



December 2012 Issue

Happy New Year to one and all.

The Committee wishes you a relaxing and happy time over the Holiday break, and hope that you use this time to charge up those brain cells for a fun and challenging bridge year in 1213!

Christmas Raffles

You have been wonderful in your support of the raffles and to date we have raised over \$2,000 for the club.

Thanks to the generosity of the following sponsors:

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Newsletter



As from 1st January 2013 new Grade Change Trigger points will be introduced to address a perceived imbalance between the number of players in each grade.

Open Player Grade

- Local Master 0* - 4* & 100+ Rating Points or
- Local Master 5* & above or
- Provincial Master or higher Rank

Intermediate Player Grade

- Club Master or lower Rank & 30 or less Rating Points but 5+ A points or
- Club Master or lower Rank with more than 30 Rating Points or
- Local Master 0* to 4* & 0 – 100 Rating Points

Junior Player Grade

- Club Master or lower Rank & 30 or less Rating Points & less than 5A points

Volunteers

We need more volunteers please to provide a guaranteed partner for the following sessions: Mon AM, Mon PM, Wed AM, Wed PM and Fri AM. You can choose dates to suit and need to arrive at least 10 minutes before the session begins and identify yourself to the Director.

Contact John Collins: jcollins375@gmail.com or phone 521 3802

Presidents Corner

The bridge year for 2012 is drawing to a close. Our new website is up and running and a big thank you to Anthony Hopkins for all his hard work in bringing this to fruition. Have you got your ticket in the Christmas raffles, which Tracey Lewis has done a fantastic job in collating? 2013 looks like being an exciting year with some of the new innovations and don't forget to book your tickets with the office before the start of the New Year.

Finally I hope all members have a Happy Christmas and that the New Year of 2013 is good bridging and enjoyable in every way,

Regards

Russell



Some of our Century Club members

Century Club Members for 2012

The players below have contributed hugely to Club wellbeing and ambience by joining the Century Club (survived 100 or more sessions over the last twelve months): so many thanks to you all. And an extra special mention to those with an asterisk beside their names as they shared their love of bridge by playing with 20 or more different partners during the twelve months:

Nicolette Bartoli*, Jan Brown, Maria Collins, Sybil Cornell*, Bruce Cousins, Sue Durling, Miriam Field*, Ruth Fuller, Mary Foley*, Anne Gelb, Susan Glennie, Linda Gray, Phyllis Green*, Robin Hardley, Hessey Hargrave, Brett Hart, Don Hayward, Mila Hill*,

Anthony Hopkins, Barbara Hornblow, Monica Hunt, Joan Hunter*, Carol Joseph, Trudy Lange, Tracey Lewis, Sue Marshall*, Nolene Martin*, Rosemary Matskows*, Wendy McEntegart, Joan Palmer*, Janet Pezaro, Janet Richardson, Joan Seavill*, Brenda Shenken, Leon Shenken, Neville Thomas, Coral Unsworth, Anna Wall*, Wendy Walsh, Leslie Watt*, Russell Watt, Joan Waygood, Cheryl Yagmich* and Alice Young*.

Remember to visit Kim at Victoria Ave Butcher for those special Christmas Treats

Recent Tournament results of Club Members

Waitemata 8b 24th Nov

1st Christine Wilson, 2nd Tracey Lewis & John Buckleton

Hibiscus 5a 1st Dec

2nd Michael Stuckey & Neil Stuckey, 4th Brian Ashwell & Wayne Gyde

Hibiscus 8b 1st Dec

4th Tracey Lewis & Anthony Hopkins, 5th Leah Andrews

Problem 7

♠ 9 8 2		♠ J 4
♥ K 9 7		♥ J 10 8 4
♦ A 9 8 7 2		♦ K 5
♣ A K		♣ Q J 6 3 2

♠ A 10 6 5 3		♠ K Q 7
♥ Q 6 3		♥ A 5 2
♦ 6 4 3		♦ Q J 10
♣ 10 5		♣ 9 8 7 4

	North	East	South
	W	E	1 NT

West North East South
 Pass 3 NT All pass 1 NT
 Lead: ♠ 5

Best line of play:

If spades are divided 4-3, then you will have no problem making 3NT.

The best way to play the hand is to duck the first trick. Let East win the JS. Then win the 2nd or 3rd trick, depending on West's action, and run the QD. When it loses, East will have no more spades to lead to his partner and your contract is safe.

(Thanks' to Tina McVeigh for giving permission to use her Problems in our Newsletter)

Babich Pairs 7.30pm Mon 7th Jan, 8th and 9th.

Walk in and you can play any session or all sessions.

Interclub 2013: please put your name down now if interested in playing.