

Warmest greetings to all our members.

A couple of tournaments, a word from our new President, David Stagg, the result from the annual match against Waikanae, a report on the CPR training organized by Alan Stevens, and a plea to think “Christmas spirit” and enter the traditional end of year “Christmas Pairs”.

TOURNAMENTS

At end of September our club hosted a large field for **the Paraparaumu Multigrade Tournament generously sponsored by Kena Kena Rest Home**. Players travelled from as far as Feilding and Marlborough to Paraparaumu to compete in various grades from Open to a combined Intermediate/Junior section.

It is has to be said, in all honesty, that this well-attended event was dominated by the visitors! Full marks and congratulations to our nearest club, Waikanae, as their pairing of Judith Jackson and Angela Gattsche deservedly triumphed – first overall and first in the highly contested Open section. A pair from the Feilding Club came second.

Other winners came from the Wellington, Levin and Victoria clubs, and Waikanae (again!).

At least we were thereabouts in the Intermediate/Open section where **Averil Wotton** kept our club in some of the limelight when she teamed with **Lesley Gilhooly from the Kapi Mana** club to gain second in the large Open/Intermediate class. And then our members **Tony and Andra Davies** won the Intermediate/Junior section. Well done.



Lesley clutches partner Averil, while Averil clutches her prize (almost in disbelief?)

While Tony and Andra are just delighted to clutch their bottles of wine!



And the hospitality staff were just magnificent. The enthusiasm, the joy in their work, the sense of fun. Look at Tina and Noella -- what a team. Both are beautiful. Thanks also to Trevor for managing this important event in our calendar (especially with a sudden surge of entries).



Then, the next tournament was **the Novella Café Sponsored In-House Pairs** held on 18 October. 24 Pairs competed across 5 sections.

Doug Galyer and Claudia Duncan were deserved winners, top of Section A and top overall, though they only just pipped the consistent performers, **Pauline Reid and Lucy O'Regan**.

Section B was won by **Ruth Futter and Lois Anderson** and **Section C** winners were **Lottie Anderson and Helen Horsfall**. **Section D** was won by the pairing of **Laurel Nalder and Joan Tait** while **Tina and Will Fulton** triumphed in **Section E**. **Will and Tina** also came **7th** across the **whole 5 sections**, a notable result from **Section E** and above many much more experienced players. Well done both of you!



Doug and Claudia in winning mode (again). Claudia examines the wine label critically . . .

And here's a pair with plenty of promise. Will and Tina accept their prize (with so many more to come?)



And then in mid-November a dozen pairs travelled to Waikanae to compete in **the annual match against the Waikanae Club** (a contest which had been postponed because of Covid 19 restrictions). A very pleasant Sunday afternoon's bridge but apparently we lost narrowly. "Apparently" because a couple of organizational hitches meant that our best pair (arguably?) of Jane Bradbury and Doug Galyer ended up playing for the opposition!!

Excellent hospitality and the end of session refreshments were superb but the delayed start and the seating glitches frustrated our Manager/Coach/Selector ie Jane and then she finished by helping to nudge a victory for Waikanae!

CPR TRAINING COURSE

The free CPR Training Course sponsored by Wellington Free Ambulance held on behalf of Paraparaumu Bridge Club on Wednesday 11th November was successful. Nine club members plus two friends were in attendance.

Rachael Evans, a fully trained ambulance officer, was our instructor and started by explaining the differences between Wellington Free Ambulance and St John Ambulance organisations.

It was a highly informative session with questions and answers from the start.

However, the main messages of the CPR training were that:

1. **YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE**
2. **EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**

We were taught to know the signs that:

“If someone is unresponsive to a shout or a shake, and they’re not breathing or moving, they’re in cardiac arrest.”

DRSABCD was the “acronym of the day.”

- D** check the area for dangers – are you safe – are they safe?
- R** check for a response [Shout, tap, or shake]
- S** send for help – call 111 immediately
- A** tilt their head to open the airway
- B** check for breathing
- S** start CPR chest compressions only
- D** use a defibrillator if there is one available

We were all taught how to do Cardiac Compressions and how to operate a defibrillator. CPR is hard work so there were some enthusiastic efforts put in on the dummies! The effort would have had the desired effect in an emergency.

Comments and Suggestions:

Access to a Defibrillator: Paraparaumu Bridge Club has access to a Defibrillator at the Community Centre, **BUT NONE OF US KNEW HOW TO GAIN ACCESS TO IT.** (Note from the President – this is currently being addressed.)

Question: Who Takes Charge in an Emergency?

FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT, DAVID STAGG

By now you will perhaps have seen the hall’s new decorations for the Christmas season. Thanks to Tony and Andra (who chose them) and all who helped at such short notice to get them up.

I was pleased and delighted to see all who attended the AGM. Thanks for your effort and also to all those members doing various things in the background that make our club run smoothly.

Club members should feel free to talk to your committee members listed below or use the suggestion book to continue to advance ideas or actions.

2021 Committee:	President	David Stagg
	Vice President	
	Past President	Tony Davies
	Secretary	Claudia Duncan
	Treasurer	Brett Windley
	Members	Trevor Smith
		Tina Connell-Pine
		Alan Stevens
		Hugh Norton
		Tina Fulton
		Sue Wilcox

Below is an important message we have to push to the community to try to encourage new members. Fliers and advertising will be apparent early next year but I am asking you all to push/publicise our learner classes in 2021. You can play a valuable part by telling all your friends, partners, acquaintances, lovers and significant others about our classes coming up in March, next year.

Please consider this section below and/or copy and pass onto your friends and neighbours

Meet new people while having Fun!

Challenge and stimulate your brain!

Yes, Learn Bridge!!

Beginners and refresher lessons will start at the Paraparaumu Club on 15th March 2021

**A great opportunity with one of the
top tutors and players in the Wellington region.**

**Get the NZ Bridge book and lessons for \$50.00.
The lessons run for ten weeks. Followed by
practice sessions with club members**

**Contact Linda Pender 04 905 5647
Claudia Duncan 04 298 7666**

THE CHRISTMAS PAIRS

Finally, a plea(se). The last tournament for the 2020 year is the **Forsyth Barr Sponsored Christmas Pairs**. It's on Sunday 13 December. A one session, In-House tournament with prizes in several sections. Plenty of spot prizes will also be liberally distributed

And the entry list is filling quickly. It's popular because it's a fun finale to the year, and we need a finale with some zing in it to finish what has been a strange, strange twelve months.

Please consider dressing or accessorizing in the spirit of Christmas. Even a touch of red and green helps create a colourful sense of occasion.

And it's not a competition of course but here is some of your likely competition! Last year David was regally resplendent in



candy striped braces, a mélange of red and green in the OTT Christmas tie, topped with green reindeer antlers (can you see them poking out above his broad grin?)

(And the Editor has it on good authority that a sudden “wardrobe malfunction” of the braces meant he nearly revealed much more than the cards in his hand.)

It has been a very difficult year, and some of you will be thinking of and remembering those members who passed away in 2020, your friends and partners who are no longer with us.

But we do still have much to celebrate after so many times when the club was closed and the future course of Covid 19 looked particularly grim in New Zealand. So, let's make this a real zinger for the end of year finale. We've got through 2020 and we're still enjoying our bridge!

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