

WBC News – April 2014

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Youth Fundraiser – Friday 9 May 2014
Inter-Provincial Trials – Sat/Sun 24th & 25th May.

Improvers Lesson (Part 2) – Saturday 14th June
Club Champs – Sunday 15th June.

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

The main points from the committee meeting last evening are that membership at 401 is up 10 from the same time last year and playing night numbers continue to do well compared with previous years. We also have an enthusiastic group going through the learners class at present. For next year programme we will try and avoid team competitions being held on public holidays as it is often difficult to get the required number of substitutes.

The committee agreed that for Wednesday night next year the Schneideman Salver Teams would be held in August and the Andrew Thompson Memorial Teams in March. This would avoid the confusion with entries for the Schneideman Premier Teams that begins early April.

The club is holding a 5A Simultaneous Pairs competition on Friday 9th May as part of a NZ wide fundraiser for the NZ Youth Bridge Team. The club is inviting members of other clubs in Wellington to join in this very worthy fundraising event. All table money and any profit from the bar will go towards the youth teams travel. Mindy Wu is providing a curry for tea at a cost of \$10 for those who want to come along to the club rooms a bit earlier and have a more relaxed start to their bridge. Play starts at 7.30 pm. It would be great to have a large turn-out from Wellington club members from all grades. See more detail in this newsletter.



Michael Ware and Martin Reid

Main Centre Pairs – 22/23 March 2014

Only 17 tables this time but a good muster of players from out of town participating who said they really enjoyed the weekend. Thank you to Allan Joseph for directing and to Mindy Wu's catering crew for the wonderful lunch. Second helpings of the lasagne were definitely in demand!

Congratulations to the session winners and the top place getters.

First Place: Martin Reid and Michael Ware
Second Place: Ray Gruschow and Graeme Norman

5A Simultaneous Pairs Friday 9 May

Fundraiser Event for the New Zealand Youth Team

15th World Youth Teams Championships 13 – 23 August, Istanbul, Turkey.

Come along to for a “Curry” at 6pm (Bookings Essential)

(catering by Mindy Wu) **\$10.00**

Play starts at 7.30pm. Table money \$10.00

Please register on the notice Board or email wnbridge@paradise.net.nz

All table money & profit from the bar will go towards travel for the NZ Youth Team.

Thursday “Neal Salver” lesson starting 1st May.

Prior to the monthly Neal Salver Competition we will have a selection of guest tutors covering a wide range of topics, Anthony Ker will take the first lesson on the 1st May – start time 6.30pm.

Anthony’s lessons, whatever the subject are always very popular diary this date now!

We will also be running a similar lesson for Tuesday players prior to Hand Trophy Pairs.

Details to follow.

CLUB CHAMPS. 15th June

Once again the annual Club Champs are to be held. We require three teams to represent the Wellington Club - Open, Intermediate and Junior. Expressions of interest from established partnerships are to be email to wnbridge@paradise.net.nz by the 20th May. There will be a selection process and Teams will be announced shortly after.

Improvers Class

Alan Grant held an “Improvers Class” on Saturday 29th March with 24 attendees. Thank you Alan, we are fortunate to have you take these classes. The second part of this class will be held on Saturday 14th June.

Check out the notice Board for further details. (No requirement to have completed Part 1)

Results from Recent Tournaments

Taranaki Congress Teams 1st Alan Grant James Li and team mates	Victoria Multi –grade 3rd Anthea black and Mindy Wu 4th Gail Tippett and Paul Maxwell
Paraparaumu Open 1st Eleanor Morel and Lorraine McArthur 2nd Peter Delahunty and Lynda Rigler 3rd Graeme Norman and Ray Gruschow 4th Mindy Wu and John Wilkinson	Kairangi Multi Grade Teams 2 nd Overall Chris Bolland, Sam Ward and teammates 1 st in 2 nd Division (3 rd Overall) Barbara Allen, Mary Slowey Pauline and Mike Murtagh 1 st in 3 rd Division Helen Walker Tadek Gawor Lee Walker and Margaret Curnow.

Results from March 2014

Tuesday Thelma Wylde Pairs 1 st Ray O'Connor & Adele Weston 2 nd Megan Turner & Paul Devadatta	Wednesday. Schneideman Salver Teams 1 st Martin Reid, Peter Newell, Charlie Cahn & Nigel Kearney 2 nd Sandra Coleman, Mindy Wu, Peter Delahunty & Lynda Rigler.
Thursday J Robson Cup Pairs 1 st Michael Revell & Tim Heartt 2 nd Jenni Borren & Jan Borren	Friday Hobson Pairs 1 st Anthea Black & Ross Craig 2 nd Brian Meads & Jolene Zink

Rubber Bridge....

