

WBC News – July 2014

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Wellington Intermediate/Junior Tournament, Sunday 27 July 2014
National Swiss Pairs 15A – 9-10 August 2014 at Wellington Bridge Club

A request please to our members:

The National Swiss Pairs on the weekend of 9-10 August is another BIG weekend tournament for our club to host. We will need you bright and happy kitchen helpers and some home baking please. Our grade captains will remind you nearer the time. Also we require some kitchen help for Sunday the 27th July during the Junior and Intermediate tournaments. Many Thanks.

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker



With 31 July being the end of the financial year end the committee have set a date for the AGM. This year the AGM will be on a Friday 31st October at 6pm to be followed by food and then bridge, the NZ Wide Pairs. It is hoped that having the AGM on a non-bridge night will allow a wider attendance at the AGM but we have added food and combined with the NZ Wide Pairs for further enticement. There will be no cost for the evening except for a cash bar and relevant entry fee into the NZ Wide Pairs. More detail will be advised closer to the time.

The club intermediate and junior grade tournaments will be on 27 July so I would encourage club players to enter for this event.

Congratulations to all those club players who did well in the recent Wellington Regional Bridge Congress held at the club.

Results from June 2014

Tuesday - <u>Neal Trophy Pairs</u> 1 st Anna Locker-Lampson and Adele Weston 2 nd Megan Turner and Paul Devadatta	Thursday - <u>Bill Joss Memorial Swiss Pairs</u> 1 st Michael Cox and Turei Haronga 2 nd Jenny Delany and Chris Woods
Friday - <u>Winter Pairs</u> 1 st Sylvia Johns and Sophie Atkin 2 nd Michael Stride and Suzanne Duncan	

Results from Recent Tournaments - Congratulations to our Club Members!

Kapi Mana Open – 22 June 2014 1 st Judy Johnstone & Joan McCarthy 3 rd Mindy Wu & John Wilkinson	National 15A Teams 1 st John Davidson & team-mates 2 nd Alan Grant & Anthony Ker & team-mates
Kairangi Int 13 July 2014 1 st Brad Tattersfield & Jenni Borren. 2 nd Stephanie Smith & Pam Hancox	

Wellington Regional Congress – 5/6/7 July

Our club is certainly busy hosting tournaments this month and early August.

Congratulations to the Wellington Regional committee, their directors and helpers for a very enjoyable congress with good entry numbers in both the Open and Intermediate events and visitors from as far as Auckland, Hamilton, New Plymouth, Napier/Hastings and down to Blenheim and Christchurch. Many thanks to our friendly directors for all their enjoyable sessions. It's great to see so many helpers and smiling faces toiling in the kitchen or running the bar to look after us so well; non-playing bridge husbands giving up their weekend to help run this event; and all the helpers from our club contributing to the weekend's success. A big thank you also to Mindy Wu and her catering crew for the superb lunches on all three days and little savouries during the Sunday afternoon break. Very much appreciated Mindy, thank you. The cards take first place but food is a very very close second! Congratulations to the prize-winners listed below.

<p>Open Pairs 1st Russell Dive, Gary Duncan 2nd Rodney Dravitzki, Sandra Dravitzki 3rd Tony Lenart, James Li</p>	<p>Intermediate Pairs 1st Phillipa Gardiner, Michel Norrish 2nd Yvonne Helps, Don Mather 3rd Margot Brough, Jim Brough</p>
<p>Intermediate Teams 1st Heath Tolley, Barry Smith, Haley Fenwick, Martyn Rew 2nd Jim Brough, Margot Brough, Christine Haronga, Turei Haronga 3rd Greg Whitten, Sue Whitten, Simon Louisson, Jeremy Morley</p>	<p>Open teams 1st Stephen Henry, John Luoni, Peter Benham, Brian Cleaver 2nd Michael Ware, Martin Reid, Tom Jacob, Denis Humphries 3rd Kate Davies, John Patterson, Annette Henry, Anna Herries</p>
<p>Open Swiss Pairs Monday 1st Colin Carryer and Sandra Calvert 2nd Graeme Norman and Ray Gruschow 3rd Brian Cleaver and Alan Grant</p>	<p>Junior Pairs 1st Tracey shields and Margaret Jamieson</p> <p>Novice Pairs 1st Annie Fleetwood and Anne Gaskell</p>



