

Coming events

- 8 Aug Thu 8B Pairs sponsored by Remuera Rise
- 17 Aug Sat President's Night (drinks, dinner, social bridge)
- 31 Aug Sat Pairs sponsored by bloom™, Billie Tohill 3A and Tudor Biggs Rosebowl 5B
- 15 Sep Sun Annual General Meeting

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Annual General Meeting

Please make a special effort to attend and participate in the decision making and management of our Club: Sun 15 Sep 2013 at 10:30 (morning tea from 10:00).

A major topic is the Club's five year plan. The Committee would very much encourage participation from members in these important discussions.

The AGM also selects the Club's Officers and Committee and considers the financial accounts.

Quiz Night raised \$7,000

Supreme quiz master Angie Fitzgerald and organiser Tracey Lewis set up a fabulous event which was again sold out and raised about



\$7,000 for special projects

at our Club. The highlight was the auction for a six night Bay of Islands luxury cruise, generously presented by Island Escape and valued at over \$6,000.

Club manager position

Our consultant has produced a set of draft ideas linked to the Club's five year plan and we expect the Committee to

make initial decisions based on the suggestions by mid August.

Sound, audio visual and network

The installation of the equipment upstairs and downstairs is nearly complete and it should:-

- help sponsors get better value for money
- provide WiFi in the Club rooms for members to use
- aid bridge teaching
- increase the variety of social events we can hold at the Club
- let members play their own music and videos
- improve the opportunities to rent the Club rooms

Surplustronics, located at the top end of Queen Street, supplied the Club's audio visual systems. This is a serious store for anything concerned with sound, lighting, electronics, electrical, DJ and studio gear, leads, cables, plugs, connectors, adaptors, stands, racks, brackets, bags and more!



Lessons

The Improvers classes were so popular that a further two classes are planned for 7:30-9:30 as below:

- Mon 12 Aug *Doubles that ask partner to bid*
- Mon 19 Aug *Doubles that ask partner to be quiet*

About 6-9 tables attended each session – some frequent Club players, some emerging from the beginners' classes and some who don't play at the Club very often but play at home.

The Thursday afternoon beginners' class has started, and the Monday evening beginners' class will start Mon 26 Aug, also 7:30-9:30.

Recent tournaments results

Thu 4 Jul 8B sponsored by Remuera Rise

- 2nd Brett Hart, Rosemary Matskows
- 3rd Alan Dormer, Peer Bach

Top Intermediates and 4th Jan Brown, Miriam Field

Mt Albert 5B Pairs 6 Jul

- 1st Martin Jacques, Anthony Wilson
- 2nd Pru Robertson, A Hopkins

Mt Albert 3A Pairs 6 Jul

- 1st Julie Atkinson, Patrick Carter
- 2nd Linda Cartner, Glenis Palmer
- 3rd Barry Palmer, Andrew Tarbutt

North Shore Restricted 8B 13 Jul

- 3rd Wayne Benefield, Anthony Wilson

Main Centre Pairs 10A 20 Jul

- 2nd Douglas Russell, Steve Boughey
- 5th Patrick Carter, Alan Dormer

Main Centre Teams 10A 21 Jul

- 1st Patrick Carter, Julie Atkinson, Barry Jones, Jenny Millington

North Island Pairs 15A 27 Jul

- 4th Douglas Russell, Chris Ackerly

InterClub after 6 rounds 26 Jul

- Junior 1st Auckland - Burrows 118
- Junior 2nd Auckland - Tangney close 116
- Intermediate 3rd Auckland - Mulligan
- Open 2nd Auckland – Ewart

Lift

The lift is designed to be used following the instructions posted inside the lift. It is breaking down because people are not following these instructions. Please do not force the door open nor force it to close as this will cause the lift to break down. Each maintenance visit costs several hundred dollars. The manufacturer is Cibes from Sweden: if anyone knows of any qualified service agents please could you contact the Club Office.

Common bridge sayings

- Excellent --- a four board phantom
- I can always count on my partner to remember our agreements
- Partner, if I agree with you then we'd both be wrong
- I don't feel like bridge today, I'd rather pay my bills and do my housework
- I think my annual New Zealand Bridge levy is really good value for money

- One thing you can say about Bridge players is that they have tremendous fashion sense
- Our Club is always the right temperature: never too hot nor too cold

Boring but important

We remind all members that we all want to enjoy our bridge and there are a few simple steps we can all take to help:

