

WBC News – May 2013

Please note:

Friday afternoon Bridge will be played in the West Room during the colder months as the heating is more efficient. Starting this Friday.

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

Interprovincial Trials 2013, Saturday May 25 and Sunday May 26 at Victoria Bridge Club.

Thursday night free lesson: Thursday 6 June 2013 at 6.30. Peter Newell "Opening Leads and Deceptive Play".

Casual bridge Night starts again on Tuesday 4 June at 7.30. This is a chance to play bridge in a more relaxed format than regular club nights. For more info, contact Brad Tattersfield, at bradandjill@xtra.co.nz or 021 784 101.

Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

Bridge continues to thrive at our club. The Poppy Roberts pairs event on Wednesday remains the most popular event at the club with 36, 37 and 38 tables for the three nights it has been held this year. The beginner's lessons have had very good attendance and will be completed in the next couple of weeks. We will be looking for beginner "buddies" to help the beginners settle in to play at the club on a Tuesday night.

A busy time of bridge over the next few months with the normal number of tournaments as well as the Interprovincial Trials on 25/26 May, the Regional Club Championship on 16 June and the Wellington Congress 5-7 July. We would like to have a large representation of club members at all these events.

It would be great to win back the Club Championship this year so please put your name forward for one of the junior, intermediate or open grades from which the club can choose the teams to represent us in the Regional Club Championship and then hopefully National Club finals. The Wellington Congress and Regional Club Championship are being held at the Wellington Club and the National Interprovincial Teams Championship is to be held at our club in late November.

New Rules

Extract from recent minutes from NZ Bridge dated 13 March 2013 under General Business:

"Regulations – Policy Announcing

Moved that the announcing of 1Club and 1NT opening bids be compulsory in all Club sessions and Tournaments from 1 May 2013 and may be trialled now in accordance with the amendments to the Alerting Regulations."

"Regulations – Policy New System Cards

Moved from 1 July 2013 that it be compulsory to carry NZ Bridge System Card in all Tournament events and no other forms of the System Card will be acceptable unless specified by New Zealand Bridge in any instance... The new version of the System Card will be available for download on the NZ Bridge website as soon as it is finalised and the licensing and copyright agreement with the ABF executed. sufficient hard copies of the Card to be distributed to all Clubs at no charge."

"Regulations – Policy New WBF Victory Point Scale

Moved the new WBF Victory Point Scale be implemented for use at all Teams and Swiss Pairs Tournaments effective 31 October 2013."

Inter-Provincial Trials – 25/26 May

We won't know final numbers until the closing date on Friday 17 May so you still have time to enter. We need more entries in the Open. As of today the number of pairs entered in each category is as follows:

Open 3	Senior 6	Women 11
Intermediate 10	Youth 3	

Fundraiser last Friday night for Alan and Anthony



A very enjoyable evening, thank you. Approximately 40 of us from our club and Hutt Club played 15 boards of *“Interesting Hands from the NZ Teams Final”* when Alan and Anthony’s team with Liam Milne and Michael Whibley made the final last year. After playing 3 rounds of 5 boards we were given a handout and excellent analysis of each hand with discussion. As they said, *“Very distributional hands tended to reward bold bidding and it was important to describe your hand quickly and accurately before the level got too high”*. The bar was open, Tony Lenart donated 1lb of whitebait to raffle, Derek Snelling here [with what looks like a halo round his head LOL] made a great “Auctioneer” and raised more funds as Alan and Anthony were auctioned for a couple of club night’s play. All up so far, we raised over **\$1000** towards their trip to Hong Kong to play in the ABPF – 7-16 June. Donations can still be sent via Bridget at the club or there is a donation box in the foyer. Thank you everyone for your generosity and we wish Alan and Anthony and their team all the very best for success.

And all the best of British to **Tony Thomson and John Cormack** who were the reserve pair for the Senior Team and who are now going to play in Hong Kong.

Welcome to our new members: Lynne Newell, Peter Wiltshire, Morris Hodges, Trish Young, Liz Baker, Maureen Maclver

Free lesson: Thank you Anthony!

It must have been a record attendance for a Thursday night lesson – at least 40 people turned up to hear Anthony Ker’s lesson on *“Doubles – Takeout or Penalties”*. Very informative indeed and everyone now much the wiser on Boy Scout doubles “be prepared” and when to double, pass or bid on. Sometimes these lessons can go to one’s head as one of the Thursday night players found out when she doubled the first 3 making contracts! Many thanks Anthony. There’s sure to be lots of interest in our next Lesson with Peter Newell *“Opening Leads and Deceptive Play”* before play of the next Neal Salver Pairs on Thursday 6 June.



NEC Bridge Festival

"perhaps the most spectacular declarer play of the tournament so far".

Martin and I played recently in Japan in two tournaments, NEC Cup and Yeh Bros. We won the NEC Cup last year with our Australian teammates Hans Sartaj & Tony Nunn and were invited back to defend our title, this time with a 5th player, Peter Gill from Australia to give Tony rest when needed. The first 3 days are a 12 round Swiss with the top 8 teams qualifying. The field for the Swiss was considerably stronger than last year with the Italy team of: Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Guido Ferraro, Agustin Madala, Antonio Sementa, Maria Teresa Lavazza not making it through the Swiss. The hand below helped us to finish 6th in the Swiss before losing our quarter final narrowly to an American/Polish/German team of Reese Milner, Hemant Lall, Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Michael Kwiecien, Jacek Pszczola.

