
'Table talk'

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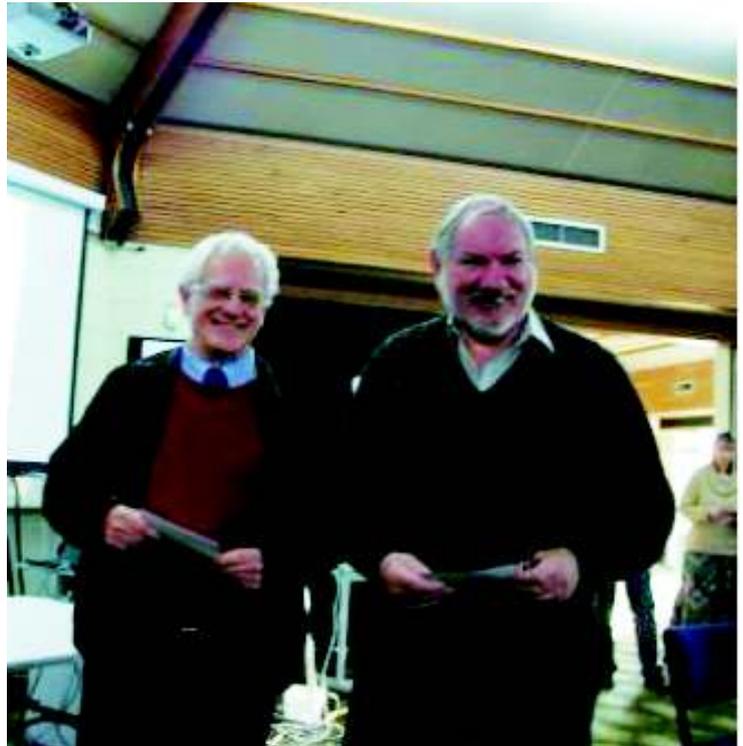


– with Richard Solomon

Apologies that we rather missed out last month. So, we will call this a combined edition.

Congratulations, Andrew

That's the club's latest grand master, Andrew Janisz. Coming from England in 1994 where he was nearly a grand master, Andrew started playing in New Zealand in 2009 after a 15-year break from the game. He has been amassing master-points ever since. Among his career highlights in the last 9 years would be a win in The North Island Pairs and being a New Zealand Seniors' representative several times, playing with Trevor Robb. His talents extend away from the bridge table too as he is a very useful chess player and makes a very pleasant sound when seated in front of a piano. Congratulations, Andrew.



Andrew, with Trevor, celebrating a success at the table.

Go you Intermediates!

I hope you have all been following the progress of our Intermediate Inter Club team. They are hot ... and are getting hotter. With one round left in early November, they have a 9.86 vps advantage over second placed Mt Albert Cedric.

In the last round, they crushed Waitemata by 72 imps, recording 19.91 vps from the 24-board match. That extended their lead by a further 1.12vps. Such is their dominance that the third placed team are 32.28 vps behind. There are 22 teams taking part.

So, we will all be willing our Intermediates on in their last match. The team is Kevin Birch, Julie Quilty, Linda Thornton, Roni Bistricher and Darren Old.

Our Open team had a bye in their last round and are 4th in the 9-team competition. The highest they can realistically finish is 3rd.

3A/5B Tournament, 22nd September

Our clubroom was filled to capacity for this, our major tournament of the year - an excellent turnout of 26 1/2 tables, plus our standby pair, making a total of 27 tables.

There were a few anxious nights for the organisers, as up to 3 days before, there had been a lack of entries. In the event, we got 19 tables of Open players, chasing those 3A points, and 8 tables of

Intermediates. We do encourage our Intermediate and Junior players to give our tournaments a go. They are not as scary as you might think!

Results were good for our Franklin players in the lower ranks:

- **1st Intermediate.** Julie Quilty and Jerry Kuggeleijn (Jerry had just returned from a month visiting family and playing golf on the Gold Coast - the holiday must have done him good!)
- **2nd Intermediate:** Christine Lyons and Robert Brake
- **Best Junior/Junior pair:** Belinda Summerville and Janet Hogan. They entered only 2 days before!
- Top 3 placings in the Open grade were taken up by players from other clubs.
- The afternoon session prize for the Open grade was won by Grant Jarvis with his Auckland partner Jan Cormack, who was congratulated on achieving Gold Grand Master status.

Many people rallied round to make this tournament the success that it was. Special thanks to Linda Thornton for bringing many dozens of eggs from her Ramarama property to be used for spot prizes. Our local eggs and home cooking are a byword in bridge circles. Gary Chen, who won the Open grade, said in his speech how much everyone had enjoyed the day and always looked forward to our food! Thank you to all who worked hard, setting up, clearing up, manning the kitchen and the bar, doing the purchasing, bringing the flowers, counting the cash - we appreciate all your help.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes

A variety of delicious home-cooking was brought along for the morning and afternoon teas. One of our members arrived bringing a home-made loaf. It **did** look a bit "short and wide", and she explained that it had been a more traditional loaf shape when she'd put it on the back seat of the car. Trouble was, her husband didn't check the back seat before "flipping" the back down so as to make a bit more room in the boot, so the loaf became compressed. We can report that it still tasted delicious.



Our Treasurer prides herself on being pretty efficient and was on early coffee duty. She's done this job before, and has it down to a fine art, even making thermos flasks of early filtered coffee, so that when the "rush" comes about 10 past 9, there's plenty of hot coffee available - 2 jugs doesn't go far among over a hundred people, even after allowing for the tea-drinkers. ☺

On Saturday morning, she made up the 2 thermos flasks and set everything up to make 2 more jugs of coffee - 4 lots should do it. A little while later, she noticed that although the right-hand jug was filling up with good-looking coffee, the left-hand one was looking distinctly anaemic. Oops - it would have improved things if she'd put new coffee grounds into that filter!



spilling the beans!

