

NEW PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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From the President - Table Etiquette

Follow traditional good neighborliness with people at our club, saying hello as someone arrives at a table, introducing a player or visitor you know but the others don't. When the convenors or invited guests are talking, please show them courtesy by refraining from talking.

Help the director. Listen to their instructions (you may need to remember your pair number or seating arrangements). Keep your speed of play on schedule. Avoid chat until you have completed the deals you have to play. Don't talk about the hands noisily. A player at another table may be embarrassed by overhearing what you have to say or garner unsolicited information.

Treat your partner as a friend! Even experienced bridge players often fail this test. If you are declarer, thank partner when they place dummy on the table. Learn to accept reverses philosophically. Many bad results are no-one's fault, or are a shared responsibility. Even when partner is at fault, what is gained by apportioning blame? If you help partner through a bad result not only will you both enjoy the game more, you will find you both play better. The past is over. Concentrate on the present and the future. On the next deal you don't want to be thinking about what went wrong on the last one.

Treat your opponents with respect. If chatting to your partner when they arrive, try to involve them. If you get a good result, don't gloat. If you have a reason to call for a ruling always do it in a neutral tone of voice, not one that makes other players imagine a heinous crime has been committed. If it is they who are calling for a ruling, don't take it as a personal affront.

Enjoy playing bridge and have fun.

Deane Skelton



President's night – Prize Giving and Welcome Back Pairs

This was our annual charity night and prize giving which had been deferred from 2021 due to Covid restrictions. A highly successful night with 14 full tables. The chosen charity was Barnardos and close to \$900 dollars was raised. Thanks to all those who attended for their generosity (and thanks to Jim Sutherland for being such a forthright sheriff!)

The top scores on the night:

N/S: Colin Carryer and Sandra Calvert

E/W: Pam Livingston and Kristen Holm

Championship Cup Winners 2021



Auckland Cup: Colin Carryer & Sandra Calvert



Centennial Cup: Kay Wyatt & Jane Shaw

The winners of the Thurston Cup were **Frances Corcoran and Eleanor Garvie.**

Judy Holdom Memorial Picnic Pairs

We managed to hold our Picnic Pairs tournament but unfortunately the Whanganui and Hawera tournaments were cancelled due to COVID. We attracted an entry of 16 tables, the majority from the NP club with a smaller number of pairs from Fielding, Hawera, Whanganui and Palmerston North. Congratulations to club members Sheree Robertson and Audrey Young.



Tournament winners: Sheree Robertson and Audrey Young

Thanks

Members who have been playing recently will have noticed the improvement of the toilet facilities. This was due to us receiving a grant from the TOI Foundation. However, all the labour has been undertaken by Anthony and Fay Murcott. The club wishes to express our gratitude for all the work they've performed.

Many thanks to Anne & Paul Fitzgibbons and Helen Carryer for their donation of the new bamboo boxes for the bidding pads, STOP cards, pens etc

General news

The curtains in the playing rooms are away for cleaning due to black mould being found on the lining. Machines have been placed at the N and S doors to reduce condensation.

We have received the cups, plates and other trophies back from the engravers.

The facility to borrow a box of boards is now available. The conditions of use have been posted on the door of the cupboard where the used boxes are stored.

Directors Corner with Reeve Pring

Opening Lead out of Turn (Part 1)

Probably the most common call for the Director is an opening lead by the partner of the player whose turn it is to lead. The Laws require that the opening lead be made face down – one of the reasons is to try to eliminate the problem when the wrong player leads. However, the frequency of opening leads out of turn makes me wonder how many players know about this law. When an opening lead out of turn is made (often abbreviated to OLOOT), the director will give declarer five options. The choice must be made by the player who would have been declarer had the correct player led. They may not consult with their partner as to what would be best for their side. The five options are: 1) the OLOOT is accepted as the correct lead and the would-have-been declarer becomes dummy. The player who chooses this option puts their own hand face up on the table as dummy, and their partner plays the hand. 2) the OLOOT is accepted as the correct lead, but declarer chooses to still play the hand. In this case, dummy will go down on the table, declarer will play next from their own hand, with dummy playing last to the first trick. 3) the OLOOT is not accepted and declarer demands the lead of the suit of the OLOOT. Here, the correct leader must lead a card of that suit if they have one. The card which was the OLOOT is returned to the player's hand and DOES NOT have to be played to Trick 1. If the opening leader does not have a card of that suit, they may lead any card. If the opening leader wins Trick 1, they are free to lead whatever they wish to Trick 2. 4) the OLOOT is not accepted and declarer prohibits the lead of the suit of the OLOOT. Here, the correct leader must lead a card of any suit other than the one led in error. The card which was the OLOOT is returned to the player's hand. The prohibition on the lead of that suit remains in place for as long as the opening leader retains the lead. (For example: South is declarer, East leads CA out of turn. Declarer prohibits a club lead. Let's say that West leads HQ, which wins the trick. West is still prohibited from leading a club. If however, East had overtaken the HQ with the HK and had won the trick, then East is free to lead any card he wishes, including CA.) 5) the OLOOT is not accepted and declarer allows the correct leader to lead whatever they

