

# NEW PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

November 2024



## Upcoming Events

**Anniversary Pairs** Saturday November 9. Sponsored by Revital Growwell

**Loveblock Nation wide pairs** Friday November 15

This session is an annual event. You will be competing against pairs from across New Zealand. All pairs competing play the same boards. This event attracts 900+ pairs. As well as the normal C points awarded at club one A point is awarded to the top club pair for each direction. At the end of the evening you will receive a booklet providing an analysis of each hand. Once all the results from each board are re-scored in X-Clubs your national placing will be available. The entry fee is \$15, \$10 of which goes towards the development of youth bridge in NZ.

**A.G.M** Sunday 24 November

Start time 3:00 pm. Nominations are invited for the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and committee members for 2025. Nomination forms are available on the club notice board

**Presidents Day** Saturday 30 November. Start time 1:30pm

This is our annual charity fund raising event. This year all money raised go to Multiple Sclerosis Taranaki. The bar will be open from 1:00pm. Note: This date differs from the date given in the 2024 Programme Book

**Annual Prize Giving and Social Bridge Night** Thursday 28 November



## Our Volunteers

Volunteering allows you to enhance your connection to our club and help make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to our club. Through volunteering, you can give back – without our volunteers many of our club activities would not happen. There are various volunteer roles and opportunities in our club to cater to your interests, skillset, and time commitments.

The committee would like to give a big thank you to the many members of our club who volunteer for the very wide range of activities they carry out. In this edition of the newsletter we list some of our volunteers. In particular we make a special mention of **Lindy Macdiarmid**, who with her partner Ian, has maintained the grounds and garden at the club for many years.



**Lindy Macdiarmid**

We also say thank you to:

Craig Barrett – Mowing the lawns at club

David O'Shaughnessy – IT and scoring systems

Murray Carter - Club newsletter

Judy Herdson – Sponsorships

Gabrielle Masters – Sunday Bridge Buddies

Barbara Hunt – cleaning the table cloths

Lynda Couper – Arranging helpers for the beginners lessons

Our session convenors

Our dealers

## Heard at the Bridge Table

- Some declarers have difficulty counting the opponents' distribution. I have the same problem with Dummy's distribution.
- My partner plus 12 sure tricks equals 11.
- Bridge players are OK; I just wouldn't want my sister to marry one.

## **Wanted: A Convenor for Wednesday Nights 2025**

Our current convenors are moving to Thursday night play next year. We would like to invite a Wednesday player to take on this role. Details are available from our President Jim

## **From the Directors**

### **Stop Cards**

Whilst stop cards themselves are gone the non-use of stop cards does not remove the requirement for a Player to wait 8 to 10 seconds before bidding if there has been a jump by his/her Right Hand opponent. The Bidder should use the 8 to 10 seconds to inquire about the bid ..(if they need to know) or just to consider their hand.

This prevents any inference from whether there is a pause or not - because there should always be a pause

### **Law 20. Review & explanation of Calls**

Requesting an explanation - Any player is entitled to ask about a bid even if they have no intention to bid, however a player may not ask about a call if their intention is to induce a mistaken explanation or for the benefit of their partners. As the law prohibits asking for the benefit of partner a player should not ask about a call if they already know the opponent's agreement. Players also need to be aware that the content & manner of their questions may potentially create "Unauthorised Information" even when the questions themselves are legal.

## **70 Percent Club**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Pair</b>	<b>Score</b>
22 January	Ken Crawford & Pamela Jensen	70.51%
29 January	Neil Murdoch & Gillian Gonthier	70.61%
6 February	David O'Shaughnessy & Wayne Beasley	75.00%
18 March	Karin Champion & Lynda Couper	70.56%
5 June	Mike & Joanne Sutherland	72.22%
10 June	Jan Hawkins & Annette Weaver	71.88%
25 June	Mike Hansen & Robyn Rhodes	70.05%
5 August	Frances Corcoran & Marian Biggs	70.31%
25 September	Gaylene Phillips & Fay Ford	70.95%
1 October	Murray Carter & Janine Fenelon	72.57%

## **Bridge Truths**

- Take care of your bridge partner; Make them feel important and smart. If you can do that, you will have a happy and wonderful partnership ... Just like 1 out of 100 partnerships.
- Bridge is something like photography, if you don't focus; all you have is the negative.
- Bidding is a rest period between arguments.

