

July 2012 Newsletter

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BRIDGE CLUB**



Hello Everyone, Warm Winter Greetings from your committee.

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Chairman's Rant

What a fantastic ladder tournament that was, more fun than a hernia transplant. I really enjoy the experience of playing with a new partner each week, not least because it tests out your bridge communication skills. Luckily simple is the new sophisticated and I had a great run thanks to all my partners especially Marie Hughes. John Hogan is currently getting everything prepared for the Daffodil day charity tournament on August 19th. This is the big one for our club, on so many levels. Last year everyone pulled together and we had a really successful tournament. I know we can do the same this year so start thinking about what you can do to help John. He will need a collection of prizes for the raffle (tins etc), some baking for morning tea and volunteers to help wash and clear-up on the day. On a different topic, Peter has been reading the gas and electric meters before play on Wednesday and after play on Thursday and has calculated that we were reasonably accurate in our estimate for remunerating the bowls club, which is a big relief. How's everyone finding the bridge clock (excepting the voice Chris), this was another good find by Peter. Good luck to everyone for the winter pairs, there will be a spot prize for the best bobble hat worn during the month.

-Kevin Lawrence

Daffodil Charity Tournament

*The annual Daffodil Charity Tournament will be held on **Sunday, 19 August 2012** at the Hokowhitu Bridge Club. Morning refreshments will be provided from 9.30 am and play will commence at 10.00 am. A light lunch will be provided following morning play and nibbles, soft drinks and bar refreshments will be available at the close of afternoon play.*

The tournament director will be Lorraine Stachurski and everyone can be assured of smooth playing sessions and an enjoyable day of bridge. There will be a raffle for those who wish to contribute further to the fund-raising.

The tournament is held on behalf of the New Zealand Cancer Society and the net proceeds of the tournament will be presented to a representative of the society at the end of the

day. Sponsors are being sought for the tournament prizes and it is also hoped that members will make appropriate donations to make up further award and/or raffle prizes. It is hoped that all club members will participate in the tournament to help this good cause by either playing and/or assisting with the associated activities.

Those wishing to play are encouraged to form their partnerships and register their interest by e-mail to hokowhitubridgeclub@gmail.com or by contacting Julie Bunnell, the tournament secretary, as soon as possible as this tournament has proved very popular in the past and the number of tables is strictly limited. Details of entry are posted on the noticeboard. Entries may also be posted manually on the entry form attached with the flyer, a copy of which is at the end of this newsletter. All entries will be acknowledged.

All players and non-players are invited to assist with a number of activities that will help the tournament to run smoothly and successfully. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the setting-up of the club-room on Saturday, 18 August 2012; to provision/prepare and service morning refreshments, lunchtime tea and coffee, and evening nibbles and soft drinks; to manage and assist with registrations on Sunday morning and tally takings for the Treasurer; to prepare the awards table; to organize the raffle, including preparation of the raffle prizes and the sale of tickets; and to assist with the tidy-up at the end of the day. Volunteers may either place their names against the preferred activity on the task-list on the noticeboard or approach the tournament convener directly.

It is hoped that all club members will contribute to make this Daffodil Charity tournament yet another success.

John Hogan -Tournament Convener

Hokowhitu Bridge Club 2012 Club Championships

The club championships will be played in two grades, "Championship" and "Progressive". The winners in each grade will have their names engraved on the appropriate plaque, which will be presented to them at the club's annual prize-giving in December.

Eligibility

Participation in the club championships is open **only to members** of the Hokowhitu Bridge Club who have paid the 2012 subscription. See also the Substitution rules below.

Assignment to Championship and Progressive Grades

Assignment to Championship or Progressive grade will be based on the rating points of the partnership. All pairs must register their intention to play in the Championship by Friday 27 July to Maureen Watts, Wednesday hostess. The total field will be then divided into two halves, with the upper half contesting the Championship grade and the lower half contesting the Progressive grade.

The grading of individuals (Open, Intermediate, Junior) will not, on its own, determine the assignment of the partnership to the Championship/Progressive grade, and members who have previously been part of a partnership that won the Progressive trophy are not precluded from competing in the Progressive grade.

Scoring

Determination of rank in each grade will be based on scores from the best 5 of the 6 nights of competition. Subject to the substitution rule below, each partnership may drop their worst score

from the calculation of rank. If a partnership is absent from one night of the competition then all of their remaining 5 scores will contribute.

