



Newsletter of the Hutt Bridge Club September 2019

**President's Column: Raewyn Dowman

The end of year is fast approaching and that signals a number of things that Megan and the committee are organising as well as preparing for 2020!

One of these is the printing of the Hutt Bridge Club 2020 programme booklet. Membership contact details are now in the West playing room for you to check for accuracy. Please ensure you check and tick if the information is correct or advise if any changes are required. Playing Committees will receive a copy of the draft programme for their input prior to it going to the printers. It is anticipated that the booklet will be available to members mid-November.

At the time of putting together the programme booklet we also confirm sponsorship for the coming year. The Hutt Club is very fortunate to have some loyal and longstanding sponsors as well as some relatively new ones and we are extremely grateful for their support. Finding and retaining sponsorship for clubs is not easy and we need to ensure that any sponsor we have we use their products or services wherever possible and let them know that it is because of their support to our club. Our programme sponsors names are listed in the front inside cover of the programme booklet and their logos are displayed on our website. You can simply access their website by clicking onto their logo.

We have two major Club fundraisers currently in the preparation phase. The first of these is the movie night – Downton Abbey on **MONDAY 14 OCTOBER at 6pm** at the Petone Lighthouse. Tickets are \$20 and include entry to the movie plus nibbles which are kindly being provided by Ryman Healthcare. We are very grateful for their support. Please help us to make this a successful fundraiser by buying a ticket and invite friends and family to also attend.

The other fundraiser is the garage sale which will take place at the club rooms on **SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER**. Already we have received a number of goods for the garage sale and thanks not only members for these donations but also some very kind neighbours and friends of members who have also been very generous. However, we will need more goods to sell and any items you wish to donate closer to the time will be very welcome.

Happy bridging!
Raewyn

Club Happenings

** Interclub: We are hosting Interclub on Friday 20 September.

** Movie Night Fundraiser:

Downton Abbey movie night fundraiser on Monday 14 October at 6pm, Petone Lighthouse. Tickets are available from the office or from committee members at playing sessions. Nb you can pay by cash, cheque, on-line or direct debit. If paying by direct debit please specify number of tickets required and that it is for movie night.

** Garage Sale: The club is holding a garage sale Saturday 2 November.

** Tuesday Teams: Tuesday Teams starts 1 October. You must sign up to enter. Sign-up sheet is on the noticeboard.

** Annual Hutt/Upper Hutt Challenge: This is being hosted by Upper Hutt this year on Friday 4 October at Upper Hutt Bridge Club. Sign-up sheet is on the noticeboard.

Upcoming tournaments

Kapi Mana Intermediate	13 Oct
Kairangi Open	18 Oct
Babich NZ Wide Pairs	1 Nov
Waikanae Intermediate/Junior	10 Nov
Masterton Multigrade	17 Nov

Bridge Successes

** Hutt Intermediate Tournament:

Our Intermediate tournament was held on Sunday 11 August and was a huge success! Thank you to the many volunteers who made it such a great day! Congratulations to Ian Possenniskie & Martyn Dowman who came first and to Catherine Chapman & Sharyn Bowen who were placed second. We thank Ryman Healthcare for their sponsorship of our tournament.



2nd Catherine Chapman & Sharyn Bowen

** Super Sunday: Congratulations to Steve Denholm & Joyce Bosman (Upper Hutt) who came first E/W at Super Social Sunday on Sunday 25 August.

** Upper Hutt Multigrade Tournament:

At the Upper Hutt Multigrade Tournament held on Sunday 18 August, Hutt members dominated.

Congratulations to the following players:

Jeffry Craanen and Martyn Dowman - 1st overall
Nebojsa Djorovic & Donna Upchurch (WN) – 3rd overall.

Graham Goudge & Julie Newsome – top Junior / Junior.

** Karori Open Tournament:

Congratulations to Russell Dive and Anthony Ker (Wgtn Bridge Club) who won a session prize and came second overall at the Karori Open tournament on Sunday 25 August.

** Interclub 23 August:

Congratulations to Intermediate teams 1, 2 & 4 captained by Simon Webber, Jill Herman and Hans Jorgensen, Junior 1 captained by Joan Finley, and the novice team captained by Neil Sargisson on their wins.

** Super Social Sunday:

Congratulations to Steve Denholm & Joyce Bosman (Upper Hutt) who came first E/W at Super Social Sunday on Sunday 25 August.

