



# Hamilton Contract Bridge Club

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**From the President**

**August 2018**

Spring is just around the corner after what has been a very wet winter, but the number of club members playing, especially at night, has held up well.

The Monday and Wednesday night Championship Pairs start this month and we are mid-way through the Thursday night Championship Pairs. The big event for Tuesday night players is the 4 night Individual also about to start, so lots of bridge to look forward to.

The latest news on the roof is that we are using an architect to help the committee get quotes etc., and to advise on the best approach. I shall keep you updated with the progress.

In June we held a National 15A Swiss Pairs event with people from all over New Zealand. This was a hugely successful event with compliments coming from players, the director and the scorers. Thank you to all the club members who made the day such a success. It reflects well on the club and proves to the National body that we are capable of holding such a prestigious tournament.

We have more tournaments left in our year. On September 8<sup>th</sup> we hold a 10A Swiss Pairs in conjunction with our Junior Pairs. JUNIORS this is your tournament so please support it by entering online. This event will be sponsored by Ryman Health Care. Many thanks to David de Veth for his support.

Then in October over Labour weekend we have the Hamilton Congress - 3 days of bridge - with 10A Pairs and Teams along with Intermediate Pairs on the weekend, finishing off on Monday with Swiss Pairs.

Happy Bridging

**Nigel Gresson**

## Club Captain's Chatter

Hi everyone, how are the cards treating you?

We have some exciting club projects on the go. The radio programme - The Bridge Zone - is being really well received nationwide, the roof project is moving forward and the repair figure was escalating so the appointment of a member to resource and apply for various grants on behalf of the Club has been approved and a designated subcommittee also been established.

Earlier in the year we secured a Special Liquor License that does not require a Bar Managers License and we now actively manage the Bar as **Responsible Hosts**. As a part of this change, the locks for the Bar will be changed soon and I would like those who have key access to contact me so I can update our security register and confirm the terms of the license and changes and the date for the changeover.

Now let's talk some Bridge...

***Your attitude at the table is worth match points to you.***

When you arrive at a new table, compliment your partner casually on something from the previous round. If your opponents ask how you are doing, tell them positively that you are scoring well. Often opponents don't like hearing this, sometimes you hear them mutter "I don't like the sound of this". Duplicate Bridge players aren't used to hearing opponents tell them that they are happy and doing well, so ***surprise*** them.

Lastly, when you leave the table encourage your opponents. The better they play in all future rounds, the more it benefits you because they are playing against all your opponents sitting in the same direction. You want them to do well. You may be surprised just how far a little psychology takes you!!!

A couple of valuable tips that will increase your points and satisfaction:

***Cherish your partner*** - if you crack a smile from time to time, you'll find everyone has a much better session.

***Don't play conventions and gadgets that you don't fully understand*** - less stress and more success is what you want.

And ***assess the value of every contract*** - it's all about scoring the biggest plus score or the smallest minus score on every hand - improve awareness of when to compete, how aggressive to be, how to judge sacrifices, when to double and when to remain quiet.

Phew - got all that... see you at the tables.

*Mereana Cullen*

**Club Captain**

# Members' News

## Phone number changes / additions

Bob Jones 846 3312  
Shirley Fransham 07 828-8948



## The Bridge Zone

Did you know our own Barry Jones and Mereana Cullen are starring in a weekly radio show on the subject of bridge? With the help of NZ Bridge, Barry and Mereana present an hour each week on Free FM ( 89.0MHz on your radio). The show is on Wednesday at 10:30am, with earlier podcasts also available [here](#) . The show covers all sorts of bridge topics and is aimed at all those interested in playing bridge. They have had so much feedback that they also now have a special show email address: [thebridgezone@outlook.com](mailto:thebridgezone@outlook.com)



So if you listen to the show and have any questions or ideas for topics to be discussed in future, feel free to email them with your thoughts!

## SOUP and BUN SOCIAL - SUNDAY 19 AUGUST

On these cold winter days, what better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than with a lunch of hot soup and a bun, followed by a social afternoon of bridge with your friends? There will be spot prizes as well as prizes for the winners. Lunch is at 12 noon on 19 August, followed by one session of bridge starting at 12.45pm and finishing with afternoon tea.



