

President's Corner

I wish all our Club members who are representing New Zealand in Hong Kong and/or Bali shortly every success. They are Jan Cormack, Glenis Palmer, Linda Cartner, Douglas Russell, Neil Stuckey and Christine Wilson. Keep in touch with their progress at <http://www.hkcba.org/apbf/2013/>.

The WTV Country of Origin Teams event is on June 22, so get your teams organised and remember NZ is divided into North and South Islands. It is a fun event and is good for some patriotic banter among club members.

A big thank you to all those club members who brought morning teas at our recent major events: your contributions helped to ensure each event was a success.

Russell

Braille cards

The 60 packs of braille cards have arrived. We thank Remuera Z owner Tony Burnet for the \$577 donation, photographed beside Jan Ashwell (who did the organising for our Club). And an extra \$600 was kindly donated by other members to cover the full cost of the cards.



Coming events

8 Jun Top Clubs Teams playoff. Our Club reps for this event are:-

Junior	Intermediate	Open
Anne Barrowclough	Anthony Hopkins	Julie Atkinson
Dave Garrett	Martin Jacques	Patrick Carter
Denise Mayhew	Setsuko Leichtnecker	Trudy Lange
Richard Stuart	Pru Robertson	Margaret Somers

Thu 13 Jun Lesley Porter Trophy 8B Pairs sponsored by Remuera Rise.

Sat 22 Jun World TV COUNTRY OF ORIGIN 10A TEAMS

WTV, providers of news and programming in Chinese, Korean and Japanese, invites you to a 10A Country of Origin teams event. The objective of this event is to promote bridge to



the Asian community. Hosted by Auckland Bridge Club, starts 9:30 am, entries close 20 June, fees \$100 per team, three sessions. Prize-giving and supper at the end of play. Entries must include names, country/island of birth and A points as at 30 April 2013.

WTV generously offer the following prizes:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd team, \$800 \$500 and \$300
- Best intermediate/junior team, \$300
- Best placed team with players having less than 100A points each, \$200
- Best placed team with players having less than 175A points each, \$200
- Best placed team with players having less than 250A points each, \$200
- Best placed team with players having less than 500A points each, \$200

If you are pre-registering online, please use the website Teams entry form and include the A points of your team in the Comments box.

Quiz Night spectacular

Pull out your diary and check Friday 12th July from 7:30. Places are limited and there will be plenty to keep you buzzing through the evening. Posters with more details, and how to book, will in the Club Rooms shortly, and on the news section of the website. The event was over-subscribed last year.

Call for more Standby players

John Collins, the Committee member who works tirelessly to provide a little bit of joy to those wanting to pop in for a casual game, needs more volunteers as Standbys, particularly for Friday AM, Monday AM and Wednesday EVE sessions.

The 'record' Standby success was a session when seven people arrived without a partner, making four complete extra pairs including the Standby.

Even dropping by occasionally is a big help. And if you play as a Standby you don't pay for that session and you receive a free session ticket for later. Don't delay, contact John Collins today!

1NT/1♣ openings reminder

Please keep on announcing your 1NT and 1♣ openings, which is now standard across NZ and

Australia. So for 1NT it is '12-14', '15-17' or whatever your partnership agreement is. You no longer need to alert short 1♣ bids because of the announcing. The announcement for 1♣ is '2 plus' or '3 plus' or '4 plus' to indicate what minimum length of the club suit (and for the big clubbers, 'Strong 16+' or 'Strong 15+' etc. to tell the opponents that it just shows a point count and what the minimum number of points is).

If you don't hear an announcement after a 1♣ or 1NT openings from your opponents, then regardless of whether you are interested in bidding please gently remind the opener's partner that they are supposed to announce.

Club trophies

You may already be aware of the work put in by Committee members Janet Barnard and Rhondda Sweetman to assemble the history of the Club's many trophies, which you can see at www.akbc.co.nz/trophies.html.

Sadly some trophies are missing and we would welcome information on their whereabouts:

- Adams Cup
- Akarana Cup
- Helen Blythe Salver
- Corbans Salver
- Pascoe Salver
- Ima Sayeagh Cup
- Utting Cup



Club Manager position

Our Club Manager Julie Atkinson retires in mid September, and many members have asked about progress with her replacement.

The Committee has decided to undertake a review of the longer term requirements, with the objective to reduce operational costs probably through further use of technology and enhanced processes and procedures.

The particular areas of interest are likely to be in automating ticketing and member payments, automating subscription management, automating tournament and event entries and streamlining day-to-day bookkeeping and fiscal activities.

