



From the President

May 2018

Congratulations to the club on a fantastic day on Sunday 15th April at our Restricted Tournament. The entrants enjoyed good bridge and excellent food provided by Jane and her amazing helpers. A huge thank you to all those people who gave their time to support the players in the tournament. There is much behind the scene effort without which the tournament would not be possible.

Also thank you to the members (71) who supported the event. It was an excellent response and shows our club is competitive as well as social. If you did not enter the tournament this year please consider entering next year. The entrants thoroughly enjoyed the day with club members and visitors. In addition, if you played in the tournament this time and enjoyed the support of members, you might consider giving your time at a future tournament in which you are not competing.

The club also celebrated the 100th birthday of Enid Trower on April 20th, a day before her actual birthday. Jane made a fabulous cake depicting

Enid's interests of Bridge and painting. Members playing on Friday morning stayed on to enjoy lunch and wish Enid well with a presentation of flowers. Enid's association with this club is of long standing and her son Chris, also a member, was in attendance.

With the winter approaching I urge you to please use the hand alcohol hand dispensers both before playing bridge and afterwards. These are placed in the club for your benefit.

The air conditioner units are pre-set for the general room not for any individual. Therefore, I ask you not to change the settings.

Happy Bridging
Nigel Gresson



*Enid with Jane
and the birthday
cake*

Club Captain's Chatter

We are almost in the swing of the season with tournaments coming thick and fast. Remember to look for your partners nice and early and ask someone new to play this year - think of it like taking a Finesse - 50/50 odds of it being in your favour!

Keep regular contact with our website as the Club has some interesting ventures on the go at the moment like:

- *Lessons*
- *the TWITS monthly competition*
- *a team of us branching into Radio - more info coming as our Frankenstein comes alive with The Bridge Zone podcast*
- *the dreaded ROOF*
- *heating of the club*

Some sound like a chore, but believe me it takes a fair effort to keep the Club and its fabulous building running at a high level.

Anyway, now for some thoughts by Eddie Kantar on Weak Two Bids

WHAT IS A WEAK TWO BID?

An opening bid of 2D, 2H, or 2S (not 2C), describing a hand with a strongish 6-card suit along with 6-9/10 HCP (High Card Points).

It can be compared to an opening three bid; the difference is that a three bid normally shows a seven-card suit.

The distribution of the bidder's Weak Two hand can be 6-3-2-2, or 6-3-3-1, or 6-4-2-1.

Notice, no five card side suits, no voids -if you do have this shape then the pre-empt is not the right bid - find another one.

The advantages of opening a weak two are:

- (1) Limiting the hand immediately
- (2) Directing the opening lead
- (3) Taking away bidding space from the opponents

RESPONDING TO A WEAK TWO BID

Remember that your partner has about 6 – 9/10 HCP along with a reasonable six card suit.

Your response depends on how well you fit your partner's suit.

With a singleton in partner's suit and no strong suit of your own, do not even think of bidding on unless you have 16+ HCP.

With a small doubleton in partner's suit, you need about 15 HCP to bid on. However, with a doubleton honor (Ax, Kx, Qx), and an interesting looking hand 14 HCP will suffice.

Hands with three or four card support normally should do something.

Frequently you "further the pre-empt" by raising partner to the three or four level. All you need is a little distribution plus a bunch of courage!

Rule: WHEN YOU AND YOUR PARTNER HAVE A 9-CARD FIT OR LONGER, THE OPPONENTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST AN 8-CARD FIT OR LONGER IN ANOTHER SUIT

Your advantage is that you know where your fit lies; the opponents have yet to find theirs. By raising your partner's suit, you make it that much harder for your opponents to uncover their fit.

Keep in mind the opponents likely have a game, and possibly a slam, so if they nail you with a penalty double and take you down by a few tricks it may still be a good result.

Well that's it from me, but I encourage you to do some more reading on weak bids – I think they are under used. One bid fully describing your hand sounds like a winner to me.

See you at the tables Mereana

Mereana Cullen

Club Captain

Members' News

Phone number changes / additions



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WINTER PRECAUTIONS

Now that the flu season approaches it's time to prevent the spread of infection.

