

## Coming events

4 Jul Thu 8B Pairs sponsored by Remuera Rise 9:45  
8 Jul Mon Improvers lessons start 7:30  
11 Jul Thu Beginners lessons 1:00  
12 Jul Fri Quiz Night 7:30  
8 Aug Thu Pairs 8B sponsored by Remuera Rise  
31 Aug Billie Tohill Open Pairs  
31 Aug Billie Tohill Intermediate Pairs

## Quiz Night spectacular 12 Jul 7:30

This is a fun night so get your friends together and come and join us. Angie



Fitzgerald is the Quiz master and she has compiled a list of questions that will tease your brain cells into some sort of action on the night.

<http://www.islandescapecruises.com/>

During the evening a short live auction will be held. As well as the cruise kindly donated by Island Escape Cruises you will have the opportunity to bid for the right to play with a Gold and two Silver Grandmasters, as well as a pamper pack for those who like to occasionally be indulgent!

## Club Manager position update

As advised in last month's newsletter, the Committee has decided to investigate the further use of technology and possible changes to processes and procedures at the Club.

Nine people applied for the temporary contract role and we are delighted to advise you that Anne Barrowclough is the successful candidate.

Anne is a Club member, keen Junior player and has extensive experience in smaller businesses and the not-for-profit sector. She starts in early July and we plan, as a result of her work, to be able to advertise for a Club manager in August.

We have had expressions of interest in the eventual manager's role from a number of people and will notify members when advertising commences.

## Defibrillator

Nine people including staff recently attended the St John's Ambulance defibrillator course. We'd like to thank the two members who generously donated the equipment.

## Sound, audio visual and network

We mentioned in last month's newsletter that the Club needs to keep up with the times and install improved

sound and projection facilities to assist teaching, to help with the presentation of results and management of events, and to promote our kind sponsors who make so many activities possible. The installation of the equipment begins in July in the upstairs and downstairs bridge rooms.

## On hold

A planned lick of paint for the lift stairwell and possibly other parts of the building is on hold. Auckland Council has asked about the building's seismic capabilities and there may be a need to drill a hole or two.

## Lessons

The next beginners' ten lesson course costs \$120 and starts on Thu 11 Jul 13:00-14:45. The classes follow a programme based on four card majors and a weak no trump. The Club runs four sets of beginners' courses: the last for 2013 starts 23 Aug.

And Monday evenings 7:30-9:30 during July, \$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

## Recent tournaments results

*13 Jun 8B*

3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Bach, Setsuko Lichtnecker

*15 Jun, Waitemata Pairs*

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Tarbuck, Barry Palmer

2<sup>nd</sup> John Buckleton, Owen Camp

*22 Jun, WTV Teams*

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Cormack, Malcolm Mayer, Grant Jarvis, Michael Ware

*29 Jun, Howick 3A*

1<sup>st</sup> John Buckleton, Faith Tislevoll

2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Palmer, Neil Stuckey

## InterClub after 5 rounds 28 June

Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Auckland - Burrows

Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Auckland - Tangney

Intermediate 4<sup>th</sup> Auckland - Mulligan

Intermediate 5<sup>th</sup> Auckland - Brown

Open 3<sup>rd</sup> Auckland - Ewart

## Some Club results

*Tue EVE Championship Teams Jun 4*

1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Gyde, Brian Ashwell, Rhondra Sweetman, Sue Wedde