Afternoon tea at the Congress on Sunday



Four heads are better than one!
And these four heads won the Open Teams. Peter Benham, Stephen Henry, John Luoni, Brian Cleaver

Wellington Regional Club play-off results

Congratulations to the Hutt Club. Very special thanks to our Wellington Club players who volunteered their Sunday on 15 June and achieved a very commendable 2nd place. Onwards and upwards for next year's challenge. As one of our players told us: "The event was well run with just what every bridge player enjoys - competitive, friendly and challenging matches. Better luck next year!"

<u>GRADE VP TOTALS</u>	<u>Hutt</u>	<u>Kairangi</u>	<u>Karori</u>	<u>Wellington</u>
<u>OPEN</u>	43.61	28.76	14.46	33.17
<u>INTERMED.</u>	22.56	25.29	37.35	34.80
<u>JUNIOR</u>	48.88	19.62	25.13	26.37
<u>CLUB GRAND TOTAL</u> <u>After Round No...3...</u>	115.05 1st.	73.67	76.94	94.34

Here's some of that magic Michael Whibley and Liam Milne can produce. They played a Yeh Mixed v Australia team match on BBO on 12 June recently.

"Fortune favours the brave!" Michael passed Liam's x of 1 club. North passed too.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cyeh</u></p> <p>♠976 ♥96 ♦Q763 ♣J1086</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liam</u></p> <p>♠KJ83 ♥7542 ♦A4 ♣432</p>		<p>N Dealer All vul</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Michael</u></p> <p>♠42 ♥AQ8 ♦KJ95 ♣KQ75</p>				N	E	S	W
				Pass	Pass	1C	Pass
				Pass	x	Pass	Pass
				Pass			
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Khanggueke</u></p> <p>♠AQ105 ♥KJ103 ♦1082 ♣A9</p>				<p>Lead from Michael is 4 spades.</p> <p>3 light and +800 to Michael and Liam and 12 matchpoints.</p> <p>We asked Michael later: "didn't know for sure it would work but was a situation with a big potential gain and not that much to lose if it didn't work!"</p>			

Thursday Night Lessons

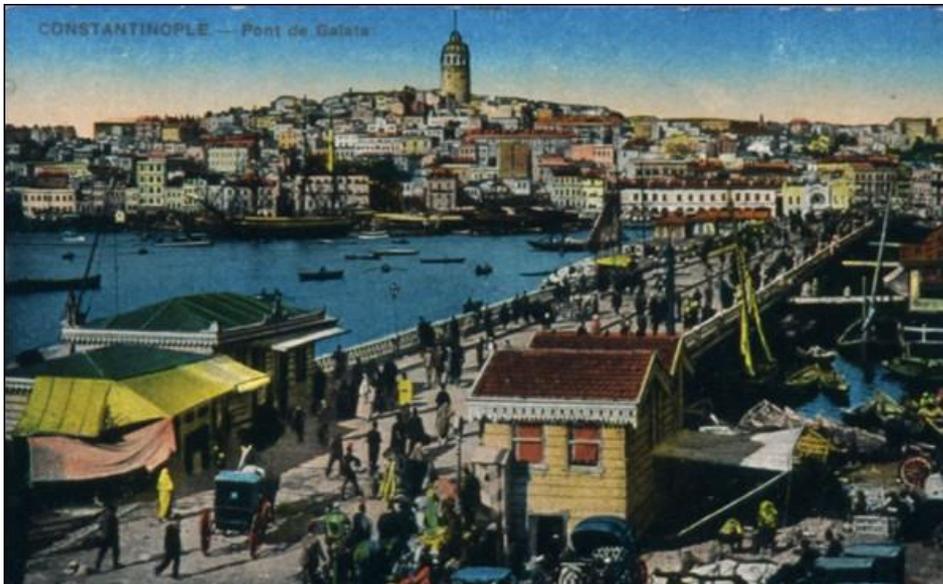
Another super lesson for Thursday night players and very well attended – this time on “balancing” from **Stephen Henry**. “*Balancing is part of competitive bidding and you can pretend to borrow a king from partner*”. We learned how to use 2NT as a “scramble” bid and 2 places to play. Thank you Stephen, please can we have a Part II balancing lesson later in the year.

