

Hello everyone and ki ora koutou

PARAPARAUMU JUNIOR TOURNAMENT Sponsored by Kapiti Coast Funeral

This two session tournament was held on 18 July. Competitors entered from as far north as Marton and Feilding and then south through the region to Wellington.

The overall winners were Angela and Paul Harper from Palmerston North (their score helped by a 70% performance in the first session!) edging out Vicki Boffa and Shelley Ross from Waikanae.



Cheerful and gracious winners from Palmerston were Angela and Paul Harper.

Our club's best were Joanna Buck and Anne Brunt, who overcame a middling result in the first session by lifting their bidding and play in the afternoon to burst into a third place finish.

Brett and Sandra Windley were consistent throughout the day and finished in a very respectable fourth place. Well done to both those pairs for keeping Paraparaumu in the mix.



Clare Veltman and Craig Killington (more from Palmerston) pick up some vino for a session prize. Craig is totally delighted while Clare seems stunned . . .

Thanks, thanks, thanks: to Noella and others who put on a superb “Ploughman’s Lunch”, Trevor for the organization of the day, Helen and Jane for scoring and working hard to get the tablets to perform, Francie for directing (and still there at the very end, putting the room in order for the next club session), Ray on bar duty and Claudia stepping up as Assistant Manager for Trevor. Another there at the end was your President, David Stagg. It is becoming a tradition to display Presidents and their vacuuming styles . . . here, David is indeed focused, but the one hand technique does appear a tad casual?



Your next opportunity for fame and fortune (well, perhaps, world famous within our club) will be another of the popular “In House” tournaments, the Law Connection Sponsored Pairs on Sunday 15 August. You have a very limited time to enter, so get in now. These “in House” tournaments usually have a full field. One session on the Sunday afternoon.

BINGO NIGHT RESCHEDULED

Another function to mark into your crowded social diaries is the long-anticipated **most magnificent Bingo night ever**. **Trevor Smith is your el supremo host, MC, umpire, Bandmaster and Ultimate Director of all proceedings**. Surprisingly, perhaps, he has given an absolute and irrevocable personal GUARANTEE that this will be best Bingo night you’re going to enjoy in your whole life.

You’re again invited to the Mightiest, Most Magnificent, BINGO NIGHT Ever.

You won’t have been to a Bingo night like this before.

You’ll learn things you never knew you needed to know.

You’ll have more fun than a kitten in a carton of cotton balls.

This is Bingo with a difference and *you won’t want to miss it*.

WHEN: Friday 27th of August at 5pm (after usual Friday afternoon session)

WHERE: At the clubrooms

WHO: Bring yourselves and partners friends, family, significant (and insignificant!) others.

FOOD: Pizza will be ordered in (Cost a mere \$5.00 if you want to partake).

Some nibbles provided but . . . **BYO refreshments!!!**

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES: Three games (time permitting) with a prize for each full house.

HOW WILL IT WORK?: For each game, your first bingo card is free

Extra bingo cards (up to 5) can be purchased for \$1 each. All cash collected will be added to the prize pool.

Finally, a quote that only a certain age group will understand: **“BE THERE OR BE SQUARE! “**

Yes, it is a fundraiser for our club but it should be stressed that this **is a bridge club social occasion**, held on that last Friday of the month. Please support this venture.

THE ANNUAL MATCH BETWEEN WAIKANAЕ AND PARAPARAUMU

Thanks to Jane Bradbury for again organising this annual fixture to hold a year’s bragging rights. We had the home advantage this time but we were pipped by the narrowest of margins. **AAArghh!!! Waikanae won by 50.97 to our 49.03. Nothing in it at all really but Waikanae went home with the smiles.**

Our best pair, Dale Wills and Marion Sillick, struggled valiantly to lift our team, helped by Jane, and Marie Groves, another pair who bid and played well, but in the end it was well, not quite enough.

CLUBROOMS MAINTENANCE

Alan Stevens (Chair of Building and Maintenance Committee) has indicated that after heavy rain and windy conditions over the weekend of 17 and 18 July, the north wall leaked around/near the Emergency Exit doors. A specialist building Inspector has been asked to examine the walls for moisture content and report to the committee.

AN ADVANCE NOTICE

Alan Stevens also wants to inform members that he will not be standing for Club President in 2023. Right now, Alan is on the committee and the Club’s **Acting** Vice President and the usual practice has been that the Vice President stands for President after a two year term. Alan will continue to act as Vice President in the meantime and 2023 is of course, quite some time in the

future, but he wants to give plenty of advance notice of his position. There is time, but it is time to think of possible alternatives. Please discuss this with Alan and/or David Stagg if you have any suggestions.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

The classes continue on Monday nights (members are most welcome to come and consider the progress being made under the watchful eyes of Claudia Duncan and others, and even join in for a hand or so). Claudia is now running an auxiliary session on Sunday afternoons (1.00 – 4.00) when the newbies can practice and also bring along their questions and perhaps ask for further explanations.

It is wonderful that some of those who have been taking the classes are now starting to trickle through to play in the regular club sessions.

And with remarkable success. For example, **Byron Alexander and Adrienne Watkins** took the classes this year and, individually, decided they might “have a crack” during regular bridge nights. Claudia encouraged them to form a pair and they played in last month’s 4 session Winter Trophy Pairs. **They won!**

Yes, it is a series based on handicaps and they certainly enjoyed a generous handicap advantage, but even on raw scores they were doing extremely well. On the fourth night they reached a score of 59%, and that’s a raw (ie unaltered) score not a handicap score. Amazing progress.

And another “newbie” **Doug Monks, playing with Anne Brunt**, achieved a raw score of 57%. Well done.

Keep welcoming these new players as they come through. We do need this influx of new members.

And to end on another positive note. David Stagg points out that playing numbers are now trending upwards again, after lower numbers during the winter (and, of course, the stoppages for Covid restrictions did not help at all).

Good bridging and kia kaha. Enough for now. Kia ora.

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