

## WBC News – September 2013

### PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

AGM - Wednesday, 23 October at 6.30 pm - Remits in by 22 September please.

New Zealand Wide Pairs – Hutt Bridge Club, Friday 8 November

Quiz Night – Saturday 9 November at 7.30 pm

### Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

In the April newsletter I advised we were seeking to have the Schneideman Memorial Premier Teams made a 5A event similar to the Poppy Roberts pairs event. Unfortunately the request has been turned down by New Zealand Bridge under a rule which only allows the Wellington Region to have one such event on a normal club night (that one event in the Wellington region being the Poppy Roberts pairs event). While we are disappointed with this outcome, the Schneideman Premier Teams event is very popular with clubs in the region and therefore we will continue to run the event for all clubs on the same basis as it is at present.

Good luck to those who are going to the National Congress in Hamilton at the end of the month and especially the players who will be representing our Club in the National Club finals held as part of the congress.

Finally, thank you for your patience over the last six weeks while we have been installing the new ceiling and lights in the main playing room. What a huge improvement the new room is now – light and bright and enhances the colour scheme on the walls. Congratulations to Bridget who went the extra mile to advise on choice of fittings, supervise and negotiate the makeover. Downside though – there's nowhere to hang our Christmas balloons / decorations!

### ***NZ Club Championships – NZ Congress at Hamilton, 4 & 5 October***

Good luck to our Wellington Club team who brilliantly qualified to represent our region for the 2013 NZ Club Championships. While our team has not yet been finalised, our Intermediate Team is Jo Rollo, Barbara Allen, Cathy Nijman and Diana Dobbinson. The Junior and Open Teams are yet to confirm. Let's see if we can win the John Wignall Trophy for the third time – all the very best, team! This is an exciting competition with approximately 6 or 7 top clubs in the country competing.



### ***41st World Bridge Teams Championships – Bali - 16-29 September 2013***

We wish **Martin Reid and Peter Newell** and their team mates every success in the forthcoming team championships. Hopefully we will see the kiwis on BBO Vugraph.

## **This was our temporary “West Room”**

photo by Andrea Gluyas at Wednesday night Poppy Roberts in August.



## ***Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 23 October at 6 pm***

Some new blood on the committee is always welcome – a few weeks left to voice your interest! Committee meetings are every second Monday of the month at 5.45 pm. Otherwise please note your diaries for the AGM and a slice of pizza and glass of wine. Remits should be with Bridget by 22 September.

## ***Updating any personal details***

It's time again to let Bridget know of any changes to phone numbers, addresses email addresses etc. Please also let Bridget know if you would like to add your email address to the 2014 programme book.

## ***Monthly lessons before the Neal Salver Pairs***

Many thanks to Nigel Kearney for his lesson last Thursday on “Pre-empts” and lots of examples and “two places to play” advice. Very good, Nigel. It's been obvious from good attendances how popular these lessons have been this year. We must plan some more lessons next year! Our appreciation and thanks to all our “experts” who willingly gave their time to help us.

## ***Acol Tournaments on BBO***

We mentioned these tournaments last month and it's been good to see some of our members signing up to play and even better when we meet them as opposition. It's a really good practise with your regular partner and very friendly Acol players from the northern hemisphere. Saturday and/or Sunday evening - 12 boards Saturday Swiss and Sunday Bash starting at 8.15 pm (for the next few months, then it reverts later with our daylight saving). Being a “Swiss” you can follow your progress and try to achieve sitting at Table No. 1.

You need to pre-register your name and join the Acol club: <http://acolatbbo.org.uk/index.php> or google Acol at BBO for instructions. Any questions, ask me, Jenstar (**Jenny Delany**)

## ***After the Earthquake***



On Friday 16th August at 1pm, 9½ tables sat down for their usual afternoon bridge. Just after 2pm the first of many earthquakes hit Wellington. The building shook a little, but not sufficiently to cause too much alarm. When the 6.6 quake struck, the building trembled for about 5-10 seconds - most of the players trembled for longer than that! The aftershocks continued spasmodically for the rest of the afternoon. Although the building shook by varying amounts, I never felt it would “break”. The earthquakes caused too much stress for a lot of the players who started leaving the building to go home. We continued to play but by the end of the session almost half the players had left early, necessitating a large number of “No Play” boards.

As Director I suggested at the end of the session that a (perhaps more than one) soothing alcoholic drink was required (and not just for me), a proposal that was agreed upon unanimously (all drinks were paid for). The photo shows some of the players somewhat later after the session ended (it was pointless trying to drive home since the roads were gridlocked - yeh right!), and as you can see we all had regained our equanimity. The lady 3rd from the right is not a bridge player – she had seen the building open and had come in for some comfort, which of course we gladly supplied. Jenny Delany also was not playing that afternoon, but came in just to make sure we and the building were ok. **Chris Bolland**

[Ed. For those of us who live beyond walking distance from town, the Club could be a good half-way house or refuge centre. As Chris said, one of the ladies in this photo did walk in off the street and she was delighted to be fed and watered!]

**Name a room:** Thank you for your suggestions to give both our playing rooms a proper name ... a decision has yet to be made.

**Entertainment Books** – will be going this Friday 13 September – last chance!

### ***Reminder “Regulations – Policy New World Bridge Federation Victory Point Scale***

The new WBF Victory Point Scale will be implemented for use at all Teams and Swiss Pairs Tournaments effective 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013. There will be the replacement of the 0-25 Victory Point Scale (as used in teams and Butler pairs) with a new scale. The new scale has two key differences:

- the range is 0 to 20, with a draw being 10/10 (as opposed to 15/15 in the old scale); and
- the scale is continuous so that every different number of imps converts to a different number of VPs, and as a consequence introduces decimal places.

