

WBC News – October 2013

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

- 1 AGM - Wednesday, 23 October at 6.00 pm
- 2 New Zealand Wide Pairs – Hutt Bridge Club, Friday 8 November (this event is being run by a different Wellington Region club each year so please support Hutt Club this year). Check our notice board.
- 3 Quiz Night – Saturday 9 November at 7.30 pm
- 4 Wellington Region Christmas Cheer – Saturday 23 November

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

There was a large contingent of club players at the recent Congress in Hamilton – well done to all. Congratulations to our three New Zealand Champions, Peter Newell and Martin Reid in the pairs and Johnny Davidson in the teams. See full details later in newsletter.

Last week we introduced a new table slip with a space included for total table money/vouchers and who wants change. Please fill out the total table money/vouchers, even if no change is required, and if required the amount of change for each player. This will make it easier for the director and they will not need to disturb play while picking up the money.

With AGM coming up and a new year not far away we will be looking for club members to become part of the committee and grade captains. Please volunteer for these positions as the strength of the club is reliant on the help we get from people undertaking these roles. Please talk to anyone on the committee or Bridget if you want to know more about any of these roles or would like to volunteer.



Busy Busy November

What a busy club we are at this time of year. While we have a choice of exciting functions planned, we do need your help please. As you can imagine, running the Interprovincials the last weekend of November requires expert planning and rosters of help, and our club has a fine record of hosting a national tournament. On the catering side we will take pre-orders from players for their lunches and collect from New World – the kitchen will be a buzz. Play starts on the Friday afternoon through to the Sunday, so diary a free hour for help listed below and please let Bridget know. Many thanks!

- Quiz – Saturday 9 November. Volunteers to help move chairs and tables on Saturday morning and back again Sunday morning.
- Quiz – Raffle for our dealing machine. Please bring along a suitable food item for the Christmas hamper during October. Please buy raffle tickets on club nights 3 for \$5.
- Wellington Region Christmas Cheer – Saturday 23 November: Help in the kitchen please to clear away dishes at 10am, lunchtime and during the afternoon.
- Interprovincial Teams – Friday 29 November, Saturday 30 November, Sunday 1 December. We will be hosting approximately 90-100 people - this is a huge weekend for our club and all hands on deck are needed please. If you can help in the kitchen any time, day or evening clearing away dishes, please let

Bridget or Jenny Delany know. We would love some home baking too if you can for morning and afternoon teas. We will also need drivers for the courtesy vans on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you can help with anything over this weekend, even if it's for an hour only, we would be most grateful.

News and Results from Congress *apologies if we missed any*

Congratulations!

NZ Pairs Winners: **Martin Reid & Peter Newell**; and 2nd were **Fraser Rew** & his partner. Fraser is Martyn Rew's son and one of our recent exports to Australia. Great result here to you all!

NZ Pairs Plate winners: **Anthony Ker & Alan Grant**

NZ Pairs Top pair below Open - **Haley Fenwick & Clinton Scott**

Congress Pairs: 3rd - **John Davidson** & partner

Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge Final: **Martin Reid & Peter Newell** were runners up

Back to the Future Teams: 2nd **Tony Lenart & James Li** & team mates

Graded Awards New Zealand Teams Under 50A Points: **Haley Fenwick & Clinton Scott**

Point a Board Team: 2nd **Alan Grant & James Li** and team mates

Senior Teams: 3rd **Lynda Rigler, Peter Delahunty, Pat Darcy & David Macdonald**

And last but not least – fantastic result Johnny! Congratulations.

Winners of the New Zealand Teams: **Johnny Davidson** and his team mates.

A New Grand Master (extract from Bulletin 5)

"**Heather Jared** has been a regular at Congresses for many years, usually partnering Warren Johnson in the NZ Pairs. Heather and Warren Johnson were placed 13th in the Pairs, a great effort in such a large and strong field. That result well and truly put Heather in the GM club; congratulations Heather."

The Kingsgate Bar": the management at the "venue in Hamilton" still hasn't worked out that thirsty bridge players need a drink at the end of play which is approximately 5pm each day. One evening, one person only was on the bar to cope with the crowd - oh and "have you got any chippies please?" "Sorry" the bar person says "they are locked away in a cupboard and my bar manager is away and he has the key".

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

Thank you to our team members. We came 4th overall.

Junior - Margaret Curnow, Mira Trifunovic, Nick Venter and Devin Kilminster

Intermediate - Barbara Allen Jo Rollo Cathy Nijman and Diana Dobbinson

Open - Alan Grant James Li Peter Benham and Brian Cleaver

Wellington Youth Team

The 2013 Youth Interprovincials were contested at the Kingsgate hotel in Hamilton just before congress. Wellington was represented by Andrew James (captain) & Tim Grant and Sam Ward & Chris Collins. With the other Interprovincials being contested in Wellington in November, the atmosphere was a little lonely compared to previous years but the event was still an enjoyable experience as always. Auckland was clearly the best team on the day and deserved their win. 2nd place was hotly contested; we finished 5th but there were only 7 VPs separating us and Canterbury, who faced Auckland in the final.

In the past, the double round robin and final format has worked well, with a chance for a revenge match against those who you were too sleepy to beat the first time. I believe that the new format with only a single round robin before the final is not an improvement and I hope that New Zealand Bridge returns to the old format next year. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank NZ Bridge/Wellington Regional for their generous subsidies for accommodation and airfares. **Andrew James**



A "Giraffe" Hand for you !