** Wellington Junior Tournament:

The Wellington Junior tournament was held on Sunday 1 September. Congratulations to Hannah Revell & partner who came first in the morning session, second in the afternoon session and



1st Martyn Dowman & Ian Possenniskie

second overall. The Wellington Bridge Club also hosted an Intermediate tournament on the same day. Congratulations to Caroline Strachan & partner and Dougal Watson & partner who came 1st and 2nd respectively in the morning session.

Congratulations to all these members!

Congratulations to our August winners:

Monday:

Presidents Pairs

AJ & Chris Pihema

Tuesday:

Waiwhetu Pairs

*Tony Loveday & Arumugam
Kumarasamy*

Wednesday:

Ngaio Pairs

Jackie Upchurch & Tom Plackic

Thursday:

Swiss Pairs

Debbie Wolak & Deidre Stallinger

Friday:

July Pairs

Vil Gravis & John Ansell

Arctic Pairs

Trish McWatters & John Ansell

*Monthly Member Profile:
Evan Voyce*

In 1979, the Voyce family (mum and dad and two little Voyces) left for London where I was seconded from the New Zealand Wool Board to work at the London-based International Wool Secretariat. We lived in Petts Wood, a suburb in Kent, 32 minutes from Charing Cross Station. (Unlike Wellington buses, you could set your watch by the British Rail timetable.)

We didn't know anyone in Petts Wood, so we thought we'd go to night school in nearby Orpington (of the chooks fame) to learn to play bridge on the assumption we would meet at least two other people. It was great. We got out of the house and met some wonderful people. When we'd finished the lessons, we played at each other's homes. It was a great way to meet other families in our neighbourhood.

When we returned to New Zealand at the end of 1981, we joined the Hutt Bridge Club and we have been members in one form or another ever since. (We also created another Voyce – a small choir, really).

We have lived in Eastbourne for more than 40 years, recently moving all the way from the southern end to be nearer to the village. Judy and I are sort of semi-retired. Judy still does legal work on contract and I write stuff for people who are kind enough to pay me. I served on the bridge club committee for a number of years and did my turn as President.



I love bridge, but I'm not very good at it. I've made some really good friends along the way. Judy stopped active involvement a few years ago, but has started again and now we play together on a Friday afternoon. I love playing on Friday afternoon. It's something we do together. We are both in awe of many "senior" afternoon players who demonstrate, under a crop of white hair, very shrewd and competent bridge skills. I just hope I'm as smart as they are when I reach their age.

Our club, like many other bridge, bowls, golf and other leisure clubs around New Zealand, is entering a critical time and decisions made now will determine our future. It will not be a time to focus on what should have been done, but to focus on what needs to be done. I hope we will all be up to it.

Best Behaviour At Bridge

- Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- Always wear your name badge.
- Be a good “host” or “guest” at the table.
- Ensure your mobile phone is turned off.
- Keep noise to a minimum.

Remember that it is rude to criticise your partner or opponents in public, to be less than polite at the table, to gloat over good results or object to a call for the director or to dispute or argue about a director’s ruling, or generally make any personal and disparaging remark.

Please call the Director if you think you may have been affected by bad behaviour. You will be helping others as well as yourselves.

As in all games that are governed by rules and regulations, bad behaviour will be penalized.

The Club promotes acceptable player behaviour at all times. Law 74 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge covers Conduct and Etiquette. The Director will manage behaviour of players in accordance with this Law.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the Director must be called immediately. Conduct that might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the Director the authority to impose disciplinary penalties.

Vil's Corner

Last month’s deal resulted in much thought and discussion, but only one entry.

Dealer E NS Vul

♠ A62
♥ 9754
♦ QJ
♣ AQ87

♠ J9743
♥
♦ 7632
♣ J532

♠ Q1085
♥ K1082
♦ K1095
♣ K

♠ K
♥ AQJ63
♦ A84
♣ 10964

The question was: how should the play proceed if East covers the four of hearts when it is led at trick two? The play will be much the same but an early entry is needed to be able to finesse both diamonds and hearts, so: win the jack of hearts when East covers, club to the ace! If East does not cover the diamond, switch back to hearts and finesse. Then play ace of diamonds and ruff a diamond and take the final trump finesse. You are now in hand and can finesse clubs by leading the ten and continuing with the nine. Only Deep Finesse will make this grand slam but the lessons are there nevertheless, FINESSE and TIMING are the important features. The petrol voucher goes to Kathryn Badcock, thanks for giving it a go.

The X-(Club) Files: I am starting a new series of email articles by that name, with coverage of deals from all sessions of play at all “X-Clubs”. Thanks to the support of your club, I can offer this to club members for just \$5 for two months, with at least six articles a week. If you have not already subscribed and would like to, I will send you more information and a registration form. Contact me at villyn@xtra.co.nz

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