

## Final Social Event for this year

### Prize Giving and Christmas Bridge

Well done to the organisers of this most successful event.

Drinks, prizes, food and bridge.

Photos from the evening are in the gallery.



### Bonus Bridge Sessions

**Tuesday 13th December**

**Friday 16th December**

**Usual Times**

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### November Competition Winners

**Monday**    **November Pairs:** David Hamilton and Chris Jones

**Tuesday**    **Monthly High Flyers: ( 3 sessions to qualify )**

1. Hazel Milliken
2. Cath Adams
3. Molly Green

**Wednesday**    **Club Championships:** see below

**Friday**        **Matipo Pairs:** Nicola Chapman and Hazel Milliken

### Club Championship

After 6 nights of bridge and very close scoring the top 3 places were

Melville Trophy Winners:

John Driscoll and Rona Driscoll        61.62%

Ballantyne Salver Winners:

Derek Rankin and Frances Rankin        61.08%

Ralph Robertshawe and Garth Robinson    59.42%

**and well done to all players who took part in this event.**

### **Archiving this column**

At the end of each year this column will be archived. It can be found by going to the members area and selecting archives.

At the beginning of a new year this column will start empty.

### **NZ Wide Pairs**

Thanks to the 19 pairs who turned up at the club on Friday 4th to play in the NZ Wide pairs. A good time was had by all, including the dinner and bar. Thanks to Christine Bailey for looking after the kitchen so the rest of us could enjoy our bridge. Winners of the chocolates on the night were John & Rona Driscoll (NS) and John & Marilyn Sunley (EW).

Around the country 998 pairs took part, which changed the order of the results in our club. I don't think anyone in Taupo will have won Babich wines, but congratulations to EW winners David Hamilton and Philip Martin (44th overall) and NS winners John & Rona Driscoll (56th overall) who will each receive 1 "A" point.

Thanks also to the X-club scoring team for getting the results out before noon on Saturday - it used to take a week!

### **Melbourne Cup Day**

A good turn out enjoyed this annual event. Twelve tables and a few others celebrated at the end of bridge and well done to the winners of the sweepstakes. Prizes for the best hats were awarded to those below.

Go to the [gallery](#) for more photos



Ev Gardiner



Rosemary Ritchie



Ralph Robertshawe

## **Introducing your new committee**

**At the Annual General Meeting on 25 October, the following committee members were elected unopposed:**

President: Stuart McKinlay

Vice-president: Pip Hull

Secretary: Estelle Davis

Treasurer: Suzanne Flowers

Committee: Sharon Barton, Mike Corkin, Rona Driscoll, Bernie McLean, Hazel Milliken, Marilyn Sunley.

Also on the committee:

Immediate Past-President: Patricia Tyler

## **What's on at the club in the next 2 months?**

### **Wednesday 19th October**

#### **Start of the Club Championship**

This consists of two trophies.

- Melville Trophy: This played over 6 nights with the best 5 scores counting.
- Ballantyne Salver: The same as above but pairs that win the Melville Trophy or include any Open players do not qualify.

**All players welcome and the more the better!**

### **Tuesday 1st November**

#### **Melbourne Cup Day**

Tuesday bridge as normal and Melbourne Cup celebrations afterwards. PRIZES FOR THE BEST HATS.

See how it was done in 1989 [B & W photos click here](#)

### **Monday 12 December**

#### **Prize Giving and Christmas Bridge**

### **Taupo Summerset All Grades 8B Tournament**



Winners Elizabeth Fisher & Blair Fisher from Hamilton with our sponsor Kate Rogoz, Village Manager of Summerset by the Lake.

For other results and photos from the tournament go to the [Gallery](#). Hover or click on the photos for details.

## **NZ National Congress 2016**



**Congratulations** to Garth Robinson.

Garth with partner Graeme Duhs have won the NZ Intermediate Pairs at Congress in Hamilton.

### **Sunday Bridge**

This has now finished for this year. Thank you Rosemary for organising and running these sessions. Sunday players are hoping that similar sessions will be run next year.

### **Cambridge Sixes**

What some of our players get up to!

On the day, the team won the Trivia competition as well as a prize for their hats. Click on the photos to enlarge.





### **Neil Marshall Teams of 4 Cup.**

Due to the small number of teams entering this event, it was played as 3 rounds of swiss teams over one evening on 10 August.

