

## Newsletter – September 2015

### PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY ...

Please arrive and be seated by 7.20 pm on playing nights.

**AGM** to be held Friday 30th October 2015, 6pm, followed by dinner and Bridge.

**RON KLINGER** just confirmed a session with Ron Klinger topic TBA Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 3pm  
Further details later.

Calling for new grade captains for 2016.

### Presidents Corner... Kevin Walker

A very successful quiz night held recently raised \$1800. Thanks to Dean Sole (quiz master), and all those who helped make this an enjoyable night for club members and guests.

The money raised will go towards the purchase of replacements for our current bridge pads. The likely replacement will be an Android device which will be used for bidding as well as scoring. These devices, whilst being currently available, do not currently have a battery life that is long enough to make them suitable for tournaments. We have therefore decided to delay the replacement decision until next year when we expect an appropriate solution to this issue will be available. In the meantime we have purchased 10 second hand (but relatively new and cheap) bridge pads to supplement out current ageing (and some dead) bridge-pads.

The AGM is to be held on 30 October followed by dinner and a night of bridge (\$10 for the AGM and the bridge and dinner are free – pay for your alcohol). Last night the committee had a lively discussion around proposed fees for next year but did not come to a final decision. The committee discussion canvassed the need to ensure the building (our main asset) is well maintained and seen as an inviting place for club members. The discussion also canvassed the issue of ensuring we are an affordable club so that we can maintain and encourage membership. Next month's committee meeting will come up with a proposal to put to the AGM. The AGM will allow you to have your say and then decide on the fees for next year along with deciding on any other matters (remits) that are put forward.

Nominations for the various positions on the committee, being President, Vice President, Treasurer and committee are now open. I encourage members to put their names forward to help run the club and ensure that as a club we continue to encourage participation, enjoyment and competition in the game of bridge.

### ***Wellington Open Tournament – Sunday 6 September***

Many thanks to our organising committee ably headed by Jocelyn Grainger, to Mindy Wu's catering team and to Kevin Walker, Mr Director, for putting together an enjoyable day. Numbers were down and not so many out of town visitors although it was nice to welcome our loyal Wairarapa supporters for the day. 18 tables.

Congratulations to winners: **1st Graham Stronach & Sandy McKirdy;**  
**2nd Anthony Ker & Kathy Ker; 3rd Jenny Delany & Jo Rollo**

## **Thursday Night Lessons**

Our thank you to Mindy Wu for her lesson on Weak Twos. That wraps up our Thursday lessons for 2015 now.



## **Quiz Night 2015 – Saturday 29 August**

Our Quiz Night with Quizmaster **Dean Sole** and Master of Ceremonies **Gordon McBride** was a fun night and enjoyed by approximately 80 contestants. Thank you to the Chess Club for their two tables. Dean Sole always has one rule for his quiz nights - he is always "right". His questions on various topics are a voyage of discovery and of racking one's brains...although we hear Brad Tattersfield in the winning team pictured in the foreground here knew all the Music answers.



Thank you Dean. Thank you also to Gordon and our helpers /markers /money gatherers on the night, Ruth Gilmore, Julia Barnett and Anthea Black. Many thanks too to Pat Darcy and Ruth Brucker for manning the bar. Congratulations to the winning team with their backs to us in the photo: Christine & Turei Haronga, Brad Tattersfield, Mike Revell and team mates. We raised \$1800 towards purchasing more scoring devices. Lastly, thank you to Super Liquor in Johnsonville who donated 12 bottles of wine for first prize, and to Regional

Wines & Spirits for their lovely raffle prize. Well done team and thank you to all who attended and gave generously.

## ***Do not bat your eyelids in the most unnatural way! You could be Cheating...***

8 September 2015:

Arcangelo Ricciardi entered the International Chess Festival of Imperia ranked 51,366 in the world, but astonished rivals as he breezed through the early stages of the competition to reach the eighth and penultimate round. "I didn't think he was a genius, I knew he had to be a cheat. "I kept on looking at him. He was always sitting down, he never got up. It was very strange; we are talking about hours and hours of playing. But most suspicious of all, he always had his arms folded with his thumb under his armpit. He never took it out." Coqueraut said he was also "batting his eyelids in the most unnatural way". "Then I understood it," he said. "He was deciphering signals in Morse code."

... a pendant was found hanging around his neck underneath a shirt that contained a tiny video camera as well as a mass of wires attached to his body and a 4cm box under his armpit. Ricciardi claimed they were good luck charms. It is thought the camera was used to transmit the chess game in real time to an accomplice or computer, which then suggested moves for Ricciardi through a series of signals received in the box under his arm.

## To Alert or not to Alert #3 .. Maureen Pratchett

### Delayed Alert

After the auction you can indicate any call the opponents should know about by putting a “+” beside the call on the bidding slip. This includes calls that are not alertable during the auction such as cue bids, doubles and 4-level bids, and invites your opponents to ask you about the call.