## Recent Club Club Results

### Monday

#### Central Audiology Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Utting & Jane Waite  
2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Crawshaw & Sarah Green

#### M14 Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lynne Lloyd & Barabara Hunt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Karin Champion & Neil Murdoch

#### Taranaki Truck Dismantlers Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Mann & Neil Murdoch  
2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey McKay & Pushpa Modgill

### Tuesday

#### Liquorland Courtenay Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Russell Wilson & Gillian Gonthier  
2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Murdoch & Murray Carter

#### Invitation Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pam Livingston & Phil Barron  
2<sup>nd</sup> Murray Carter & Janine Fenelon

#### D&D Allen Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> David & Lyn O'Shaughnessy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Maggie Garnham & Sarah Green

### Wednesday

#### 3+1 Teams (1)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin O'Reilly, Eileen Gundesen  
Helen Carryer, Gabrielle Masters  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Burton, Neil Burton,  
Ross Wharfe, Dawn Wharfe

#### Chris Kenning Harcourt Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nic Fenner & Pauline Cruickshank  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gaylene Phillips & Fay Ford

#### 3+1 Teams (2)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Sutherland, John King  
Jeff Clement, Julie Clement  
2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Cole, Kaye Corlett  
Andy Campbell, David Patten

#### W10 Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Clare Allison & Di Brien  
2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Barrett & John Rutten

### Thursday

#### NP Vet Group Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Raisin & Sharon Bent  
2<sup>nd</sup> Del Blair & Bev Bromfield

#### Rock Gas Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fay Ford & Fiona Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Cole & Frances Barron

#### Swiss Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Patricia Chivers & Eileen Gundesen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gaylene Phillips and Gallia Therin

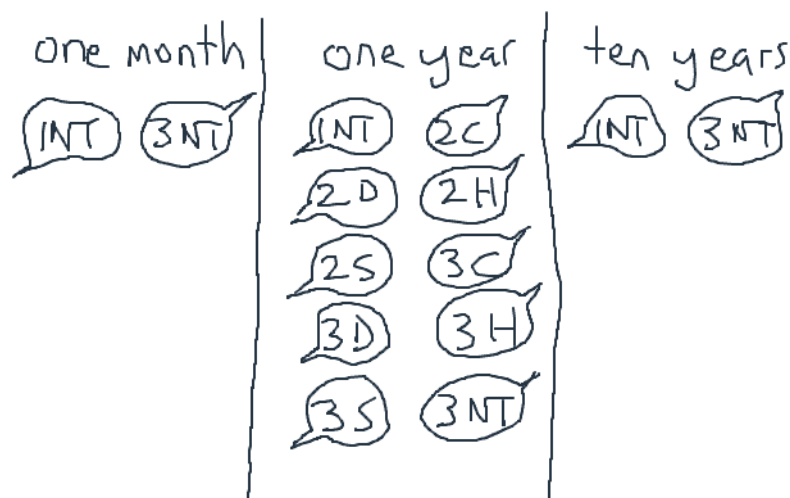
### Friday

#### Manurau Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Deane Skelton & Paul Fitzgibbons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Theresa Roberts & Joan Smith

#### Vivian Paharmacy Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Clement & Rodney Stephens  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lynne Lloyd & Mike Hansen



Your bidding progression

## Colin Carryer's Bridge Hand for Improvers: Playing Your Trumps

♠ J 8 3 2  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ A Q J  
♣ 9 3 2

♠ Q 10  
♥ 4 2  
♦ K 9 8 6 3  
♣ A K J 7

♠ 7 5  
♥ J 10 9 8 3  
♦ 10 4  
♣ Q 10 6 5

♠ A K 9 6 4  
♥ A K Q  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ 8 4

One of the big decisions Bridge players have is Trump management at suit play and when to lead or not to lead trumps. More hands are wrecked by the failure to lead trumps at the right time or by leading trumps at the wrong time than any other form of play. With trumps you have control of the hand (or mostly). As a general principle, except in the instances when other factors must be considered, the opponents' trumps should be drawn immediately. As always in Bridge there is never or always but this is a general principle which is good to bear in mind.

The following deal is a simple example of drawing trumps and one or two other considerations.

You are Declarer (South) playing a contract of 4 spades.

West leads the King of clubs and follows with the Ace of clubs and then follows up with a small club to the Queen - you now see the difference between no-trump play and suit play with Declarer ruffing (trumping) the third round and has control with his trumps of the club suit.

You are now on lead and have no other cards to ruff so drawing trumps becomes the priority and you play Ace and King of spades and they divide 2/2 so that is that job done. Now before you play heart winners you need to play towards the Ace, Queen, Jack of diamonds finessing the Jack when West plays low and now using the heart suit as transport back to the South hand to lead another diamond towards the Ace Queen of diamonds finessing again when West plays low and now all cards are good in the 2 hands.

Just a reasonably simple hand of playing in a suit contract, using trumps and drawing trumps at the right time and for the right reasons and doing a bit of finessing in a side suit - all common situations in many Bridge hands.