

NEW PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2022



From the President – Sponsorship

“A sponsor is an individual person, a team of people or a company who may choose to invest, mainly financially, for a given event. In return, a Sponsor can ask for brand promotion, their company or product endorsement in the event. The amount you receive from the sponsor to invest for your event is what sponsorship consists of. This additional amount is like the cushion where you can fall back on. Such a support ensures that the preparations for your event can go ahead without any hassles and concerns. Hence, sponsorship becomes a major factor behind the success of any given event.”

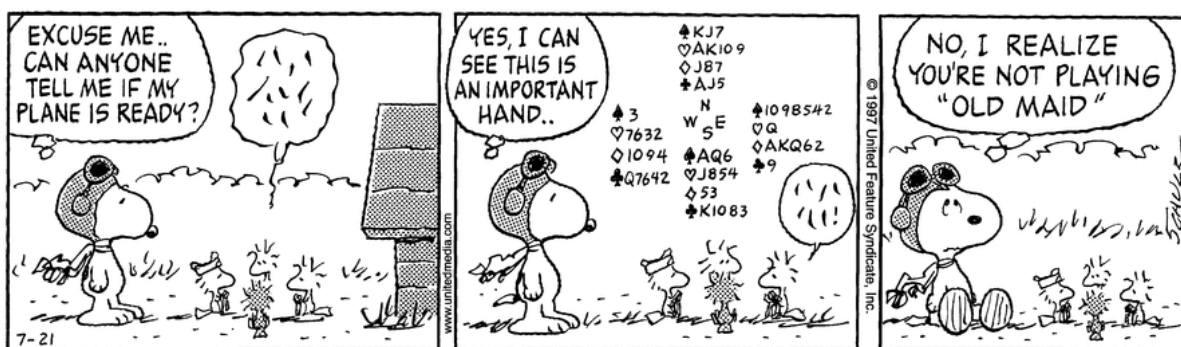
Like any club or association or event we rely on grateful businesses and individuals to provide sponsorship money. This helps alleviate the reliance on subscriptions and table money. Over the years the club has been fortunate to have a reliable group which has provided us with sponsorship (there are 3 banners posted on the club walls with the logos of our sponsors). As financial times change there can be added pressures on obtaining sponsorship. The club is always on the lookout for possible entities to provide sponsorship. Most company sponsors see sponsorship as a two-way street and like to see their services being patronised by the club members. I admit it is a tad difficult to urge members to utilise Vospers Funeral Services, which I explained to Mike Aro (director) and he said we could say “use it or lose it!”

Over several years the club has been fortunate that Anne Wilson has sponsored two tournaments and also donated \$500 from the sale of a house which was owned by a member. We will be ever grateful to Anne but she has retired and we are now looking for a replacement sponsor. Coby Slager over the past 2 years has done a great job in maintaining our sponsors, adding extra sponsors and keeping in touch with them as well as sending out thankyou cards.

Unfortunately, Coby is returning to the Netherlands and we need a person who is keen to take over her role. If you are interested, please contact a committee member.

The club is also very fortunate that some members have been kind enough to sponsor some of the club sessions and we thank them very much.

Deane Skelton



New Plymouth Anne Wilson Restricted Pairs

Our annual Restricted Pairs Tournament was held on Saturday 11 June. A total of 38 pairs entered. As well as excellent support from our NP members, there were also pairs from Hawera, Whanganui, Waitomo and Palmerston North

Special thanks go to Coby Slager for her efforts in organising and managing this tournament in the absence of Deane Skelton. It was a very successful and enjoyable day.

The overall winners were Mara Robinson and Justine Hart from Hawera with an average score of 65.44% over the two sessions

Thanks to Anne Wilson for her generous sponsorship of this tournament.

