

Auckland Bridge Club

July 2018 Newsletter

Mark in your Diary

North Island 20A Pairs	4/5 August
Grace Joel, Edmund Hilary	
Thursday 8B Pairs	9 August
Interclub	17 August
Billie Tohill 3A Pairs	1 September
Tudor Rosebowl 5B pairs	1 September
National Congress	29 Sep – 6 Oct

Membership

[Welcome to new and returning members](#) - Meg Fenton, Anthony Wilson, Sarah Caughey, Donna Barrett, Anne Norman, Penny Swarbrick, Stephanie Sayes, Sarah Caughey, Loretta Verry, Michelle Long, Ross Colville, Wendy Colville, Karen Holder, Christine Smith, Colin Chan, Geneva Chan, Harry Bhana, Verena Ruedi, Helen Wong, Helen Norris, Peter Goffin, Roger Wilkinson, Julie Nicholls, Joy Stevens, Anne Leonard, Janey Hay, Margot Moller, David Syder, John Mahoney, John Cockcroft, Eleanor Spencer, Maria Loverich, Margaret Watterson, Bruce Gulley – (welcoming 25 from beginner lessons)

[Sadly, we said farewell](#) to Anne Cartwright (34 years)

Helper of the Month

This month it is to a member who quietly did a job that just needed doing. Anthony is our go to man for help with the website and scoring issues on NZ Bridge.

[Anthony Hopkins](#) Website and NZ bridge updates

2019 Programme Book

The [work on this book](#) is in hand

1. Any changes in contact details, please contact the
2. Do you know anyone who might be interested in sponsoring an advertisement, an event or a tournament?

Improver Lessons

A set of 10 lessons aimed at Junior and Novice players with tutor Douglas Russell
Starting Thursday 30 August

1. Stayman
2. Blackwood
3. General play techniques
4. Play in NT contracts
5. Play in suit contracts
6. Opening leads
7. Signals and discards
8. General defensive play
9. Minimum, Invitational and Game Force bids
10. More on doubles



[Check website or club noticeboards for details](#)

2018 Club Results

June

June Swiss Pairs SA	TUES PM	Jimmy Ching & George Lo
June Pairs Section SB	TUES PM	Hugh Coughley & Ray Kingston
June Pairs Section SA	WED A,	Elaine and Bruce Fisher
June Pairs Section SB	WED AM	Peter Hoskin & Kathrin Fraser
June Pairs	WED PM	Leif Hakansson & Richard Parkinson
June Pairs	THUR PM	Trudy Lange & Brent Mandel
June Pairs SA	FRI AM	Heather Robertson & Sharon Marryatt
June Pairs SB	FRI AM	Sue Sundberg & Mary Swaffield
Helen Blyth Salver	FRI PM	Neil Stuckey & Julie Atkinson

Tournament Results

July

Logan Campbell 8B Swiss Pairs -1st Anisia Shami & Mike Curry, Top Intermediate Pair – Jan Ashwell & Juliet Rowe

Howick 5B -3rd Heather Robertson & Wayne Smith, 4th Jessica Morris & Lee Moselen

Hamilton 5A teams – 1st Julie Atkinson, Patrick Carter & team mates Liz and Barry, 3rd Linda Cartner & team mates Grant, Jo and Sam

North Shore 8B Restricted. -1st Douglas Russell & Jenny, 3rd Anthony Hopkins & Martin Jacques

ANRC regional 10A Teams- 2nd Anisia Shami, Owen Camp, Mike Curry and Pam Canning

Matamata 5A Pairs - 2nd Russell Wilson & Patrick Carter



Best Intermediate Pair Jan and Juliet

Rules, Protocol and Etiquette

We have just given our new novice group a very **simplified talk** about rules, protocol and etiquette and we thought it worthy of a mention to all our members. — notes by Douglas Russell – more detail in the 2017 Laws of Bridge.

THE LAWS OF BRIDGE

- ♣ These are designed so that everyone follows the rules of the game
- ♣ Breaches of the laws include things like making an insufficient bid, leading out of turn, revoking, etc
- ♣ There are fixed penalties for breaching the laws
- ♣ In any case, the Director should be called and will rule on what happens
- ♣ Somewhat less obvious are things like a failure to alert, taking advantage of unauthorised information (like a long pause in the bidding or defence), etc
- ♣ Again, the Director should be called and will rule

PROTOCOL AT THE TABLE

- ♠ The **Stop Card** is used when you make a bid above the lowest you could have
 - Eg, Right Hand Opponent bids 1♣ and you want to bid 2♥
 - The correct procedure is to place the Stop Card in front of your Left Hand Opponent, make your bid, count to 10 and then remove the Stop Card
 - Your opponent must wait until you remove the Stop Card before bidding
- ♠ The **Alert Card** is used when you make a bid which is artificial and whose meaning you have agreed with your partner, but may not be obvious to the opponents
 - Eg, your partner bids 1NT and you make a *transfer bid* of 2♥ to show 5+ ♠
 - The correct procedure is for the partner of the player making the artificial bid to place the Alert Card in the middle of the table so that everyone can see it
 - Your opponent whose turn it is to bid may then ask what the bid means, after which you may remove the Alert Card
- ♠ The **bidding** (cards or written) must stay on the table until the opening lead is made
- ♠ The opening lead should be made face down
- ♠ The opponents may ask questions about the bidding before the opening lead is faced

- ♠ Put down the dummy, properly arranged: trumps on Dummy's right, high cards at the top, enough space behind to put played cards
- ♠ Cards played stay face up until the leader to next trick turns hers over

ETIQUETTE AT THE TABLE

Under no circumstances enter into an argument with your partner or opponents!!

- ♦ Try to avoid giving any unauthorised information by your body language.
- ♦ While your partner may not draw inferences from this, the opponents may (and will!)
- ♦ Do not detach a card from your hand before it is your turn to play
- ♦ Do not rearrange your hand during the play if you become void in a suit.
- ♦ Above all, be courteous and *enjoy!*

Pink Ribbon Breakfast

On the 25th of July the Pink Ribbon breakfast was hugely successful event. The excellent breakfast was sponsored and superbly served by **Lisa Blake**. The fashion parade sponsored by **Joy of Botany Downs "Taking Shape"** and modelled with style by **Jess, Jane and Karen**. **Angie and Chris** provided lovely goodie bags and overall a **team of helpers** made it such a fun event. This sociable breakfast held before our Wednesday bridge session raised about \$2,800 for Pink Ribbon Research.

