

NEW PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2023



New Plymouth Restricted 8B Pairs

Our annual Restricted Pairs Tournament was held on Saturday 10 June. A total of 42 pairs entered. This is the best entry the club has had for several years. There was excellent support from our NP members (35 pairs). The remaining entries were from Hawera, with one mixed New Plymouth-Palmerston North pair. It was a very successful and enjoyable day. The overall winners were Martin Berry & Irene Taunt from Hawera with an average score of 63.95% over the two sessions. The top New Plymouth pair were Theresa Roberts & Kevin Turner who were 3rd overall.

Prize winners: Junior/Junior: Jill Dunlop & Maree Rowland

Junior/Intermediate: Brenda Simpson & Amanda Bublitz (Hawera)

Junior/Open: Zarias Weder & Pam Livingston

Intermediate/Intermediate: Martin Berry & Irene Taunt (Hawera)

Intermediate/Open: Theresa Roberts & Kevin Turner



Maree Rowland & Jill Dunlop



Amanda Bublitz & Brenda Simpson



Irene Taunt & Martin Berry



Theresa Roberts & Kevin Turner

Hesitations

One of the hardest things when bidding at bridge is to get the bidding tempo right. At times we will all struggle with a difficult hand and have to take our time when considering what to bid. If we pass after this it gives information to our partner – eg “I almost have a bid” – and as a consequence our partner has to be very careful to bid only on what they have in their hand and not what partner’s hesitation implies. Often we do not consciously realise that our partner’s hesitation and no-bid has conveyed info about their hand, but we subconsciously use that info. Thinking about the hand is hesitating.

However, hesitating is not illegal, nor does it force partner to pass. But it does put a requirement on Partner to avoid taking any advantage. Take the following example for instance: Suppose you are sitting South. West is Dealer (All VUL) and the bidding goes:

PASS; PASS; PASS. You are holding this hand with 10 HCP: ♠ K 8 3 ♥ Q J 6 ♦ 9 8 ♣ A 9 8 5 3

What do you do? What are your logical options? Most players would probably PASS – after all it is a very poor club suit and you are VUL. However, let’s suppose that before North (partner) passed he thought for a while, leant forward, put his pen on the paper as if to write something, lifted it off, sat back, thought for a bit more, put pen on the paper and then passed. This hesitation now conveys the unauthorised information to partner that North has something to think about, maybe about 10 points, is unsure whether or not to bid and would welcome a bid from partner. Now if South bids 1C, and after North supports, wins the contract, EW may feel that South has taken advantage of North’s hesitation and that they have been damaged by the unauthorised information (ie Hesitation) South received.

After the play of the hand EW should always call the Director who now decides whether a player possibly made use of their partner’s hesitation. The Director will adjust the score if it is apparent the player’s decision to bid 1C was suggested by their partner’s hesitation. From a defender’s viewpoint, just because someone bids again after their partner’s hesitation do not immediately call for the Director, which intimates that they are acting on the hesitation, and can be completely unsettling for the new or Novice player. At least have a look at the hands at the end of the play to ascertain if you have case. Many novice players are too busy evaluating their own hands and taking in the known information, to be taking inference from their partner’s hesitations, and that is why they are slow to bid. This applies to the hesitator as well. It is often not because they have a number of alternatives, but they are trying to put what has already been bid all together

Bridge Humour

A bridge duffer was polishing a lamp and... poof! Out popped a genie who said, “I will grant you *one* wish.”

The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said, “Let all of these countries live in peace and harmony.”

“You’ve got to be kidding! I’m only a genie.”

The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, “OK, then make me a winning bridge player.”

“Hmm...” the genie pondered. “Let me see that map again.”

Welcome to our new members



On Wednesday 21 June we welcomed the Class of 23 to our club. The first exposure to a competitive bridge session can be daunting to new players. However, our new members were mixed up with more experienced members to support them for their first evening of bridge .

The president Deane presented graduation certificates to the new members. Thanks go to the tutor Walt Crawshaw and the many helpers who have contributed over the last 12 weeks.

Welcome to the club, we trust your bridge playing days will be long and enjoyable.