DO:

Turn your head away from the table when coughing or sneezing
Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your upper arm
Consider staying at home, if you are unwell

DON'T:

Cough or sneeze on your hand
Cough or sneeze on the cards you are holding

REMEMBER:

Wash your hands before and after bridge
Use the hand sanitisers by the playing room doors

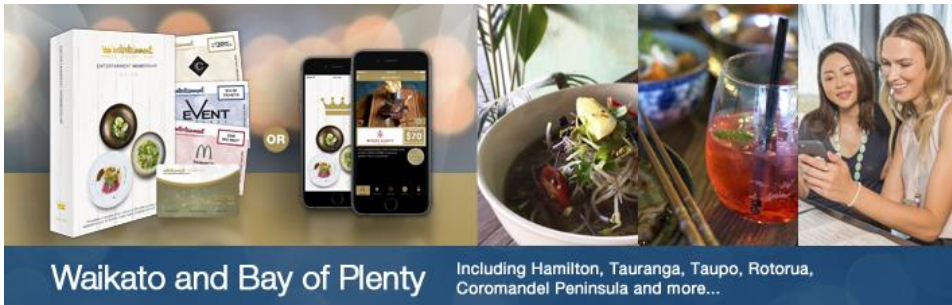


2018/19 Entertainment Books For Sale

Judith Brooks is again selling Waikato / Bay of Plenty entertainment books as a fund raiser for our club. Please support the Club by buying a copy.

The books cost just \$65 of which the club receives \$13. Inside the books are discounts of up to 50% on many of the best restaurants, cafés, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty, all valid to use until 1 June 2019.

There is a choice of membership format:



- The traditional printed Entertainment Book comes with the Gold Card and vouchers, and contains over \$20,000 worth of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers
- The Entertainment Digital Membership puts the value of the traditional Entertainment Book into your Apple or Android device. You no longer need to remember to bring the Card or Voucher. It is also easy to search for businesses and you are still able to share your Membership with another family member

See the display in the clubrooms for more information, then talk to Judith or phone her on 852 5644 to order your copy (or order online if you want the digital version).

Tournament Help required

Helpers are needed for our upcoming tournaments:

- in the kitchen (shifts of about 3 hours), helping can include making sandwiches, meal preparation, washing up, collecting cups and keeping the tea / coffee area ready (wherever your skills lie)
- providing food for morning / afternoon tea



Our Mate - the Bridgemate

Here are some simple ways to get the most out of your Bridgemate.

1. Check that the people at the table are those whose names are on the screen
2. Check that the number on the boards you have are the same as the ones shown (in small print!) at the top right of the Bridgemate screen
3. Enter the number of the board you are going to play

Now - you are ready to take the cards out of the board.

If everyone follows this simple procedure we will not have fouled boards and the Director will be happy. 😊



Recent Events at our Club

Hamilton Restricted Pairs - Sunday 15 April

Our first tournament of the year has been and gone very successfully with over 100 people playing, many from our club. Our President Nigel was tournament manager ably assisted by Michael Neels as scorer, Dallas Dagg as director, and Jane Sandelin as kitchen organiser.

Generous sponsorship from **Urge**, Jeffrey Chang's Coffee and Tea Boutique, meant prizes were awarded to 14 pairs on the day with a very creditable 10 Hamilton pairs among the prize-winners. Hamilton success included our members being in all the top 5 Open/Intermediate combinations, and 1st in Open/Junior, Intermediate/Intermediate and Junior/Junior. Well done!

Hamilton Ladies Day - Tuesday 1 May

The sun shone brightly on 86 women as they arrived on May Day to take part in the club's annual Ladies Day tournament.

Congratulations to our Open winners, Judy McLeod & Judith Malcolm (from Tauranga) and Lesley Quilty & Kathy Yule (Matamata) who tied for first place, with our own club members Kay Dixon & Pam Halls first in the Intermediate section and Sue Collinge & Jane Weir top Junior pair. Barb Wilson & Lesley Roberts of Cambridge took out the Novice section. Congratulations!

Many thanks to our sponsor, Craigs Investment Partners.



Sue Collinge & Jane Weir

Upcoming Events

COMING UP AT OUR CLUB

National 15A Swiss Pairs	Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 June
Waikato/Bays Interclub Teams	Sunday 24 June
Hamilton Open Teams	Saturday 14 July
Hamilton Intermediate Pairs	Saturday 14 July
Hamilton Open Swiss Pairs (1/3)	Wednesday 1 August

EVENTS COMING UP IN OUR REGION

Junior/Novice Tournaments:

Tauranga Junior Pairs	Tauranga	Saturday 7 July
Mt Maunganui Junior Pairs	Mt Maunganui	Saturday 21 July

Intermediate Tournaments:

Katikati Intermediate Pairs	Katikati	Sunday 20 May
Tauranga Intermediate Pairs	Tauranga	Saturday 7 July
Mt Maunganui Intermediate Pairs	Mt Maunganui	Saturday 21 July

Open Tournaments:

