



# HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## ANZAC DAY TOURNAMENT

The ANZAC day charity tournament is just over a week away. All proceeds will go to Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawke's Bay.

**When:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
**Where:** Hastings Bridge Club  
**Time:** 13:30  
**Cost:** \$10 donation

As part of the fundraising effort, we are putting together a raffle and asking for donations from members of non-perishable food items, home-made crafts etc. to fill the baskets. Unfortunately, the first collection box went missing before it got filled so there is one being stored in the back room for donations. Thank you to those who have made a contribution already.

To support this event, there will be **no junior session on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**, so grab your partner and join us for an afternoon of bridge instead! Steve's beginner lessons will continue as usual.



## FROM THE COMMITTEE

The committee met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. The following were key points of conversation;

- The club has purchased 20 new tablets as the batteries in the old ones were becoming unreliable. We are keen to take any expressions of interest from members who may have a use for the old ones. Please email the club with your interest by the end of the month.
- We have also purchased a selection of new protective table covers. If any members have a use for the old covers, please contact Julie Solomon.
- We now have a new supplier for our magnetic badges. If you would like to order one, touch base with Jane Blow. The cost is \$15 plus postage.

### Calling all Junior and Novice Pairs!

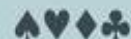


Hastings is holding a Junior/Novice tournament on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May and we would love to see all our junior and novice players there!

This tournament has been generously sponsored by Carol Edwards with \$100 prizes for the top junior and novice pairs and a \$100 spot prize up for grabs as well.

**The real test of a  
bridge player isn't in  
keeping out of  
trouble, but escaping  
once he's in.**

**-Alfred Sheinwold**



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## SEE YOU SOON!

In March we bid a fond farewell to Sue Walters who is leaving us to experience life on the wild west coast.

Sue's last night at bridge was a social swiss pairs event with farewell drinks flowing after the first round of play.

Sue has been a club member for a number of years. She initially started learning to ward of Alzheimer's but found a community of friends at the bridge club.

Sue has not only supported the club through being a fantastic member but also through sponsoring events for over 10 years. It is only fitting that the Sue Walters Autumn Pairs are currently being played on Wednesday night in April.



## HAVE YOU MET IVAN?

Ivan Mapson celebrated his 90th birthday last month. Those that played on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April helped to celebrate with 2 beautiful cakes and a glass of wine! With the help of his wife and a secret bridge club fairy we get to celebrate Ivan in this month's newsletter.

Introducing one of Hastings Bridge Club's stalwarts - Mr "3NT" Ivan Mapson!

Born in the UK, he came as "a ten pound Pom" to NZ. This was after he spent time in the British Army as an 18 year old. He was employed in the office of Dominion Motors Wellington which is where he met his lovely Scottish wife Muriel around 1960.

They moved to Tāupo and managed a motel there until moving to Hastings where they continued to manage motels.

During his varied career Ivan has been a clerk in the tax office, a driving instructor and a traffic officer prior to being under police control.

A man of many talents one of his pastimes includes having a keen interest in tropical fish of which he has two large tanks. He and Muriel enjoy lunches out with a ginger beer and games of scrabble.

He admits to being a poor sleeper which has led to frequent midnight feasts of fried potatoes!

Wishing you a very happy big birthday from all your friends at bridge!





## THE LEARNER'S CORNER

With Hawke's Bay Congress just around the corner (King's Birthday Weekend) it's time to start thinking about entering. People gather from across the country to play in this tournament which caters for Novice through to Open players. One of the events on offer is the teams event.

Hastings Bridge Club offers teams events during our Wednesday sessions, but our newer members mainly play pairs.

In teams there are four members. One pair will play North South (NS) and one pair will play East West (EW), as per a normal session. The main difference in a teams event is the different method of scoring, plus you do not play every other table in your section.

In a normal club pairs session, your result on each board is compared to the rest of the room sitting in the same direction as you and your partner. Your match points are based on that ranking for each board. In most team events, scores are calculated in IMPs (International Match Points).

In teams, you will be allocated to play another team. NS stays at your home table and the opponents' EW join you. Your team's EW play against the other table's NS. Therefore, you only need focus on what is happening at your home table and your opponents' home table. How the specific board is played around the rest of the room is irrelevant.

The different scoring calls for a different approach to your play. It is imperative that you bid to game where you think it is possible, especially where you are vulnerable. Overtricks do not count for much, so long as you make your contract.

Of the 2 opposing teams, the one with the highest number of IMPs wins!

Round 3, team 2 opposing team 5								
Board	Vulnerability	Contract	Declarer	Result	Score	Opposing	Difference	IMPs
1	None	3♦	S	=	110	110	0	0
2	N-S	4♥	S	=	620	170	450	10
3	E-W	2♥	E	=	-110	-100	-10	0
4	All	3NT	E	+1	-630	-600	-30	-1
5	N-S	5♦	S	=	600	-200	800	13
6	E-W	2♣	N	-1	-50	70	-120	-3
7	All	4♥	E	+3	-710	-2210	1500	17
8	None	5♣x	W	-2	300	420	-120	-3
<b>Total</b>								<b>33</b>

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

The rule relating to the 2 Club opening bid is still causing some issues for players.

If the partnership agreement is that the bid is "game force" then it must contain either a balanced or semi-balanced hand of at least 23 high card points, or an unbalanced hand where the number of high card points plus the number of cards in the two longest suits add to 29 or more. The game force bid does not require alerting.

An opening bid of 2 Clubs that does not force the partnership to game, must be alerted and the meaning explained if questioned.

