – is working MAGNIFICENTLY!!! Thank you everyone who has taken their turn so far – or for arranging for someone to take your place if you can't come. There is a new supper roster at the end of this newsletter and also a copy on the notice board. Thank you Jill for keep us in supper supplies.

Mindy Wu Workshop on the 10th of March – a very successful day!!

Mindy told us that she is very happy to come over to Greytown and run workshops for us on a regular basis so after the success of the last two workshops we have booked her for another one in June. More details when everything is confirmed In the meantime if you would like Mindy to cover a particular topic let anyone on the committee know.



Mindy has very kindly let us share her notes and they are on the website (you will also find the notes for our first workshop there. For bridge Learners in all ages and stages

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

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This is what Mindy said about Defence.

- If you are playing in a suit contract try and take your tricks early before declarer has a chance to throw losers on a long suit.
- If you are playing in a NT contract- play yours and your partner's longest suit so you can take your winners at the end
- Your partner is your best friend – work together to make these two things happen

Dinah Edridge is the Convenor for Monday Night – 027 304 0008 – If you have a problem relating to Monday night she is the one you will get in touch with. She will have her phone with her on Club Night so if you need to get in touch with her at the last minute this is the number you will ring.

The same applies to Katherine Gough who is convenor for Thursday Night - 027 3111230

This Month we have two “Letters to the Editor”

Dear Editor

I would like to remain anonymous as I feel a bit shy about signing my name to this letter. My problem is that I've spent ages learning the basics in bridge, paid to join the SWBC club but now discover it is hard to find a partner to play with me.

Others seem to find it so easy but no one ever asks me.

What can I do?

Yours

Dejected Duplicate Bridge Player

Finding a partner. It is slightly awkward looking for a partner to play Bridge with you isn't it, particularly if you are new to the club or want to start playing on a different night. Everyone seems to have a full book and a few “no's” make you feel a bit deflated

- My advice:- **Always** -take a deep breath, square your shoulders, take the plunge and try one (or all) of the following. You could meet your favourite partner using one of these methods, but you won't meet anyone if you wait for someone to ask you.
- At the end of a night's play write your name in “**The Book**” at the bottom of the page for the following week in the section marked “**wanting a partner.**” There's nothing shameful or scary in doing this. It just signals to the Convenor that you are looking and if someone else is looking she will put you together
- **Ask** , even people you don't know or you think are super good! Remember everyone likes to be asked, whatever you might think. The worst you can get is a “no” response because they're booked to play with someone else -but you might be offered another slot!

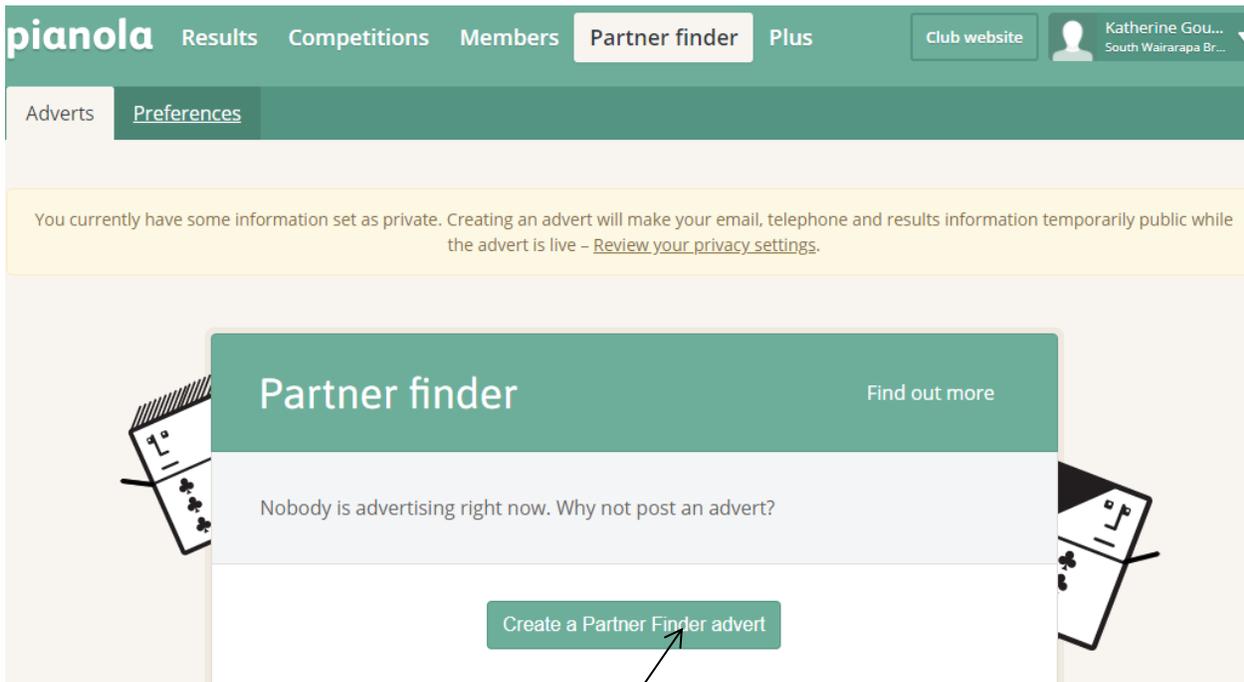
Use Pianola's Partner Finder – this is an excellent way to find a partner as everyone in the club knows, after they received a Partner Finder email, that you are looking for a partner. If you are uncertain about using Pianola, the Convenor of the night will find you a one-on-one coach! Remember, if you do find a partner this way then let the Convenor know who is in the partnership. There is one little trap you can fall into with Pianola Partner Finder , but follow these instructions and you will be fine First of all you need to sign into Pianola using your email address and your password and you will get a screen that look like this. Now click on “Partner Finder”



