

WBC News – September 2012

Long range date for Quiz: Friday 30 November

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Wed 26 September at 6.30 pm - Lesson on 2/1 by visiting Canadian world class player, George Holland.
Thurs 27 September at 6.30 pm – Lesson on 2/1 by visiting Canadian world class player, George Holland.
Casual bridge fortnightly on Tuesday evenings – gather up your retired bridge friends!
AGM – Wednesday 17 October at 6 pm. Pizza and wine after the meeting.
WBC Novice Tournament – Sunday 11 November at 1 pm one session only. Entries on the notice board.

Good luck to the Wellington IP teams.

Good Luck to all our members playing at Congress ...and safe travelling.

Presidents Corner... Derek Snelling

Hopefully you will be aware that the 2012 AGM is being held on Wednesday 17th October. We hope that as many of you as are able will come to this meeting.

Of significance at this year's meeting will be the presentation of a budget for next year that unfortunately will show a projected deficit of around \$20,000. The reasons for this are multiple but generally involve an increase in costs of almost every aspect of club expenditure.

Although we have held off raising subs over the last year or two we will be proposing an increase of subscription fees at the AGM. We will also be proposing an increase of table money to \$7 per night.

Finally we will be changing our practice with the delivery of alcoholic beverages where the price of a glass of wine will not change but the size of a glass will be more in line with a "standard drink". Currently we get 3.5 glasses of wine from each bottle of wine! As well as not giving much room for profit we feel there is a host responsibility factor to be taken into account.

When I began my presidency three years ago it was on a platform of not allowing our reserves to be eroded and, in the current economic environment, the suggested measures will be necessary to maintain our current financial status. Please come along and make your views known and participate in the decision making process.

Thanks. Derek

Club Premier Teams and Pairs Events

Teams: The five preliminary rounds of the Schneideman Premier Teams event have now been completed and the top eight teams who are in the finals are:

1	Blackstock	210 Vps	5	Gruschow	166 Vps
2	Grant	207 Vps	6	Thomson	164 Vps
3	Luoni	170 Vps	7	Michael	162 Vps
4	Knap	167 Vps	8	Benson	161 Vps

These top eight teams will firstly play a quarterfinal round. For this round the top three ranked teams will choose their opponents from the teams ranked four to eight with the top team having first choice. After the top three teams have chosen their opponents, this will leave the remaining two teams to play each other. After this quarterfinal round the four losing teams will be eliminated.

The four winning teams from the quarterfinal round will then play a semi final round. For the final round the winners of the semi-final matches will play-off for 1st and 2nd and the losers will play-off for 3rd and 4th. More specific details of the finals rounds will be advised to the teams including carryover points.

A pairs event will be held for those players not in the team finals on the 28 Nov, 5 Dec and 12 Dec.

Pairs: The premier pairs event (Poppy Roberts Trophy) has one more preliminary round to complete on 31 October. Once this is completed the top twenty two pairs will move to the finals rounds over three nights where each pair will play four boards a round against all other pairs. A three night pairs event will be held for those players not in the finals on the 7, 14 and 21 November. **Kevin Walker**



Can we be Top Club in New Zealand again?

In the excitement of winning the Wellington playoff, we forgot to include this photo in the July newsletter of our Wellington Club team who played so brilliantly to take us to Hamilton. They have good reason to smile...



Back rows: Ray Gruschow, Annette Henry, Graeme Norman, Tereska Knap, Steven Coulter, Stephen Henry, Bridget Willcox and Heath Tolley: Front Row: Sue Lambourn, Tadek Gawor, Warren Tocker. Absent: Shelley Best, Valerie Rhodes, Keith Harris, Michael Revell and Malcolm Greig

The competition starts Friday 5th October at 8pm and has two further sessions on Saturday 6th, morning and afternoon. Our team is below and we wish you all the very best for the return of "our cup"!

Junior Team: Tadek Gawor, Warren Tocker, Sue Lambourn, Keith Harris

Intermediate Team: Michael Revell, Malcolm Greig, Tereska Knap, Bridget Willcox

Open Team: Ray Gruschow (Captain), Graeme Norman, Stephen and Annette Henry



LESSONS this month: Emerging Criteria – how to create a level playing field...

This month on Wednesday 26 September and Thursday 27 September at 6.30 pm we welcome visiting Canadian world class player George Holland who has kindly offered to speak to us and answer any questions.

"Thank you for the opportunity to speak to your club members about the 2 over 1 Bridge System (2/1). 2/1 has been THE emerging criteria in bridge over the past 10 or 15 years. It is played by a significant number of players in North America, Europe, The Middle East, The Far East, South America, as well as many other parts of the world. 2/1 has pre-empted SAYC as the system of choice with the majority of world class players. I will not attempt to convert your members to the 2/1 System but would prefer to expose them to it for their information. The computer is slowly playing a much larger role in our game and, if one was to log on to BBO and look for a game with a table of similar skilled players, you would find that many would only play 2/1. In addition, knowing the 2/1 system makes it easier to defend against it should the occasion arise. I can give you more examples/reasons why it is so popular but I would like to save that until I visit your club." **George Holland**

Novice & Beginners Tournament ... for players with 2 years or less experience

Two years ago we initiated a one-session tournament for novice players and beginners alike and the feedback was "let's do this again". We have set the date for Sunday 11 November at 1 pm for a one session tournament. If you have recently completed a set of lessons and/or have started playing on Tuesday evenings, this is perfect for you to play in your first tournament. Please check details on the notice board.

