



April 2013 Issue

Welcome everyone and we hope the Bridge is coming along well for you all. The Easter Congress was well attended with strong Intermediate, Open, Teams and Walk-in participation. Many players were trialing for NZ representative places.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the raffles, we hope the winners enjoyed all that chocolate!

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We regret to advise members that John Wilson has resigned as Club Treasurer. We thank John for all his hard work, and the time he has voluntarily given to the Club.

Questionnaire

Many thanks to the members who have already taken a few moments to reply to the Club questionnaire. The forms, one for each person, are on the shop counter so please fill in your form as soon as possible. Next month's newsletter will provide a summary of member's responses.

NEWSLETTER

Herogram

The Committee especially wants to thank those members who generously give up their time as Standby players to make everybody's life that little bit more fun. If you would like to volunteer as a Standby, please contact John Collins who will make sure you are properly looked after.

Standby's do not pay table money and are offered a complimentary ticket for use at any Club Session, if they play a session.

We organise Standbys at six sessions per week, often needing two standbys on Monday evenings to assist with the graduates of the beginners classes, making about 300 Standbys a year. Even being a Standby a few times is very helpful to the Club.

Members acting as Standby players up to ten times in the last year were Ian & Elaine Gardiner, Owen Hayward, Mary Foley, Bryan & Jennifer Peryer, Gwenyth Cameron, Sue Burslem, Sue Stephens, John Wilson, Bev Morris, Jan Ashwell and Stephanie Benfel. And of course a huge further list and we hope we've not missed out any of the more frequent Standbys including Gillian West, Cheryl Yagmich, Jan Garner, Margaret Vodanovich, Jan Clarke and Maria Collins.

A game is guaranteed to any member who arrives without a partner and reports to the Director 15 minutes before play at Club Sessions as listed:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
AM		AM	AM	AM
EVE	EVE	EVE	EVE	PM

President's Corner

The Easter Congress was last weekend and it was a great success. A big thank you to all those club members who participated, all those members who bought morning teas over the three days, and to those members who agreed to be Standbys for the events over the three days. A big thank you to Tracey Lewis for organising the Easter raffle and congratulations to all the winners. Do not forget to pick up your questionnaire and please return promptly. Your replies will provide valuable information for forward planning of our club.

Congratulations also to Christine Wilson, Neil Stuckey and Douglas Russell for being selected to represent New Zealand in the Seniors Team, and to Glenis Palmer, Linda Cartner and Jan Cormack for making the New Zealand Women's team.

Regards Russell

Recent Tournament results

Papakura 2 March

1st Intermediate Sharon Marryatt & Anthony Wilson

East Coast Bays 16 March

3rd Intermediate Sue Durling & Glynis McNicoll
1st Open Patrick Carter & Grant Jarvis
2nd Open Barry Palmer & Neil Stuckey

Royale Epsom 8b 23 March

1st Intermediate Nicky Bowers & Jan Onikawa
1st Open Neil Stuckey & Christine Wilson
3rd John Buckleton

Easter Congress

2nd Junior Angie & Chris Fitzgerald
3rd Intermediate Robin Hardley & Glynis McNicoll
4th Intermediate Carol Joseph & Richard Stuart
3rd Open Patrick Carter

In total 444 days of Bridge were played by 220 players over the Easter events.

Walk in Pairs (Easter Monday)

1st Nola Clark & Russell Watt
2nd Peer Bach (yes, not Peter)
3rd Anne Gelb & Penny McRobie

Up-coming Tournaments and Events

Interclub 12 April, please ensure your team is organised.

Anzac Day Pairs Thursday 25 April. This is a walk in event and play begins at 10am.

Hedgerow Pairs Thursday 9 May. Pre-entry is required

North Island Teams May 18-19

Rubber Bridge Play is against Club members in the initial rounds. Winners of the Auckland Heats plays off at Congress for a good prize. Entries close 19 April.

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♥ K 9 7
♦ A 9 8 7 2
♣ A K

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♠ 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. You will simply lose 3 spade tricks and the ♥K if it is in the East hand. If, however, spades are 5-2 then you could potentially lose 4 spade tricks and the ♥K.....unless you take precautions!

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

It is always important to work out a plan or strategy before you play to the first trick. A moments thought here should alert you to the danger and your contract will be successful.

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

Seating

Unless specifically granted an exemption to sit in a particular direction by the Director, please toss a coin before play and the winner of the toss is to sit North South.

EFTPOS

The first three months of EFTPOS were a success and we hope that members will continue using the service. EFTPOS is available for annual subs, bulk tickets and at the Bar and Kitchen. The Club also welcomes bank transfers for larger items.

Who am I ?

Last month we carried two biographies on and asked you to guess the identities of our mystery members.

If you can't wait for the next newsletter for the answers (yes that's you Richard Stuart), you can check on the website (*Blog Members Only* of the Members section). Or you can wait until next month's newsletter for the answers.

Mystery member #1 is vibrant 92 years young Sue Durling, a regular Club and Tournament attendee (photo 2013)



Mystery member #2 (photo circa 1958), the Club's Vice President



Mystery member #3

All of our members are fabulously talented individuals, but this lady stands out from the crowd. Her parents provided her with a firm grounding in the culture of her home country. Her father, a furniture maker, moved to Malaysia.

Twenty years ago he then decided to emigrate to NZ to be in an English speaking country. He brought his family and our member's son and daughter with him to NZ. Our member flourished both in her home country and NZ as a gifted pianist, soprano and conductor of beautifully crafted choral pieces. She attended elite music colleges in her home country.

Her name means *season child* in her native language, and her first name is not pronounced the way it is spelt in English. She enjoys her bridge and has earned her recent successes at the tournament tables.

Mystery member #4

Travelling overland from Scotland to Rhodesia, this member's mum had an unplanned two decade stopover less than half way into the trip. Trouble followed our member: after stints in Libya, Malta and Lebanon, she arrived for the infamous 1981 Springbok NZ tour.

A focus on dominoes and backgammon kept her (and NZ) out of trouble but she eventually turned to bridge, having sworn never to follow in her parent's footsteps.

Her third husband, perhaps NZ's most successful international Bridge player to date, lost their last few pennies at the Bridge tables in London, but a kindly soul gave them credit.

They established much more lucrative sports betting and horse racing syndicates, and returned to NZ in 2003. She was widowed a few months later, and has spent the last decade raising their three adopted children.