Substitution Rule

A partnership is permitted a maximum of two substitutions during the 6 weeks of competition. If two substitutions occur, then it is mandatory to discard the score from one of those sessions.

All substitutions for the Club Championships will be arranged by the Wednesday evening hostess. Substitutes must also be current financial members of Hokowhitu Bridge Club, other than in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the hostess

-The Committee (after much thoughtful consideration)

Rotational Competition...coming up mid-September

The 2012 Rotational Teams competition will take place over the 3 nights of September 12, 19 and 26. If you've never played in a teams' competition before, you may be curious about how it differs from the pairs competitions that we usually play.

How does a Teams competition work?

In a teams competition, teams of four players compete against other teams of four players. The whole competition is divided into a series of matches, with each match consisting of a number of boards (6 or 8 or 12). In the first match, let's say that Team A plays against Team B (and Team C against Team D, and so forth). At one table, one pair from Team A plays NS against one pair from Team B, who sit EW. At another table, the other pair from Team A plays EW against the other pair from Team B, who sit NS. The same boards are played at both tables, so both Teams A and B have the chance to see what they can do with the NS cards and with the EW cards.

It sounds complicated, but our capable director Lorraine will be there to ensure that everybody follows the plan. The scoring is also a little different to a pairs competition, but all will be explained on the first evening.

What does Rotation have to do with the competition?

Rotation means that the pairs within the team will change over each week of the competition, so that every member of the team plays one evening with every other member of the team. For week one, Players 1 and 2 form one pair, and players 3 and 4 form the other pair. The next week, players 1 and 3 form a pair and players 2 and 4 form the other pair. In the final week, players 1 and 4 play together, as do players 2 and 3.

How will Teams be formed?

The formation of teams will be by "lucky dip". All members who would like to play in a Team should give their name to the Wednesday evening hostess, Maureen Watts, by Friday September 7. Names will be placed into one of several "hats", based on rating points, and teams will be drawn at 7 pm on the first night of the competition (September 12). Each team of four players will have different levels of expertise represented within the team.

Give it a spin!

Playing Results for April, May & June 2012

Results April – Harvest Pairs

4th April

1st Overall

NS Claire McAllister & Julie Sheridan 67.45%
(Visitor)

EW Joan Wiltshire & Anne Richards 63.76%

11th April

1st Overall

NS Chris Abbey & John Hogan 61.99%

EW Jan Whyte & Chai Young 56.55%

1st Handicap

NS Shirley Barnett & Andrea Bennett 51.04%

EW Anne Richards & Joan Wiltshire 56.02%

18th April

1st Overall

NS Helan Benard & Kevin Lawrence 64.88%

EW Gayle Leader & Maureen Watts 72.65%

1st on Handicap

NS Mary Dunlop & Michael Hardman 55.75%

EW Janine Fenelon & Janice Willoughby 65.99%

25th April

1st Overall

NS Frank Dunlop & Mary Scott 59.52%

EW Dorothy Davidson & Mary Dunlop
63.99%

1st on Handicap

NS Maria Lukkassen & Margaret Williams
56.66%

EW Chris Abbey & John Hogan 55.26%

Final Placings

Overall

1st Brian Way & Janice Willoughby
57.35%

2nd Gayle Leader & Maureen Watts 58.95%

3rd Chris Abbey & John Hogan 56.58%

Handicap

1st Chris Abbey & John Hogan 54.39%

2nd Alister Stuck & Chai Young 53.00%

3rd Maria Lukkassen & Margaret Williams
52.93%

Results April Thursday Afternoon

5th April

1st NS Claire McAllister & Julie Sheridan 63.75%
(visitors)