Putaruru All Grade Pairs	Putaruru	Thursday 17 May
Te Awamutu Restricted Pairs	Te Awamutu	Saturday 19 May
Te Puke Restricted Pairs	Te Puke	Sunday 27 May
Waikato Area Pairs (4)	Matamata	Sunday 27 May
Morrinsville All Grades Pairs	Morrinsville	Saturday 9 June
Tauranga Restricted Charity	Tauranga	Wednesday 20 June
Rotorua Open Pairs	Rotorua	Saturday 23 June
Spa Town Open&Multigrade Teams	Te Aroha	Saturday 30 June
Waikato Area Pairs (5)	Tokoroa	Sunday 8 July
Matamata All Grades Pairs	Matamata	Saturday 28 July
Waikato/BOP Interclub Teams	Rotorua	Sunday 29 July
Waikato Area Pairs (6)	Morrinsville	Sunday 5 August

Tournament Success by our Club Members



South Island Teams 2 nd	10-11 February Blair Fisher & teammates	Christchurch
Waikato Area Pairs (1) 2 nd 3 rd	11 February Ella Gray & Michael Neels Jenny Millington & Barry Jones	Cambridge
Mt Maunganui Multigrade Pairs 1 st =	3 March Liz Fisher & Blair Fisher	Mt Maunganui
Waikato Bays Novice Pairs 1 st	11 March Janice Wilton & Megan Jolly	Matamata
Taranaki Congress Teams 2 nd 3 rd	11 March Jenny Millington, Barry Jones & teammates Gary Foidl, Brett Glass, Yuzhong Chen, Herman Yuan	New Plymouth
Waikato Area Pairs 2 1 st 3 rd	18 March Bob Hurley & Karen Harris Linda Lin & Cherie Barton	Te Awamutu
Waihi All Grades Pairs 3 rd	24 March Yuzhong Chen & Alan Turner	Waihi
Cambridge Junior Pairs 2 nd 3 rd	7 April Barbara Andrews & Lynne Boyack Don McPherson & Richard Wagstaff	Cambridge

Hamilton Restricted Pairs	15 April	Hamilton
1 st	Yuzhong Chen & John Waller	
2 nd	Kim Thompson & Ian Moore	
3 rd	Barry Jones & Mary Fear	
Waikato Area Pairs 3	29 April	Waikato
1 st	Ian Clayton & Cynthia Clayton	
2 nd	Barry Jones & Michael Curry	
3 rd	Michael Neels & Ella Gray	
Hamilton Ladies Open Pairs	1 May	Hamilton
3 rd	Linda Lin & Gillian Corbett	
Hamilton Ladies Intermediate Pairs	1 May	Hamilton
1 st	Kay Dixon & Pam Halls	
Matamata Junior Pairs	5 May	Matamata
2 nd	Janice Wilton & Megan Jolly	
Taupo Open Pairs	5-6 May	Taupo
2 nd	Blair Fisher & Liz Fisher	



*Michelle Stevens
and Jeffrey Chang
- 1st Open/Junior
combination at
Hamilton
Restricted Pairs*



Club Results

Monday Opening Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Ross Stewart & Mary Fear
- 2 Peter Kington & Sonya Roberts

Handicap

- 1 Peter Kington & Sonya Roberts
- 2 Ross Stewart & Mary Fear

Tuesday Opening Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Allison Smith & Cynthia Clayton
- 2 Malcolm Smith & Ian Clayton

Handicap

- 1 Allison Smith & Cynthia Clayton
- 2 Billie Phillips & Nolene Vail

Tuesday Evening Opening Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Megan Jolly & Janice Wilton
- 2 Don McPherson & Geoff Walpole

Handicap

- 1 Mike Everard & Jo Millington
- 2 Megan Jolly & Janice Wilton

Friday Summer Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Ian Clayton & Malcolm Smith
- 2 Cynthia Clayton & Allison Smith

Handicap

- 1 Ian Clayton & Malcolm Smith
- 2 Rodney Harris & Lucie Armstrong

Monday Summer Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Brian Gallaher & Mark Thomson
- 2 Leanne Curry & Liz Fisher

Handicap

- 1 Colleen De Luen & Jenny Seavill
- 2 Brian Gallaher & Mark Thomson

Tuesday Summer Pairs

Scratch

- 1 John Paterson & Shirley Fransham
- 2 Ian Clayton & Cynthia Clayton

Handicap

- 1 John Paterson & Shirley Fransham
- 2 Nolene Vail & Tracey Hoff

Tuesday Evening Summer Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Leanne Curry & Donna Prentice
- 2 Karen Mackenzie & Michelle Stevens

Handicap

- 1 Jo Millington & Mike Everard
- 2 Leanne Curry & Donna Prentice

Thursday Summer Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Trini Lin & Catherine Cameron
- 2 Ross Stewart & Mary Fear