Roni brought his famous peanuts and was seen giving the recipe to an out-of-town player who'd tracked him down

Away at Hamilton

A week after the above event, many of our players took part at this year's National Bridge Congress in Hamilton. While it was 8 days away for the likes of Carol De Luca, Bev Henton, Sue and David Spencer, Teresa Phillips, Grant Jarvis and myself, others played parts of the week. It was lovely to see Heather Walden and Kevin Kemp take part in the Novice Pairs where they would have had, we hope, a lovely afternoon.

For others, the stakes were higher. A poor last session saw my partner and I finish midway in the 28 pair final of the New Zealand Open Pairs, with Carol De Luca and Bev Henton doing very well to reach

the Plate section. Grant Jarvis won the Congress Pairs in style with a 68% average over 2 sessions while his team made the last 8 in the New Zealand Teams.

Trevor Robb and Lynne Geursen had a top 10 finish in the 70 pair Seniors Pairs. Kevin Birch and Julie Quilty started strongly in the Intermediate Pairs (nearly 59%) and finished 15th in the 2-session event. Margaret Wilson's mainly Papatoetoe team finished 7th in the Intermediate Teams while Lynne and Trevor finished well in the Senior Teams.

One other success was in the New Zealand Youth Teams with Poppy and Logan Fulton's team coming first in the Handicap section.

Will and Tina, watch out! Poppy and Logan in action at the National Youth Teams.



Trophies

The engraving service for having our trophies engraved is very slow. Club Captain Linda Thornton is already taking trophies for completed 2018 events to the engravers ready for this year's AGM. If you've still got a trophy which you won last year, please bring it back soon. And remember to let us know if your email or phone number has changed, so we can update the programme book.

Babich Wines New Zealand Wide Pairs – Friday November 2nd 2018

The club runs a heat of this nationwide event every year. You play the same 24 boards as at 56 other clubs around the country. All the heats are combined into one gigantic ladder. The event raises money for the New Zealand Bridge Foundation and is sponsored by Babich Wines.

So, come along for a shared pot luck dinner at 6.30pm and play in the bridge (yes, you need a partner) at 7.30pm ... or just come just for the bridge if you prefer. Table money is 10.00. Enjoy pleasant company, some lovely shared food and some interesting deals. You also get a booklet about the boards you have played at the end of the night. Nationwide results should be known by Saturday lunch time. Simple systems only are allowed. Enjoy the company and the bridge.

End of Financial Year

30th September marks the end of our financial year. We hope that you've got the AGM down in your diary for **Sunday 2nd December**. Very short speeches, prize-giving, shared pot luck tea, optional bridge afterwards..and the club supplies strawberries and ice-cream. If you are interested in being on the committee next year, please let Secretary Jenny Colgan know.

Programme books for 2019 will be available, and the AGM is when many people fill up their "dance card" of partners ready for the new year. Oh, and you also get the invoice for your 2019 sub.

Positive Ageing Exposition

Jenny Colgan and her team were once more up at the Indian Centre hoping to attract some more potential members along to Beginner Classes. They had some bites including a granddaughter of former member, Olga Kerr.

Get Well Soon

Best wishes to Chris Glyde , Grant Andrew and Irene Bronlund who are all away from the bridge table at the moment. We wish them all a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them again soon at the Club.



Spring has sprung

We know this because of the changing produce in our Wednesday raffles. Suddenly there are spring flowers and fresh greens and what may be the last of the citrus fruit. Special thanks to Dennise Biddick for buckets of sweet oranges over the winter and to Christine and Henk Egelmeer for heaps of avocados. MasterChef Jim Buckland has his spring garden well under way -- all in containers, and including tomatoes, other summer veg and lots of herbs. Plus daffodils. Where did they come from? They were part of a thank-you gift for directing at Papakura Club.

Who Needs Trumps?

The answer is that Neal Phillips does not need many as he demonstrated in a recent Monday night hand. On the following board, Neal wondered what he should do when the opposition "stole" the suit in which he and his partner had a good 8 card fit. Neal found a good answer in playing game in a 4-3 trump fit ... and he went on to show that a lack of trumps was not a hindrance in getting a good score.

Dealer **North**
 East ♠ KQ873
 None Vul ♥ K5
 ♦ 652
 ♣ KJ7

West	N W E S	East
♠ 1064		♠ AJ952
♥ AQ6		♥ J1097
♦ AQ87		♦ KJ43
♣ A65		♣ —

South
 ♠ —
 ♥ 8432
 ♦ 109
 ♣ Q1098432

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

Neal, East, received the lead of the ♣10. Neal played his ace discarding a spade and ruffed a club to hand to take a losing trump finesse. North played ♠K

with Neal's ♠A being ruffed by South. South exited a club with Neal ruffing again in hand. He then played two more rounds of trumps and 4 rounds of diamonds finishing in the West hand. These cards remained:

	North	
	♠ Q8	
West		East
♠ 106		♠ J9
	South	
	♣ 98	

A spade was led from West with North winning the ♠Q for the third trick for the defence but Neal's ♠J won trick 13, his 10th trick. That was a top score, beating those West players who bid and made 5♦. Well bid and very well played, Neal.

Technically speaking, he performed a "dummy reversal" or practically, made very good use of the few trumps he held in his and dummy's hands.

Richard Solomon