

# Hamilton Contract Bridge Club



## Newsletter – February 2009

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, another bridge year is on the way. I trust you all had a wonderful Xmas and wish everyone the best for 2009.

For those not in attendance, during the AGM a motion was passed that Bridgemate was not to be used during social events. As this is an operational matter, this motion is not binding. The Committee discussed this item during the meeting held in December 2008. A lengthy discussion took place and a compromise was achieved - the outcome of which was that the attending members at any social will be asked to vote whether to use Bridgemate for that particular event or not. Should Bridgemate not be used during that event, then there is no guarantee that the results will be known on the day the social is played.

However Bridgemate WILL be used at all tournaments held at our Club.

When Bridgemate is used, it is not necessary that the South player has to enter the data - anybody at the table may do so. (*See Match Committee Report for further information.*)

I wish you all a very enjoyable year of bridge and please help us all to make the most of our wonderful Club.

**Joan Egger**  
**President**

# **MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **Grand Slam Club and 70% Club**

In 2008 these lists were forgotten to be put up in time. However, they are reintroduced for 2009.

### ***Grand Slam Club***

Any pair bidding 7C, 7D, 7H, 7S or 7NT during a club session played at our club and making their contract is asked to write the names of the partnership, the contract and the date achieved on the list. During the AGM all recorded partnerships will be put into a draw for a prize. At least one player of the winning pair must be present at the AGM to collect the prize, or there is a redraw.

### ***70% Club***

Any pair achieving 70% during a club session played at our club is asked to write the names of the partnership, the percentage and the date achieved on the list. During the AGM all recorded partnerships will be put into a draw for a prize. At least one player of the winning pair must be present at the AGM to collect the prize, or there is a redraw.

### **Bridgemate**

Historically the person sitting South takes care of the scoring. However anybody at the table could enter the data in the Bridgemate, if the other players at the table are happy with that. After a result has been entered into the Bridgemate, a player from the opposition **MUST** check and verify the entered data by clicking the OK button once only. It takes a few seconds for every step to be processed, so please be patient and do not repeatedly push on the OK button to try to speed it up. Once the percentage is shown on the display (from NS perspective), the players at the table should be informed of this result and then all players must have the opportunity to look at the scores already entered in the Bridgemate during previous rounds if they so wish.

Members unfamiliar with the use of Bridgemate are invited to play on any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday evening and upgrade their skills. Bridgemate is used during some Tuesday evening sessions - please liaise with Don Wilson in case you wish to practice on a Tuesday evening.

## Waikato-Bays - Intermediate Champions League

This is a new event to encourage players to enter more tournaments at Intermediate level. It is a Waikato-Bays initiative and therefore only applies to events within the Region and registered Waikato-Bays non-Open players. You collect a point just for entering a tournament, 1 bonus point if you average 50% or more overall, 2 bonus points if you win a session but not in the top 3 placings and so on. For further information – please see our Club Noticeboard, or contact Jan Spaans.

*On behalf of Match Committee*  
**Jan Spaans**

### **Summer Social – Pot Luck and Bridge** **Sunday 15 February**

5.30pm Pot Luck / 6.30pm Bridge  
(5.00pm Bar Opens)

*Please bring a meat dish, salad or dessert.*

Please register on the list in the Richmond Room.

**Cost - \$3.00. See you there!**

## SITTING AND MOVING RIGHTS

The committee resolved that seating rights, sitting or moving, need to be renewed periodically. It is recognised that some people have a permanent requirement for such rights, while others only have an issue for a period.

If you require sitting or moving rights and have not already reapplied, please apply to the committee in writing specifying the reasons you require them. A list of those with rights approved will be posted on the noticeboard.

Note that, unless you have seating rights approved, it is a club rule that you **MUST** toss for sitting positions before every session. The winners of the coin toss must sit North/South.

If you have short term requirement for seating rights, please speak to the Director before the session.

## **WANT A PARTNER?**

Towards the end of 2008 there was a meeting of Wednesday players to discuss a number of issues. One of the suggestions made was to maintain a register of players looking for a partner or available to substitute. This is not an issue for Monday and Tuesday nights because you do not need a pre-arranged partner on those nights.