want. In this case, the OLOOT stays face up on the table as a penalty card. If the opening leader leads the suit of the OLOOT, that card must be played. If the opening leader leads another suit and wins the trick, declarer still has options 3) and 4) available whenever the OLOOT is still on the table as a penalty card. In fact, they have these options at ANY time when that player is on lead and the OLOOT is still face up on the table. As Director, when I go to the table for an OLOOT and describe these five choices, the player involved typically starts out enthusiastically concentrating as I describe the first couple of options, starts to look a little confused as I move on to options 3 or 4, and their eyes have glazed over by the time I get to option 5! In most circumstances, their first comment is, "I always get this wrong." In the next article, I will try to deal with this problem – what option to choose when there is an opening lead out of turn?

Upcoming Events

- 12th to 14th March – **TARANAKI CONGRESS**. To be played online using the RealBridge programme.

Bridge Truisms

- A measure of a person's mental stability is the degree to which they can play bridge as though it is just a game.
- The difference between a fantastic bid and a stupid bid is largely a matter of result.
- The secret of happy bridge partnership is still a secret.

Humour

- A player had made a bad bid and had scored minus 1400. "I'm sorry," he said to his partner, "I had a card misplaced." Asked his partner innocently, "Only one card?"
- 'Would you care for a friendly game of cards?' 'No, let's play bridge.'



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Judy Holdom Memorial Picnic Pairs

Recent Club Results

Monday

Monday #1 Pairs

1st Judi Roberts and Karin Lilley
2nd Audrey McKay and Joan Hitchcock

Yvonne Scott Pairs

1st Richard Wood and Murray Carter
2nd Gallia Therin and Lynda Couper

Tuesday

Tuesday #1 pairs

1st Gillian Gonthier and Russell Wilson
2nd Patricia Chivers and Liz Crawshaw

Revital Growwell Pairs

1st Gillian Gonthier and Russell Wilson
2nd Lyn Muller and Christine Burton

Wednesday Evening

Wednesday #1 pairs

1st Lisa Miller and Rick Derham
2nd Jenny and Paul Lavoipierre

Congratulations:

National Congress played online using RealBridge
4th in the Junior Pairs – Karin Champion & Pamela Jensen

Vospers Funeral Home Pairs

1st Tony Wey and George Hill
2nd Barbara Hunt and Daphne Williams

Thursday

Vivian Pharmacy Pairs

1st Karin Champion and Pamela Jensen
2nd Kat Wyatt and Jane Shaw

SBS Pairs

1st Betty Smith and Lois Page
2nd Brian Raisin and Marian Biggs

Friday

Liquorland Courtenay Pairs

1st Jill Johnson and Lynne Lloyd
2nd Rebecca Owen and Wayne Brunton

Waimate Pairs

1st Eileen Gunderson and John Holdom
2nd Lindt Macdiarmid and Gabrielle Masters



Are you feeling lucky and want fun? You need Rubber Bridge

Never played Rubber Bridge before? It doesn't matter!
Success does not depend on whether you are a junior or a senior,
inexperienced or experienced,
Being lucky and getting good cards is what really counts

Interested???

Games are played in private homes. A popular feature of the competition is the chance to host at your place and socialise with club members you don't see regularly at the club.

Rubber Bridge is one of the oldest types of bridge and the aim of this competition is to promote this form while keeping it relaxed, casual and ensuring players have fun

Venue:	Private homes
Format	Round Robin, played nominally monthly. <i>(Can be changed by mutual consent)</i> Date and whose place to be organised by players. Match results forwarded to convenors and progress results posted on NP bridge club site
Cost	Nil (you need two packs of cards)

Entry form will be on the notice board during February. You need to enter as a pair. Draw posted in late March. Play starts in April.

Expressions of interest in coaching to convenors Reeve Pring or Gillian Gonthier: 027 462 5527, gillianreeve@xtra.co.nz or 753 5743