## ***Improver Lessons with Barry Jones***

Barry has been very busy while Jenny was on holiday in France. Not only has he been co-presenting the Bridge Zone radio show, he has also found time to start some lessons for improvers at the club. The first lesson was held on Wednesday 27 June and a keen group of mainly more recent members filled 7 tables in the O'Neill room. Barry covered declarer play with 'Make a plan before you start to play the hand' the main take-home message! Watch out at the club for details of the next lesson.

## ***Learners graduate***

This year's lessons are now complete and the new graduates are playing 'real' bridge. We all know what a complex and confusing game bridge can be at first so please make them welcome. Why not offer to be a partner if needed? Be prepared to be patient with slow play and helpful with your comments until they find their feet. We want everyone to enjoy our great game!

## ***Silver Grand Master***

Many congratulations to Liz Fisher on becoming a Silver Grand Master in March. To reach this status requires at least 1250 A points and 2500 Masterpoints overall, accumulated by successfully playing in many bridge tournaments. Well done!



## ***Success for Blair at North Island Pairs***

The North Island Pairs was held recently in Auckland. After a difficult first two rounds Blair Fisher and his partner were near the bottom of the field. A very good third round meant they just qualified in 15<sup>th</sup> place for the second day. A much more successful day's play then shot them up the leader board to be overall winners! The moral here is 'never give up'!

## Tournament online payments

When you enter a Hamilton club tournament it would be preferable if you pay through our online banking. This makes it easier for us to see who has paid and there is less need for the club to handle so much cash or cheques on the day. Here is the information you need; it really helps us if you include your name and bridge number. If you can then add the event.

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[www.hamilton.bridge-club.org](http://www.hamilton.bridge-club.org)

Entry with Computer Number through our website  
<http://www.hamilton.bridge-club.org/tournament>

Please pay on-line to our bank account:  
**01-0315-0381282-01** including name & computer number

## Tournament Help required

*Helpers are needed for our upcoming tournaments:*

*- In the kitchen for shifts of about 3 hours. Helping may include making sandwiches, lunch preparation, washing up, collecting cups and keeping the tea / coffee area ready (wherever your skills lie)*

*- Providing food for morning / afternoon tea*



*Tournament dates which require helpers are Saturday 8 September and Labour weekend (October 20-22) - this is our popular Hamilton Congress which requires "sets" of helpers on each of the 3 days. If you are able to help with any of these tournaments please let Ella know.*

## ***Thursday Night Restricted Teams***

Players of all grades are needed for this event starting 11 October.

Pre-entry of your team is required by Friday 6 October. Each team is to consist of one player from each playing grade (open, intermediate and junior) plus a second junior or intermediate player.

This is a 4 night event with one substitute per team permitted.

[Substitutes must be of equal or lesser grade than the player they are substituting for].

An entry sheet will be available at the club closer to the time or you may enter your team on-line on the Club web site now.

## ***NZ Bridge National Congress Coming Soon!***

This event with over 600 players from all around New Zealand takes place in Hamilton at the Distinction Hotel, Te Rapa, from **29 September to 6 October**. Don't forget to register now. Entry fees for the main events and packages are discounted if paid by 31st August. Visit the Congress [website](#) to enter or view entries.

There are ***events for novice, junior and intermediate players*** too, so this is a great opportunity for members from our club to take part:

**Novice Pairs** - one session on Sunday 30 September afternoon  
(A novice has less than three years' experience and without a Certificate of Proficiency)

**New Zealand Intermediate Pairs** - 2 sessions on Thursday October 4th (morning/afternoon)

**New Zealand Intermediate Teams** - 3 sessions on Thursday/Friday October 4/5 (Thursday evening / Friday morning & afternoon)

**Congress Intermediate Swiss Pairs** - 3 sessions Friday/Saturday October 5/6 (Friday evening / Saturday morning & afternoon)

*All the Intermediate events above have special prizes for Junior teams/pairs.*

# **NZ**Bridge

## **Recent Events at our Club**

### ***National 15A Swiss Pairs 16 & 17 June***

116 elite players from all over New Zealand gathered in Hamilton for a weekend of intense bridge. After 99 boards played in a Swiss Pairs format (11 rounds of 9 boards each) the winning pair were Grant Jarvis and Ian Berrington, Gold and Silver Grand Masters visiting from Auckland. Best finishers from our club were Ian Clayton (9<sup>th</sup>), Blair and Liz Fisher (11<sup>th</sup>), Malcolm Smith and Michael Neels (15<sup>th</sup>). Many thanks to all those who helped with organising, running and catering this major event.

