

# NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 6 MAY

## TOURNAMENTS

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#### TAPS LEFT ON

Margaret, our cleaner, was dismayed to find a hot tap running in the Men's Toilets when she came in to clean one morning last week. PLEASE ENSURE ALL TAPS ARE TURNED OFF.

#### From NZ BRIDGE

We have a select small group of Gold Grand Masters who, until very recently, had no further targets for which to aim. New Zealand Bridge have established two new marks of achievement, Platinum and Emerald Grand Masters. The targets are tough to achieve:

**Platinum Grand Master:** 10,000 master-points of which at least 7,500 are A Points.

**Emerald Grand Master:** 8,000 master-points of which at least 6,000 are A Points.

Thus, it was with very great pleasure that NZ Bridge President, Allan Morris, presented the first plaque in each category at the Auckland Easter Congress to Michael Ware (Platinum) and Grant Jarvis (Emerald).

#### GOOD SORTS

Six quick Reference Guides for Directors have been produced to aid clubs at their sessions. In flow-chart format – NZB hopes these will aid clubs especially those without a qualified director. **Gillian Alexander** (Otago/Southland RBM) initiated this project with help and support from **Brad Johnston**, as well as others who have helped with editing and checking before the NZB seal of approval has been given. They may be accessed from the NZ Bridge website under Resources – Director's Quick Reference Guides. *Thank you Gillian and Brad.*

#### An email from Phil Gravis is printed, in part, below:

Dear Club Secretary

For some time now I have been writing a series of articles covering just one deal from a session's play on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at our club, and for players who play at clubs joined to the "X-Clubs on line service. Even if your club is not part of this, it has been suggested to me that there may be other players interested in reading these articles, which are aimed at the lowest grades (Midweek Review) and Intermediate and higher grades (Thursday review). I have attached the latest Midweek review and Thursday Review. If any of your people would like to receive either of these on a regular basis, I am happy to add them to my email list. [villyn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:villyn@xtra.co.nz). There is no charge for these. *(I have attached one of these and will try to remember to attach the other next week – there is facility to attach two documents only. Ed)*

## MANNERS MAKETH MAN

Although Bridge is a competitive game, it is best played in a friendly atmosphere avoiding aggressive and bad behaviour.

- Act as a good host - greet your opponents when they arrive at your table and thank them when they leave.
- Be polite
- Avoid criticism of your partner or opponents
- If there is any irregularity at the table, call the Director – he/she is there to help you.
- Each player has their part to play ...

### North's Duties are to ensure

- that the correct board/s have arrived at the table and are orientated correctly
- that the board that is being played remains on the table, facing the correct way and as near to the centre as possible
- to turn the bidding pad over when the 3<sup>rd</sup> player has played to the lead card and to put the bidding slip in the rubbish before the next board is played.

### South's Duties are to ensure

- that the correct opponents have arrived at the table
- that the BridgePad is entered with the correct contract, declarer, lead and result and then passed to the East player to check.

**East's Duty** is to check carefully the BridgePad – that the contract, the declarer, the lead and result are all correct before pressing *Next* once. East then passes the Bridge Pad back to South who will press *Next* again and inform the table (quietly) of the percentage (if available) or pass it back to East to see, or place it on the table for all to see.

**West's Duty** is to pass the board/s played, back to the previous table.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The impromptu raffle held before teams last Monday to use the last of the chocolate was won by David Larsen, with Pam Hodgkinson and Val Wilson each getting the box of 'Favourites'.

## TEAMS QUALIFYING

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Ackerley, Arleen Schwartz, Murat Genç, Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Coutts, Glenn Coutts, Brad Johnston, Graeme Stout and Cameron Benson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Farnden, Kaye Wilson, Donna Ruwhiu and Kirsten Collins

## INVERCARGILL TEAMS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Arleen Schwartz, Murat Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

## INVERCARGILL PAIRS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donna Ruwhiu and Kisten Collins

**TAIERI CHARITY** - \$945 was raised for the Hospice. Thank you to all for attended.

### North/South

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Sheehy and Maria Godfrey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pam Hodgkinson and Judy Russell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Colleen Fletcher and Mavis Hastie

### East/West

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Munden and Cushlas Colquhoun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Inwood and Lyall Inwood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan O'Reilly and Evelyn Tait

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They begin Chinese translations for various parts of the show with thanks to Yuzhong Chen for adding another layer to the Bridge Zone

- Bridge2success tournament May 11<sup>th</sup>
- It's a global movement
- Download the Funbridge app and play
- Barry shares some great one-liners from Will Rodgers, Oklahoma's Favourite Son
- Judge Julie explains her thoughts on lateness
- The Theory of Exhaustion, walking the dog and Pearson's theory

### CLUB LEVEL DIRECTOR EXAMS

Club level Director Exams will be conducted over the weekends of 27th and 28th July and 2nd and 3rd Nov 2019. If you are interested please get in touch with Lindsay Gunn.

