

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



## NEWSLETTER March 2017

Welcome to the South Wairarapa Bridge Club first newsletter for 2017 – the newsletter will be produced monthly and will talk about what's happening at the club, feature some bridge hands that have come up during the month, a helpful bridge tip each month and maybe a little anecdote or two about bridge club night or a tournament.

I would love your input for this newsletter, actually I really need your input, so feel free to contact me any time [goughgirl@gmail.com](mailto:goughgirl@gmail.com).

The newsletter will be sent to you on Pianola and will also be a link there so you can access it at any time. If you are not already on Pianola – it is really easy to join, go to our website [www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz](http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz) and follow the links - it costs you nothing to join, and is great for looking at your bridge results, ranking, and score cards after a game of bridge. I will also put a copy of the current newsletter on the notice board so it will be available to read when you come to the club. Have a great Month! - Katherine

### **New Committee and Club Duties**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February the Annual meeting was held at the club rooms and your new committee had its first meeting on Thursday 1st March

#### Duty Roster:-

President:-	Ed Hudson
Vice President:-	Lizzie Catherall
Secretary:-	Kath Banks
Treasurer:-	Alan Butler
Directors:-	Andrew Beck
Liaison with NZCBA:	Kath Banks
Events :-	Lizzie Catherall
Catering:-	Glenys Amao
Membership	
Secretary:-	Helen Hayes

#### **Other important duties**

Dealing:-	Jill Baker
Scoring :-	Martin Connelly
Kitchen:-	Gareth and Gail
Rapson	
Monday Convenor:-	Barbara Page
Thursday Convenor:-	Lizzie Catherall
Interclub Liaison	Alice Forward
Beginners Lessons:-	Greg Whitten
Website:-	Martin Connelly
Stationery:-	Pam Lloyd

**Actually each person who comes to play bridge has a duty.**

If you are sitting:-

**South** you are responsible for entering the names into the bridge pad and putting in the score

**East** you are responsible for checking the score

**North** you are responsible for checking the table money

**West** you are responsible for movement of the boards immediately after the director has called the move

On Feb 25th Mindy Wu spent the afternoon with nearly 40 members at SWBC. Mindy is a Past President of the Wellington Bridge Club, and has played at some of our tournaments – she and her partner won our last Multigrade tournament. She brought fun and energy to her afternoon with us. The topics she covered were

1. Opening Leads
2. Weak twos and the Ogust convention
3. Defence for 1NT opening



She very generously gave us her notes and they are available on the following link  
<http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/for-bridge-learners-of-all-ages-and-stages>



The club has invited Mindy to come back again – there will more details when the date and time is set.

### Some exciting news

The committee has approved the purchase of a new laptop. The last committee applied for a grant from the Lands Trust which has been approved. Our new lap top should be here later this month

### Greytown Pairs \_ we have just finished this Thursday night competition

Congratulations to:-

- 1st Marilyn Smethurst and Barbara Page with 55.85%  
 2nd Margaret White and Neil Catherall with 54.92 %  
 Greg Whitten and Martin Connolly with 53.40%

### Interclub team Competition starting 17<sup>th</sup> March

South Wairarapa Bridge Club has entered 5 teams, Four Intermediate and one Junior Team

#### Intermediate Teams

- Team 1** Alice Forward Andrew Beck Kath Banks Di Martin Margaret Bath John Bath  
**Team 2** Felicity Warren Pip Fowler Hamish McDonald Sheila Butler Allan Butler  
**Team 3** Lizzie Catherall Neil Catherall Gail Freeman Mary Herrick Katherine Gough Martin Connolly

**Team 4** Ed Hudson Barbara Page Jill Baker Brigitta Harper Anna McDonald Marilyn Smethurst  
 Sub Janice McKeown

#### Junior Team

Angie Smith Ruth Burgess Frank Minehan Gail Rapson Garith Rapson Glenys Almao  
 Subs Simon Bird, Hugh Townend

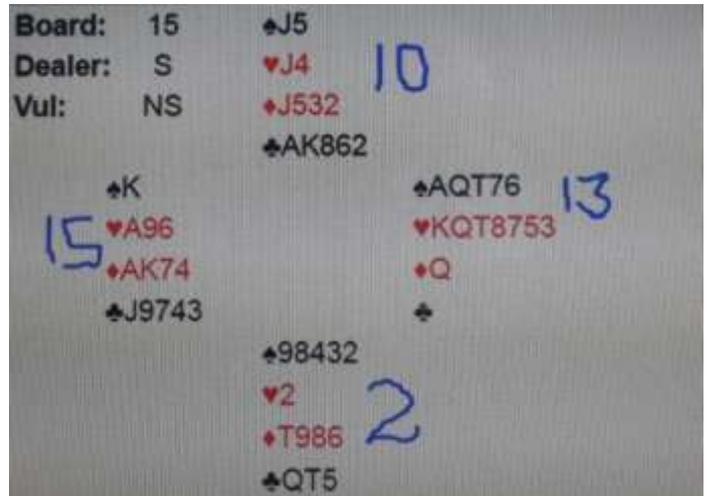
## How to turn a top into a bottom board in 3 quick steps\*

