

News – July 2015

A Busy August ahead !

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

Please arrive and be seated by 7.20 pm on playing nights.
North Island Pairs 1-2 August at our club
Youth Weekend 7 & 8 August at our club
Quiz 2015 – Saturday 29 August at 7.30 pm

Presidents Corner... *Hopefully you are not toooo cold, thinking of you whilst soaking up the rays in sunny CanadaKevin*

YOUTH WEEKEND – 7 & 8 August - We need billets please

New Zealand Bridge's Annual **Youth Weekend** is being held at the Wellington Bridge Club over the weekend of August 7th-9th. We have a good number coming, around 50. In order to keep down the costs for New Zealand Bridge and for those coming, New Zealand Bridge asks the host club if club members will billet the out-of-town players for the Friday and Saturday evenings.

The players are aged between 13 and 25 and all either play bridge either in clubs or at school. They play until shortly after 10pm on the Friday and Saturday evenings and need to be back at the Wellington Bridge Club by 9.30am on the Saturday and Sunday mornings. They need a bed and breakfast for two nights. We need a large number of beds.

Having such young players, right at the start of their bridge careers, should be a neat experience for their hosts.

It is a way ordinary club members can help the future development of the game.

I hope you might be able and willing to assist and take one or two of the young players. You might also like to take part in a Pairs session with them on the Saturday evening. If you are interested, please contact Bridget at the Club. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks - **Richard Solomon, NZ Youth Bridge Weekend Organiser.**



Reminder: Quiz Night 2015 – Saturday 29 August
Fundraiser for purchase of scoring devices – replacement Bridgepads

Next month - our popular Quiz Night with Quizmaster **Dean Sole.**

Ask your friends, family and colleagues to join us. Tables for 4-10 people preferred. 7.30 pm start and \$20.00 each. Bar sales and light food available. Tables are limited as in past years – please book your table with Bridget. All money raised will be put towards the purchase of replacement Bridgepads.

Building Painting.....the final stage of the painting will be completed in August...as this is mainly the back of the building it should not interfere with parking etc. Your patience is appreciated.

Improvers Lessons; We hope to be able to schedule a Saturday for Alan Grant to give an "Improvers Lesson" in the not too distant future watch this space...



Regional Club Teams play-off – Sunday 21 June at Hutt Club

Congratulations to the Wellington Team;

Open: John Luoni Peter Benham Nigel Kearney Charles Cahn

Intermediate: Jan Borren Jenni Borren Turei Haronga Christine Haronga

Junior: Eirlys Hunter Grace Millar Julie Ballance Terry Neal

Results as follows:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Interm</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Total VPs</u>
<u>Wellington</u>	Hutt	8.24	15.56	17.03	
	Victoria	13.28	14.80	15.56	
	Karori	15.74	1.91	10.91	
		37.26	32.27	43.50	113.03
<u>Hutt</u>	Wellington	11.76	4.44	2.97	
	Karori	19.93	14.39	5.20	
	Victoria	16.73	13.75	3.27	
		48.42	32.58	11.44	92.44
<u>Karori</u>	Victoria	6.03	16.42	3.91	
	Hutt	0.08	5.61	14.80	
	Wellington	4.26	18.09	9.09	
		10.37	40.12	27.80	78.29
<u>Victoria</u>	Karori	13.97	3.58	16.09	
	Wellington	6.72	5.20	4.44	
	Hutt	3.27	6.26	16.73	
		23.96	15.04	37.26	76.26

Wanted for North Island Pairs – 1st & 2nd August 2015

Helpers in the kitchen please... call or email Bridget

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All contributions gratefully received.

We have some words of wisdom from your Chief Director Maureen Pratchett (also a big thank you to Maureen for giving some tuition on the role of the director prior to the Thursday Neal Salver event).

To Alert or not to Alert #1

It is an essential principle of the game of bridge that you may not have undisclosed agreements with partner, whether in bidding or in play. Your agreements must be fully available and fully disclosed to your opponents. Your principle should be to disclose, not as little as you must, but as much as you can, and as comprehensibly as you can. A careless failure to follow this policy may result in an adjusted score, where opponents have been damaged. If you make a positive effort to meet your obligations under full disclosure, you will rarely, if ever, fall foul of the bridge Regulations.

Your agreements include not only specific agreements appearing on your System Card but also partnership understandings that have arisen through partnership discussion or experience. The opponents are entitled to know about these understandings. General bridge inferences, like those a new partner could make when there has been no prior discussion, are not alertable, but any inferences that can be drawn from partnership experience must be disclosed.