Bd: 23 North Dlr: South

<p style="text-align: center;"><u> N </u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠AKQ632 ♥A972 ♦6 ♣Q6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u> S </u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠J87 ♥863 ♦10975 ♣J84</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u> E Newell </u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠1054 ♥J ♦KJ4 ♣AK10972</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u> W Reid </u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠9 ♥KQ1054 ♦AQ832 ♣53</p>	

The daily bulletin referred to this hand as producing "perhaps the most spectacular declarer play of the tournament so far". Our auction against the Australian Beauchamp team was:

West	North	East	South
Reid	Beauchamp	Newell	van Jole
1D (1)	1S	1NT (2)	Pass
2D	2S	3S	Pass
4H	Pass	5D	
All	Pass		

- (1) 9-13 4+ hearts
- (2) Clubs less than Game Force

Beauchamp led out two top spades against 5D. Martin ruffed and led a low heart to North's ace and South's upside-down six (count). Back came a third spade. Martin ruffed, cashed a second heart as South echoed and ruffed a heart in dummy as both opponents followed. Martin now thought South was 3-3 in the majors. Martin cashed the Ace of clubs and when North did not drop an honour he took the second top club, leaving this position:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u> N </u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠632 ♥2 ♦6 ♣-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u> E </u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠- ♥- ♦KJ ♣1097</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u> W </u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠- ♥Q10 ♦AQ8 ♣-</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u> S </u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠- ♥- ♦10975 ♣J</p>

With the lead in dummy Martin had to decide whether to draw trumps which would work if trumps were 3-2 (and North was 6322 shape) or if he thought North was 6412 he need to cross ruff but had to score all his trumps.

Martin ruffed a club with the 8! (- lucky the 109 were "onside") and held his breath that North had a low singleton and when North couldn't overruff had a high cross-ruff for the last four tricks.

Peter Newell / Martin Reid

Vanderbilt Knockout Teams

Courtesy: PHILLIP ALDER, *New York Times* - Published: April 3, 2013

ST. LOUIS — Some North American Bridge Championships yield few interesting deals. In contrast some, like the one here in March, harvest many.

NORTH			
♠ Q 6 4			
♥ A K Q J 5			
♦ K 8			
♣ 9 8 5			
WEST		EAST	
♠ 5 3		♠ J 8 2	
♥ 9 8 7 2		♥ 10 4	
♦ A 10 6		♦ Q 9 7 5	
♣ Q 10 7 2		4 2	
		♣ J 3	
SOUTH(D)			
♠ A K 10 9 7			
♥ 6 3			
♦ J 3			
♣ A K 6 4			

Neither side was vulnerable.
The bidding:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 N.T.
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the ... what?

The diagrammed deal occurred during the quarterfinals of the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. Three of last year's winners, Leslie Amoils of Toronto, Joe Grue of Las Vegas and Thomas Bessis from France, and their new teammates, **Fred Gitelman of Las Vegas**, Brad Moss of Denver and Peter Bertheau from Sweden, were playing against the eventual winners, Sabine Auken; Morten Bilde and Dennis Bilde, father and son, from Denmark; and Roy Welland of New York City.

After the given auction to six spades, what did Auken (West) lead?

Four clubs was a control-bid (cue-bid) that expressed only mild slam interest. (With a weaker hand he would have bid four spades; with a stronger hand he would have bid three no-trump, an artificial serious slam-try devised by Eric Rodwell.) Four diamonds was a control-bid. Four no-trump was Roman Key Card Blackwood, the reply showing one key card (an ace or the spade king). Five diamonds asked for the spade queen, and North's jump to six spades indicated both that card and no thoughts of a grand slam, given that South had limited his hand with four clubs.

In the other room Dennis Bilde (South) rebid three clubs over two hearts, but when his father continued with three spades, South signed off in four spades. The opening lead was the same at both tables: the diamond six! Dennis Bilde played low from the dummy, so he lost two diamond tricks. Those watching online at bridgebase.com expected Auken's lead to give her team 11 international match points. However, after a short pause Gitelman called for dummy's diamond king! Now he made an overtrick and gained 11 imps

for the Amoils team. **How did Gitelman find the winning play?**

There were two reasons. First, Welland (East) had not doubled North's four-diamond control-bid. Second, West knew from South's failure to use Blackwood until after North had made his diamond control-bid that this was probably the suit South was worried about. If West had the diamond ace, she would be confident that dummy held the king, making the lead more attractive than if she had only the diamond queen.

It is great when everyone plays brilliantly.



Talking about Fred Gitelman, "Mr BBO" you might recall reading how Susan Laurenson & Jenny Delany met Fred in Denver last May. We have heaps of regular players on BBO from our club and/or Vugraph specs and it's always of interest to know that Fred and his BBO Empire are in good hands.