Did you know – that the club pays every club member's subscription to Pianola and Pianola Plus – the cost is approx. \$1400 per year

Using the features in Pianola you can access all your results, see an analysis of your bidding and card play, see session reports of bidding, card play and statistics, replay any hand of a playing session (to see where you went wrong) and of course find a Partner.

Pianola gives us access to X Club – every Club in New Zealand who belongs to X Club plays the same randomly dealt cards - e.g. on Thursday night 12clubs (212 pairs) play and Monday nights 20 clubs (289 pairs) play – numbers vary as more clubs are joining all the time. If you don't receive an email from X Club just let me know and I will add you to the list. South Wairarapa Bridge players often feature in the top 10 on X Club Results



Now this screen come up – click on Create a Partner Finder advert

Now you get a screen that looks like this. Click on the date you want a partner to play bridge with you and then click on Save and Send emails. **Don't do anything else** – although there is no message to say your email has been sent – it has been – and everyone in the club (except you) has received it.

Now this is the trap you may fall into - If you think to your self – “I’m not sure if that email went , I’ll cancel the first message and try again”: - Guess what – everyone in the club (again except you)now get an email saying that you no longer need a partner as you have found one

PS Martin tells me he has suggested to James Ward (Mr Pianola) that he improves the Partner Finder features to make it more user friendly, so we are hopeful it will be changed sometime – in the meantime just follow the instructions above and you’ll be fine

We also run our website through Pianola – it’s a great website and extremely easy to find your way around. Kath and Martin do a very good job keeping it updated – you can look at previous newsletters, check on upcoming tournaments ,look at previous results and ladders and access several links to playing bridge online, or check out our Facebook Page
Our complete membership list is on Pianola and Kath keeps that current so if you need to update your details let her know
If you want help with Pianola email me goughgirl@gmail.com and I will organise some help for you.

Dear Editor

Through your excellent newsletter (*Thanks*) I would like to draw attention to “Conditions of Play” Rule in our Bridge Programme that states “**Pairs Series** To be eligible for titles a different partner is required for each event. Championship Pairs partners may play together in these events and are eligible for C Point but not for Pairs titles.

In 2017 a pair who played in the Championship Pairs also subsequently won a Pairs event – unintentionally I am sure, but could the committee please bring this matter to everyone’s attention so that it does not happen again.

Your sincerely

Keep up the good work

Championship pairs start this week -if you and your Championship pairs Partner want to play in any other series together you will not be eligible to win the prize for that series – although you are eligible for the C points.

From The Committee Meeting held on the 8th March

All committee members were present

Financial Alan presented his Financial report. – Balances are \$2248 current account, \$20486 in Term deposit, \$5000.00 small term deposit.