### ***Waikato/Bays Interclub Teams Sunday 24 June***

On 24 June Hamilton hosted the Waikato section of the Waikato Bays Inter-club Teams. The Waikato club team won the Waikato Inter-club Teams Trophy again and with the Cambridge team will compete against the two top Bay of Plenty teams, Mt Maunganui and Tauranga, in the final taking place at Cambridge on 26 August.

The Hamilton Open Team on the day (rather different from the one which won the club teams championship earlier in the year!) was Barry Jones, Ian Clayton, Brett Glass and Richard Hooper. They achieved first place in the Open section - well done!

### ***Hamilton Open Teams & Intermediate Pairs 14 July***

20 teams and 14 pairs gathered to play bridge on Saturday 14 July. Competition was fierce in the Open room with a more social atmosphere in the Intermediate room. A number of Hamilton players featured in the prizes. The Open team of Barry Jones and Liz Fisher with their playing partners won 6 of their 7 rounds and the overall prize. Phil Thompson and Ian Ross came third in the Intermediates, while Megan Jolly and Leanne Curry won the Junior pair prize. Thanks to Nigel, Ella, Dallas and the other willing members who helped the club host a very successful tournament.



# Upcoming Events

## COMING UP AT OUR CLUB

Waikato/Bays Regional Swiss Pairs	Saturday 8 September
Hamilton Junior Pairs	Saturday 8 September
Hamilton Congress Pairs	Saturday 20 October
Waikato/Bays Provincial Teams (Qualify)	Sunday 21 October
Waikato/Bays Consolation Swiss Pairs	Monday 23 October
Waikato/Bays Provincial Teams Final	Monday 23 October
New Zealand Wide Pairs	Friday 2 November

## EVENTS COMING UP IN OUR REGION

### **Junior/Novice Tournaments:**

Te Awamutu Junior Pairs	Te Awamutu	Sunday 14 October
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### **Intermediate Tournaments:**

Matamata Intermediate Pairs	Matamata	Sunday 16 August
Cambridge Intermediate Pairs	Cambridge	Sunday 28 October

### **Restricted Tournaments:**

Thames Restricted Pairs	Thames	Sunday 9 September
Rotorua Restricted Pairs	Rotorua	Saturday 15 September

### **Open Tournaments:**

Tauranga Ladies Pairs	Tauranga	Wednesday 15 August
W/Bays Interclub Teams Final	Cambridge	Sunday 26 August
Mt Maunganui Pairs	Mt Maunganui	Saturday 22 September
Waitomo Veteran Pairs	Te Kuiti	Thursday 11 October
Te Puke All Grade Pairs	Te Puke	Saturday 13 October
Taupo All Grade Pairs	Taupo	Saturday 27 October

# Tournament Success by our Club Members



WB Inter-Provincial Open Trials 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 May Diane Emms & Jane Stearns	Tauranga
Putaruru All Grade Pairs 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	17 May Diane Emms & Jane Stearns Gary Foidl & Yuzhong Chen	Putaruru
Te Awamutu Restricted Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup>	19 May Diane Emms & Jenny Oxley	Te Awamutu
Waikato Area Pairs (4) 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	27 May Kevin Whyte & Clare Coles Malcolm Smith & Alan Parkes	Matamata
Hawkes Bay Queens Birthday Congress 1-4 June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Welcome Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> Open Teams 1 <sup>st</sup> Teams Final 3 <sup>rd</sup> Teams Final	Gary Foidl & Brett Glass Gary Foidl, Brett Glass & teammates Gary Foidl, Brett Glass & teammates Cynthia Clayton, Ian Clayton & teammates	Napier
Auckland Queens Birthday Congress 2-4 June 1 <sup>st</sup> Congress Pairs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Congress Pairs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Teams Final	Liz Fisher & Blair Fisher Barry Jones & Jenny Millington Barry Jones, Jenny Millington & teammates	Auckland
Morrinsville All Grades Pairs 1 <sup>st</sup> Intermed/Junior	9 June Janice Hancox & Marilyn Webby	Morrinsville