And speaking of Novices ... Congratulations!! Although interclub is not finished yet the Novice Team who have won their grade (quite convincingly!) are **Sarah Bradbury, Nick Venter, Robbie Blair, Felicity Steele and Paul Gold.**



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Slow play is again causing the committee some concern. A few slow players are causing an impact on many. Directors have the full support of the committee to enforce the time limit for each round and to penalise those who do not attempt to play to the time limit or catch up if they get behind. It is recognised that the vast majority of club members are not slow players.

Of those who are at times slow players there seem to be three categories:

- 1 Those players who take more time for thought in regard to some hands. Sometimes these players need a reminder by the director to catch up play. In general this group have the ability and do catch up within a few boards.
- 2 The second group are the newer player who find some of the bidding and playing difficult. This is understandable and a gentle reminder by the director is the appropriate action in these cases.
- 3 The third group I would classify as the problem group. These are the slow players who have been playing for some time and do not appear to have the ability to catch up. In general these slow players seem also to want to keep personal score cards and discuss aspects of play/hands after they play a hand. It is this group that directors will be targeting to ensure the smooth running of the evening for all. The players in this group (who are known by most in the club) need to change the way they are playing bridge to speed up their play.

To avoid the director having to penalise anyone you must do the following.

- **Play within the allotted time for each round. If the table is late starting a round then all at the table need to take positive action to catch up.**
- **West is to move as soon as the director calls a move. East is to move also unless waiting to confirm the score.**
- **If you are playing after the move has been called move as soon as play is completed without discussing any matters, unless specifically with the opponents in regard to the scoring of the hand just completed.**
- **No player is to complete a personal score card after a move has been called until he/she has spare time later. This means completion of your personal score card must not impact on the bidding or playing for the next hand(s). *Kevin Walker***

PLAYING NUMBERS

The following are comparative figures for the calendar year to date:

August 2012	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Total
2005	1406	2578	3256	702	7942
2006	1318	2657	3184	732	7891
2007	1672	2840	3064	822	8398
2008	1653	2874	2604	906	8037
2009	2136	2990	2878	968	8972
2010	1869	3088	2704	1028	8689
2011	1968	3116	3026	1102	9212
2012	1774	3416	3220	1166	9576

31st August 2012 410 Total Membership 320 members with Wellington as their home Club

Programme Book for 2013

Have you changed your phone number or email address? Please let Bridget Willcox know as the book will be going to print late October.

Advertising in the Programme Book: We have space if you would like to advertise – cheap rates... again, please let Bridget know if you are interested.

Quiz Night – in lieu of Christmas Party



A couple of years ago one of our members asked the committee to consider buying a defibrillator – if you don't know what that is .."A defibrillator is an electrical device that provides a shock to the heart when there is a life-threatening abnormal heart rhythm present". As a result of a further suggestion to buy the same, the committee invites you and your friends to make up a team for a Quiz Night on Friday 30 November and all monies raised will be put towards the purchase of a defibrillator. You are probably saying "I can't work one of these" but rest assured these devices are programmed to be used by non-medical people and have voice instructions on how to operate them. You may have seen them on the walls of supermarkets, shopping malls and cinemas. The important aspect is to provide an electric shock as soon as possible after a heart attack of this type, i.e. long before the ambulance gets here!

Dean Sole has kindly volunteered to host the Quiz. So diary this date; invite your friends, make up a table and, as in the past, our Quiz Nights are lots of fun and a full house.


Goodbye Wellington Women's Club

At the end of August, the Wellington Women's Club ceased to be our tenant and ceased to exist. The Club was established in 1926 with the intention of being of a '*purely social character designed for the convenience, comfort and relaxation of its members*'. Initial membership was 369 and the first premises were in the Seater Building on Customhouse Quay.

Over the years, the Club has had a membership of up to 400 and changed premises several times before moving to the Wellington Bridge Club in 1994. In its prime, the Club offered social activities every week day, but with the 1994 move it became a Tuesday meeting only with informal lunch, bridge and afternoon tea. However, Christmas and mid-year were always celebrated in style with caterers in and non-bridge playing members attending. And now membership has dwindled to a point where the Club can no longer carry on. After 86 years of friendship and social contact it is a facet of Wellington's society that has come to an end. **Dot Procter**

This was board 1 from the World Championship final in Lille, France August 21.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vulnerable.

	♠ A 8 6 4 3		
	♥ 9 7 6 4 2		
	♦ Q		
	♣ Q 8		
♠ -		♠ K T 9	
♥ A Q J 8 5		♥ K 3	
♦ 9 8 6		♦ K 7 5	
♣ J T 9 7 3		♣ A K 6 5 2	
		♠ Q J 7 5 2	
		♥ T	
		♦ A J T 4 3 2	
		♣ 4	

In the **Open final** the Swedish NS were in the cold 4S, doubled for +590, their EW pair were in 5C making 6, result 14 imps to Sweden (vs Poland). In the playoff for 3rd, the same result, 14 imps to Monaco (vs Ireland).