Tuesday Night Lessons.

The newly introduced Tuesday lesson prior to the Hand Trophy pairs are proving popular. Last month **Kevin Walker** gave a lesson on reversing and this month **Maureen Pratchett** will be talking about “bidding with distribution.

How “Bridge” got its name...

You might already know this but it's fascinating anyway!



Galata Bridge early 1900's (Permission from

<http://www.sihirlitur.com/belgesel/kartpostallar/oto.html#>)

The card game got its name from the Galata Bridge, a bridge spanning the Golden Horn and linking the old and new parts of European Istanbul, where they apparently crossed every day to go to a coffeehouse to play cards. .Known bridge playing goes as far back as late 1800's.

(B7's note: I don't agree with the people who say that the word is

derived from a word similar to bridge-- britich, biritch, britch, beach, etc. Because the bridge players at that time were highly educated I believe that they surely could properly spell a word that they pronounced.)

The bridge in the picture is Galata Bridge. The people crossing the bridge can be the first bridge players in the world. Galata Tower can be seen at the top of the hill. It is located in the new part of European Istanbul. Bridge was a very popular game in Istanbul then. Later, the so-called "kings of bridge" replaced the sultans of bridge. The first king was a very rich man in US: Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt. Mr. Vanderbilt brought rules and a method of scoring to the bridge game. Later in 1930's Mr. Ely Culbertson published the laws of contract bridge. In 1950's Mr. Charles Goren added some methods which helped to popularize the bridge game. Goren was known as "King of Aces". Some of his methods are still used. In 1958 World Bridge Federation was founded. Today, bridge is the most popular card game in the World.

From the Director's Corner – Claiming

Claiming is an area that frequently causes problems and if not done correctly may give a bad result to the claimer.

Do not claim by saying “the rest are mine” and resist the temptation to claim just because you are running a bit late and want to speed things up. However you should claim if you are certain it is a sound claim.

To avoid problems (and additional delay!) always state your line of play, mention if there are any trumps outstanding and show your cards to the opponents, even if it is perfectly obvious.

If you do not mention the trump position and your line of play and there are trumps outstanding, the Director will have to adopt the view that you have forgotten about the trump and may allow the opponents to win a trick if there is a line of play in which you could lose to the outstanding trump

If the opponents wish to dispute the claim, the Director should be called immediately.

If the opponents accept your claim, but later determine that they were wrong and could not possibly have lost one or more tricks, the rules allow for them to challenge the claim if it is within what the bridge laws call the Correction Period. On club nights, this is usually 30 minutes after the end of play

So to summarise, if you are going to claim:

- Say you want to claim a certain number of tricks
- State your line of play
- Mention the trump position
- Show your cards to the opponents



Just Joking!

John Crawford achieved considerable notoriety as a shrewd card player. According to legend, he was once in a hopeless four-spade contract. About midway through the play this exchange takes place:

Crawford: The rest are mine. Making five.

Opponent: What do you mean! I still have a trump trick.

Crawford: Oh, you're absolutely right. Great defense, too, to hold me to four.

Opponent: Thank you.