The second point is significant. Under the old system, with 8 - board matches, winning a match by 2, 3, 4 or 5 imps resulted in a 16/14 score, which some would argue is unfair. The new scale has different VPs for each number of imps, so a 2 imp win converts to 10.86/9.14 and a 3 imp win equates to 11.27 / 8.73 etc. Even a 1 imp win gives the winner more VPs than the loser (10.44/9.56) whereas under the old scale both teams earned 15 VPs. (However, a 1 imp win is still a draw for masterpointing purposes.)

**Would you open 1♠, 2♠ or 3♠ or even pass?**

**The Choices We Make... Bridge Blogging: Author Linda Lee - 10 August 2013**

**This is a deal from the Spingold Semifinal match Grue versus Schwartz**

<p><u>        </u> N</p> <p>♠QJ108752 ♥108 ♦QJ ♣A8</p>	<p>North is vulnerable against not and West passes in first chair. What do you do?</p> <p>One could come up with an argument for 1♠, 2♠ or 3♠ or even pass. Of course partnership agreements affect your decision. I remember losing a board when an opponent opened 2♠ on a hand like this and stayed low when the field got too high. Her argument was that 7-2-2-2's should be downgraded. The diamond QJ doesn't look particularly attractive either.</p>
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Have you picked your poison?

In the Open Room Bessis opened 3♠ which I personally like. The spades have good texture and while the ♣A is a surprise, partner would expect a hand as good as this, in playing strength, at this vulnerability. Lindqvist, East passed and so did Betheau, South. Now it was up to Brogeland. He held:

West                            ♠3, ♥AK63, ♦9875, ♣7543

Would you bid now? Partner isn't going to expect too much because you are a passed hand and he knows you are protecting. This choice seems easy to me, probably because a) I am not at the table and b) I am looking at all the hands. I would pass. It might be wrong some day, I do have that stiff spade but it might be right to pass in several ways. When you bid at imps you aren't really fighting for the part score as you might at matchpoints. Your concern is more that your side is missing game and if your partner has the right hand (say a decent opening bid with good hearts) he would already have bid. But I know Brogeland. He is a very thoughtful player and I am not really trying to second-guess his thought process. He made his choice and doubled and I know he had good reasons for it. Lindqvist, facing a passed partner, had nothing sensible to do but pass.

East Lindqvist            ♠AK96, ♥954, ♦K432, ♣96

Now the third big decision on the deal. What do you lead? Hands up anybody who lead a heart. I don't think even David Bird's magic lead program would find a heart lead. Anything else lets it make. If you lead a spade honour you will hold it tight and any other lead allows an overtrick.

The whole hand was:

<p><u>        </u> W Brog</p> <p>♠3 ♥AK63 ♦9875 ♣7543</p>	<p><u>        </u> N Bessis</p> <p>♠QJ108752 ♥108 ♦QJ ♣A8</p>	<p><u>        </u> E Lindq</p> <p>♠AK96 ♥954 ♦K432 ♣96</p>	<p><u>        </u> S Betheau</p> <p>♠4 ♥QJ72 ♦A106 ♣KQJ102</p>
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In the Closed Room Graves chose to open 2♠ and Moss with the West hand doubled. Is it more obvious or more "right" to double over 2♠? I think the double of 3♠ is more likely to be left-in (although as a passed hand it is clearly protecting partner).

Anyway Grue, East, wasn't tempted to sit and he bid his four card suit, 3♦. I think all of us would have made this choice.

3♦ drifted off one but 3♠ doubled making an overtrick was worth 930 and a big 13 imps.





## Quiz Night – Saturday 9 November at 7.30 pm

No need to register your table yet – we can do that in October. As advised in last month’s newsletter we are raising funds for a new dealing machine. We also want to run a raffle to push our fundraising up a fair bit. If you have some nice little raffle prizes for us, please could you let Bridget know. It all helps. Target is \$7,000. In the meantime, think about a table of friends say maximum 10 people (as last year) – but you can do smaller tables if you wish. Dean Sole is our celebrated Quiz Master and Gordon McBride has again consented to be Master of Ceremonies.

## Results from Recent Tournaments

<b>Karori Open Pairs – 18 August</b> 1st Alan Grant & Anthony Ker 2nd Debbie Gapes & Jane Windle 3rd Isobel Ross and David May	<b>Kairangi Charity Day</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Judy Johnstone & Barbara Daly
<b>Otaki Intermediate – 25 August</b> 3rd Paul Maxwell and Gail Tippett	<b>South Wairarapa Multigrade 8B – 1 September</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pat Darcy and Sue E Brown
<b>Hutt Multigrade – Sunday 8 September</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Kathy Ker & Anthony Ker 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gary Duncan & Russell Dive 3 <sup>rd</sup> = Graham Weir & Arumugam Kumarasamy 3 <sup>rd</sup> = Sushila Kumar & Ken Betteridge	<b>NB:</b> please send us in results – sometimes they are difficult to find on various websites or we have “word of mouth”. Thanks.

## Club Results from August 2013:

<b>Tuesday Capital Cup Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Margaret Curnow & Mira Trifunovic 2 <sup>nd</sup> Paul Devadatta & Rob Egginson	<b>Wednesday - Andrew Thompson Memorial Teams</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Grant, Anthony Ker, Martin Reid & Peter Newell 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ray Gruschow, Graeme Norman, Dean Sole & Patrick D’Arcy
<b>Thursday Owen Cup Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Jo Rollo & Barbara Allen 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tereska Knap & Bridget Willcox	<b>Friday - Tinakori Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Anthea Black & Sylvia Johns 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann Tyrie & Elicia Gold

