



Hi Everyone



Our next event will be our free fun **Mid-Winter Social on Sunday 28th June**. Join us in a nice warm room for mulled wine and nibbles at 1.30pm followed by ... bridge! (Partners drawn.) Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.



The committee welcomes everyone to join Aileen this coming Monday 15th for an **afternoon tea celebration** of her 90th birthday. (How many years of playing bridge is that!) Come and play at 10.50am or join everyone for afternoon tea about 2.30pm. Ladies a plate please (and blokes).

Wellington Region Club Championships 2026

- We need 5 pairs to compete in this one-day event. 2 players from each grade make up the team. Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Open Restricted, Open
- Preference given to established partnerships
- Committee will confirm team names by 6th July
- Sunday 12th July: 9.30 for 10am start at Lower Hutt BC
- Contact Julie A for more info and see poster on noticeboard
- Club will pay entry fee (\$200/team)
- Sign up sheet front of room – **please by 30th June**

Lessons:

Tomorrow - Basia (with Rob) Play and Chat – Improvers' lesson

First session last Saturday saw 16 of us (with some out-of-towners too). Lots of fun and challenging additions (like Rule of 11 – 4th highest; Rule of 7Duck). More to come on Saturday mornings 9.30-12, \$5. (Playing suit hands, Defence...) Do come!

Wednesday Nights: Welcome our new learner members from the lessons - Mzia Khmaladze, Sharon (Shazz) Williams, Heather Wilson. All club members are now welcome to

come and play 21 boards, 7pm, to give the learners lots of practice! Learners will pay \$5 table money from 1 July.

Watch NZ's Alan Grant teaching Bajor on LBO: **Ducks and Chucks**

<https://youtu.be/SO9MuD1BhZE> You can also sign up for 2 lessons \$43. It's not just IF you duck but how...

And NZ rep **Pam Livingstone** is running a workshop, 10am Friday 26 June at Wellington BC – **Let's Talk About Defence**. Stay on and play an afternoon of bridge

From the Committee

- We agreed to a request from Kapiti Seniors/Age Concern - October Month - to run an afternoon of Minibridge probably on 14th October, 1.30pm.
- Thank you all for help/raffle donations/morning tea at our Kapiti Coast Funeral Home Multigrade Tournament. We have taken on board some feedback to make things a little clearer. Plus provide a choc option to wine prize! We will establish a tournament sub-committee.
- We discussed the need for succession planning/training for tournament scorers.
- NZ-wide Babich Pairs are now Laithwaites on 16th October \$12. We can now hold this event any time on the day.
- Outdoor area was well-used on our tournament lunchbreak – 100 more mats are ready to be laid with sand to level the whole area. Picnic table (thanks Andrew) and bench (thanks Cheryl) are installed. Robyn will donate bench/storage unit. Pip has promised to paint scruffy fence/gate.
- Handle128 Bridge – the daily hand a bit like Wordle for bridge where the bidding is done – you just play the hand with option to walk through the hand afterwards (especially after you play the hand 3 times and still can't make it). It gets a lot harder by Saturday.. A request from Fabia Stocken for feedback...
- Honours Boards are 99% updated.

Treasurer reports we are tracking a little behind last year with a few new expenses but should catch up. Any interclub player who hasn't paid the \$15 fee please can you.

Tournaments ★ Our **Multigrade results**: Robyn and Rob won the Intermediate. Ginny and Nan won an afternoon session prize with 63.68. Philippa and Iain won Intermediate/Junior. Oscar and Bridget won the Open/Junior. Full results on OBC web page.

Upcoming

- Kapi-Mana (Tawa) June 21 Intermediate Pairs
- Dannevirke Int/Junior 5B Saturday 27th June
- Wellington Club will be hosting the very first **Online 5A Women's Tournament** Matariki Friday 10th July 10am. \$25. Spend the day enjoying bridge in a relaxed environment with your favourite female partner. You can enter as a team of four, or simply sign up as a pair and they'll match you with teammates. See noticeboard. Lucky draw for free entry to Wgtn Congress.

- Feilding Bridge Club Restricted 8B Charity Tournament. Sunday 5th July fundraiser for Manchester House for community services
- Paraparaumu Junior 19th July
- Peter Benham Open Memorial 5A Pairs 25 July
- Karori Intermediate 5B 19th July. Top Junior pair prize too.
- Australian National Championships 4-6 July

NZ Bridge 40th Congress 7-14th. Registration entries are now open online at www.nzbridge.co.nz Book by 30 Sept for chance to win fees back. Much more now on noticeboard.

NZ Bridge AGM tomorrow Saturday 10am, 13th June, Wgtn BC. Items for discussion include Hutt's asking for more support for disability options eg tournament sitting/seating/sorting hands/bidding boxes/use of vivid pens and request for a dialogue box on website registrations so requests are easier. (Our committee discussed bidding boxes – they are quite an expensive purchase.) Someone was apparently charged \$80/day for a late request of a caddy to sort cards.

Annual Report: Congress numbers 2025 of 812 were much higher than expected including 70 from Australia – 167 more players improved revenue.

Alan Morris to be inducted into the Roll of Honour. More on noticeboard.

- Rachel and Vicki Boffa were 2nd Intermediate Pairs in the Hawkes Bay Congress. Well done again you two 🌟🌟



- TV1 featured Rory McDowall, a 7 year old bridge player from Hutt Club: [Bing Videos](#) – delightful.

Wish our Interclub team well for tonight. Good luck anyone playing in Levin or Upper Hutt on Sunday.

Next committee meeting – July 8th 5pm.

Happy bridge

Pip Martin, Committee

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