



## March 2013 Issue

This issue contains some wee tips on Etiquette so please take note.

*Tip 1* Fourth in hand opener. Rule of 15 is: High Card Points and number of spades equals 15. Normally this is better than other opening positions. If you have 10-11 High Card Points....YOU CAN PASS.

*Tip 2* WHEN IN ANY DOUBT CALL OUR ESTEEMED DIRECTOR

*Tip 3* Please do not tell your opponents what they should have bid unless invited to by them.

*Tip 4* Please do not discuss the previous hand with your partner when you move to the next table, wait until after the session and discuss all boards then.

*Tip 5* Dummy must remain silent, even if they notice a revoke by the opposition. It must be the declarer who brings it to the attention of the declarer. If dummy does speak then the Director will penalise them.



Our thanks to Wild Appetite for providing a raffle hamper for the Easter Congress. Please visit their web-site: [www.wildappetite.co.nz](http://www.wildappetite.co.nz) for those fabulous gourmet specialities.

### Breaking News!

The Committee is trialling some spirit mixes to see if they prove to be a popular alternative to the beer and wine that is currently offered. Gin and Tonic and Vodka Stoli will now be available for purchase at \$5 a bottle.

## Corbans Salver 8B Pairs

9.45 am start Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, finishing at about 4.30 pm, proudly sponsored by Remuera Rise.



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### Presidents Corner

Hi all

2013 has brought a change in the grading system which has affected more than 140 of our members. We have written a letter of protest to NZ Bridge. Graham Wakefield, a board member of NZ Bridge, is coming to the club on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6.15 pm to offer an explanation of the new system. All are welcome to attend.

Tournaments upcoming in March are the Thursday Tournament on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Easter Congress, 30 March-1 April. Get your entries in and let's ensure the events are well patronised,

Regards Russell

### **Recent Tournament Results**

#### Waitangi Day Pairs 8B 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

1<sup>st</sup> Douglas Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Palmer and Glenis Palmer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judith Chandler and Russell Watt  
Top Intermediate Pair: Bob Gibbons and Peter Hensman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rae Cameron and Sue Durling

#### Bell Taylor Open Pairs 5A 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

1<sup>st</sup> Owen Camp  
Top non Open pair; Richard Ryan and Richard Stuart

#### North Shore 3A 23rd Feb

1st ; Russell Watt and Nola Clark

#### North Shore Intermediate 5B 23rd Feb

1st Carol Joseph and Richard Stuart



**Problem 7**

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♠ 9 8 2  
♥ K 9 7  
♦ A 9 8 7 2  
♣ A K

♠ A 10 6 5 3  
♥ Q 6 3  
♦ 6 4 3  
♣ 10 5

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

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

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

What is the best line of play?

If spades are divided 4-3, then you will have no problem making 3NT. If, however, spades are 5-2 then you could potentially lose 4 spade tricks and the KD if it is in the East hand.

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

*Our sincere thanks to Tina McVeigh for giving permission to use her problems in our Newsletter*

## Help with Braille Cards

We're delighted to let you know that 'Braille Cards for Auckland Bridge Club' is one of the four groups chosen for support through [Good in the Hood](#) at Z Remuera.

That means the Club will receive a slice of \$4,000 from Z Remuera - how much depends on how much we use the Z garage and shop this month, and vote for the Club.

Z Remuera will be supporting:

- Road Safety Education - RYDA
- Mercy Hospice Auckland
- Big Buddy Mentoring Trust
- Braille Cards - Auckland Bridge Club

## Online Token Hunt

Braille Cards - Auckland Bridge Club is also in line for an extra \$500 if it's one of the ten neighbourhood groups voted for in the online Good in the Hood Token Hunt. The Token Hunt is an interactive challenge where your supporters can hunt out tokens and use them to vote for Braille Cards - Auckland Bridge Club - it's another opportunity for them to help and have a bit of fun doing it! [Good in the Hood](#) voting runs in-store at Z Remuera and

the online Token Hunt at [z.co.nz/GoodintheHood](http://z.co.nz/GoodintheHood) throughout March.

The Club thanks Jan Ashwell for her initiative in organising the idea.

## Easter Congress for Junior, Intermediate and Open players

A series of special events run over Easter for three days from Sat 30 Mar through to Mon 1 Apr inclusive. All players at all standards are very welcome, as always. The website [www.akbc.co.nz](http://www.akbc.co.nz) has online registration forms.

