

Auckland Bridge Club May 2018 Newsletter

Mark in your Diary

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| Interclub | 18 May |
| ANRC Club Teams | 26 May |
| Queen's Birthday Congress | 2 - 4 June |

Membership

[Welcome to new members](#) - Anne Cooper and Michael Cooper

Database Changes

A big thank you to those who email in their changes in address, phone and email accounts. It certainly helps with the communication channels.

Congratulations for their NZ Bridge Awards

Life Master - Anthony Hopkins, Setsuko Lichtnecker;
provincial master - Jeremy Hoskin-Fraser, Dave Garrett

Master - John O'Connor, Stephen Goodman, Tony Jiang, Julia Zhu

Local Master - Audrey Berman, Maureen Bray, Raoul Daroux, Jane Hayward, Lee Moselen, Takayo Yanagisawa

Club Master - Richard Doull, Jann Geddis, Darshani Jayasinghe, Sheena McCormack, Barbara Tokley

Certificate of Proficiency - Ian Bartram, Robert Bisacre, Camilla Dunand, Margaret Foote, Barbara Hodson, Jacque Jonson, Bronwyn MacKenzie, Sharon Prichard, Sue Wakelin, Murray Weatherston, Adrienne Webb, Wendy Williams

Well Done

Apologies for these late acknowledgements

Congratulations to Allan Morris, Chairperson of New Zealand Bridge. Allan has given years of wonderful service to the Auckland Bridge Club is now working to the greater good of Bridge for all New Zealand.

Congratulations to Douglas Russell. His latest accomplishment is to be the non-playing captain of the New Zealand Youth team going to China

Helper of the Month

This month it is to a member who quietly did a job that just needed doing. We hope you appreciate the efforts to upgrade the cards in the bidding boxes and do your bid to keep them tidy!

Judith Chandler Upgrading all the bidding boxes

Bridge Club Manager

Are you interested? – This vacancy has occurred as Clare resigned in April, as the position did not suit her. The position has been advertised but If you are interested in this position or know anyone who might be suitable contact Anne Barrowclough.

2018 Club Results

April

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| April Pairs | MON AM | Heather Robertson & Jan Bennett |
| Kensington Swan Teams S-A | TUES PM | Mark Robertson, Mike Dunn, John Khouri, Sylvester Riddell, Owen Camp |
| April Pairs S-B | TUES PM | Neville Thomas & Brenda Shenken |
| April Pairs S-A | WED AM | Douglas Russell & Tracey Lewis |
| April Pairs S-B | WED AM | Mary Swaffield & Audrey Crowe |
| Bennett Cup | WED PM | Sally Shentova & Robert Gibbons |
| Autumn Pairs | THU PM | Russell Watt & Nola Clark |

Tournament Results

April- May

North Shore 5A Swiss Pairs – 2nd Carol Joseph and Richard Stuart

Taupo 5A – 1st Carole & George Wilkinson.

Howick 8B restricted – 2nd Carol Joseph & Jan Brown

Hedgerow 8B – Russell Watt & Jo Clark

IP Trials - Intermediates - 1st Candice Doyle and Karen Smith, 2nd Cheryl Parsons and Takayo Yanagisawa;

Women - 1st Linda Cartner and Glenis Palmer;

Seniors – 1st Barry Palmer and Neil Stuckey, 2nd Peter Hensman and John O'Connor

Please return trophies

If you have a club trophy at home can you return it to the club office so that it can be engraved with your and your partner's names.

Eye appeal

Room aesthetics - the rehung honours boards in the downstairs club room. – (looks better in the clubrooms than in this photo!) Thank you to Barbie who arranged for this to be done.



An interesting hand

Thank you to John Khouri who has submitted this. We welcome articles for the newsletter from members. Email to abc.membership@xtra.co.nz

Occasionally and not very often, does one make a brilliant play at the table which works! The following hand was played on a club night and illustrates how a devious and deceptive play can be suitably rewarded.

♠K93
♥A953
♦J10
♣AK84

♠J854
♥J76
♦A7
♣QJ93

♠1076
♥Q84
♦KQ9632
♣7

South

♠AQ2
♥K102
♦854
♣10652

The contract was a very optimistic 3NT, played by South. Can it be made? If so, what is the plan? Fortunately, South received a good start when West lead the QC.

With the diamond suit wide open, the contract looked doomed. However South managed to make the contract by

Winning the QC with the AC and then playing a spade to the Ace in hand
Next a club was lead towards dummy. West played a low club and the 8C won.

Then South played the JD from dummy, East rising with the QD and West played a low diamond!!
East then played the KD and the AD fell, revealing the diamond position. All South then had to do, to make the

contract, was to keep East off lead by playing the 10H after winning the next trick in dummy.

The play of the low diamond by West seems reasonable. It looks like South has something like 9xxx – why else would they be playing on the diamond suit?

So the moral of this story is “If you sometimes play like an idiot, it can work in your favour !!”

Sponsors Corner

Thank you to Hedgerow of Remuera for sponsoring our May Thursday tournament



Winners of the Hedgerow 8B

Patrick with Jo and Russell

Wear a Hat Day

Bridge is fun.....



Fluff and pearls, ready for a wedding....



A couple of wild ones....



Looking a treat with those red roses