Best wishes to Pam Livingston.

The World Bridge Federation (WBF) 46th World Bridge Teams Championships will be held in Marrakech, Morocco on 20th August to the 2nd September. Pam has been picked as a member of the New Zealand women's team. Her partner is Jan Alabaster from Christchurch

70 Percent Club

Date	Pair	Score
27 Jan 2023	Catherine Gabites & Campbell Priest	73.88
13 Feb 2023	Pamela Jenen & Sarah Green	70.64
31 Jan 2023	David O'Shaughnessy & Sarah Green	72.53
05 Feb 2023	Lyn Muller & Maggie Garnham	71.05
06 April 2023	Gallia Therin & Gaylene Phillips	70.83
28 April 2023	Neil Murdock & Gillian Gonthier	70.19
12 May 2023	Karen Carter & Lyn O'Shaughnessy	70.33
22 May 2023	Jennifer O'Shaughnessy & David O'Shaughnessy	74.53
29 May 2023	Lyn & David O'Shaughnessy	70.36

Recent Club Club Results

Monday

John's Gals Pairs

1st Deane Skelton & Joan Smith

2nd Jill Dunlop & Kristen Holm

Taranaki Truck Dismantlers Pairs

1st Carolyn O'Sullivan & Lynne Norgate

2nd Jennifer O'Shaughnessy &

David O'Shaughnessy

Tuesday

New Partnership Pairs

1st Gillian Gonthier & Murray Carter

2nd Kevin Turner & John Warner

Tuesday Teams

1st Lyn Muller, Sarah Green, Russell
Wilson, David Whittle

2nd Colin Carryer, Sandra Calvert, Jane
Shaw, Kay Wyatt

Wednesday Evening

3+1 Teams

1st Colin Carryer, Fred McLay, Ian Cooper,
Brent Hancock

2nd Liz Crawshaw, Diane Hill, Rick Derham,
Lisa Miller

Cave Landscape Pairs

1st John Rutten & Andy Campbell

2nd Catherine Mann & Brian Rowland

The Vet Group Pairs

1st Jackie Burton & Neil Burton

2nd Rick Derham and Lisa Miller

Thursday

SBT Pairs

1st Robyn Rhodes & Marian Biggs

2nd Brian Raisin & Richard Wood

The Accounting Room Pairs

1st Moya Lewis & Judy Herdson

2nd Patricia Chivers & Lindy Macdiamid

Friday

Inara's Pairs

1st Lois Cleaver & Gabrielle Masters

2nd John Rutten & John Warner

Fully Framed Pairs

1st Karen Carter & Lynette O'Shaughnessy

2nd Robyn Rhodes & Lynda Couper

OUT OF HAND

BY BILL BUTLER



“ Our bridge teacher says you're to make the
opening lead face down! “

Bridge Hand – Considering the play of your long suit

North hand ♠ K72
♥ QJ
♦ 742
♣ K10932

South hand ♠ A108
♥ 953
♦ AK
♣ AJ875

Contract: 3NT by South
Opening lead - Diamond three.

It looks like with normal distribution declarer has 2 spades, 2 diamonds and 5 clubs if they are lucky or guess correctly if the clubs don't break. Should declarer play the Ace of clubs or the King of clubs first and why??

Answer - the solution lies in reading the lead of the 3 of diamonds. Declarer can see the 2 of diamonds so knows it is a four card suit. It is reasonable to assume that is their longest or equal longest suit - they could be 4441, 3442, 4342 or 3343 and this is the one that concerns you and they cannot be void in clubs with any of these holdings so the Ace of clubs is correct and 100% safe.

That is another reason when you are declarer and dummy is put down for you try to think of as many things as possible with the information you have and make a plan while you can see all 26 cards - you are lucky because you can see twice as many as both defenders so try and make it count! 😊

Contributed by Colin Carryer

Bridge Truths

Good Bridge comes from experience, and a lot of that experience comes from bad Bridge.

The correct way to make the contract will become obvious as soon as you have finished your play

When in doubt, put the opponents on lead. Why should you make the mistake?

Bridge advice is always given by people least qualified to do so and received by people most likely to ignore it