If members feel they have the skills for a one month short term payable contract in this

area, please contact Anthony Hopkins. If there is limited interest by 15th June, the Club intends to advertise externally.

Improver classes

In response to the many requests made by members in the recent questionnaire, we are pleased to offer additional classes for improvers on Monday evenings 7:30-9:30 during July. The cost is \$20 per session or \$60 for all four. Please pre-register with the Club Office.

8 Jul	Doubles and redoubles	Julie Atkinson
15 Jul	Stayman and transfers	Christine Wilson
22 Jul	Pre-emptive bidding	Julie Atkinson
29 Jul	Revision	Christine Wilson

Sound, audio visual and network expertise

The Club needs to keep up with the times and introduce improved sound and projection facilities as teaching aids, to help with the presentation of results and to give a better bang for our sponsors' dollars. Any members with technical skills in this area, please contact the Anthony Hopkins. A budget has been set aside for the upgrades which is the proceeds from Quiz Nights.

Recent major event results

Waitemata 8B 27 April

2nd Rosemary Matskows/ Leslie Watt

4th David Mitchell/ Sharon Stretton

Intermediate

1st Pauline Mulligan/ Jane Snow

Franklin 5B 4 May

Intermediate

4th Sharon Marryatt /Anthony Wilson

5th Anthony Hopkins/ Pru Robertson

Hedgerow 8B 9 May

1st Anthony Hopkins/ Anisia Shami

2nd Tracey Lewis/ Kate Terry

4th Peer Bach/ Setsuko Lichtnecker

Intermediate

1st Sharon Marryatt/ Anthony Wilson

2nd Sue Durling/ Marie Rice

Howick 5A 11 May

3rd John Buckleton/ Faith Tislevoll

4th Peer Bach/ Setsuko Lichtnecker

Intermediate 5B

1st Terri-Ann Scorer/ Alan Walpole

New Plymouth 11 May

Swiss 5th Pairs 2nd Julie Atkinson/ Patrick Carter

North Island Teams 18-19 May

4th Christine Wilson/ Neil Stuckey/ Trevor Robb/
Andrew Janisz

East Coast Bays 25 May

Intermediate 5B

2nd Ngare Brown/ Gynis McNicoll

3rd Anthony Wilson/ David
Scarborough

Junior 3B

4th Terri Ann Scorer/ Alan Walpole



Queen's Birthday Congress 1-3 Jun

10A Pairs 1 Jun

1st John Khouri/ Sylvester Riddell

2nd Jan Cormack/ Susan Humphries

8B Pairs 1 Jun

1st Inter'te Frances Ball/ Sue Wedde
(2nd overall)

3rd overall Joan Hunter/ Cynthia Singh

1st Junior Chris Fitzgerald/ Angie Fitzgerald

Teams 10A 2-3 Jun

2nd Pam Canning/ Kathrin

Boardman/ Kathy Yule/ Ken Yule

3rd Christine Wilson/ Neil Stuckey/

Paula Boughy/ Duncan Badley

6th Allan Morris/ Bev Morris/ Trudy Lange/ Margaret
Somers

Intermediate Teams

1st Anne Barrowclough/ Richard
Stuart/ Dave Garrett/ Denise Mayhew

8B Mon Pairs

4th Jeffrey Luh/ Hank Ping

5th Sylvester Riddell/ Mark Robertson



Intermediate

1st Pauline Mulligan/
Cheryl Parsons

Junior

1st Dave Garrett/
Deborah Tangney

2nd Nicolette Bartoli/ Wendy
McEntegart



*The pictures are some but not all
of our Queen's Birthday Congress
winners.*

InterClub after 4 rounds 24 May

Junior 1st Auckland - Burrows

Junior 2nd Auckland - Tangney

Intermediate 2nd Auckland - Mulligan

Intermediate 5th Auckland - Brown

Open 5th Auckland - Ewart

Some Club events results

Matchpoint Pairs Wed AM ended 8 May

Section 1

1st Margaret Harkness/ Penny McRobie

2nd Anne Gelb/ Bobbie Greenwood

3rd Gwenyth Cameron/ Allan Smith

Section 2

1st Claire Schafer/ Joan Waygood

2nd Joan Beagle/ Audrey Berman

3rd Vivienne Redding/ Peta Woodward

Championship Pairs ended 10 May

Section 1 Fri AM

1st Joan Hunter/ Neville Thomas

2nd Janet Pezaro/ Wendy Walsh

3rd Billie French/ Diana Smith

Section 2 Fri AM

1st Barbara Glenie/Maureen Hooker

2nd Vivienne Redding/Anne Satterthwaite

3rd Jan Brown/Beverly Gentles

Fri PM upstairs

1st Marie Ewbank/ Penny McRobie

2nd Anne Gelb/ Jennifer Perkins

3rd Bev Morris/ Anisia Shami

Autumn Pairs Wed EVE ended 22 May

1st Don Fairley/ Susan Nunweek

2nd Ian Handricks/ John Wilson

3rd Gay Dykes/ Lorraine O'Shannessey

Topia Tankard Mon AM ended 27 May

Donated in 1990 by Neal Topia,
President 1988-89.

