



NEWSLETTER

November, 2011

Reflections from a distance by Adrienne Gilbert.

Distance allows you to think about your interests and involvements. Europe gave me this opportunity.

Our bridge club has a membership of 164 and several of those people rarely attend the club.

To manage the club it requires the following;

1. A committee of 11 covering a president, 2 vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, a manager of repairs & maintenance, a manager of tournaments, sponsorship, a manager of household & a manager of the bar.
2. A co-ordinator of the Dealing roster and members to do the dealing. Approximately 17
3. A co-ordinator of the scorers and members to do the scoring. Approximately 7
4. A co-ordinator of the Directors and their team. Approximately 10
5. A computer manager.
6. Duty Officers. Members of the committee do some of the duties but other members are required to also do duties. Approximately 14
7. A bridge advisory group/appeals/handicapping. 3
8. Masterpoints secretary
9. A co-ordinator of the table money roster and the team. Approximately 17
10. A co-ordinator of the selling of session tickets and the team. 3
11. An almoner

12. An artwork curator
13. A librarian.
14. Flower provider & arranger
15. Newsletter editor & delivery
16. Stationery supplies.
17. Heat pump manager.
18. Maintenance of Cafe Bar and Water Cooler.

As you can see there is a great deal of management required just so we can play bridge.

There is a possible 95 positions to be arranged each year.

Some members cover several of the above positions and we are indebted to them.

In discussion with a previous president there was a feeling that for the club to survive we may need, in the future, to amalgamate with Paraparaumu Bridge Club.

To prevent this outcome, members need to be prepared to assist with the running of the club.

Next year we will need members to fill committee positions and many of the other roles.

Please think about how you can help to keep the Club strong.

General:

Newsletter. A reminder that our Newsletters are only available from the Club's website (www.contractbridge.net/waikanae - click on Newsletter) or hard copy available at the Club for those without email facilities.

Tea Lady. Doris has settled into her role as our tea lady on Monday afternoons.

Subscriptions. These are now due and may be paid by cheque or cash and placed in the Subscriptions box on the wall between the notice boards.

Online payment can be made to the Club's BNZ account 02 0591 0005881 050. Please identify the payment with your surname and NZBC Computer number on the transaction.

Committee.

Regretably we have received Maureen Young's resignation from the Committee, due to business commitments, and we welcome Linda Hair onto the Committee.

Tournaments:

Waikanae Intermediate/Junior Pairs 28/8/11

Very successful tournament enjoyed by all and the winners were Judith McDonald from our Club and her partner (sister) from Paraparaumu Club, Lou McDonald.

Monday In-house Teams Event October/November. Well attended with 12 teams with the team of Margaret Morrison, Logan Paul, Rae Miller and Helen Fleming winning on handicap.

Kapiti/Horowhenua Interclub on 16th October was held at the Paraparaumu Club and we fielded one Open, two Intermediate and two Junior teams - no cigars. Levin being the overall winner.

Recent Results:

2011 Event Winners:

MONDAY

Totara Medley Daphne Bruce

TUESDAY

Andrews Pairs Judith Jackson & Marjorie McDonald

THURSDAY

Kay Wallace Event Betty Colligan & Graeme Pentecost

Solomons Pairs Daphne Bruce & Judith Jackson

Ken Mills Mixed Grade Pairs
Linda Hair & Ken Morris

FRIDAY

Mautner Medley Janice Oakenfull

Wallace Mixed Grade Pairs

Jeanne Wardill & Mark Byers

(Harry Wallace Trophy)

Friday Pairs

Open: Shirley Hansen & Jeanne Wardill

Intermediate: Val Bentley & Jan Wood

Junior: Lorraine Gaffaney & Linda Hair

Reid Pairs

Lorraine Gaffaney & Jeanne Wardill

(Bob Reid Trophy)

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps to get you there faster.

Hall of Fame: High Scores Register (70% +)

4/10 Graham Cheater & Jeanne Wardill 72.24%

11/10 Marjorie McDonald & John Plimmer 75.85%
(Highest score this year - all sessions)

Cheater Finesses:

Tuesday Club Pairs 4th October 2011

863

10742

109

9642

K94

A52

J6

AK853

Q75

K864

AKJ83

5

QJ107

Q9

AJ32

Q107

Dealer North

N/S vulnerable

West

North

East

South

Pass

1H

X

XX

Pass

2D

Pass

3C Pass 3NT All pass

West's redouble is constructive showing 10+, 3C is forcing and East bids 3NT knowing that West cannot have 3 hearts (otherwise would shown delayed support)

South starts with QS and East can place all the missing points on his left from the bidding. Thus declarer can count 3 clubs (with the Q lying favourably) a diamond by force, 2 hearts and 2 spades. The best chance of extra tricks must be in the heart suit and with sufficient entries could lead toward the J to that end. However, in this instance, South would rise with the Q and the suit would be blocked. Declarer, having used the AS as an entry to lead hearts in the first place and knowing the KD as an entry is a forlorn hope, discounts this approach.

Accordingly the best hope is for hearts to break 3:3 and to duck the first round of hearts.

East should analyse thus BEFORE playing to the first trick.

West wins with the KS and leads JH to the Q and South continues with JS, won by East. A club follows to the J and 2 more club tricks discarding a spade and diamond before coming back to hand with A and K of hearts The 4-2 break spoils plan A but there is still hope.

With 7 tricks in the bag the 5 card ending is now:

	8	
	10	
	109	
	9	
9		-
-		85
Q75		K86
8		-
	107	
	-	
	AJ3	
	-	

East now leads a small diamond and South is fixed. Playing the A gives tricks to the K and Q seperately. Thus South plays low and the QD wins. East now plays the spade from dummy ,discarding a heart , throwing in South who can do no more than take two spades and the AD giving the last trick to KD. This fails if South's remaining cards are AD and 3 spades. However East can play thus knowing the location of the AD but also the likely layout of the spade suit. The JS continuation at trick 3 implies the 10 and the 3 followed by the 6 from North indicates an odd number (i.e. 3). Also if South has a 5 card spade suit a 1S overcall may be more attractive than a take out double on minimal values. A final compelling reason for East is that there is no other choice!

A reminder that on Friday 16th December we will be having our Christmas windup from 5 to 7.30pm. Please bring a savoury plate and enjoy liquid refreshments (alcohol and non-alcohol from the cash bar.

Capitulation

I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night
It's amen to Staymen, I give up the fight.
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.
My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten

Who's played and what's trumps and what's gone on my right!
So for now it's all over- I'm off to the back wood
I'm bidding good-bye to Gerber and Blackwood
I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.

So I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's a bad night.
Declarer is horrid and nothing's going right.
My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope.
And when s/he says "double" I know we're in trouble.
My points are not high and I'm wondering why
S/he kept on bidding right up to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hope fades
When surprise,surprise, the high bidding pays!
We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick,
And I have to admit my partner's a brick

But I'm giving up bridge- Tonight's my last night.!
Farewell to conventions- I give up the fight?
So I leave with few words but some that are true,
Bridge is a game- not for me but for you.

So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek.
For it's only a game- Oh! Yes. I'll see you next week.

Learning she was going to have twins, the bridge playing wife said,
"That's just like my husband? doubling me when I'm vulnerable.

