



Auckland Bridge Club Newsletter

September 2012 Issue



The Winning Olympian Athletes

The President's Night was held recently on the 18th August. It was a fun night and there were some interesting looking athletes supporting the Olympic theme (No Sumo Wrestlers thankfully)!



Wild Appetite sponsored the event and the winners of the bridge received a lovely hamper with the runner up players receiving a variety of goodies as well.

Our thanks to Wild Appetite for providing such delicious products and please visit their web site and support them:

www.wildappetite.co.nz

LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

We are offering prizes for the design of a new club logo; this is open to family and friends as well as members. First prize is \$200, \$100 for second and \$50 for third. The deadline is 21st September so quick action is required!

Your logos will be displayed in the club and you will be invited to vote for your preference.

If your preference remains for the current logo then vote for it instead.

The **AGM** was held on Sunday 2nd September and unfortunately the turnout was relatively poor considering the size of the club. Whilst a quorum was not met it was agreed the meeting could proceed and there were no issues arising.

Side Tables

The committee hopes you are enjoying the benefits of the new side tables. If you would like to donate one (or more) to the club they cost \$30 each and you will be issued with a tax receipt which can be claimed when filing your next personal tax return.

Change of subscriptions

NZB: Your club invoice for 2013 will include an increased levy by New Zealand Bridge from \$16.00 to \$18.40, and will offer each member a \$20 discount for payment by 31st January 2013. More on this with your club invoice later this year.

Presidents Corner

Well the AGM for 2012 has been held and you have me as your President for another year.

We farewell Gary Mansell, Fern McRae and Terri-Ann Scorer from the committee and welcome Janet Barnard, Rineke Mansell, Judith Chandler and Allan Morris to the 2012/2013 committee.

During the year we managed to turn a loss into a small profit thanks to the increase in table money. The challenge in the coming year is to encourage more people to play and to play more often
cheers, Russell

Did you know?

The Filler Cup runs for 7 sessions throughout the year on a Tuesday evening in Section 2 and is sponsored annually by our lovely Ruth Filler.

Ruth presented the Filler Cup to the club in honour of her husband Sol, a lover of life, family, bridge and sports. Their incredible family history was detailed in a previous newsletter but I urge you to visit Google for more information on Sol, Ruth and their two daughters.

Ruth is a valued member of our community and was awarded the Queen's Service Order medal in the 2001 New Years Honours List.

The committee is keen to collate the histories of the many kindly donated cups and trophies. Please could you contact Janet Barnard, Honorary Life Member, with any information you think is of value (520 1352).

janet-barnard@xtra.co.nz

These histories are of particular interest to our newer members, and might bring back enjoyable memories to our more established members. Photographs will be welcome, and some trophies are missing so we would be grateful if you could return them please.



Remuera Rise
By LifeCare Residences

Remuera Rise who generously have sponsored some of our Thursday's tournaments this year, and have committed to sponsorship in 2013 are offering an informal tour of their development to our members. It is nice to know who your sponsors are and they stress that this is promotional and not a sales pitch. If interested please contact the office for more information.

A little bit of sunshine


From January 2013 we are introducing pre-paid tickets for ten sessions for the price of nine. This little bit of sunshine means \$7.20 per club session. Most tickets will be labelled with a name and are valid for twelve months.

Naturally you can still pay the usual \$8.00 table money....but I do question why you would choose to do so!

More information on this will be given in later issues of the newsletter.

Visit Hedgerow, 371 Remuera Rd and receive a 10% discount on all purchases of their home and gift products.

It's a Bridge problem for you!

			
♠ A 3			
♥ A 9 6 3			
♦ Q J 8 6 5			
♣ Q 6			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦

What is your next bid?

Solution

This type of hand is often a problem for players. You really want to show your 4-card major but you can't. You are simply not strong enough. All you can do on this hand is to rebid your diamond suit.

If you rebid 2♥, you would be making a reverse bid. This means that you show an unbalanced hand with 16 or more high card points. It is forcing for one round so the partnership is often forced to the 3-level.

How can you tell what makes a reverse? If your second bid is a higher ranking bid than the first bid, it is a reverse. (The exception is if the second bid is at the 1-level).

So an auction like

1♣ 1♠ 2♥ - is a reverse but:

1♥ 1♠ 2♣ this is not a reverse as clubs are a lower ranking than hearts.

(Thanks to Tina McVeigh, House of Cards, for giving permission to use her problems)

Good luck to those representing the Auckland region at the Interprovincial championship: Patrick Carter (open), Trudy Lange, Margaret Somers, Julie Atkinson, Rosemary Matskows (women), Anthony Hopkins, Martin Jaques, Roger and Dale Peak (intermediate), Alan Taylor, Stanley Abrahams, Roy Ballard, Don Hayward and Neil Stuckey (senior).

Recent Tournament Results

Thursday Tournament 9th August

- 1st Russell Watt and Lynne Geursen
- 2nd Stanley Abrahams and Anisia Shami
- 3rd Allan Morris and Anna Wall

Billie Tohill 13th September

- 3rd Neil Stuckey and Christine Wilson

Rosebowl (Intermediate)

- 1st Tracey Lewis and Pru Robertson

Traude Leidl (Junior)

- 1st Anthony Hopkins and Martin Jacques
- 2nd Ilo Hellaby and Carol Joseph

Tuesday evening Championship Teams

- 1st John Khouri, Sylvester Riddell, Liz Ware and Rosemary Matskows

Pascoe Cup (Thursday Evening)

- 1st Peter McTaggart and Stephen Rogers

Amendments and alterations

Alastair Jobbins	3485260
Kay Hegan	9506730
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Diana Smith	8179336
Allan Smith	8179336
Darshani Jayasinghe	5343313
Jacqui Broadbent	5781470
Phillip Baker	021905179

And Finally:

Tracey Lewis is organising sponsorshop of events and tournaments for 2013, and welcomes your enquiries of interest.

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