In the **Women's final** the Russian NS were in 4SX -1 for 100 to England, the English Women made 4SX for 590, 12 imps to England. In the playoff for 3rd it was Poland in 5Sx -2 for 300 to France but the French ladies were in 4SX -1 for 100 to Poland, 5 imps France.

In the **Senior final** the USA were in 4S for 420, The Hungarians were in 5SX for -500, 14 imps to USA. In the playoff for 3rd, the Swedish EW were in 4H -1 for -50, Their NS pair were in 4SX making, 11 imps to Sweden (vs France).

These are the best teams in the world, gives us all hope doesn't it? Gary Hanna

A Beginners Guide to sacrifice....

Always look at the vulnerability

1. If you are vulnerable and they are not, don't sacrifice. Even if you make a "pre-emptive" bid, you still expect to make what you bid.
2. If they are vulnerable, and you are not vul, you can be wild... pre-empt at any suggestion that it is their hand and you have the cards.
3. At equal vulnerability:
 - if both vulnerable, be within two tricks of your bid,
 - if neither side is vulnerable, be within three tricks of your bid.

To put this into context, consider this the **4321** rule.

- When you are not vulnerable, and they are, be within 4 tricks of your bid.
- When neither side is vul, be within 3 tricks of your bid
- When both sides are vul, be within 2 tricks of your bid
- When you are vulnerable and they not... plan to make or be within 1 trick of your bid.

What seat are you in?

So first thing you look at is vulnerability. The next thing you look at is position. In fourth seat, there is no need to pre-empt unless you think you can make what you bid. Say bidding goes Pass-Pass-Pass-3♣.. you plan to make that 3♣. The logic of fourth seat pre-empts is fairly obvious (there's no one to pre-empt, so you bid to make).

There is one that is less obvious. In second seat you want to tighten up your pre-empts. That is, after your right hand opponent passed and you have less than an opening hand, there is an equal chance it is your partner who

holds a good hand as it is your LHO holds a good hand. If you are weak, in first seat, there are two chances opponents have good hand to one for your partner. So in second seat, always be "on top" of your pre-empts. Don't open 2♥ on some yucky hand... have a "maximum" for the 2♥, etc.

In third chair, mix it up. Forget rule of 4 when not vul, pre-empt on 5 or 6 card suit... throw monkey wrench into the machinery. You take your chance...

As for dealing with pre-empts... it is often very difficult, that is why people pre-empt, after all. I think a good rule of thumb for beginners is to assume your partner has 7/8 points. And bid his points. So if you have enough for 3♣ overcall, but if partner has 7 points you can make game, simply bid 4♣ not 3♣. This rule means that if your partner bids over a pre-empt and you have a bland 8 points... DON'T BID, your partner is bidding your points. This will be hard to do... I know, but there you go. [This article courtesy **BBO** news page].

Results from Tournaments

Correction!: The tournament James Li & Tony Lenart won in Wanganui recently was NOT the Wanganui Open, as stated, but the 10 A Point Fullarton Teams which James and Tony successfully played with Robyn Freeman-Greene and Jim Murray. A search of the Wanganui Bridge website revealed no information for the editor: Gary Hanna writes "I too searched in vain for the results of this tournament. In the history of New Zealand bridge, Mr Fullarton was an important figure which is why this event was named in his honour and should be treated with respect."

Karori Open – 20 August

1. Alan Grant, Anthony Ker
2. Peter Delahunty, Lynda Rigler

Otaki Intermediate – 26 August

- 1st John Elliott and Haley Fenwick
- 3rd Sue Johnstone and Julia Barnett.

South Wairarapa Multigrade – 2 September

- 1st John Elliott and Alex Swainson
- 2= Kevin and Helen Walker; Pat Darcy, Jane Windle

Hutt Multigrade – 9 September

- 1st Graham Weir and Arumugam Kumarasamy
- 1st Open /Int Pair Allan Joseph and Lynne Jagusch
- 1st Intermediate Pair Bridget Willcox and Tereska Knap
- 1st Open/Junior Pair: Graeme Norman and Carol Hogan
- 1st Junior Pair: Verna Schofield and Stephanie Smith.

Results from Club Nights - August

ANDREW THOMPSON (was SCHNEIDEMAN) MEMORIAL TEAMS

1. Alan Grant, Anthony Ker, Martin Reid and Peter Newell
2. John Davidson, James Li, Brian Cleaver and Peter Benham

OWEN CUP PAIRS

- 1 Barbara Allen and Joanne Rollo
- 2 Malcolm Greig and Tim Heartt

CAPITAL CUP PAIRS

1. Elaine Cooper and Grace Millar
2. Paul Devadatta and Timothy Grant

TINAKORI PAIRS

1. Mary Slowey and Shirley Green
2. Elicia Gold and Marion Kitchenman