Prize winners:

1st Overall: Mara Robinson and Justine Hart (and top Intermediate/Intermediate pair)

Junior/Junior: Lise Milne and Annie Frame

Junior/Intermediate: Sheree Robbertson and Jan Hawkins

Junior/Open: Kay Wyatt and Colin Carryer

Intermediate/Open: Tom Lawn and Russell Wilson

Session Prizes:

Morning: N/S Catherine Gabites and Campbell Priest. E/W: Christine Burton and Annette Weaver

Afternoon: N/S Karen and Murray Carter. E/W John Rutten and Reeve Pring

Anne Wilson Restricted Pairs – Comments from an Acting President

To date, my role as Vice-President had not amounted to anything substantial. Deane carried the flag with great efficiency. Then the double whammy came, Deane had to go for an emergency operation and Frances, our house convener broke her shoulder, and the tournament was not that far away.

I say it all the time, but the way the club came together to assist, proves again what a great community we have. I would like to thank the following people for all the work done:

- *The 'surviving' committee members for all the background tasks, such as ensuring there is enough money for a float and closing off the carpark to the hockey players.*
- *The kitchen staff: Lynne Norgate, Clare O'Connell and June Metcalfe*
- *Joan Gaines, Linda Foley, Betty Smith and Marian Biggs for registration and raffles.*
- *Frances Corcoran for creating the raffles and keeping us n line, despite the pain.*
- *And then.....all of you who provided us with your food, in no particular order: Jane Shaw, Cecelia Stringer, Betty Smith, Joan Gaines, Lynne Norgate, Linda Foley, Jan Hawkins, Lois Cleaver, Annette Weaver, Galia Therinn, Sheree Robbertson, Feye Lyall, Jo Butler, Kaye Wyatt, Lise Milne, Karin Champion, Gabrielle Masters, Coby Slager, Audrey Young, Maree Cave, Kay Shearer, Margaret Sullivan, Faye Murcott, Gillian Gonthier, Catherine Gabites, Annie Frame, Campbell Priest and Sue Dalzell.*
- *And all the other heroes to lend a hand. It was a job well done!*

Deane will be back on board on Friday and I am sure you will join me in wishing Frances a speedy recovery.

Coby Slager Acting President

Prize winners at the Anne Wilson Restricted pairs Tournament



1st Overall: Mara Robinson and Justine Hart



Junior/Junior: Annie Frame and Lise Milne



Junior/Intermediate: Sheree Robbertson and Jan Hawkins



Junior/Open: Colin Carryer and Kay Wyatt (with Sandra Calvert – Tournament Director)



Intermediate/Open: Russell Wilson and Tom Lawn

Playing the Game - Alerting

During the bidding players have an obligation to alert their opponents when their partner's bid is conventional (i.e. a non natural bid with a special meaning). Alerting is not optional and players need to know which bids in their system are alertable. The objective of the Alert system is for both pairs at the table to have equal access to all information contained in the bidding.

Important points to keep in mind:

- Bridge is not a game of secret messages; the auction belongs to everyone at the table.
- Remember that the opponents are entitled to know the agreed meaning of all calls.
- The bidding side has an obligation to disclose its agreements and understandings from partnership experience.
- When asked, the bidding side must give a full explanation of the agreement. Stating the common or popular name of the convention is not sufficient.

When opponents make an alerted or non-alertable conventional call you are entitled to ask specifically about that call at your first turn to call thereafter. But, while the Laws give you the right to ask questions, unnecessary enquiries or questions directed at particular calls may convey unauthorised information to partner. **It is therefore not advisable to ask questions if your intention is to pass regardless of the answer** (You have the opportunity to ask those questions at the end of the auction). If there is no partnership agreement or understanding as to the meaning of a call you must say so (eg "no partnership agreement" or "undiscussed") and not attempt to offer a possible explanation. Where there is no partnership agreement or understanding about a call do not offer statements such as: "I take it to mean...." or "I'm treating it as..." Such responses are improper as they give unauthorised information to partner.

Next month we will cover definitions of "conventional calls" and "natural calls" and give more detail of which bids should and should not be alerted.

The Danger of Partnering Your Partner

Of course there is nothing wrong with husbands and wives playing as a bridge partnership. But it is usually wiser to play as opponents. Then after the game they can listen sympathetically to what each had to endure from their playing partner without blame or acrimony or condemnation being involved in the discussion!