### Alert Quizzzz

	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1.	1H	P	4C (=Gerber)	
2.	2H (=6-10, at least 5/5 in H and S)			
3.	1NT	P	2D (=transfer)	2H (=takeout of hearts)
4.	1NT	P	2D (=transfer)	X (=takeout of hearts)
5.	4C (=strong heart pre-empt)			
6.	1C	1S	2H (=6-10 HCP, 5+ hearts, non-forcing)	
7.	1NT	P	2D (=transfer)	3D (=natural)
8.	1NT	X	2C (=Stayman)	
9.	1C	1H	X (=takeout, but denies four spades)	
10.	1C (=Precision)		2C (=both majors)	

### Some common questions about alerts: what to do if....

I forgot to alert and only realised later in the auction (or even in the play)?	Call the director immediately. There are some actions the director can take which may minimise the problems caused by your forgetfulness. The earlier you realise and call the director, the better it is likely to be for your side.
My partner didn't alert my bid when he should have?	Keep very quiet until the correct time according to the laws. That is, if you become declarer or dummy, call the director and tell the opponents at the end of the auction before the lead is made. If you become a defender, call the director and tell the opponents at the end of the play.
My partner didn't alert my bid and now he has made a bid which I think is alertable? When he doesn't alert, I know he thinks he is bidding naturally, but under our system it is something special.	Alert anyway. It is true that this will make partner realise his error, but the laws require you to alert. It is likely that the director will be needed to sort out the problem. There are a whole different set of procedures which the director will apply to ensure that the opponents are not damaged by you “waking your partner up”.
I think that my partner may have made a special call which I should alert, but I can't remember the system?	Call the director. He may choose to ask you to leave the table while partner explains his own bid. That way your opponents find out about what your agreements are, as they are entitled to under the laws, and you don't get to hear your partner explain his own bid.
I made a bid but realised after my partner explained it that I have forgotten our system and bid something different?	Your partner's alert and any subsequent explanation are both unauthorised information to you. You have to behave as if you have not heard or seen these.
My partner explained my bid, but he is wrong and must have forgotten that we changed our agreement?	You are not allowed to express surprise. If you become declarer or dummy, call the director and tell the opponents at the end of the auction. If you become a defender, call the director and tell the opponents at the end of the play.

## Summary

The Alert System imposes these requirements:

- 1) to Alert when appropriate,
- 2) to not react or blurt out surprise when an Alert (or non Alert) has gone astray,
- 3) to be uninfluenced by unauthorized information, and
- 4) to correct misinformation—if any—given by partner and to do so at the proper time.

*With thanks for much of the above to Matthew McManus, NSW Chief Director.*

## Answers to Quizzzz

1. No alert. Calls above 3NT (except for conventional opening bids) are self-alerting.
2. Alert. Even though the bid is natural, it conveys additional meaning of which the opponents may be unaware.
3. No alert. Bids of suits either bid or shown by the opposition are self-alerting.
4. No alert. Doubles and redoubles are self-alerting.
5. No alert. Calls above 3NT are self-alerting. This should have been pre-alerted, and if not, East should make a delayed alert “+”.
6. Alert. Even though it is natural, most pairs would play this as forcing on West to make another bid, so the opponents don't know that it could be quite weak.
7. No alert. Bids of suits either bid or shown the by opposition are self-alerting.
8. Alert. Normally 2C after partner's opening bid would be self-alerting, but that only applies in a non-contested auction. Here, North's double means that it should be alerted.
9. No alert. Doubles and redoubles are self-alerting, regardless of what they mean.
10. No alert. Bids of denominations (ie. any suit or no-trump) bid by the opposition are self-alerting, even if they are totally artificially.

***Welcome to our new members: Paul Logan; Jennifer Cox; Felicity Wong***

***Welcome back to Murray Smith (one of our Wednesday night players from before)***

## ***2015 Annual General Meeting – Friday evening at 6 pm on 30 October***

Yes it's AGM time next month. If you would like to join our Committee, and we are always looking for new faces with new ideas, please have a chat to Bridget or Kevin. We need YOU! Last year we had a large turnout to the AGM which will more than likely be repeated this year with the same dinner and bridge format following. A formal notice of the AGM will be on the notice board. Remits are invited. Cost for the evening will be \$10 and will include a free dinner. Bar sales of course. Please diary this date now.



6 pm	Annual General Meeting
6.45 pm approx.	Dinner in the foyer
7.30 pm approx.	“AGM Pairs” multigrade.



## **BBO (Bridge Base Online) - Recent 2nd Pacific Asia Online Women's Festival – 31 August- 4 September**

Players from 30 countries participated with Australia and USA having the largest representation. Congratulations to our very own "starzee" **Julia Barnett**. The BBO website tells us Julia got the New Zealand Bridge Association prize to win free entry into either the 2016 North Island Teams or the 2016 South Island Teams.

### **Playing Numbers as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 (financial year to date).**

August	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Frid</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2011-2012	242	456	438	162	1298
2012-2013	218	442	344	152	1156
2013-2014	218	408	418	162	1206
2014-2015	176	392	346	162	1076
2015-2016	204	378	358	192	1132

### **Results from recent Tournaments**

<b>Karori Open 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Peter Newell & Andi Boughy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kathy Ker & Anthony Ker	<b>Hutt Multi Grade 13<sup>th</sup> September</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Graeme Norman & Carol Hogan Top Open/Junior Pair Mindy Wu & Julie Ballance
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### **Monthly Pairs - Results from August 2015**

<b>Tuesday: Capital Cup Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Denise Barnett & Tegan Bennik 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vivienne Revell & Adele Weston	<b>Wednesday: Schneideman Salver Teams</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Grant, Anthony Ker, Nigel Kearney & Charlie Cahn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stephen Henry, Stephen Blackstock. Martin Reid & Peter Newell
<b>Thursday: Owen Cup Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Malcolm Greig & Brad Tattersfield 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dale Lacey & Stuart Badger	<b>Friday: Tinakori Pairs</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sally McLean & Mhari Smith 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Benham & Alex Drummond



**We wish our Wellington Club Team who qualified to play in the Club Team Championships in Hamilton the very very best & hopefully to bring back the Cup!**

**Team Captain:** Christine Haronga  
**Junior:** Terry Neal, Julie Balance, Grace Millar, Eirlys Hunter  
**Intermediate:** Christine Haronga, Turei Haronga, Jenni Borren, Jan Borren  
**Open:** Depends on who is available on the day... as the NZ teams Finals will still be running