### NEW EVENT AT CONGRESS

For several years, a Back to the Future Teams event has been run for those players who did not make it to the top 56 pairs in the New Zealand Open Pairs and in more recent years for those who played in the New Zealand Restricted Open Pairs, which finishes a day earlier than the Open Pairs. This event was popular as most players were keen to play bridge on the Monday. However, the structure of the Back to the Future event, where you played each session with a different member of your team, has created problems, both for players in finding teammates at short-notice and for the organisers in determining how many entries the event has.

Thus, to get around these problems and also to test an event which has already proven popular at other New Zealand Congresses, they are introducing the National Congress Match-point Swiss Pairs. This will be a 2-session event which will run on Monday 30th September, morning and afternoon.

You will have just one partner and will play 6 x 8 board matches, Swiss style, but with match-point Pairs scoring. Thus, those pairs who score well after each match will play each other, just like in the Swiss Pairs events later in the week.

The new event will be a 5A Point event and will cost \$50.00 per player, although it will be included in the cost of the New Zealand Pairs, New Zealand Restricted Open Pairs and of course the full Congress package. The new event is already loaded onto the NZ Bridge website.

### **INTERMEDIATE AND HIGHER PLAYERS**

Phil Gravis's second article is attached. Email [villyn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:villyn@xtra.co.nz) requesting weekly articles at this level or the junior level, an example of which was attached last week.

**BEREAVEMENT:** It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of one of our true gentlemen. John Gilmore contributed much to our Bridge Club after joining in 1969. He was President from 1982 to 1984. He was actively involved in the 1996 Diamond Jubilee celebration, being part of the committee formed to plan and to see the completion of the three major projects – a 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Tournament, the construction of the Hudson Room, and Chris Ackerley's *History of the Otago Bridge Club*. John was made a Life Member of the Club in 1999.

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Missed from last week - Peter Hall was part of the winning team in Invercargill Teams Tournament.

### ***DIVISIONAL AUTUMN PAIRS***

#### **JUNIOR**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesley Greenbank and Jane Hailes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lee Whyte and Stewart Whyte  
3<sup>rd</sup> Trish Whelan and Colette Bolger

#### **INTERMEDIATE**

1<sup>st</sup> Eleanor Westoby and Barbara Clare  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rodger Paul and Matheus Smits  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ritchie Fieldwick and Ron McMurrin

#### ***WOMEN'S BLANCHE WOLKEN PAIRS -***

1<sup>st</sup> Ann Wood and Ann Woodhead  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Butterfield and Lindsay Gunn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Frances Best and Beverly Ross

#### ***HANDICAP***

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***OTAGO/SOUTHLAND INTER-PROVINCIAL TEAMS*** – these were decided at the weekend

**OPEN :** Brad Johnston and Matt Blakeley (Otago), Ernie Sutton and Ross Sherwood (Queenstown)

**WOMEN:** Ann Wood (Otago) and Frances Sheehy (Oamaru), Kristen Collins and Donna Ruwhiu (Otago)

**SENIOR** Wyn Jones and Kevin Farnden (Otago), Phillip Hensman and Hamish Ryan (Queenstown)

**INTERMEDIATE** Jeff Elton and Jo Smith, (Invercargill) Sandy Buzzard (Invercargill) and Jen White (Winton)

***If you focus on playing good Bridge then  
good results will come. If you focus on  
trying to get good results then you won't  
play good Bridge***

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- Education, mathematics, nuisance bidding, low level interference
- Rolling the dice is it loaded
- Gambling
- How to calculate masterpoints
- WAPs inter provincial results
- Debbie Marcroft shares her delight in taking out the Central Intermediate IP's
- This Palmy team starts to plot their next 6 months
- What's R.E.A.L? A useful check list for opening leads
- Judge Julie ... centrefolds, dummy wants 1st dibs on seeing declarers hand

**CLUB LEVEL DIRECTOR EXAMS** will be conducted over the weekends of 27/28 July and 2/3 November. If you are interested in becoming a director please get in touch with Lindsay Gunn.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Save the Children charity event was held on Sunday at the Club with around \$700 raised. Winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> overall Brad Johnston and Dennis McCaughan

2<sup>nd</sup> overall Gillian Alexander and Eunan Cleary

1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate Judith and Laurie Smeijers

1<sup>st</sup> Junior Lee and Stewart Whyte

And congratulations also to ex-member Sam Simpson for attaining his Silver Grand Master.

### IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE BY SUBSCRIBING TO THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF BRIDGE DAILY COLUMN

Led by Ron Klinger, 7 renowned bridge players will each contribute a bridge column one day a week for a year. Learn from the best and improve your bridge by subscribing at

[www.abf.com.au/daily-column](http://www.abf.com.au/daily-column) and if the link does not open just cut and paste it into your favourite browser. Subscription is \$52. The column started in March and is proving very popular.

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#### PERSONAL SCORECARDS – *contributed by Stewart Kerr*

There are appropriate times where the filling out of one's personal scorecard is warranted and when it least impacts on the total time spent at the table. One such time when filling out of the card **IS NOT ON** is when one is on lead. Often 20 seconds or more is spent waiting for this to be written, which if taken for each hand will mean 10 minutes or more over the whole session. Also, if you are on lead and playing South, make your lead and **then enter the contract into the BridgePad**. There is plenty of time after the lead when generally the mandatory 10 seconds and usually a lot more is spent by everyone taking in the bidding and dummy. This time can also be spent writing in the contract and entering data in the bridge pad. These are thoughtful considerations which can easily be achieved.

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China is done...for Barry, Lebenshol – I spelt it? What's it all about? Don't mind Mereana – she's still recovering. Medicine at tournaments, don't forget it. The Bridge Zone Racing Channel – we name our next event. Standing up for your beliefs – zero tolerance for cheating, we salute your actions. An amazing supportive gesture from Zia Mahmood to Mariusz. Book of the week – *Famous Bidding Decisions* – bidding disasters and test your skills against the experts. A question was asked about Poker and Bridge. We talk about whether playing Bridge will help with concentration for Poker players.

**ALL-COMERS BRIDGE** – this Wednesday afternoon at 1.00 pm. Come along and help swell the numbers.

**SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE - 8<sup>th</sup> June.** Pasta dishes are on the menu. Dinner at 6.00 pm. Bridge starts at 7.00 pm.

#### MEMBERSHIP

##### BEREAVEMENT:

Jocelyn Kilcullen contributed much to the Bridge Club after joining in 1973, her many talents include creating miracles of Ikebana, floral and other arrangements which graced the rooms in days gone by, the work put into them very often taken for granted by members. Jocelyn loved her Bridge, being a regular Thursday night, Wednesday afternoon, Friday and the monthly Saturday night Bridge player. Her name is engraved on a number of our trophies which she has won over the years. Members at the Bridge table recall her friendly personality, her jolly sense of humour, as well as her prowess as a Bridge player.

NZ BRIDGE have revamped their Constitution and a draft is available on the NZBridge website. They would like feedback on the Draft and a Survey Form can also be downloaded from the website. Completed survey forms can be emailed to NZ Bridge by 7<sup>th</sup> June please.

## **KAREN WALKER'S BRIDGE TIPS**

### **When you are bidding:**

**Always search for a major-suit fit** if one is possible, even if you've already found a minor fit. If you have a 4-card major you can show at the one-level, always bid it.

**Consider playing 3NT** instead of 5C or 5D when you have the strength for game, but your only fit is in a minor suit.

**If you have length in the opponent's suit** and are in doubt about what to bid, pass. Don't show your problem by thinking too long about what to do.

**Keep the bidding simple.** If you have a fit for partner's major, always raise.

**If you have a fit for partner's suit,** "stretch" to raise, especially in a competitive auction. If you have extra trumps (one more than you need for an 8-card fit), feel free to compete to the 3-level if the opponents bid over your 2-level part score.

**Always assume partner has a minimum** until he tells you otherwise. A minimum range is 13-15 pts. if partner opened the bidding; 6-9 pts. if he responded to your opening bid.

**If you have a minimum hand** (13-15 pts. for opener, 6-9 or 10 pts. for responder), keep the bidding low until you find a fit. ***Don't go past the one-level unless:***

- You are raising partner's suit.
- You are rebidding your own long suit.
- You are bidding a second suit that's ***lower in rank*** than your first suit (1D by you-1S by partner-2C by you) or (1D-1S-1NT-2H).

**Once you've decided to raise partner's suit, rebid your own long suit or bid notrump,** be sure you show your point-count by bidding at the proper level:

- If you know you have 25 combined points, jump to game in your suit or notrump. Don't give partner a chance to pass.
- If you have an invitational hand (16-18 pts. if you are opener; 10-12 pts. if you are responder) and you think you and partner ***might*** have 25+ points, make your bid one level higher than necessary. This usually means you'll freely take the auction to 2NT or 3 of your suit.
- If you have a minimum hand, show it by making your bid at the lowest level available.

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