

# Auckland Bridge Club

## July 2017 Newsletter

### Please Support

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- ♥ **Quiz night Friday 28 July. Put together a table of 8 – 10 for a night of fun, fellowship and some fundraising.**
- ♥ Individual Bridge Tournament – 30 July to support NZ Youth Bridge Squad
- ♥ Billets required NZ Bridge Youth weekend 18/19 August.

### Coming up Soon

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Grace Joel 8B Thursday Pairs	10 August
Interclub	18 August
Billie Tohill 3A Pairs	2 September
Tudor Rosebowl – Intermediate Pairs	2 September
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### Highlights

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#### May 2017

**Hat Day** on 15 May added a dash of pizzazz to Monday Bridge.

#### Interprovincial Results

**Seniors** - 1<sup>ST</sup> Bev and Alan Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Clark & Russell Watt

**Women** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Cartner & Glenis Palmer

**Intermediates** – 1<sup>ST</sup> Sue Cohen and Karen Smith

#### 8B Thursday Hedgerow

1<sup>st</sup> Peer Bach & Setsuko Lichtnecker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy McEntegart & Geo. **Top Junior** Lee Moselen & Peter Thompson. **Top Intermediate**- Marie Rice & Bobbi Greenwood

**East Coast Bays 5B** 1<sup>st</sup> Candace Doyle & Karen Smith

**Pink Ribbon Breakfast** - This fun occasion organised by Bev Morris and her team of helpers was attended by over 80 people and raised over \$3000.

#### June 2017

#### Queen's Birthday Congress

**Congress 10A Pairs** - 1<sup>st</sup> Geo Tislevoll & Michael Ware

**Congress 5B Pairs** – 1<sup>st</sup> Warren Cardno & Jill Patterson 3<sup>rd</sup> Jill Bignell & Takayo Yanagisawa

**Congress 10A Teams** – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Cormack, Michael Courtney, Sam Simpson & Jo Simpson

**Congress West End 3A pairs** – 1<sup>st</sup> Alma Kwan & Wayne Benefield

**8B Thursday Lesley Porter Salver** - 1<sup>st</sup> Neil Stuckey & Mike Curry, Winners Lesley Porter Salver – Marie Ewbank & Penny McRobie

**Club Individual** – Section winners - Heather Salmons and Mila Hill

**Waitemata Junior Pairs** 1<sup>st</sup> Dennis Watkinson & Partner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Takayo Yanagisawa & Julie Hawkes

**Howick 3A** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Bev Henton & Bev Guilford

#### July 2017

**Bruce McLaren Thursday 8B** 1<sup>st</sup> Graham Wakefield & Leah Andrews

**North Shore 8B Restricted** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Marryott and Christine Wilson. 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Smith and Candice Doyle

### Membership

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#### New Members

A very special welcome to new and returning members - John Kelly, Brett Abraham, Eleanor Hamilton, Muriel Cruickshank, Jan Meldrum, Anna Dunphy and Rosalind Vyle

#### Passed Away

**Sadly we said farewell to** - Pam Ryan (member approx 28 years) in June and Linda Gray (member over 31 years) in July.

#### Well Done - New Zealand Bridge certificates

Provincial Master -Diana Smith 3\*

Master - Jimmy Ching 1\*

Local Master - Rosemary Hardy 1\*, Margaret Harkness 9\*, Ming High, Miriam Hobbs 5\*, Mandy Kelly, Sunday Millar 7\*, Lynne Perkins 1\*, Liz Ware 6\*, Bianca van Rangelrooy 1\*

Club Master - Katherine Fraser

Certificate of Proficiency – Susan Lawrence, Elizabeth Edge

### Helper of the Month

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Some of you will have noticed the framed certificate on the wall designed and made by Jennifer and Bryan Peryer. This is updated as we try to recognise contributions made by club members. There are lots of members who make a quiet but important contribution to helping us run the club and we value all contributions.

#### Recipients to date

Jennifer & Bryan Peryer	creating the award
Peter Hensman	repairs and maintenance
Pat Milliner	regular cleaning of tablets
Gary Mansell	safety cone in car park

**A Big Thank You** for all those members with coughs and colds who have stayed home while they have been unwell.

### Education

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**Beginner Lessons** for 2017 have finished and we have welcomed these keen new players into our Monday evening novice group. After two weeks of play these new enthusiasts are doing well in the start of their club bridge. We look forward to seeing you join our club and enjoy the friendship and fellowship of the bridge club as you go on your bridge journey. A challenging but fascinating card game.

## Improvers

In July, we have held our second series of improver lessons and have been pleased to see 8 tables of keen players consolidating their No Trump and interference to No Trump under the excellent tutelage of Douglas Russell.

**Special Thank you** to all members who give up their time to help with lessons, improvers and novice groups. Mentoring new players helps make them more comfortable in the club environment, fosters enjoyment of this wonderful, challenging game as they start their bridge journey. We also must acknowledge those members who make themselves available to be a standby player and those who make time to come in when we make those last-minute phone calls.

## Partial Strip and End Play

North  
 ♠KQJ863  
 ♥T3  
 ♦53  
 ♣A76

South  
 ♠T97  
 ♥A865  
 ♦A8  
 ♣KJ52

South	West	North	East
1NT	(2D*)	3S**	P
4S	all pass		

1NT is 12 – 14

\*2D shows 4+D and 4+H in an opening hand

\*\*3S is invitational

- How do you play the hand on the lead of the 2 of hearts? The first step is to count your winners. It look like you have 9 tricks, 5 spades 2 clubs and 2 red aces. You need to

consider how to develop a 10<sup>th</sup> trick so you make your contract.