2<sup>nd</sup> Janet Barnard, Anthony Hopkins, Pru Robertson, Mike Cooper

3<sup>rd</sup> Allan Morris, Bev Morris, Sylvester Riddell, John Khouri

*Tue EVE Caddy Cup after 4 rounds Jun 11*

1<sup>st</sup> Janet Barnard, Anthony Hopkins

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Bach, Setsuko Lichtnecker

3<sup>rd</sup> John Khouri, Sylvester Riddell

*Tue EVE Caddy Filler Cup after 4 rounds Jun 11*

1<sup>st</sup> Tracey Lewis, Sharon Marryatt

2<sup>nd</sup> Marilen Dixon, Cheryl Yagmich

3<sup>rd</sup> Brett Hart, Don Murray

*Winter Pairs Wed AM Section 1 Jun 19*

1<sup>st</sup> Birgita Muller, Susan Horn

2<sup>nd</sup> Miriam Hobbs, Liz Ware

3<sup>rd</sup> Rineke Mansell, Bev Morris



*Winter Pairs Wed AM Section 2 Jun 19*

1<sup>st</sup> Paula Urlich, Peggy Carter

2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Melhuish, Peg Champtaloup

3<sup>rd</sup> Desiree Sheahan, Jacqui Furniss

*Matchpoint Pairs Wed EVE Jun 19*

1<sup>st</sup> Leif Hakansson, Richard Parkinson

*Championship Teams Thu EVE Jun 6*

1<sup>st</sup> Christine Wilson, Neil Stuckey, Kate Terry, Mike Stuckey

2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Watt, Nola Clark, Julie Atkinson, Peter McTaggart

3<sup>rd</sup> Laurel Webb, Bob Ward, Racheal Coughy, Sue Burns

*President's Pairs Fri AM Jun 7*

1<sup>st</sup> Jan Brown, Brett Hart

2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Horn, Rosemary Matskows

3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Hunter, Tracey Lewis

*Heighway Tankard Fri PM Jun 7*

1<sup>st</sup> Pauline Andrews, Judith Chandler

2<sup>nd</sup> = Anne Gelb, Trudy Lange

2<sup>nd</sup> = Roy Ballard, Don Hayward

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From the late Peter Cook, comedian and party person: *I have learned from my mistakes and I am sure I can repeat them exactly.*

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Four friends are playing bridge at home, and one receives an emergency call and has to leave. Ignoring the plight of their friend, the desperate three coerce a passing postman into playing. After a minute of instruction on the rules of bridge, the postman dealt and six eyes turned eagerly onto the newcomer. He opened four clubs. Second hand doubled and this was passed back to the postman who bid four diamonds. Second hand again doubled, and again it was passed back to the postman where he offered four

hearts. This time fourth hand doubled and our dear postie completed his bidding with "and the nine of spades" ...  
*[editor's note: if you are still bemused, postie was 4 4 4 1].*



WTV teams

## Probabilities

If there are 39 hand patterns possible from 13-0-0-0 to 4-3-3-3, how long is your longest suit likely to be? Did you know that having a five card suit is more likely than a four card suit?

Longest	Odds
4 card	35.1%
5 card	44.3%
6 card	16.6%
7 card	3.5%
8 card	0.5%
9+ card	0.03%

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*My partner wasn't himself today: I noticed the improvement immediately.*

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## Dear Mary: should I pretend to do anything other than play bridge?

[Mary Killen](#) 15 June 2013 *The Spectator*

**Q.** Is it acceptable to admit that you don't "do" anything? Or should one pretend to be writing a book or attending a course or some such? I am afraid I just play bridge all day and sometimes I even go abroad to do it.

— Name and address withheld

A. So long as you are not playing the game online, and have to get yourself up and dressed and go out and about to play, then freely admit to it. Those in religious orders who 'just' pray have no qualms about admitting it. The mental gym aspects of bridge-playing could accredit it as a positive intellectual exercise. Bridge can also be praised because it promotes social cohesion of the sort not revolving around vested interests. Many friendships are symbiotic — based on shared school runs or job advancement — but bridge allows you to meet friends from a wider, less predictable sphere. If you feel guilty about not generating commercial gain from your activity, then assuage your conscience by giving the occasional lesson for which you charge.

## President's postcard

Russell is on a nine week Australian and European jaunt: it's a hard life, but someone has to do it. And there must be postal delays as we have not received his holiday postcard yet!