To kick off the rubber bridge year.... we held a "club heat" here on Friday 4 April with 16 pairs. Anthony Ker gave an overview of the scoring and tactics when playing Rubber Bridge. The bar was open and the club provided some nibbles

Dirty dealings: bridge world champions caught cheating The Telegraph 30 March 2014

The sedate world of bridge has been shaken after two world champions were found guilty of cheating, by exchanging coded signals via coughs

Dr. Michael Elinescu and Dr. Entscho Wladow, both members of the German Team who won the gold medal in the d' Orsi Seniors Bowl at the 2013 World Bridge Championships in Bali, have been found guilty of reprehensible conduct by a special Commission instituted by the World Bridge Federation. The Commission, in a hearing in Dallas held on the 21 & 22 March 2014, imposed the following sanctions: a. Elinescu and Wladow shall be banned from playing together in any WBF organised championship or competition for life; b. Elinescu and Wladow shall be each individually banned from playing in a WBF organised championship or competition for a period of 10 years; c. Elinescu and Wladow are ordered to pay the cost of the above mentioned hearing.

According to the Commission it was proven that Elinescu and Wladow communicated in an inappropriate way during the finals at Bali WC when the pair played against USA2. By way of coughing the pair – when on lead – was able to signal shortness – if any – in one or more of the suits. In a first reaction from the German side it seems likely that the German Bridge Federation and/or Elinescu and Wladow will appeal against the WBF ruling.

Blogging... here's a copy from Judy Kay-Wolff on March 24th, 2014 (referring to the 57th Spring NABC in Dallas recently)

“... and I am not speaking of victors and losers. Directives seem to be zooming in on: (1) suggesting women not use perfume. Does that mean men are asked to refrain from wearing cologne as well? Soon one will see printed mandates to bathe daily and wear deodorant. (2) suggesting players (and kibitzers too?) constantly wash their hands and use sanitizers. Is this coming from the ABCL or the Board of Health, I ask you? Soon they will be telling us how deep a woman's neckline can go or how long a guy's shorts must be.”

Thinking bridge By Eddie Kantar (Bulletin 24 March 2014 – 57th Spring NABC in Dallas)

Dir West ♠7
 Vul Both ♥Q105
 ♦K75
 ♣KQJ1097

♠QJ10643
 ♥863
 ♦AJ8
 ♣8

*Here's a message from **Eddie Kantar**:
 "Hi Jenny,*

Yes you can use the hand that appeared in the March 2014 issue of the Bulletin. You might mention that the Thinking Bridge Hands are available by checking my website: kantarbridge.com Thanks if you can."

West North East South
 2♠ 3♣ Pass 3NT
 All Pass

As West, you lead the ♠Q. Partner plays the ♠2 (discouraging) and declarer wins the king. At trick two, declarer tries a low diamond from hand. Plan your defence.

From the ♠2, discouraging, you can infer that declarer has the ♠A. From the lead of a low diamond at trick two you can infer that declarer has the ♣A. If declarer didn't have the ♣A, his first play would have been a club to drive out the ace.

If declarer has the ♣A and the ♠A, he has eight black-suit tricks and if he has the ♦Q (likely), you are letting declarer steal a ninth trick from right under your nose if you play low. You should rise with the ♦A and shift to a heart. You are hoping, praying that partner has the ♥A K J x. A good partner will have those cards. The full deal:

<p>♠7 ♥Q105 ♦K75 ♣KQJ1097</p> <p>♠QJ10643 ♥863 ♦AJ8 ♣8</p> <p>♠AK95 ♥942 ♦Q942 ♣A5</p>	<p>♠82 ♥AKJ7 ♦1063 ♣6432</p>	<p>Points of interest (other than the fact that you have a good partner):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aside from the ♣A inference, notice that declarer tries to steal a ninth trick early. If you run the clubs first, they can signal each other, etc. • East discourages in spades with a low doubleton. This is notrump, not a suit contract. When partner leads an honour against notrump and dummy has low cards, signal encouragement only if you have an honour as well. • Notice that declarer takes the first trick with the ♠K holding the A-K. There are two reasons why this is the right play: (1) If declarer wins the first trick with the ace, it is highly suspicious. If that was declarer's only stopper, why didn't he hold up? (2) If South wins the ace, East knows that South has the king. If South wins the king, East cannot be sure whether partner has led from a sequence headed by the Q-J or from an A-Q-J combination. This could be crucial.
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