



## NEWSLETTER FROM THE WELLINGTON REGION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 2024

Website – <https://wellingtonregionbridge.org.nz/>

Welcome to the first newsletter from the Wellington Region Committee!!  
Our plan is to send a newsletter every couple of months to all clubs to keep you all updated about what is happening in our region.  
Our website is regularly updated so you can refer to that anytime  
Today we had our monthly meeting at the Wellington Bridge Club  
These were the topics we discussed: -

### **Christmas Cheer to be held 14<sup>th</sup> December**

This is the final Wellington Bridge Region Tournament for 2024 and is open to bridge players of all grades. We would love to see you there.

Entries don't close until 10<sup>th</sup> December

A yummy Christmas Dinner will be served after play followed by presentation of the



awards from the Wellington Region events held during 2024 Some awards are “secret” and will not be announced until the Prize giving ceremony



The awards that we know about now: -

**Junior League**

Winner of the Junior Cup and \$100

Karen Hutchins

Waikanae Club

Second

Paul Brinkman (\$80)

Waikanae Club

Third equal

Deidre Evans (\$40)

Kapi Mana Club

Rupert Rokeby- Johnson (\$40) Wellington Club

Paul and Karen at South Wairarapa  
Bridge Club Tournament

**Interclub – 2024 results on our website**

<https://wellingtonregionbridge.org.nz/interclub-draw-and-results>

**Open** Not contested

**Restricted Open** – Craanen Team from Hutt Club – Jeffry Craanen, Madelaine Askew, Deidre Stallinger, Eleisha Hawkins, Marian Loader

**Intermediate** – Reeve Team from Kairangi Club– Kate Reeve, Carol Stevens, Mary Scott, Graeme Fisher, Clinton Scott

**Junior** - Carter Team from Hutt Club – Margaret Carter, James Fulton, John Topp, Ian Pronk, Nathan Tucker, Daniel Marks

– Wilson Team from South Wairarapa Bridge Club. Christine Wilson, Anna Mills, Geoff Mayes., David Carswell, Alan Smith, Lara Ferguson, Emily Greenberg



**Wellington Rubber Bridge**

Barbara Tumilowicz and John Davidson

<https://wellingtonregionbridge.org.nz/rubber-bridge->

Johnny and Barbara travelled to Featherston to play Pip and Marilyn for a round of Rubber Bridge. Pip said they enjoyed the bridge so much they forget to take photos until Barbara and Johnny went home so took one of them selves having a consolation wine

**Wellington Mixed Pairs** - Nigel Kearney and Anne-Marie Russell

## **Regional Championships were held last weekend at the Wellington Bridge Club**

The Overall winners and winners of the Douglas Trophy

Canterbury Region

Wellington Region was second equal with Otago Southland

### **Congratulations to the Wellington Open Team**

#### **Winners of the Open Section –**

Alan Grant, Anthony Ker, Peter Newell, Martin Reid  
Russell Dive and Mariusz Tumilowicz

Special Thanks to Chef de Mission Nigel Kearney who worked so hard to support all our Wellington Teams



## **Coming Up in 2025**

### **First up - Interclub.**

- Interclub 2025 will begin on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and will be played online
- There will be five grades in 2025
- Teams limited to 6 members
- Open – Entries from all Regions are welcome – more details of the Open on our website <https://wellingtonregionbridge.org.nz/>
- Open Reserve
- Intermediate
- Junior
- Novice
- Teams – register with your clubs,
- Clubs – enter your teams by end of February 2025
- \$200 fee per team to be paid to Wellington Region by end of February
- Wellington Region will run a practice session on Real Bridge on Friday night 14<sup>th</sup> March

### **Wellington Regional Championship Trials**

- To be held in Wellington 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025
- Four Grades – Open, Intermediate, Senior and Women
- Preferred Format – entries are invited in teams of four, however
- Pairs can enter
- Decision on the trials format will be with the Wellington Region Committee once the number of entries is known
- More Information early in 2025

### **The committee discussed the Club Administration Grant**

And will continue to support all clubs in the Wellington Region in 2025

The administration grant is for administration and advertising of Bridge lessons for 2025

Clubs will be asked to provide evidence of expenditure

A maximum of \$400 will be given to each club

**The Wellington Region Committee** wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you all in 2025