

Minutes

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Newsletter

Heads up for 2019:

14th WB Thames Festival 11, 12 and 13 January 2019.

We continue the legacy of the late Allan Barclay and John Eldridge.

Walk In Pairs

Friday evening 19:30 and Saturday evening 19:30. 25.00 pp

John Eldridge Teams

Saturday, 9:30 AM, 6 x 10 board matches. Final 19:30. 45.00 pp

Barclay Swiss Pairs

Sunday, 9:30 AM, 6 x 10 board matches. 40.00 pp

Play all events for 85.00.

Carol and her team will provide lunch on both days.

Further details are hopefully on your club notice board.

Intermediate League – Prize Pool increased from \$490 to \$1080.

Taupo, Sat 9 March

Katikati, Sun 19 May

Tauranga, Sat 15 June

Hamilton, Sat 13 July

Mt Maunganui, Sat 20 July

Te Awamutu, Sat 17 August

Matamata, Sun 15 September

Cambridge (Includes Prize Giving), Sun 20 October

Junior League – Prize Pool increased from \$240 to \$960.00

Cambridge, Sat 30 March

Matamata, Sat 4 May

Tauranga, Sat 15 June

Mt Maunganui, Sat 20 July

Hamilton, Sat 7 September

Te Awamutu, (Includes Prize Giving) Sun 13 October

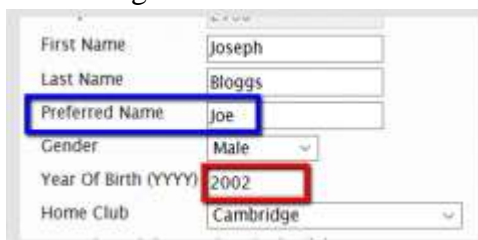
Rubber Ducky Day – 7 April at Putaruru Bridge Club

Come to a day of learning and playing Rubber Bridge sponsored by your Regional Committee

Re-introduction of Youth Policy per 1 January 2019

The WBRC will reimburse Waikato Bays Youth players for half of their tournament entry fees up to a max of \$150 per calendar year. (1 Jan – 31 Dec), provided that:

- Their home club must be a Waikato Bays Club.
- They must have their year of birth registered on the NZB database. This can be done through your club



administrator or secretary.

- The tournament entry fee claimed for must be a Waikato Bays tournament.

Youth players are those as defined by NZ Bridge policy.

Please refer to the Policy Manual on our web site for further details.

Congress Sponsorship

We will again sponsor 4 players to Congress to play the Thursday to Saturday package. Clubs can nominate members and players can self-nominate. 2 from each group will be picked out of the hat.

Regional Conference – 22 September at Matamata Bridge Club

If you have any specific topic you wish us to put on the agenda, please advise the secretary.

Waikato Bays web site

In the unlikely event that you do not know we have a web site, the link is <http://www.waikatobays.bridge-club.org/>

Michael Neels is doing an amazing job and trying his hardest to keep the web site updated for your convenience. There is a wealth of information on the web site, including our Policy Manual, which is still being updated by a former WBRC member Ray McCully from Rotorua.

Inter Provincials 2018

We would like to thank the 2018 Team for representing our region in Auckland a couple of weeks ago. The overall table with results was:

Dougal McLean trophy

	Nth-Auck	WB	CD	Wgtn	TOS	Cant	OS
OPEN	2	6	4	13	0	10	8
WOMEN	13	10	4	2	0	8	6
SENIORS	13	6	2	8	10	4	0
INTEMEDIANTE	0	4	6	13	8	10	2
	28	26	16	36	18	32	16
Rank	3	4	6	1	5	2	6

We received some great feedback about the team spirit and the way the incredible Karen Martelletti fulfilled the role of Chef de Mission. The team certainly looked the part in their new uniforms, which we were able to buy with a grant from the Southern Trust,

Interprovincial Trials 2019

These will again be held at the Tauranga Bridge Club, they have done an incredible job running the trials for a long time now, so we see no reason to change the venue. Should you wish to be billeted when you trial, please contact Norm at the club or Karen.

We have had a lot of comments over the years about the format of the trials. Some constructive, some very negative. For 2019 we will divert from the format where the three categories were combined in one Swiss Pairs event, and that players had a first, second or even third choice to pick a category to play in, as long as they were high enough in the Swiss Pairs ladder.

In 2019 players will have to choose which category they wish to trial for, either Open, or Senior, or Women. We will run a round robin or double round robin for each of these categories.

Should we end up with a different number of pairs in the groups, we will adjust the number of boards each group plays. The top two pairs at the end of the trial will represent our region at the IPs at a venue yet to be announced by New Zealand Bridge.

The trial for the Intermediate team remains unchanged, as in if sufficient entries, they will have their own trial, either be Swiss Pairs or Pairs with Cross IMPs scoring format. If insufficient numbers, the team will be selected.

Director Seminar

We are in the process of setting up another directing seminar with Allan Joseph. Most likely the weekend of the Kelly Peirse Teams, in Rotorua on the weekend of 16 March. Details will be announced when known.

Lastly, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.

Rona Driscoll
Anna Kalma
Alan Dick
Michael Neels
Jan Spaans