Handicap

- 1 Ross Stewart & Mary Fear
- 2 Karen Thomson & Kim Thompson

Charles Holland-Goodwin

Scratch

- 1 Judy Coulshed & Bob Treloar
- 2 Cynthia Clayton & Allison Smith

Memorial Pairs

Handicap

- 1 Judy Coulshed & Bob Treloar
- 2 Maria Kalksma & June Rogers

Wednesday Summer Swiss Pairs

- 1 Barry Jones & Jenny Millington
- 2 Ian Clayton & Malcolm Smith

Monday Pairs A

Scratch

- 1 Pam Burns & Joan Egger
- 2 Peter Kington & Sonya Roberts

Handicap

- 1 Pam Burns & Joan Egger
- 2 Peter Kington & Sonya Roberts

Monica Heard Handicap Trophy

Scratch

- 1 Malcolm Smith & Ian Clayton
- 2 Angela Lovell & Trini Lin

Handicap

- 1 Angela Lovell & Trini Lin
- 2 Jenny Green & Nolene Vail

Lil Goodger Trophy

Scratch

- 1 Catherine Cameron & Trini Lin
- 2 Nigel Gresson & Cathy Nolen

Handicap

- 1 Darrell McLean & Phil Longville
- 2 Nigel Gresson & Cathy Nolen

Ray White Real Estate Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Megan Jolly & Janice Wilton
- 2 Don McPherson & Geoff Walpole

Anne Archbold Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Lindsay Reid & Blair Fisher
- 2 Malcolm Smith & Kevin Whyte

Wednesday Restricted Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Graeme Hope & Gary Foidl
- 2 Eddie Tan & Ella Gray

Tuesday Autumn Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Colleen De Luen & Tracey Hoff
- 2 Mary Fear & Dave Gilling

Thursday Autumn Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Phil Thompson & Val West
- 2 Malcolm Smith & Ian Clayton

Monday Autumn Pairs

Scratch

- 1 Leanne Curry & Liz Fisher
- 2 Vaughan Samuelson & Jane Weir

Alder Trophy Individuals

Scratch

- 1 Shaun Hewitt
- 2 Don McPherson

Handicap

- 1 Don McPherson & Geoff Walpole
- 2 Megan Jolly & Janice Wilton

Handicap

- 1 Lindsay Reid & Blair Fisher
- 2 Tracey Hoff & Judith Brooks

Handicap

- 1 Lindsay Reid & Lois Jones
- 2 Eddie Tan & Ella Gray

Handicap

- 1 Mary Fear & Dave Gilling
- 2 Colleen De Luen & Tracey Hoff

Handicap

- 1 Phil Thompson & Val West
- 2 Maria Lelieveld & Nolene Vail

Handicap

- 1 Vaughan Samuelson & Jane Weir
- 2 Wendy Mortimer & Mary Fear

Handicap

- 1 Shaun Hewitt
- 2 Stephen Baptist

From Lindsay's File

End Play in Trumps

North

♠ K 7 6 4

♥ A 7 3

♦ K J 10 4

♣ A 8

West

♠ Q J 10 2

♥ 6

♦ 7 6 3

♣ 9 6 5 4 2

East

♠ A 9 8 3

♥ K Q 5

♦ 8 5 2

♣ K 10 7

South

♠ 5

♥ J 10 9 8 4 2

♦ A Q 9

♣ Q J 3

How can South make 4 Hearts with Q spades lead from West?

Many bridge players find it difficult to count the various cards as they fall on the table during play. This process can be simplified at times by counting parcels of tricks rather than the individual cards as they are played. In this deal a simple count on these lines led declarer to the only way of making the game.

The answer will be in the next newsletter (August 2018) or if you don't want to wait that long it will be on the Results noticeboard at the bridge club soon!

ANSWER TO LAST NEWSLETTER'S POSER

Smart End Play

North

♠ A Q J 3
♥ A 10 6 3 2
♦ 7 6 4
♣ A

West

♠ K 9
♥ K 7
♦ 5
♣ K Q J 10 9 6 3 2

East

♠ 7 6 4
♥ Q 9 8
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ 8 7 5

South

♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ J 5 4
♦ A K Q J 10
♣ 4

How can South make 6 Spades with K clubs lead from West?

South, in an optimistic spade slam, won the lead in dummy with the singleton ace. The next step was to come back to the South hand with the ace of diamonds and lead the 10 of spades. West covered with the king and dummy's ace, queen and jack removed all the outstanding trumps. South proceeded to cash up the diamond suit, discarding two small hearts from the North hand.

There is a strong temptation to lead the jack of hearts at the tenth trick but if this urge is followed declarer will be beaten. South saw a better way, a very simple one. The ace of hearts became the tenth trick and was followed with a small heart. West won with the king and had to lead a club back allowing dummy to trump and declarer to discard the last heart in hand. Even if West unblocks by throwing the king under the ace, declarer will lose only one heart to East's queen.