A bridge couple had been quarrelling throughout the tournament. In the lift on the way back to their room they continued their contretemps for all to overhear. Non-stop. A passenger in the lift asked: "I take it you two are married?" "Of course we are married" boomed the wife. "Do you think I would be living in sin with someone who plays like he does?"

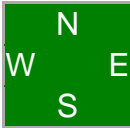
70 Percent Club

Date	Pair	Score
07 Mar 2022	Christine Burton & Annette Weaver	70.57
21 Mar 2022	Pamela Jensen & John Warner	70.77
02 May 2022	Lynette O'Shaughnessy & David O'Shaughnessy	73.26
24 May 2022	Ken Crawford & Reeve Pring	71.58

The Universal Laws of Bridge

- No matter how bad your last hand was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the last hand of the match, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend well over the course of a tournament ... actually your lifetime.
- Your best game of bridge will be followed almost immediately by your worst ever. The intensity of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.
- The more points or trumps you hold in your hand, the worse the distribution will be. This bridge law mocks the law of statistics. When you have an 8-card trump fit, not only will the split be (at least) 4- 1, but the opponent with the singleton will get a ruff.
- You will always forget whether a critical card has been played when it matters the most. No matter how you decide, it will always be wrong.
- No matter how well you are doing, the last three hands will automatically drop your score to what it really should be.

A testing hand:

<p>South Deals</p> <p>♠ 108</p> <p>♥ AQ32</p> <p>♦ QJ102</p> <p>♣ 1052</p>	<p>♠ AJ6542</p> <p>♥ 975</p> <p>♦ A</p> <p>♣ 983</p>		<p>♠ Q73</p> <p>♥ J106</p> <p>♦ K8653</p> <p>♣ 74</p>
<p>♠ K9</p> <p>♥ K84</p> <p>♦ 974</p> <p>♣ AKQJ6</p>			
<p><i>South</i></p> <p>1 NT</p> <p>2 ♠</p>	<p><i>West</i></p> <p>Pass</p> <p>Pass</p>	<p><i>North</i></p> <p>2 ♥</p> <p>4 ♠</p>	<p><i>East</i></p> <p>Pass</p> <p>All pass</p>

1NT by South shows 15-17 points.

West leads the Queen of Diamonds – plan the play.

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Recent Club Results

Monday

June & Donald Grant Pairs

1st Sue Geraghty & Andrew Freyne
2nd Theresa Roberts & Kevin Turner

Tuesday

New Partnership Pairs

1st Nalini Gopinathan & Reeve Pring
2nd Murray Carter & David O'Shaughnessy

Howard Family Pairs

1st Reeve Pring & Ken Crawford
2nd Gillian Gonthier & Russell Wilson

Wednesday Evening

The Accounting Room Pairs

1st George Hill & John Rutten
2nd Peter Blackburn & Lise Milne

Chris Kenning Harcourts Pairs No 1

1st Tony Wey & John Warner
2nd Maree & Brian Rowland

Wednesday Afternoon

Winter Pairs (1)

1st Pamela Jensen & John Warner
2nd Sue Dalzell & Barry Marsh

Thursday

New Partnership Pairs

1st Pamela Jensen & Murray Carter
2nd Jill Johnson & Barbara Hunt

Intermediate Teams

1st Christine Feigler, Daphne Paynter, Alan Jones, Judy Minchinton
2nd Lois Page, Jo Butler, Robyn Rhodes, Eileen Gundersen, Kay Wyatt, Jane Shaw

Friday

Karen & Murray Carter Pairs

1st Dell Blair & Murray Carter
2nd Jill Johnson & Karin Champion

The Drive Pairs

1st Carolyn O'Sullivan & Karin Lilley
2nd Pamela Jensen & Annette Weaver

McKay Pairs

1st Mike Hansen & Neil Murdock
2nd Nalini Gopinathan & Catherine Mann



Other News

Our committee member Brooke Chubb was married in March. Congratulations