1st Brett Hart/ Joan Hunter

2nd Setsuko Lichtnecker/ Shirley Pedersen

3rd Barbara Hornblow/ Nolene Martin



Queen's Birthday Pairs Wed AM 29 May

Section 1

1st Gay Bradbury/ Leslie Watt

2nd Anne Gelb/ Jennifer Perkins

3rd Judith Chandler/ Trudy Lange

Section 2

1st Graham Mitchell/ Sue Sundberg

2nd Ann Wilson/ Vera Woollerton

3rd Miriam Field/ Claire Schafer

Fundraiser 26 May

The fundraiser scramble, organised by Patrick Carter and Tracey Lewis for Christine Wilson, was a great success with 84 players.

The scramble format is seeded into sections for stronger, medium and developing players

competing against one another as individuals, playing three boards with nine different partners each. It's a great way to meet lots of different players: the key to success may include very simple partnership agreements!

The event raised \$3,500 so a big thank you to all club members and visitors who supported the event.

The raffle and donations of many special silent auction items contributed hugely to the success of the event. We have space to mention one donor which provided all kinds of fabulous gifts and bouquets, <http://www.edibleblooms.co.nz>.



Prizes were awarded to the person nearest 50% in each section, and to section winners. Jennifer Peryer lead the field with 65.4%.

	Section A	Section B	Section C
1 st	Bob Ward	Robin Hardley Shirley Pedersen	Jennifer Peryer
2 nd	Allan Morris		Sandra Chalmers
3 rd	Anthony Hopkins	Mila Hill	Heather Jack

Probabilities

Pattern	Probability
4-4-3-2	21.6%
5-3-3-2	15.5%
5-4-3-1	12.9%
5-4-2-2	10.6%
4-3-3-3	10.5%
6-3-2-2	5.6%
6-4-2-1	4.7%
6-3-3-1	3.5%
5-5-2-1	3.2%
4-4-4-1	3.0%
7-3-2-1	1.9%
6-4-3-0	1.3%
5-4-4-0	1.2%

In total 39 hand patterns are possible, but only 13 of the combinations occur in more than one in one hundred hands. The 4-4-3-2 pattern, which occurs in more than one in five hands, is the most common and consists of two four-card suits, a three-card suit and a doubleton.

In this context the Club Office wishes to remind members that one working day of notice is required for the ordering of tickets before they are available for pickup beside the Bar.

New telephone numbers

Allen Bill	270 1019
Allen Nonon	520 2901
Barry Rosemary	528 6234
Benfell Stephanie	570 5600
Botting Deidre	575 4641
Brake Robert	092 353 791
Brown Jenny	520 0398
Bryant Sue	622 1471
Buselich Jim	589 1383
Canning Pam	522 4951
Caughy Leigh	337 0006
Coltman Janet	578 0595
Coltman Ross	578 0595
Davis Barbara	522 8366
Dickinson Trudy	021 388 892
Erdos Helen	574 6999
Frankham Bruce	379 3696
Green Sheryl	638 6456
Greig Penny	360 0093
Harris Eileen	021 521 079
Hawkes Julie	950 6129
Howard Judy	521 7091
Khouri John	579 7686
Lo George	950 6626
McCallig Patricia	527 0860
Melhuish Glenys	525 0140
Mellow Cary	523 0573
Miller Anne	522 6740
Moselen Lee	021 646 779
Peters Vaughan	376 9590
Pomeroy Pat	578 0779
Rutledge Helen	528 6318
Savidan Val	522 4380
Shentova Sally	550 8601
Stacey Cynthia	524 0771
Strickett Shirley	817 6569
Stuckey Mike	473 8778
Tokley Barbara	638 6516
Vernon Jenny	524 0441
Weijermars John	263 0082
Welch John	027 566 6846
Welch Lorraine	027 446 2035
Wilson Anthony	372 7678
Young Trish	021 979 303

Tickets reminder

The '10 for 9' bulk tickets have definitely been a success since their introduction at the start of this year.

As we all know, the busiest time for the Club Office is the thirty minutes before a session starts. Chaos with players needing partners, lost partners, traffic jams and late partners, taxis, lunches to order and un-order, things to discuss and friends to greet.