My partner Lizzie and I played this hand recently

We were sitting E/W. The bidding went like this ( we have to justify the bidding in some way so I'm giving you our thought processes as well)

North and south don't say a word!

- West - **1C**  
 East - **2H** (strong) although west thinks it is long and weak  
 West - **3H** - thinks I know she is weak but I have at **3 hearts** I want to tell her about  
 East - **4C** – thinks “ slam is on here “  
 West **4S** – showing **2 aces the same Colour** – thinks Oops! Ace Asking – Ok – so it's not weak! Strong in hearts - lucky i didn't pass  
 East - **5C** – thinks “Excellent! We have the two Aces we need, and I have a



void in clubs. I'll ask for Kings – maybe **7 hearts** is on.

West- **5NT** – showing 3 Kings (not thinking!!)

### \*Step 1

East - **6NT** (thinks Great!! 3 kings – everyone in the room will go into 6 hearts – we Will get a top board in NT - \*step 2 What happened to 7 hearts

West - Pass (thinks Really!!! I was sure we Should be playing in Hearts – should I change to 7 hearts – no better not \*Step 3

North Leads AC

Dummy goes down

West thinks – Dear me – we are in the wrong slam (or something like that!!)

There are 7 hearts cold – not bid by anyone – 2 pairs bid 6 hearts - the rest of the room was in four hearts. There was only 1 pair in NT going 1 light!!

There was a lot of laughing about “that hand “ as we now call it on our way home!!

## This weekend Peter Francks will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

On Monday night this week he and Pam surprised everyone with a beautiful slice of Pavlova for supper - Thanks Peter and Pam -- what a great gesture. Pam is actually in this photo, but she is hidden behind Peter.



After we sang “Happy Birthday “ to him Peter said that he really enjoyed being part of the bridge club and thanked his partners for playing with him – he and his partner Anna came top east/west

with 64.58% - a very successful night all round for the Birthday Boy.





**Greg Whitten will be running Beginners Bridge lessons again this year starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> July The following notice will be printed in Greytown Grapevine, Carterton Crier , Featherston Phoenix and Martinborough Star also word of mouth is great, so gather up your friends that you just know would love to learn to play bridge and encourage them to join the bridge club**

**(Even though we love this photo of Betty it won't be included in the above publications!) We will show you the photo we used in next month's newsletter**

There's an activity in town that draws people in, and some would say, is so seductive that it makes them obsessive. Adrenaline levels rush, emotions flare and the heart can thump with excitement and occasionally fear. And all this happens sitting down. Twice weekly on Monday and Thursday nights up to 52 people aged from early teens to nearly 90 hunch over tables in the Greytown Town Centre. Through a series of clues they work hard to make their partners (usually not marital) understand what wonderful potential lies in the 13 cards they clench in their hands. With a successful understanding a partnership can make magic almost equivalent to winning Lotto. If not, then the misery is re-enacted in the mind over and over at 2am.

Whatever the outcome **this** is called The Best Game in town. **This** is duplicate bridge with The South Wairarapa Bridge Club. If you already have some knowledge then join us now and if you want to learn, lessons 2017 are starting on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Phone membership secretary Helen on 06 304 8685 or email for more information on [swbridge@xtra.co.nz](mailto:swbridge@xtra.co.nz)

**By Lizzie**

## **THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO .....**

Starting next month Greg is also going to write a feature in the newsletter featuring Bridge Tips and Tricks .

Our Junior and Intermediate bridge tournament is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April All the details are on our website <http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/>

**Committee members – don't forget the extra meeting we are having on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss the tournament**

**To finish off:-**

I really enjoyed the afternoon with Mindy Wu – I loved her demeanour and I thought she was inspiring ! This is what she 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

The Committee is going to present you with a questionnaire next month asking your thoughts about our club and what direction you would like to see it go. On the last questionnaire in 2010 we asked you about Computer scoring pads, having a second playing night, fielding an Interclub team, setting up a website with results etc, a convenor for club night – all good things and all firmly in place now. We will looking forward to your answers.