

WBC News – March 2009

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY :

Wellington Open/Junior

This Sunday - 22 March 2009
More entries please!

WBC Premier Teams start next month – **Wednesday 8 April** – your team can include members from other bridge clubs. Spread the word, gather up your players and put your team entry on the notice board.

Interclub starts 27 March. We now have 5 Open; 2 Intermediate; and 3 Junior teams. Good Luck.

We need billets please!

Our club is hosting a **Youth Training Weekend** organised by Richard Solomon 21-23 August 2009. We will need to billet approximately 15 players. If you can give one or two of them bed and breakfast Friday 21 and Saturday 22 August (or even one of those nights) and possibly deliver them to the club in the mornings, please tell **Dot** or **Jenny Delany**.

Three reminders

1. Seating Before Sessions

As with most bridge clubs we require players to be seated by **7.20 pm** to allow the Grade Captain and director to set up for the

evening. Normally the latecomers are accommodated but sometimes the problems arising inconvenience other players, not to mention the Director/Scorer. Please make an effort to respect this request from our Chief Director.

2. Friday Bridge

Play starts at 1 pm and finishes approximately 4.15 / 4.30 pm. There should be no reason to finish earlier. If you need to cook a roast or do the weekly shopping or take the cat to the vet, we cannot reduce the number of boards to be played!

3. Annual Subscriptions

A gentle reminder these are now overdue, so please pay now. It has been made easier this year with internet banking.

Directors Training

It is heartening to see the Wellington area training new directors...

A series of 3 lessons was given on 7th, 14, 21st February 2009 covering all topics necessary for candidates to undertake their Club Directors Exam later this year. The dates for the exam have not yet been set but approximately 1 month before the examination a Trial Examination will be held with discussion on the answers immediately after the Exam. 8 candidates attended, **Graeme Norman, Maureen Pratchett, Isobel Ross, John Elliott and Kevin Walker** all from the Wellington Club and **Kieran Hobbs**, Hutt Club, **Michael Godfrey**, Karori and **Charlie Vilain**, Upper Hutt.

Gold Coast Congress results

Approximately 19 members of our club played in the Gold Coast Congress recently.

Michael Whibley played in the preceding Yeh Bros Cup, an invitation event which attracts some of the world's best players. Once again, we are very proud of our Wellington Club members' excellent achievements. *Congratulations!*

2009 Yeh Bros Cup

Pairs Final Results

Michael Whibley/Michael Ware = 5th

Gold Coast Congress

Pairs Championship:

John Luoni / Murray Jurgeleit = 4th

Butler Swiss Open

Michael Whibley/Michael Ware = 2nd N/S

Brian Cleaver/Peter Benham = 2nd E/W
(having lead all the way after scoring a 25 on each of their first three boards).

Derek Snelling and Isobel Ross had the pleasure of playing the Lithuanian team (who stayed after the Yeh Bros Cup); and David May, Peter Heazlewood, Michael Gibson and Janet Woodfield had a 16-14 result with one of the Italian teams.

Results are:

<http://www.gldbridge.com/gcc/results2009.php>

75th Anniversary Plans... 17-18 October 2009

Well Bill Gates didn't accept our invitation to attend our Birthday celebrations as Guest Speaker! Not altogether surprising, he gets an awful lot of mail and is a rather busy guy.

Our Subcommittees are in the process of being formed, based on responses people made to the recent questionnaire. There will be a Convener appointed to look after each

subcommittee. So far - thanks to **Susan Laurenson, Simon Louisson** and **Bridget Hannaway** who will be looking after Dinner, Sponsorship and Brunch groups respectively.

Don't forget to mention this celebration to any of your acquaintances who were once members, and ask them to get in touch to pencil in their interest to receive further info.

Thank you for all your offers of help. Your ideas, donations for spot prizes or sponsorship will be keenly appreciated.

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CLUB RESULTS

TUESDAY

Martin Jug Pairs

- 1 Paul Maxwell & Gail Tippett
- 2 Jerome Cargill & Bernie Marwick

WEDNESDAY

Charles Wilson Memorial Pairs

- 1 Stephen Blackstock & Stephen Henry
- 2 Nelson Procter & Dean Sole

THURSDAY

Brian Willis Memorial Pairs

- 1 Marion Kitchenman & Gillian Lewes
- 2 Allan Joseph & Rosa Mishkin

FRIDAY

Afternoon Duplicate Ladder

- 1 Gloria Crabbe
- 2 Max Wigbout