Deposit of \$5000 is due in April and the committee agreed that because we have quite a few expenses coming up we will wait one month until we decide to reinvest

Alan has bought \$750 worth of Petrol Vouchers for the drivers of the InterClub teams

The committee agreed that \$10 be paid to William Walsh on Monday night and any other time he comes to help set up tables.

\$50 to be paid to Fran Jenkins for directing on Thursday night Championship Pairs

Constitution:- Ed completed all that is required by the Incorporated Societies. Lizzie thanked Ed for the work he had done and congratulated him on the smooth change. The end of the Financial year will now be 30th September AGM will now be held in November.

Health and Safety: At the AGM Val asked if we could get a First Aid Kit and there was some discussion about a defibrillator as well. Lizzie has spoken to Jackie Grey Chief Executive Officer of Greytown Sport and leisure Society regarding a defibrillator – there will be discussion by the Council and Community Board about this - Hugh and Lizzie will keep us informed.

New Boards and Cards have been arrived from Australia and are now in use.

Penalty Double on Monday night was discussed – Andrew said there is no rule that the Penalty Double cannot be used.

Alerts Following his email Andrew will organise a small talk on Alerts before play one Monday night – (**Update**) **This was held on Monday night – and was very very well attended.**

The venue is booked from 1st May for Lessons. Improver Lessons will definitely go ahead.

Beginner Lessons will not be advertised but a small group may run alongside the Improvers or they may be on hold for this year. Lizzie has formed a subcommittee to discuss this.

Intermediate and Junior Tournament on 15th April – Lizzie is Tournament Convenor and handed around the tournament list that she compiled last year after our tournaments, with all

the tournament duties. Alan Joseph will be the Tournament Director and Scorer. Price of the tournament will be kept at \$25.00 and we will provide a light lunch. Tournament entries can now be made online. There is a poster on the notice board and also one on the website **Expanded Role of Monday and Thursday Convenors** In response to the subcommittee report on Protocols

Volunteers – discussion on Volunteers deferred until next month.

All you have ever wanted to know about Bidding No Trumps by Andrew

Bidding No Trumps

One thing that newcomers to bridge often find very confusing is the multifarious nature of the no trumps bid. It means quite different things depending on where it occurs in the sequence of the bidding. This is a basic guide to the different meanings.

Opening the bidding

1NT = 12-14 points, balanced hand (no singletons, only one doubleton)

2NT = 20-22 points, balanced hand.



1C – 1S – 3NT = 13-15 points, stopper in spades, no 5 card suit

Rebidding

1C – P – 1S – P – 1NT = 15-17 points, balanced, denying 4 spades

1C – P – 1S – P – 2NT = 18-19 points, balanced, denying 4 spades

Overcall

1C – 1NT = 15-16 points, cover in clubs

Responding to opener

1C – P – 1NT = 6-9 points, any shape (does not promise balanced hand)

1C – 1S – 1NT = 6-9 points, stopper in spades (ie willing to play in NT)

1C – 1H – 1NT = 6-9 points, stopper in hearts, denying 4S

1C – P – 2NT = 11-12 points, no 4 card major, no 5 card suit

1C – 1S – 2NT = 11-12 points, no 5 card suit, stopper in spades

1C – P – 3NT = 13-15 points, no 4 card major, no 5 card suit

The same bid has sooooo many meanings!!.

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**

April

Monday

April 2nd

Diana Cresswell and Jill Colton

April 5th

Pip Fowler and Gail Freeman

April 9th

Gordon Dinnison and Sue Dinnison

April 12th

Linda Gibbs and Birgitta Harper

April 16th

Trish Dyson and Prue Dodge

April 19th

Mary Herrick and Ed Hudson

April 23rd

Peter Francks and Pam Francks

April 26th

Pam Lloyd and Rae Kennedy

April 30th

Heather Draper and Diane Hill

Directors Roster for and April Monday

April 2nd

Katherine Gough

Thursday

April 5th

Margaret White

April 9th

Andrew Beck

April 12th

Andrew Beck

April 16th

John Bath

April 19th

John Bath

April 23rd

Marilyn Smethurst

April 26th

David Steele

April 30th

Neil Catherall