The Club is especially keen to encourage less confident players to attend and enjoy excellent days of bridge. There are additional prizes for Best Junior and Best Intermediate pairs, so fame and fortune beckons for all entrants at all levels.

Sat 30 Mar	<b>Intermediate/Junior Pairs 5B</b> 9:30 am start finishing late afternoon \$20 per Junior and Intermediate player, pre-entry required
Sat 30 Mar	<b>Open Pairs 3A</b> 9:30 am start finishing late afternoon \$25 per Open player, pre-entry required
Sun 1 Apr	<b>Open Teams 10A</b> 9:30 am start finishing early evening, pre-entry required. Up to six players per team, entry price per team is \$240 for the two days. The following day has the Open Teams plate and finals. Those not qualifying are able to attend the Walk in pairs (see below). There are special prizes for the top performing non-Open teams (which means no more than one Open player in the team).
Mon 2 Apr	<b>Walk in Pairs</b> 9:30 am start pre-entry not required, finishing late afternoon. Pre-entry is NOT required. Those playing in the teams event from the previous day may attend free of charge, those just coming along on the day \$25. <b>Special note:</b> the Club Programme <u>incorrectly</u> states the start time which is 9:30 am ( <i>not 10:00 am as printed</i> ).

For those wishing to attend all three days of the Easter Congress, special prices are \$60 for Junior and Intermediate players and \$80 for Open players.

On each day players are encouraged to have refreshments, socialise and enjoy a complimentary snack after play ends. Prize giving generally takes place 30 minutes from the end of play.

*Tip: When the opponents bid and support each other and you have the jack or queen of their suit, do not count points for those honors. They are not worth the cardboard they are printed on.*

*The printed version of this newsletter is two pages: the website version on [www.akbc.co.nz](http://www.akbc.co.nz) has an extra page, packed of course with goodies!*



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### Sponsorship opportunities

The Auckland Bridge Club is keen to promote and support businesses owned by our players. We have facilities available on the web-site for this, and we offer all kinds of benefits to those businesses who offer sponsorship.

We have some opportunities available for small team events at \$200 + GST and we are introducing sponsorship of Friday Interclub at \$500 + GST. This can be for a single Friday competition or multiple.

Ultimately our aim is to improve the service we offer our members, and to do this we need your support.

At the large events we would like to provide raffle prizes, and I am currently looking for interest in the Easter Congress Event. Please contact me if you are able to help:

[tracey.a.lewis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tracey.a.lewis@xtra.co.nz)

### Want to promote your business or offerings?

The Club's website now has the facility to put your services or products to our members, costing a mere \$25 a year plus GST. This is offered free to event sponsors and advertisers in the annual Programme. Take a look at the *Top secret* page on [www.akbc.co.nz](http://www.akbc.co.nz).



### Eleven partnership tips

- Being Kind to Your Bridge Partner
- Treat your partner like your best friend
- Tolerate your partner's errors
- Keep a poker face
- Deal well with disaster
- Play conventions you both want to play
- Pick up the slack for the weaker player
- Own up to your errors
- Offer words of encouragement
- Treat your partner the same whether you win or lose
- Know when to have fun



### Who am I?

A new item where we provide a short history of two of our members, and ask you to guess who they are. We need two more people to interview next month so please mention this to any member of the Committee for follow-up. And our thanks to Carol Wilkinson for suggesting the idea. Answers in next month's newsletter.

#### *Who am I (number 1)?*

My parents emigrated to Rhodesia in the 1920's, and discovered they were not farmers! At eight years old I was sent to live with my grandmother in England after my parents separated. I was a nurse through World War II, returned to Rhodesia afterwards, married in 1948 and had three children. We moved to South Africa in 1970 and my first son left for New Zealand in 1983. A second child followed him, and I then moved to NZ after my entrepreneur husband passed away. My third child left Zimbabwe for NZ in 2000.

#### *Who am I (number 2)?*

School holidays were always a surprise! But being chased through the Red Sea Hills in a clapped out Landrover by spear-waving Beja warriors (fuzzy-wuzzies) didn't happen every holiday. The Landrover outpaced the warriors, except uphill. Hiding from a hungry Colombian puma, being bitten by a Sudanese turtle, riding with Argentine gauchos and diving on sunken Italian ammunition ships are other memories. Then I joined Reuters and travelled for nearly 20 years, living in wonderful places such as a decade in Switzerland. We moved to NZ in 2003, after some strong hints from my Kiwi wife. The youngest of our three boys is 11.