Tauranga Junior Pairs                      7 July                      Tauranga  
1<sup>st</sup>                      Megan Jolly & Janice Wilton

Hamilton Open Teams                      14 July                      Hamilton  
1<sup>st</sup>                      Barry Jones, Liz Fisher & teammates

Hamilton Intermediate Pairs              14 July                      Hamilton  
3<sup>rd</sup>                      Phil Thompson & Ian Ross  
1<sup>st</sup> Junior Pair                      Megan Jolly & Leanne Curry

Waikato Area Pairs (6)                      5 August                      Morrinsville  
1<sup>st</sup>                      Gwyn Lobb & Kate McFadyen  
3<sup>rd</sup>                      Ella Gray & Michael Neels

Waikato Area Pairs Competition Final result over 6 events  
2<sup>nd</sup>                      Ella Gray & Michael Neels

North Island Pairs                      4-5 August                      Auckland  
1<sup>st</sup>                      Blair Fisher & George Masters

Cambridge Sixes                      11 August                      Cambridge  
2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate                      Ranjith Cooray & Roger Gunning



*Megan Jolly and  
Leanne Curry, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Junior pair at  
Hamilton  
Intermediate Pairs*



# Club Results

## **Eileen Hartstone Trophy**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Malcolm Smith
- 2 Thelma Bird

### **Handicap**

- 1 Sue Collinge
- 2 Thelma Bird

## **Tuesday Individual Pairs**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Malcolm Smith
- 2 Judy Coulshed

### **Handicap**

- 1 Malcolm Smith
- 2 Judy Coulshed

## **Club Teams Championship - Barbara Minogue Trophy**

- 1 Liz Fisher, Blair Fisher, Barry Jones & Jenny Millington
- 2 Brett Glass, Richard Hooper, Gary Foidl & Yuzhong Chen

## **Van Selm Memorial Pairs**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Barry Jones & Phil Thompson
- 2 Liz Fisher & Leanne Curry

### **Handicap**

- 1 Vaughan Samuelson & Jane Weir
- 2 Kevin McCarthy & Richard Loughnan

## **Elsie Pohio Intermediate Teams**

- 1 Karen Thomson, Kim Thompson, Catherine Cameron, Trini Lin, Catherine Glyde
- 2 Kay Dixon, Graeme Hope, Ian Ross, Peter Ramsey, Phil Thompson

## **Elsie Pohio Junior Teams**

- 1 Jim Ward, Bruce Cresswell, Stewart Lawrence, Bill West, Lois Jones
- 2 Donna Prentice, Leanne Curry, Megan Jolly, Janice Wilton

## **Friday Autumn Pairs**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Kevin Whyte & Malcolm Smith
- 2 Linda Lin & Cynthia Clayton

### **Handicap**

- 1 Norma Cooke & Joan Lowe
- 2 Lynnette Flowers & Donna Prentice

## **Grace Fuller Championship Pairs**

### **Scratch**

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

### **Handicap**

- 1 Don McPherson & Geoff Walpole
- 2 Pam Hewitt & Shaun Hewitt

## **Henry Handicap Trophy**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Shirley Fransham & Mary Fear
- 2 Angela Lovell & Trini Lin

### **Handicap**

- 1 Shirley Fransham & Mary Fear
- 2 Angela Lovell & Trini Lin

## **Winter Drawn Teams**

- 1 Ella Gray, Dallas Dagg, Phil Thompson, Linda Lin
- 2 Kay Dixon, Jenny Millington, Barry Jones, Lindsay Reid

## **Monday Pairs B**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Leanne Curry & Liz Fisher
- 2 Mary Fear & Ross Stewart

### **Handicap**

- 1 Mary Fear & Ross Stewart
- 2 Leanne Curry & Liz Fisher

## **Thursday Winter Pairs**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Cathy Nolen & Ella Gray
- 2 Margaret Boyd & Wendy Mortimer

## **Wardlaw Trophy & Rose Bowl**

### **Handicap**

- 1 Margaret Boyd & Wendy Mortimer
- 2 Cathy Nolen & Ella Gray

## **Friday Pairs A**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Linda Lin & Ian Clayton
- 2 Michael Neels & Ella Gray