"Hi Jenny, It is nice to hear from you and thanks for sending me a copy of your newsletter (nice work!).

I am also glad that you enjoyed the NY Times article and are going to include it in your May newsletter. Please send me a copy when it is available. Not sure if I mentioned this in the article on BBO about the break I am taking from bridge, but one of the motivating factors was the freedom to have more time to travel. New Zealand is right

at the top of the list of places that my wife and I would like to visit so hopefully I will get a chance to visit your country before too long. If/when that actually happens, I will certainly let you know. I hope you are doing well. Best regards, Fred"



NEC Bridge Festival

Bulletin 2, 17 April 2013

Several of us BBO Vugraph regulars held our breath at the redouble, thoroughly enjoying the “bluff and blood” **Liam Milne** and **Michael Whibley** displayed on this hand for **+1600**. Here’s what the bulletin had to say.

“We’ve waited over 30 deals for our first redoubled contract on VuGraph. Here it is, and it’s a doozy.
Bd: 5 North: Dir: North Vul: N/S

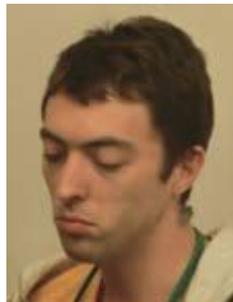
	N	
	♠72	
	♥8	
	♦87432	
	♣K8752	
W Milne		E Whibley
♠KQ94		♠63
♥A109753		♥KJ
♦1095		♦AKQ6
♣-		♣J10943
	S	
	♠AJ1085	
	♥Q642	
	♦J	
	♣AQ6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Milne</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
	Pass	1♣	2♣
Pass	2♠	Dbl	Rdbl
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Van Prjen</i>	<i>Hollands</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♦(♥)	Pass	2♥	All Pass



The fact that the Dutch had missed their excellent game was perhaps not critical, given the result from the other room. Whibley found the trump lead against 2♠xx. Milne won and after some thought shifted to the ♦10 to Whibley’s queen for a second spade. Gold rose with the ace, played a third spade, and Milne cashed his trumps and played a heart to his partner, leaving declarer with just two trump tricks and three clubs.
Down 1600; 31-5, Australia Youth.”

Liam and Michael (both have been recent members of the Wellington Bridge Club)

Playing Numbers for April 2013

	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Total
Week 5	40	104	112	48	304
Week 4	40	102	104	44	290
Week 3	42	102	104	46	294
Week 2	36	128	104	38	306
Week 1	40	150	104	48	342

The following are comparative figures for the calendar year to date – we’ve reached 5 figures!

2008-2009	2034	2692	2700	950	8376
2009-2010	2180	2972	2870	1082	9104
2010-2011	2038	3146	2982	1220	9386
2011-2012	1828	3274	3256	1250	9608
2012-2013	1696	3592	3469	1298	10055

Results from Recent Tournaments

Masterton Open 3A Pairs – 14 April 2 nd Alan Grant & Anthony Kerr 4 th Judy Johnson & Joan Waldvogel	Karori – Mixed Sex 3A Pairs, Anzac Day 1 st Mindy Wu & John Wilkinson 2 nd Kathy Ker & Anthony Ker 3 rd Alan Grant & Debbie McLeod 4 th Peter Delahunty & Lynda Rigler Top Intermed pair: Sue Johnstone & Damian Palmer
Kapi Mana Multigrade – 28 April 2 nd Paul Cushnie & Darren Gilchrist 3 rd Lidia Dabrowska & Ian Middleton	
Upper Hutt Open – 5 May 2013 2 nd Arumugam Kumarasamy & Graham Weir 3 rd Alan Grant & Anthony Ker 4 th Patrick Darcy & David McDonald	Kairangi Multigrade Teams – Saturday 11 May There were 22 teams. 1 st Nebojsa Djorovic, Alexa Djorovic, Steven Coulter, Donna Upchurch 1 st Intermediate Team, Helen Walker, Tadek Gawor, Margaret Curnow and Lee Walker

Club Results from April 2013:

Tuesday - Morley Bennett Ladder

1st Toni Izzard
 2nd Greta Keur

Wednesday - Jubilee Cup Pairs

1st Stephen Henry and Nigel Kearney
 2nd Charles Cahn and Karl Hayes

Thursday - President Cup Teams

1st Tattersfield Team Brad Tattersfield, Rob Hunter, Michael Revell & Malcolm Greig
 2nd Kumar Team Sushila Kumar, Barbara Allen, Lorraine Borland & Jane Windle

Friday – Autumn Pairs

1st Anthea Black and Bridget Willcox
 2nd Mhairi Smith and Lindy Thomson



Recent High Scores

Karl Hayes & Charlie Cahn – **71.31%** [Wednesday 1 May]



Dealing.

Welcome on board to **Matt Newell** who will assist **Duncan Reid** with dealing our cards.
 We couldn't do without you!



Reminder: If you arrive late, please do not park in the driveway. Please park on the road – Thorndon Quay via the zig-zag makes for stress free parking on Wednesday or Thursday nights!