Congratulations to the winning team:

John Driscoll / Rona Driscoll / Allen Cant / David Young

The remaining Wednesday nights in August will be open teams or swiss pairs, single night events, depending on table numbers. No need to enter, just turn up with a partner or a team

### **2016 Beginners.**

The 2016 beginners class finished recently, so you might have seen some of them around on Monday



nights, Tuesday afternoons or supervised play. Please welcome them as they start their journey on our wonderful game of bridge. You can see some photos of their final night on the Lessons page.

### **Play and Defence Articles.**

Each week on the New Zealand Bridge web site there is an article on Play and Defence. It does say for improvers but it is good reading for all players.

There is a new link on the right just below the Member's Blog link called Play and Defence. Go there and click on the date. New dates will appear as more articles become available.

### **Bay Teams Sunday July 31st.**

Thanks to the following teams who represented the club at the Bay Teams competition in Rotorua.

Well done to the intermediate team who finished second, and are now invited to compete for the Waikato Bays Intermediate Trophy at Cambridge on 28 August. The rest of us did not cover ourselves with glory!

Open            Rosemary Ritchie & Joan Berg  
                    Rona Driscoll & Garth Robinson

Intermediate   Barbara Horner & Pam Burry  
                      Estelle Davis & Pip Hull

Junior           Jan Cook & Helen Heatley  
                      Christine Judd & Lauren Lehndorf

Full results can be found at [rotoruabridgeclub.nz/](http://rotoruabridgeclub.nz/)

or [here](#) for final results.

### **You Travel Mid Winter BRIDGE and DINNER**



28 pairs braved miserable weather to have a most enjoyable afternoon of bridge on Sunday 26th June at our annual You Travel mid winter dinner and bridge. There was everyone from founding members to beginners who haven't yet completed the beginner classes, all of whom enjoyed the bridge followed by a delicious catered dinner.

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Wene McMillin / Catherine Adams (above)

2nd Shona Spencer / Martyn Spencer

3rd Peggy Nisbet / Allen Zohrab

Please support our sponsors, Steve & Julie Sievwright of You Travel (formerly United Travel) who have been involved in sponsoring the club for several years.

Thanks to all those who helped make the day so enjoyable - Stuart McKinlay, Sharon Barton, John & Marilyn Sunley, Christine Bailey, and all the players.

Not to forget the special presentation - Rona is still speechless after being awarded the first NZ Bridge [Volunteer of the Month- June 2016](#)

[Click the photo](#) of Lauren Lehndorf (nominator) and Rona for full details.



## [Bridge Solver On Line](#)

Martin from BridgeNZ has integrated Bridge Solver On Line into his web hosting. [DETAILS ARE HERE.](#)

## [Blogs](#)

- **The club now has a blog page.** You will find this by going to Members Area and select Members Blog or use the quick link on the right. Well done to Frank Weeks for the first blog. You can leave a comment there! Just your name and comment is all that is needed ( plus your email if you want to follow the post).
- The second post on the blog is a contribution from Rona Driscoll. **How to get more out of X - Club**
- **Anyone can start a new post.** Something humorous or any item that you may like other members to contribute to. Contact the webmaster to start the new post.

## [Previous Tournaments](#)

[Pak 'n' Save Open 5A](#) was played during 7th and 8th May. Nearly a full house of 18 tables participated, with the tournament ably directed by Martin Oysten.

Players from across the North Island converged on Taupo, from Wellington to Auckland, Hastings to New Plymouth and places in between. Check [Gallery](#) for photos

**Winners** Graham Stern / Alan Parkes ( last photo in the gallery)

**Second** Ian Clayton / Alan Turner

**Third** Noel Woodhall / Claire Woodhall

**Fourth** Rona Driscoll / John Driscoll

Winners, of the Trevor and Betty Watts Trophy and the top non-open pair, Pam Burry and Barbara Horner, being presented with the trophy by Gerrard Simmons from our sponsors Pak 'n' Save.



[Bayleys Intermediate 5B](#) was held recently. A field of 44 players from around the Bay of Plenty and Waikato enjoyed a good day of bridge.

**Winners** MARK THOMSON and JEFFREY CHANG  
**Second** GARTH ROBINSON and RALPH ROBERTSHAWE  
**Third** ELSPETH GOODRICK / WENDY BLACKMAN



Garth and Ralph  
from Taupo