

# 'Table Talk'

Franklin Bridge Club Newsletter

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**Who is this man? What is he doing? What is the connection with the Franklin Bridge Club?**



Clue number 1. It is not Trevor Robb. Nor is it Andrew Janisz. Read on and you will find out.

## **The Individual Challenge on Sunday 7th July.**

Some may call it a "Challenge" playing 25 boards each with a different partner but I am sure for all it was a most pleasant afternoon, even more pleasant for those listed below on the prize list. 26 players took part with the top results being:

1. Glenda Allen
2. Yvonne Baettig
3. = Darren Old and Maureen Nelson
4. Special prize for Kay Wallbutton who had just graduated lessons and came along to play. Well done!

The usual delicious afternoon tea to share was enjoyed by everyone there. Special thanks are due to Arie for his skill in setting up the player-movement and keeping it going smoothly.

### Inter-Club Update

Only 2 of the 7 Franklin teams recorded wins in July and one of those was against another Franklin team.

Junior			Franklin vps	
Franklin Orange	62	Mt Albert Emma	65	9.25
Franklin Red	36	Auckland Could Be's	48	7.25
Franklin White	14	Papakura	42	4.46

That's a huge turnover of imps in our Orange team's match, an average of 5 imps a board. The Red team are top of the Franklin trio in 13<sup>th</sup> place out of 21 teams.

### Intermediate

Franklin Green	39	Franklin Blue	44	8.77-11.23
Franklin Purple	20	Waiheke Sharks	78	1.10

The top of the table clash saw our Blue team narrow victors. Their narrow defeat saw the Green team lose the overall lead to Royle Epsom while the Blue team moved into 4<sup>th</sup> place just 1.5vps behind their Green rivals and only 6.3vps off the lead. Our Purple team seemed to suffer literally in their clash with "the Sharks"!

### Open

Franklin	71	Akarana	37	16.38
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This big win moved Franklin into 3<sup>rd</sup> place closing in on the two leaders including Akarana.

### And the Rubber Bridge

After beating fellow locals, Chris Glyde and Maria Casci, our other pair, Carol De Luca and yours truly took on a Warkworth pair and won by over 2,000 points. They return to Warkworth in the semi-final to take on a pair from Whangarei.

**Monday night news:**

We have just completed the 5th night of the 8-night Howes Championship. This is once-a-month for 8 months. One's two lowest scores can be dropped, and the winners will have the best average score over the other 6 nights. Players must play the final (8th) night. The competition is named after Dr Alan and Marjorie Howes, long-time residents of Pukekohe. It was Marjorie who placed the original advertisement in the local paper in 1956, asking whether there was any interest in forming a bridge club. Both Alan and Marjorie Howes were variously President and Patron of our club over many years.

**Wednesday Teams**



*For those a little colour blind...the yellow team: Heather, Gerald, Maureen, Gary in red: Caroline, Delwynne, Tina and Daniel*

12 teams in 12 different colours, 12 bottles of wine brought by the team captains (that's 12 in total, not 144), no-one playing with anyone else they've played teams with before. All teams drawn up with a variety of skills on each team, and at least one bloke -- it'll be fun. *(that last sentence was not written by a bloke!)* Some of the teams went to great lengths to dress up and a good time was had by all. Results after round one were

1. Black
2. Pink
3. Yellow

But after the next round, the cumulative effect of the 2 x 12 board rounds changed to:

1. Silver
2. Blue
3. Black

reflecting the underlying effort to make up balanced teams. There's three more weeks to look forward to and of "getting to know you" and enjoying our bridge.



*In blue: Jim, Debbie, Yvonne, Ken      in gold: Dave, Tina, Bron (sub), Christine*  
 Thanks to Alice Linn for all the photos. Please also note that Maureen Nelson's email address is incorrectly stated in our yellow programme book. It should be : [msnelson.nz@gmail.com](mailto:msnelson.nz@gmail.com) remembering the dot after Nelson.

## UP-Coming Events

### Ultra-Restricted Tournament, Sunday 4th August

Ultra-restricted means that **every pair** must have at least one Junior or Novice player. This tournament is designed to encourage our Junior and Novice players to "have a go" and to play with more experienced players.

**Franklin Open (3A) and Intermediate Pairs (5B) at the club on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.** It would be great for our club to be well-represented in its own competitions.

A good warm-up for.....

**National Bridge Congress, September 27<sup>th</sup>- October 5<sup>th</sup> at Distinction Hotel, Hamilton.**

The "big-guns" at the club already know all about this and are already entered. Thus, just a few words to our brand-new players and to Junior and Intermediate players. You can take part in just part of this feast of bridge (around 700 players come from all around New Zealand and from Australia) too.