There are three stages to the alerting process and all are important

- The pre-alert before the round starts
- Alerts/announces during the Auction
- Delayed alerts by the declaring side before the opening lead is faced

Pre Alerts

At the start of a round or match, Pairs should acquaint each other with their basic system, length of their 1-level opening bids, the strength and style of their opening 1NT and any unusual self-alerting calls (see below) that may catch their opponents by surprise (e.g. doubles that are neither for penalty nor for takeout, or high-level transfer pre-empts). Highly unusual carding (e.g. leading low from doubletons) should also be pre-alerted at this stage. Pre-alerting is a requirement under the Laws of Bridge, and failure to do so could result in an unfavourable decision by the director.

Examples

1. Acol, 5-card spade suit, 12–14 point 1NT.
2. Precision, 5-card majors, 15–17 point 1NT, 4-level opening bids are transfer pre-empts.

Calls that require an alert during the auction need not be pre-alerted.

Self-Alerting Calls Defined

There are three different types of self-alerting calls

- Doubles and redoubles
- Cue bids of an opponent's denomination/suit
- All conventional bids at the four level or higher, but **excluding** conventional opening bids on the first round of the auction (these bids still require an alert during the auction).

In addition to the above, the following bids are in such common use that they are deemed to be self-alerting:

- 2♣ Game Force opening bids (and 2♦ negative responses); alert other uses.
- Simple Stayman 2♣ responses to 1NT opening bids and the 2♦ response denying a 4-card major (alert all other uses including a natural 2♣ and responses). Stayman after an opponent's double should be alerted.

These calls carry their own alert and should not be alerted. It may be risky to make assumptions as to the meaning of such a call. You are entitled (at your turn to call) to ask the meaning, but bear in mind that unnecessary questions may be more helpful to the opponents than to your own side, and may convey unauthorised information, thereby limiting partner's options.

Results from recent Tournaments

Victoria Open Swiss Pairs 14 June 1 st Brian Cleaver & Peter Benham	Kapi Mana Open 28 June 1 st Mindy Wu & Sandra Coleman 2 nd Alan Grant & Anthony Ker 3 rd Anna Herries & Annette Henry
Main Centre Teams 11/12 July Winning team – Karl Hayes, David Ackerley & Jo & Robert Simpson	

From the Internet:

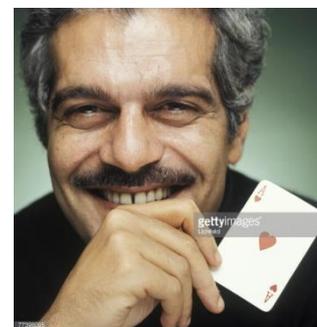


Judy Kay-Wolff

Judy is a keen bridge blogger and was asked recently the following: “Who was the most famous person you met at the bridge table? “

“If you are speaking of those who received celebrity status for their recognized prowess in other areas, my choice would be a toss-up between Omar and General Alfred M. Gruenther, a Four Star General who served as the Supreme Allied Commander during World War II (and incidentally often partnered General Eisenhower — later to ascend to the presidency). I just read a cute story about Ike’s days in the White House. A guest list was being assembled for a social gathering and when asked if the Nixons should be included .. the decision was “no” — stating: “They don’t play bridge — what would we talk about?”. Can you believe???? Incidentally, a little known fact .. General Greunther was a respected authority on duplicate contract bridge and the outstanding tournament director in America in the thirties. Omar was ‘unto himself.’ I met him on several occasions and saw much of him in Philadelphia when ‘the Circus came to town.’ He was warm, gracious and soooooo unassuming, wanting to be thought of as a bridge player rather than a universally revered actor.”

Sadly, Omar Sharif passed away last Friday



Club Sessions - Results from June 2015

Tuesday - Neil Trophy Pairs	1 st	Julie Ballance & Terry Neal
	2 nd	Liz Baker & Nigel Kirkpatrick
Wednesday - United Nations Cup Pairs	1 st	Anthony Ker & Nigel Kearney
	2 nd	Karl Hayes & Alan Grant
Thursday - Bill Joss Memorial Swiss Pairs	1 st	Chris Woods & Jenny Delany
	2 nd	Sam Ward & Haley Fenwick
Friday - Winter Pairs	1 st	Sally McLean & Joan McCarthy
	2 nd	Sylvia Johns & Sophie Atkin