



February 2013 Issue

Welcome to the Bridge Club's first newsletter for 2013

Congratulations to the 2012 winners of the trophies which ran through the year, and were awarded at the last Club playing sessions in 2012.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Name</i>
Connie Bell Trophy Points Mon AM	Brett Hart
Ima Sayega Cup Women's Points Tue EVE	Rosemary Matskows & Leslie Watt
Rothschilds Cup Club Points Tue EVE	Sylvester Riddell
Morrish Points Cup Wed AM	Anne Gelb
Richards Cup Points for Wed EVE	Peter Hensman
Heighway Cup Women's Thu EVE	Trudy Lange
Morgan Cup Men's Thu EVE	Sylvester Riddell
Ivy Williams Points Trophy	Joan Hunter
Adams Cup Points Trophy Fri PM	Marie Ewbank

Eftpos available now!

Members are encouraged to use debit-only EFTPOS to buy bulk tickets, pay membership dues and at the Kitchen and Bar. The equipment is on trial for a year and we will review its value later in the year. It is not available to pay individual session table money as this could disrupt play. For a trial period players arriving at least 15 minutes before a Tournament may also use EFTPOS at the Club Office for entry fees.

Interclub starts again

Yes, it's that time of the year to enrol in Interclub teams, played on Friday evenings with ten sessions throughout the year. The dates are 8Feb, 22Mar, 24May, 28Jun, 26Jul, 23Aug, 20Sep, 18Oct and 22Nov, kickoff is at 7:30 pm. There are separate sections for Junior, Intermediate and Open players, and play is against other Auckland Clubs. A complimentary light snack is offered between the two sessions of 12 boards each. This is a great way to learn Teams and meet people. Please see the Club notice board or visit www.akbc.co.nz for details.

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Special Events

Wed 6 Feb, 10:00 am Waitangi Day Pairs

Sat 16 Feb, 9:30 am Bell Taylor 5a

The second is kindly sponsored by Sibuns Funerals.

Pre-registration is required, either at the Club Office or on line at

www.akbc.co.nz.

Non-members welcome, and EFTPOS available if you pay by 9.45am (sorry no credit facilities). If there

are sufficient entries then there will be prizes for the best Junior and Intermediate pairs, so get those entries in!

The Club is keen to have even more Junior and Intermediate participants at competitions and tournaments, as well as InterClub: so please make a special effort to come along.

Pre-paid discounted tickets

We now offer discounted tickets for Club sessions, offering ten sessions for the price of nine, or \$7.20 per club session. The usual \$8.00 table money still applies if you prefer to not use the tickets.

Most tickets are labelled with the member's name and a twelve month expiry date. Please help our staff by checking the validity of tickets being used at your bridge table, since the Directors are too busy to do this. Tickets are not transferable to another player.

Serious matters ... er

The top five most popular members' names at the Club for ladies are Sue followed by Margaret, Barbara, Jan and Jill. And for non-ladies they are John, Peter, David, Bruce and Mike.

Bring a friend, get a free ticket

If you bring a bone fide guest to a club session we will give you a free ticket to a future session for your use, which means you play two sessions for \$3.60 a session. However you must remember to ask for your free ticket at the Club office within two working days of playing, either in person or by email. Plan ahead and invite your friends now!



President's corner

Happy New year to all members. I trust that the festive season was enjoyable for all. 2013 promises to be an exciting year for our Club. We started the year off with a very successful New Year Pairs. There are many more exciting events coming up so please get organised and support your Club because it is always a pleasant day out and the more the merrier.

Regards Russell

Recent Tournament Results

Babich Holiday Pairs 7-9 Jan

1st : Julie Atkinson

3rd : Douglas Russell & Wayne Benefield

This event was hugely popular with 148 players on the first night, and similar numbers each evening (you can play one, two or all three nights). Make a note to come along next year!

Thames 3a, 11 Jan

3rd: Douglas Russell and Wayne Benefield

Warkworth 8b, 26 Jan

1st: Allan and Bev Morris

2nd: John Buckleton and Wayne Benefield

New website

Over one hundred people visit our new website www.akbc.co.nz each day, which is encouraging. Some parts of the site are passworded, for example if you want to order bulk session tickets or change your contact information. The password is easily obtainable for each member, if the Club already has your email which is true for about 550 members. Just go to the the *Members* page on the top menu and click on the lower button *What's my password* and you should receive an email with your own password within a minute or so. We plan to gradually improve the facilities within the passworded *Members* area over the next few months.

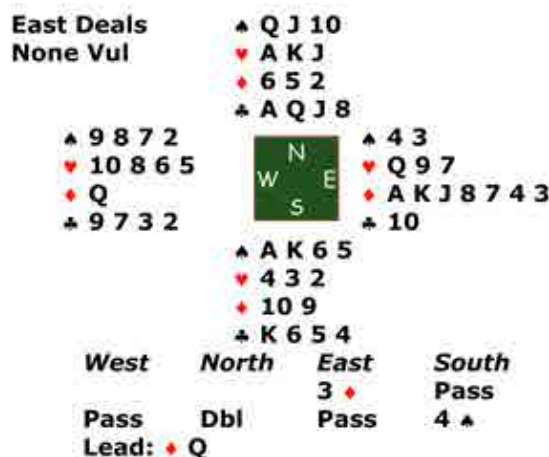


As you can see from the graph, we have some night birds amongst our members! Most of the usage is checking of results, and the calendar of events. The site is busiest on Wednesdays, followed by Tuesdays and Thursdays which are about equal.

Advance notice

During February and March we will be running a campaign to double check all members details, such as phone numbers, emails and emergency contact details. This will help the Club provide you with more timely and accurate information, more efficiently.

A problem ... and solution for you!



East overtakes the ♦Q with the ♦A and plays the ♦K and ♦J. What is your next play?

The problem here is that if you trump the ♦J, you will lose a trump trick if the spades break 4-2 as they do here. Either West can overruff if you trump with a small one, or the ♠9 will make a trick later. If the ♥ finesse loses as well, (♥J loses to ♥Q) then you will not make your contract. You will lose a trump, two diamonds and a heart.

What's the best play?

You should discard a small heart on the third diamond. Now you are in control. You have lost three tricks but that is all you will lose. If East persists with diamonds, you can ruff in dummy and draw two rounds of trumps. Now cross to the King of clubs and play the last two trumps. If East plays any other suit, you can win and draw trumps and claim the rest of the tricks. This is called a loser-on-loser play.

The Auckland Bridge Club thanks Tina McVeigh for giving permission to use her problems in our Newsletter



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