"Some of us wrestled with this hand at a recent tournament. We asked the experts to help us!"

From Alan Grant:

18	♠ 87	Dir: E
	♦ A10652	Vul: N-S
	♣ KQ10973	
	♠ AKJ106542	
♠ Q83	♥ Q10532	
♥ K4	♦	
♦ QJ83	♣	
♣ 8654		
	♠ 97	
	♥ AJ96	
	♦ K974	
	♣ AJ2	
		♣♦♥♠NT
		N 5 5 - -
		S 5 5 - -
		E - - - 5 -
		W - - - 6 -

Extreme "giraffe" hands like this always attract a lot of interest and, for that reason, yes I think it would be a good idea to write it up in the newsletter. My bridge encyclopaedia gives the probability of picking up any 8 5 0 0 distribution as 0.0031 (or 1 hand in 322), and specifically with 8 spades and 5 hearts as 0.0003 (or 1 hand in 3,333). So you should expect to play an average of over 12 x 26-board bridge sessions before picking up an 8-5-0-0 (any order), or 128 bridge sessions before you expect on average to pick up a long-necked giraffe with 8-long spades and 5-long hearts.

My first reaction is to open it with your strong bid - e.g. 2C. Having the boss suit spades, and obviously being willing to compete to 5S or even 6S I think largely negates the need to pre-empt. Also if you pre-empt 6S, how would you feel if your partner shows up with a few hearts to the Q or A plus a void in spades? Also, this unexpected extreme shape probably gives you a good chance of advantageously buying a double from the opps at the 5 or 6-level - they will never expect you to have two voids!

I think it unlikely NS will bid onto 7 of a minor as a sacrifice, vulnerable vs not. Arguably it's wrong for them to do that anyway (if they were to find the killing opening lead of a trump).

On the actual hand I doubt that the auction commencing 2C followed by bidding S and getting support from partner is very likely to increase the chance of South on lead finding the killing opening lead of a trump. South has two Aces to choose from and, presuming partner has had a chance to show the minors in the auction somehow, he or she is most likely to lead one of the off-suits. Cheers! **Alan Grant**

And now from Nigel.

Lots of interesting issues...

1. I would open 1S. A lot is going to depend on partner's heart holding and I will find out about that more easily after opening 1S. My style is to not open 2C unless I have quite a lot of high card strength and defence.
2. After 1S-X-2S it is an interesting problem for North. I think you want to at least invite slam, for example by bidding 3S followed by 4NT or 5C. But just blasting 6C is very tempting.
3. Once West has raised, I would always be willing to bid up to 6S if forced with the East hand, mostly as a sacrifice but with some chance of making. Against good opponents you should probably just bid 6 immediately but against random people in a multi-grade I would just let them keep pushing me. They could easily double 5S and the main goal on these hands is to be declarer.
4. South should pass 6S if N/S are in a force, which they would be if North started with 3S. Otherwise South should double. The trump lead is very obvious - it's hard to construct any layout where another lead would work better.

Suggested auction: 1S-X-2S-6C-6S-X. **Nigel Kearney**

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 23 October at 6 pm

Hurry! You can still put your name forward for the Committee. Please note your diaries for the AGM and a slice of pizza and glass of wine.



Quiz Night – Saturday 9 November at 7.30 pm

It's time to get your team together – 4 -10 people – and book a table with Bridget. As advised in last month's newsletter we are raising funds for a new dealing machine and we have timed this very well to use during the forthcoming IP's at the end of November. Raffle tickets are on sale now on club nights. Target is \$7,000. Our quiz nights are **VERY POPULAR** so don't miss out! Book now.

Trivia. One of the commentators at the World Team Championships in Bali said:

"Last week I saw Zia at the swimming pool here with his system which seemed to be about 500 pages and asked him how he could handle so much. His answer was "that's just for the gallery – the 350 pages in the middle are blank!"

Welcome to New Members

Mary Weatherley, Dale Lacey, Stuart Badger, Adam Jaffe, Pam Jorgenson

Results from Recent Tournaments

South Wairarapa Multigrade 1st September 1 st Matt Sutherland & George Masters 2 nd Susan Brown and Pat Darcy	Victoria Intermediate Pairs – 15 September 1st Helen and Kevin Walker 2= Ken Betteridge & Alex Swainson 2= Annette Black & Nancy Cooney
Victoria Junior Pairs – 15 September 2nd Margaret Curnow & Mira Trifunovic	Paraparaumu Multigrade – 22 September 2nd Joan Waldvogel & Max Wigbout 3rd Susan Laurenson & Jenny Delany

Club Results from September 2013:

Tuesday - Manoy Estate Teams 1 st Carol Storer, Ali Turner, Christine Manning & Lesley Askew 2 nd Faye Smith, Haley Fenwick, Adele Weston & Mary Anderson	Wednesday McDermont Cup Ladder 1 st Karl Hayes 2 nd Nigel Kearney
Thursday Porter Ladder 1 st Bridget Willcox 2 nd Paul Cushnie	Friday Handicap Pairs 1 st Mary Slowey & Alex Drummond 2 nd Jill Dodson & Annette Prebble