- It looks at first glance like you could finesse against the queen of clubs to develop a 10<sup>th</sup> trick. This is a 50% line, meaning it will fail 50% of the time when the finesse is not working. Can you do better?
- East is on lead with West having shown opening points with hearts and diamonds, East leads the 2 of hearts. An alternative line is called a strip and end play. You are hoping trumps are split 2:2 and can imagine these cards 5 tricks from the end.

North  
 ♠K  
 ♥  
 ♦5  
 ♣A76

South  
 ♠T  
 ♥  
 ♦8  
 ♣KJ5

- When you play the last diamond, West will be on lead if they keep their high diamonds.
- As you can see West cannot lead a spade as they are gone, a red card gives a ruff and discard to declarer, and a club gives a 100% finesse around to the Q. This line requires trumps be split 2:2 as you need a spade remaining in each hand so that the ruff and discard operates.
- It is worth looking for this kind of end position in each hand you declare as it comes up frequently and will lead you to change the way you play the cards from trick 1. If you rely on the club finesse you can just take the club finesse at any point and you either win or you lose. However, if you plan a strip and end play you will focus on eliminating your red cards by ruffing.
- The key skill involved is to count each suit as the hand plays; you know from the bidding that West has at least 4♥ and at least 4♦. If you imagine for a moment that the trumps split 2:2 and West has 4/4 in the reds you can hold a likely PICTURE of their whole hand in your head. You can imagine

west is 2443 (2 spades, 4 hearts, 4 diamonds, 3 clubs) once you do this you will notice that it provides a picture of East's hand who must be 2353. Because you can see the North / South hands you can estimate the count in each suit. It is well worth taking a couple of minutes counting after you see the lead before you touch a card each time you declare, sometimes you can tell exactly what shape each hand is and it provides a map to the play of the hand.

- If you picture West to be 2443 with 12 points then maybe they have Ax KJxx KQxx xxx or xx KQxx KQxx Qxx (East has an honour in hearts because they led the 2). Now you can develop the play of the hand from trick 1 to arrive at the end position you envisaged. Duck the first heart which West will win with the K, Q, or J. If West returns a heart or a spade you can get to the 5card ending you have envisaged by ruffing 2 hearts while you draw trumps.

Here is the whole hand

♠KQJ863  
 ♥T3  
 ♦53  
 ♣A76

♠4  
 ♥KJ97  
 ♦KQJ97  
 ♣Q83

♠A52  
 ♥Q42  
 ♦T642  
 ♣T94

♠T97  
 ♥A865  
 ♦A8  
 ♣KJ52

At trick 7 this is the hand (South is about to play the heart 6 and ruff it):

♠J86  
 ♥  
 ♦5  
 ♣A76

♠  
 ♥K  
 ♦KQJ  
 ♣Q83

♠5  
 ♥  
 ♦T64  
 ♣T94

♠T  
 ♥6  
 ♦8  
 ♣KJ52

- Declarer has seen West discard on the second spade lead so their initial hypothetical count of the hand that gave West 2443 has to be changed. West has 1 spade and 4 hearts so either 5 diamonds or 4 clubs 1453 or 1444. Also East has shown up with A spades and Q of hearts along with 3 hearts so for West to have their overcall they most certainly have the club queen. We know East does not have a diamond honour (they already showed up with 6 points) this last bit of information is important because once we have ruffed another heart we can exit a ♦ (play a ♦ for West to win) a diamond and know that West will have to win.
- We can place West with 1 spade KJxx in hearts KQJxx in diamonds and Qxx in clubs. 12 high card points. If you look at the diagram above, you will see that declarer cannot afford to draw the last trump. For the strip and end play to work both north and south must have a spade to ruff with. If we remove the spade T from dummy you will see that West can safely exit K diamonds and North must ruff leaving him with the club finesse which we have now worked out is doomed to fail. Since East cannot ruff a diamond with the 5 of spades on the play of North's last ♦ the partial strip is effective.

#### Defensive counter measures

- If West can predict the line of play declarer is taking they can often avoid it. When dummy goes down do you find yourself counting your defensive tricks? Sitting West on this hand when you see KJ52 of clubs in dummy you will be looking favourably on your queen of clubs. If declarer plays the club finesse you will make your Q and if declarer plays the J of clubs from dummy you must cover in case partner has 3 to the T. If you can see the danger at trick 1 you can take evasive action. It is worth thinking about why declarer is playing the way they are.
- Why doesn't declarer win the A of hearts? Surely, they are looking to ruff hearts in hand and preserve the A as an entry to do this at trick 3. If West finds themselves thinking this, then they know they must find a switch. The question is which suit to switch to? A club can't be right as that gives up the finesse. A trump is often right, for example, if it looks like declarer is looking to set up extra tricks by ruffing in the short hand. Here however, it appears declarer is looking to ruff in the long hand, so it seems unlikely that a trump will be effective. So at trick 2 West shifts to the K of diamonds forcing declarer to play the Ace of diamonds before they are ready. This attack on entries to dummy makes it harder for

declarer to ruff her hearts out. Additionally, when declarer plays a spade, which they must do to set up the end play, the defender with the A of spades can lead another diamond. This removes declarer's exit card and forces her to fall back on the club finesse.

*by Hamish Brown*

#### National Congress 2017

Hamilton, 19 Sep to 7 Oct. Events, some short some longer, designed to meet every bridge craving and levels of play. Check the website [www.nzbridge.co.nz/congress.html](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/congress.html) for details.