- Toss a coin for seating: winners sit North South unless granted a specific exemption by the Director, or if instructed otherwise by the Director
- Please always be polite and welcoming to everybody, and especially to less confident players
- When there are multiple sections running, please sit in the section which best reflects the skills and capabilities of your partnership
- If things go a little wrong, call the Director early, clearly and patiently: the Director will sort it out, you do not need to do this
- Keep announcing your 1 Club and 1 No trump openings
- Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of a session
- Give less experienced players plenty of space and time: the Director will also be keeping an eye on their progress
- If you are on lead, lead before writing down contract details: this allows declarer and your partner to consider the hand, and not wait for you
- As interesting as it might be to discuss a previous hand, please resist the temptation to dive into too much detail

Some Club results

Mon AM Jubilee Cup 15 Jul donated 1982

- 1st Birgita Muller, Shirley Pedersen
- 2nd Joan Waygood, Linda Gray
- 3rd Joan Hunter, Setsuko Lichtnecker

Tue EVE Swiss pairs 9 Jul Section 1

- 1st John Khouri, Sylvester Riddell
- 2nd Allan and Bev Morris
- 3rd Mike Cooper, Pru Robertson

Tue EVE Winter Pairs 9 Jul Sec 2

- 1st Gordon Gray, Richard Parkinson
- 2nd Pat Milliner, Brenda Shenken
- 3rd Alma Priest, Margaret Green

Wed EVE Pauline Weatherby Trophy 17 Jul donated in 1994 by Pauline, a former Club Secretary

- 1st Denise Mayhew, Dave Garrett
- 2nd Bryan Peryer, Jennifer Peryer
- 3rd Bob Gibbons, Peter Hensman

Thu EVE Shackelford Mixed Pairs 11 Jul, HW Shackelford was made Life Member in 1947 and President 1951-1953

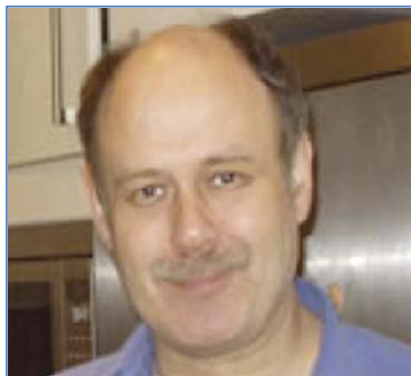
- 1st Allan and Bev Morris
- 2nd Peer Bach, Setsuko Lichtnecker
- 3rd Margaret Somers, Stephen Rogers

Fri AM Littlewood Pairs 12 Jul Sec 1

- 1st Joan Hunter, Brett Hart
- 2nd Susan Horn, Trudy Lange
- 3rd Yvonne Purvis, Rosemary Matskows

Fri AM Littlewood Pairs 12 Jul Sec 2

- 1st Pat Callam, Linda Gray
- 2nd Vera Woollerton, Anne Cartwright
- 3rd Anne Satterthwaite, Georgie Lockhart



Lionel Wright (1953-2003)

A new arrival to the Club garden is a wooden bench in memory of Lionel Wright, who played at our Club for many years and represented NZ in five world championships. Lionel won the gold medal in the 1990 World Continuous Pairs, and many other titles. He is the inventor of the Lionel Convention, a no trump defence used by some of our more experienced players. The bench was donated by his wife Anisia and their three children.

Bridge insults

- A player exclaims that her 'hair has a mind all of its own today': her

partner thanked her for letting her know where it had been

- After the game, 'Thanks partner, we must play against each other again sometime'
- Comment to a card peeper 'Do you mind if I look at them first?'
- Half way through a hand and pondering a killingly effective card, partner bellows 'just play, you are irrelevant'. After a pause she adds '... to this hand'.
- Lawyer to partner: if you are ever accused of being a bridge player in a court of law, I will defend you for free
- Partner, every day you play worse and worse, but today you are playing like it next year
- Partner, how should I have played that hand? Under an assumed name
- Playing North and going one off in 4S, South notices from the computer hand analysis that South can make 4S but North only 3S. She can't resist ... 'partner, it doesn't matter where you sit, you can't make game from anywhere'
- Putting dummy down, 'thanks partner, but where's the hand you bid?'
- Sometimes I feel like letting my partner know that he is allowed to look at dummy
- To a very slow player 'Lead while we're still young'
- Player tears a small piece of paper from score pad and says to partner 'write down everything you know about bridge'
- Partner, I can see you learnt to play recently: exactly what time was it today?

President's corner

I am back from visiting family and friends in Australia and England, as well as an enjoyable holiday in Turkey and Greece. While I have been away the Quiz Night was very successful and a big thank you to Tracey Lewis and Angie Fitzgerald for organising this popular event. The AV equipment will be operating soon, so also thanks to Anthony Hopkins for organising.