



Newsletter of the Hutt Bridge Club
July 2019

Club Happenings

**** Hutt Intermediate tournament:**

We are hosting an Intermediate Tournament on Sunday 11 August. Once again we ask for some of your fabulous baking and a sheet will be placed on the table for you to note down your delicious offerings.

**** Interclub:** We are hosting Interclub on Friday 19 July.

**** Learners class of 2019:**

The buddy sessions have finished and a very successful graduation night was held on Wednesday 3 July. Thank you to all the buddies and helpers who have assisted. Just a reminder that graduates are allowed to refer to their "cheat sheets" until the end of the year.

**** Wellington Regional Club Champs:**

The Wellington Regional Club Champs were held at Wellington Bridge Club on Sunday 14 July. Our team finished 6th overall and comprised:
Open: Bryan Cunliffe & Paul Badcock
Open Restricted: Debbie Wolak & Deidre Stallinger
Intermediate: Simon Webber & Marian Loader
Junior: Graham Goudge & Caryl Turner

**** Limited office opening hours 12-23 August:**

Megan is away for two weeks from Monday 12 August returning Monday 26 August. The office will have limited opening hours over this period: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 11am to 1pm. Please ensure you have enough pre-paid tickets prior to Megan going on leave.

**** Entertainment membership:** The Entertainment book for 2019/2020 is here! Order your book or digital membership today, flyers are in the foyer. The membership costs \$65, \$13 of which goes to the Club. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming tournaments

Paraparaumu Junior	21 July
Karori Intermediate	21 July
Wellington Open	28 July
Kapi Mana Int/Jnr Multigrade	28 July
North Island Pairs (Wgtn)	3 Aug
Waikanae Multigrade	4 Aug
Hutt Intermediate	11 Aug
Upper Hutt Multigrade	18 Aug
Karori Open	25 Aug
Otaki Intermediate/Junior	25 Aug

Bridge Successes

**** Interclub results from Friday 21 June:**

Congratulations to Intermediate teams 1, 3 and 4 captained by Simon Webber, Kathryn Badcock and Hans Jorgensen, Junior 1 and 2 captained by Joan Finley and Mieke Wensvoort and the novice team captained by Neil Sargisson on their wins.

Congratulations to all these members!

Welcome to New Members

Megan Turner

Super Social Sundays 2019

If you have attended classes this year Super Social Sundays are for you. Super Social Sundays will begin in August 2019. For more information see the following link
<http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/regional-bridge-mate-updates>

Congratulations to our June winners:

Monday:

Lincoln Pairs

Margaret Smith & Kevin Bateman

Tuesday:

Keesing McLeod Pairs

Marian Loader & John Donbavand

Wednesday:

Wednesday Swiss Pairs

Graham Goudge & Andeana Pilalis

Thursday:

Trump Coup Pairs

Zbyszek Ceregra & Nebojsa Djorovic

Friday:

June Treble Pairs

Arumugam Kumarasamy & Prafulla Hegde

*Monthly Member Profile:
Peter Hawkes*

I grew up on a dairy farm in north Taranaki. Then I went to Canterbury University where I obtained a degree in chemistry and a post-grad qualification in business administration. While at university I was also a soldier in the Territorial (part-time) Army. The highlight of which was when our company was sent to Fiji for training in jungle warfare. On the final exercise my whole platoon was killed by friendly fire. Our lieutenant didn't know where we were. It's pretty hard to navigate in the jungle. No GPS in those days.

After 17 years of working for a multinational I made one of the better decisions of my life. I retired from working for others and from then on made my living by investing in the share-market which meant plenty of time to do what I enjoy or find interesting.

I used to run - including two half-marathons. I also did a solo parachute jump. In 1988 I was a contestant on the TV series "The Krypton Factor."

I played a number of sports achieving success at the club level (multiple club champion titles) in table tennis then more recently lawn bowls.

Incidentally I feared that similar demographics might mean the average bridge player is as conservative as the average bowls player. Happy to report this is not the case! Maybe playing bridge really does keep one mentally younger.

The game I have worked at the most is chess. When I retired from serious chess my FIDE (international chess) rating was 2170. My finest googleable game is a victory over a soon to be two time NZ champion.