### **Handicap**

- 1 Linda Lin & Ian Clayton
- 2 Lindsay Reid & George Sherrell

## **Tuesday Winter Pairs**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Sheila Smith & John Paterson
- 2 Angela Lovell & Trini Lin

### **Handicap**

- 1 Sheila Smith & John Paterson
- 2 Billie Phillips & Tracey Hoff

## **Alisdair Beck Trophy**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Don McPherson & Lesley Kuggeleijn
- 2 Jane Muggeridge & Jenny McGhee

### **Handicap**

- 1 Don McPherson & Lesley Kuggeleijn
- 2 Bronwyn Norman & Angus MacDonald

## **Coralie O'Connor Trophy**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Barry Jones & Dallas Dagg
- 2 Gary Foidl & Yuzhong Chen

### **Handicap**

- 1 Barry Jones & Dallas Dagg
- 2 Ross Stewart & Elaine Rayner

## **Monday Pairs C**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Pam Burns & Val West
- 2 Richard Loughnan & Kevin McCarthy

### **Handicap**

- 1 Richard Loughnan & Kevin McCarthy
- 2 Janice Wilton & Megan Jolly

## **Peter Kunac Trophy**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Michael Neels & Malcolm Smith
- 2 June Rogers & John Paterson

### **Handicap**

- 1 June Rogers & John Paterson
- 2 Dave Gilling & Mary Fear

## **David Head Trophy: Individual**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Val West
- 2 Trini Lin

### **Handicap**

- 1 Maria Lelieveld
- 2 Richard Wagstaff

## **Tuesday Evening Pairs A**

### **Scratch**

- 1 Megan Jolly & Leanne Curry
- 2 Don McPherson & Geoff Walpole

### **Handicap**

- 1 Don McPherson & Geoff Walpole
- 2 Megan Jolly & Leanne Curry

## **Monday Mid-Winter Pairs**

- 1 Leanne Curry & Liz Fisher
- 2 Pam Burns & Joan Egger

### **Handicap**

- 1 Jane Weir & Françoise Campbell
- 2 Melinda Wang & Catherine Cameron

## **Restricted Teams - President's Salver**

- 1 Megan Jolly, Leanne Curry, Gary Foidl, Yuzhong Chen
- 2 Barry Jones, Ella Gray, Eddie Tan, Mark Hodges, Dallas Dagg

# From Lindsay's File

## Control of the Four Suits

In the play of the dummy, the Bridge expert shows skill in a masterly control of the four suits which keeps all avenues of development open. The following hand was perfectly played and, although the adverse distribution was to some extent favourable, declarer showed flawless technique in providing for all contingencies.

*North*

♠ A K 8 4

♥ K J

♦ 8 5 3

♣ Q 6 5 4

*West*

♠ J 10 9 2

♥ 7 6 5 4

♦ A 9 4

♣ A 7

*East*

♠ Q 6 3

♥ 8 2

♦ Q J 10

♣ 10 9 8 2

*South*

♠ 7 5

♥ A Q 10 9 3

♦ K 7 2

♣ K J 3

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

The answer will be in the next newsletter (November 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 MAY NEWSLETTER'S POSER

## 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?

Against South in four hearts, West led the Q of spades. The king and ace covered and East returned a spade which South ruffed. The jack of hearts was led from the closed hand and allowed to run when West played low. East won and returned another spade. South again ruffed. At the fifth trick declarer led another heart. When West failed to follow, dummy's ace was played leaving East holding the winning trump.

To eliminate spades, declarer led the remaining spade from the table and placed a heart upon it. By counting the parcels of spades as they had appeared on the various tricks - four, three, three, three - all cards in that suit had now been accounted for.

Now declarer ran the diamond suit. Once again three rounds accounted for all the adverse diamonds when both opponents followed throughout. The jack of diamonds in dummy won the tenth trick. South discarded a club as did East.

Declarer now knew that East had no spades or diamonds left. East also held the king of trumps and so all East's other remaining cards must of necessity be clubs.

The last heart was therefore led from the table. Thrown in with the king, East had to return a club from the guarded king of clubs. Declarer won the last two tricks to make the game.

This sounds very simple, yet from experience I know that many players would take the club finesse and be beaten in their game when it failed.