1st EW Joy Pearce & Anne Richards 57.08%

19th April

1st Ellie Bourke & Dorothy Gray 60.42%

2nd Brenda Harrod & Margaret Williams 60.10%

26th April

1st NS Dorothy Davidson & Frank Dunlop 57.50%

1st EW Joy Pearce & Anne Richards 57.50%

Results May – Individual Ladder

2nd May

1st Overall

NS Peter Wiles & Janice Willoughby 59.95%

EW Alan Doddridge & Alister Stuck 63.19%

1st on Handicap

NS Shirley Barnett & Mike Mahoney 59.50%

EW Dorothy Davidson & Frank Dunlop 54.94%

9th May

1st Overall

NS Marie Hughes & Kevin Lawrence 61.11%

EW Alan Doddridge & Jan Whyte 56.25%

1st on Handicap

NS Jeanette Gomes & Jill Hart 57.43%

EW Shirley Barnett & Andrea Bennett 57.08%

16th May

1st Overall

NS Sue Lynch & Amy Thompson 57.87%

EW Ken Bateman & Alister Stuck 60.19%

1st on Handicap

NS Elizabeth Chan & Mary Skipworth 57.57%

EW Maria Lukkassen & Joy Pearce 54.26%

23rd May

1st Overall

NS Shirley Barnett & Jill Hart 61.11%

EW Jan Whyte & Janice Willoughby 63.89%

1st on Handicap

NS Janine Fenelon & Margaret Williams 53.13%

EW Ken Bateman & Julie Bunnell 54.35%

30th May

1st Overall

NS Will Robson & Jan Whyte 60.68%

EW Alan Doddridge & Jenny Wilson 63.60%

1st on Handicap

NS Frank Dunlop & John McCartin 57.52%

EW Brianna Lawrence & Margaret Williams
58.99%

Final Placings

Overall

1st Alan Doddridge 57.94%

2nd Janice Willoughby 57.87%

3rd Jan Whyte 56.39%

Handicap

1st Shirley Barnett 54.98%

2nd Kevin Lawrence 54.74%

3rd Margaret Williams 54.64%

Results May Thursday Afternoon

3rd May

1st Graeme Donaldson & Brenda Harrod 62.50%

2nd Frank Dunlop & Margaret Williams 61.46%

10th May

1st Edith Nolan & Mary Scott 61.25%

2nd Isle Kirk & Joy Pearce 57.50%

17th May

1st NS Graeme Donaldson & Brenda Harrod 57.00%

1st EW Dorothy Davidson 7 Nancy Leaman 59%

EW Pauline Brown & Gayle Leader 57.16%

24th May

1st = Graeme Donaldson & Brenda Harrod 64.38%

1st = Edith Nolan & Mary Scott 64.38%

2nd Maria Lukkassen & Margaret Miles 56.88%

20th June

1st Overall =

NS Anne Richards & Will Robson 54.40%

Pauline Brown 7 Gayle leader 54.40%

EW John Hogan & Janice Willoughby 60.19%

Results June - Hokowhitu Pairs

6th June

1st Overall

NS Maureen Watts & Jenny Wilson 61.95%

EW Mary Scott & Peter Wiles 68.45%

1st on Handicap

NS Chris Abbey & Tim Mordaunt 58.09%

EW Andrea Bennett & Caroline McCartin 68.45%

13th June

1st Overall

NS Maureen Watts & Jenny Wilson 66.93%

EW Julie Bunnell & Jan Whyte 63.99%

1st on Handicap

NS Maria Lukkassen & Joy Pearce 59.83%

27th June

1st Overall

NS John Hogan & Janice Willoughby 74.22%

EW Denise Servante & Lorraine Stachurski

63.39%

1st on Handicap

NS Mike Mahony & Alister Stuck 55.82%

EW Chris Abbey & Gordon Edwards 60.50%

Final placings

Overall

1st John Hogan & Janice Willoughby

63.16%

2nd Maureen Watts & Jenny Wilson 60.41%

3rd Alan Doddridge & Graeme Donaldson

57.87%

Finally..... a true story from this month's editor...

"How should I have played that last hand honey?".....

"Under an assumed name" quickly came the reply.



(Editor) Does this also mean Bridge is a mug's game?

DAFFODIL DAY CHARITY TOURNAMENT

Sunday, 19 August 2012

9:30am - Morning Tea

Entry Fee: \$25

10:00 am Play Commences

Lunch Included

Venue:

Nibbles & Cash Bar

Hokowhitu Bowling Club

at end of play

277 Albert Street, Palmerston North



Registrations by Wednesday 15 August to:

Julie Bunnell, Tournament Secretary

Email hokowhitubridgeclub@gmail.com

Phone 06 355 2896 or 021 127 4143

Please include computer number & grading

All registrations will be acknowledged

***All proceeds to support the Cancer Society of New Zealand's
Annual Daffodil Day Appeal***