We have decided to trial this idea. The aim is to supplement the work of the partner stewards not to replace them. In fact they may use the registers as a resource.

The proposal is to display the lists on the noticeboard just inside the main entrance. The tournament notices will be moved to the Richmond Room.

There will be lists for people who may often be available to substitute. Put your name on the list if you will frequently be available to substitute on that day. You wouldn't add your name to this list if you normally play in most events. You may want to add a comment concerning your usual availability.

There will be other lists for the specific events. If you are available to play and want a partner for an event, add your name and details to the specific list. You could also use this list if you want a substitute for a particular week. Once you have a partner, it would be helpful to cross your name from the list. This will save time for others still looking.

If you need a partner or a substitute, consult these lists first. Add your own name to the list if you don't find a partner and contact the partner steward.

## **EMAIL ADDRESS**

We are compiling an email distribution list for members who might like to receive Club notices and newsletters, etc via email. If you would like to be added to this list, please email your name, membership number and email address to [secretary@hamiltonbridgeclub.org.nz](mailto:secretary@hamiltonbridgeclub.org.nz) – subject: Email from Club.

## **HAS YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGED?**

Please let us know if you have a change of telephone number so that we can publish in future newsletters and update our list for next year's book.

## NAME TAGS

It would be really good if all members wore name tags to every session, even if you have been a regular player for many years. It is easy for you to get to know the names of the few new players who join a session. But put yourself in their place. A new player comes into a room full of players and may know no-one. Even after a year or two they may still not know the names of most others.

Incidentally Jackie Allen has made an arrangement so you can purchase a very smart name badge. This also shows your computer number and the name of the club. It is available in navy blue or red. There are two attachment options – pin or magnetic. Note that the magnetic option should not be used if you have a Pacemaker.

There are sample badges on display in the Richmond Room. The badges are available for \$15. If you would like one, please add your name to the list.

## ERRATA – 2009 PROGRAMME BOOKLET

The following errors were discovered after the 2009 programme booklet went to press. Please correct your copy.

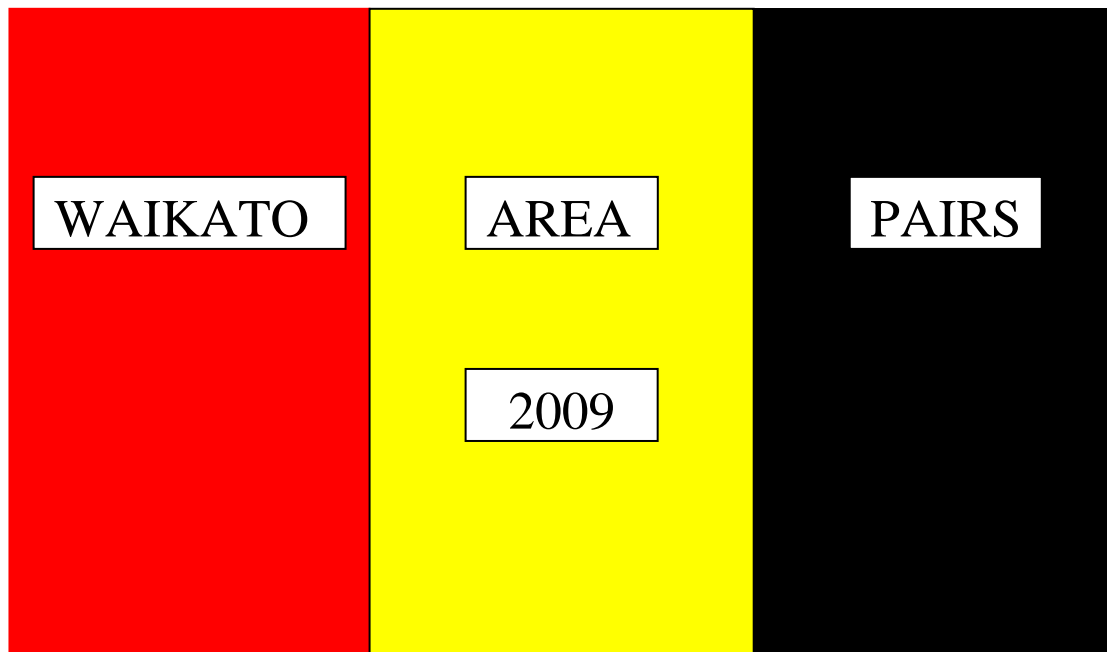
### Waikato/Bays Tournament Schedule:

- p.11 June Sat 28, Waikato Clubs Team Final - should be **Sat 27**
- p.14 August Sat 23, Mt Maunganui Restricted Pairs - **delete** - correct entry also included
- p.14 August Sun 24, Hamilton Intermediate and Hamilton Open – should be **Sun 23**
- p.14 Sept Sat 5, W/B Main Centre Pairs – **Venue to be confirmed**
- p.15 Nov Sat 1, Tauranga Open Pairs – **delete** – correct entry also included

### Club Programme:

- p.22 Pairs A – **Pre-entry not required**
- p.26 April 17 Eileen Hartstone Trophy Individual – should be **Thurs April 16** (a Thursday because of the V8s)

## WAIKATO/BAYS BRIDGE CENTRE PRESENTS:



Sunday	22 FEBRUARY	MATAMATA
Sunday	22 MARCH	HAMILTON
Sunday	19 APRIL	MORRINSVILLE
Sunday	17 MAY	CAMBRIDGE
Sunday	12 JULY	TE AWAMUTU
Sunday	16 AUGUST	WAIKATO

These are FUN Sundays and give players an opportunity to enjoy a relaxed form of tournament play.

Several Juniors who have participated at one of these events have earned their first A points simply by winning **one** session of play!!

Look forward to seeing you at Matamata in February and at our own Club on 22 March.

## RESULTS

Let us know of any **Tournament successes**. We are happy to publish these results in future newsletters if you email the Club with the details.

Club results since last newsletter - congratulations to the following members:

### Monday Evening

Pairs H		Coralie Robinson & Waveney Harwood
Pairs I		Robert Rowe & Mary Fear
Spring Pairs		Pam Tait & Margaret Riley

### Tuesday Afternoon

Galbraith Trophy	Scratch H'cap	Sam Armstrong & Jewel Cresswell Freda Stephenson & Dawn McKenzie
Pairs F	Scratch H'cap	Dawn Fookes & Rua Freeborn Mary Fear & Barbara Henton
Pairs G	Scratch H'cap	Barbara Chitty & Lois Warren Nora Franks & Cathy Nolan

### Tuesday Evening

Individuals C	R/Up	David Edson Arthur Lelieveld
Teams of Four		Jackie Allen, Alison Bussey, Pauline Yoeman & Elaine Hickel
Grace Fuller Trophy	Scratch H'cap	Jackie Allen & Carol Tebbutt Bryce Bethell & Ron Peet
Pairs F		David Edson & Jackie Allen
Pairs G		Helen Muller & Maureen O'Halloran

### **Wednesday Evening**

Kelleway Plate Individual	R/Up	Lindsay Reid Liz Fisher
Jack Vase Pairs		Barry Jones & Michael Curry
Pairs D	Scratch H'cap	Brett Glass & Blair Fisher Yuzhong Chen & Jan Spaans

### **Thursday Evening**

Pairs D	Scratch H'cap	Marie Welch & Margaret Hallen Anne Berry & Joy Homewood
Pairs E	Scratch H'cap	John Turner & Duncan Cape Howard Laxon & Margaret Boyd
Pairs F	Scratch H'cap	Dave Gilling & Peter Buckland Tony Fernando & Phil Wright

### **Friday Morning**

Spring Pairs	Scratch H'cap	Joyce Catchpole & Bev Dow Ann Archbold & Lynn Currin
Pairs G	Scratch H'cap	Val West & Shirley Fransham Eric Neumann & Marc Marshall
Pairs H	Scratch H'cap	Audrey Dickson & Jewel Cresswell Pat Thomson & Shirley Fransham