As a chess player I recall finding it odd that bridge players can and do ask the reason for opponents' bids and leads. It seemed tantamount to asking your chess opponent why s/he made a move.

On retiring from serious chess I concentrated on online backgammon and soon achieved international success. I once got offered an all-expenses paid trip to play in a tournament in Abu Dhabi plus a holiday in Dubai afterwards. Needless to say I accepted - after first checking it wasn't friends playing a practical joke!

These days besides backgammon and bridge, gardening, tramping and family time I am a bit of a gym junkie. Got to go 6 days a week for my endorphin high.

Incidentally my family is my cat, Mac. Mac started out life as a stray but is as intelligent and affectionate as a dog. Mac understands 5 commands though depending on how I say them sometimes treats them as suggestions. Mac regularly accompanies me when I walk around the block.

Thank you to whomever put the HBC flyer advertising bridge lessons in my letterbox in 2018 without which I may never have tried this fascinating game and made so many new friends. Thanks also to AJ and his helpers, the committee and my buddy, Jan, for helping me transition from beginner to club player.

The biggest difference I've noticed between bridge and chess or backgammon is bridge's requirement for communication with a partner.

It is like learning a new language. The class of 2018 all learned the same language. But like any living language, variations (dialects) soon evolve.

Nek minit you ask "Do you have four hearts or four spades?" Back comes the reply "your donkey ate my passport." Communication breakdown.

Not only do I enjoy learning as much as I can about bridge, I have discovered I enjoy teaching what I have learned to partners, prospective partners and anyone keen to learn.

Having all boards accessible on the HBC website is a fantastic resource. I have studied every board played on every day since I graduated from beginners' class - and many boards before then.

Mistakes are learning opportunities, if you recognise the mistakes. In my honest opinion one of the best ways of improving your bidding is to go over boards you played with a more experienced player comparing how you think bidding should have gone with best play, with how it must have gone and with how the more experienced player judges it should have gone.

I am surprised how few experienced players play transfers. And how even fewer play Kickback. (Are there any ?) I suspect the number of Kickback players is about to spike.

My goal in bridge is a simple one:
To have my partner leave each playing session happy.



Vil's Corner

This follows from last month's poser.

Board 13 N All Vul

♠ J10
♥ J3
♦ K875
♣ KQ632

♠ AKQ843
♥
♦ A1042
♣ J84

♠ 962
♥ AK10975
♦ 6
♣ A97

♠ 75
♥ Q8642
♦ QJ93
♣ 105

All Wests played this hand in 4S. All Norths led the King of Clubs.

Q1. Why did most declarers make only 10 or eleven tricks?

Q2. How could or should every declarer have made at least twelve tricks, possibly thirteen as one declarer did?

Q3. Why does "Deep Finesse" say 6S is what can be made "double dummy"?

Note: Deep Finesse tells you what is possible if you see all four hands, which is what double dummy problems are about. Perfect play given x-ray vision in other words.

The answer to Q1 is straightforward: the declarer's won the first trick with the Ace and played on trumps in order to draw them. If they drew out all the opponents' trumps they ended up with exactly ten tricks. If they ruffed ONE diamond in dummy and then drew trumps, they made eleven tricks because they made the ten top tricks plus a diamond ruff in dummy.

The answer to Q2 should also be easy enough to see as a follow up to that: two diamond ruffs in dummy will add two tricks, thus adding to twelve.

But THREE diamond ruffs in dummy will add up to THIRTEEN. The only problem will occur if the third diamond ruff can be over ruffed, OR if in the sequence of play, declarer has to ruff the third heart back to hand. Declarer then has to guess whether to ruff low and hope North has a third heart or to ruff HIGH and hope spades are 2-2, which results in thirteen tricks.

Finally Q3. Deep Finesse can see that on a club lead, declarer will make thirteen tricks, but Deep Finesse can also see that the ONLY way to prevent thirteen tricks is a TRUMP lead, which cuts dummy's diamond ruffs to only two. The trump lead at the table would not have been obvious.

Thank you for your entries. The closest answer ("two out of three ain't bad") was from Heather Mulholland who wins this month's session ticket.

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