**Novice Pairs.** This one session event is what it sounds, for those brand new to the game, who started playing in 2017 or more recently. It starts at 2.00pm on Sunday September 29th and finishes with a nice social mix-time and prize-giving at about 5.30pm. It would be great if our more senior players could tell those eligible about this, and even tell them how to enter on-line on the NZ Bridge website. (though you can just turn up on the day). Cost is 10.00 per player and you can get a small taste of what a Bridge Congress is like. <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/enter-an-event-here.html>

**NZ Junior Pairs and NZ Intermediate Pairs.** These are both held during the day on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 session start time 10.00am. They finish around 5.30pm. The Junior event is brand new. As the Congress has large overheads, the cost is more than what you are probably used to paying...\$50.00 per player but it would be a neat experience to take part. Again, enter on-line in the Congress section of NZ Bridge website [www.nzbridge.co.nz](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz)

There are Intermediate Teams and Swiss Pairs events on the Thursday and Friday evening/ Saturday but if you wanted to try just one event, I would recommend the ones I described above.

Take a look at the posters at the club advertising these events.

**Player News** We believe most of the “wanderers” we reported on last month have returned to the warmth (well, it is thus when you have a few layers of clothing on!) of New Zealand. However, Teresa and Neal Phillips are soon to be off to Ireland for a great family time there for the month of August. Have a great time.

### **Talent on our Door-steps**

Arie has been going to Australia for 20 years to train directors there. He's off again for three nights, to Melbourne, and expects to have about 30 directors to train. We are so lucky that he is training our director group for FREE. Many thanks, Arie.

### **Who is that man?**

So, have you worked out yet who our opening picture is? Many of you should remember Nandy Costa and her husband Anatole Ivanov. They came to the Franklin area several years ago and played at the club. It was Nandy who set up “Table Talk” and whose departure left me “holding the baby”!

Nandy came from Brazil (Anatole is from USA) and they returned there for family reasons. A “horse vet”, Nandy taught at a Veterinary School in Brazil but somehow ended up at the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School, doing post-doctoral studies. Anatole is living and working just down the road in Hamilton (New

Zealand!). Nandy aims to rejoin Anatole soon and they aim to settle in New Zealand.

Recently, they travelled to Belgium for the National Geographic Worldwide Beard contest. The contest was not merely to sport your beard, but you had to have a costume as well. Anatole was a Viking as you can see from the pictures. The braid you see in the picture was braided into his otherwise reasonably short hair. The beard is his but the braid is not.

He won first prize for Full Beards under 30 cm. Congratulations, Anatole.  
*Thanks, Linda Thornton, for telling us about this fascinating event.*



*Anatole*



*Bill Hill*

### **From Oklahoma to Pukehoke**

That's Bill Hill, who came for a few weeks to visit his brother who are living in this area for a year. Bill found time to pay us a couple of visits on a recent Wednesday and Monday evening. He enjoyed his time here too, as did Lynne Geursen and Jim Buckland who helped him to 60% + sessions. Nice to meet you, Bill.

### **For our Newer Players**

Our new lesson programme started on Thursday 11th July, with 5 brand new players. Thursday night supervised play continues on the "other side of the room", and we have two new people there from Clevedon and one from Possum Bourne. We remind existing members that providing that this year's subscription has been paid, they are very welcome to join either the lesson group or the supervised play group for only the cost of their \$6 table money.

### Know Thy System Well

This story happened in the last few weeks, not at the Franklin Bridge Club but at a bridge club in Auckland involving 4 Open players. East-West were playing the Multi 2♦ opening where 2♦ shows either 20-22 balanced or 6 hearts or 6 spades and 6-10 high card points. Which suit has opener got? Aye, there's the rub.

<b>Board 10</b>		♠ Q J	
East Deals		♥ A K 7 2	
Both Vul		♦ A 8 5	
		♣ K 9 4 2	
♠ A 10 8 3 2			♠ K 9 7 6 5 4
♥ Q 10 9			♥ 6 5 4
♦ 3			♦ Q 2
♣ A Q J 6			♣ 10 5
		♠ —	
		♥ J 8 3	
		♦ K J 10 9 7 6 4	
		♣ 8 7 3	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Dbl
4♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dbl	All pass	

As you can see, East's opening was a 6 card spade suit. I passed as South and West bid 2NT to find out which hand type East held. West alerted 3♦ and said accurately it showed a poor Weak 2 in spades. I thought I would give partner an easy lead by doubling 3♦

. West jumped to 4♠ which North with their strong hand doubled for penalties.

West then started to have doubts and decided that they had made a mistake and thought East had 6 hearts... hence 5♥. North doubled that, too. Surprisingly, both East-West players stood this double.

North led Ace and a second diamond and declarer ruffed and played ♣A and a second club. North's king won and was followed by three rounds of trumps and 6 rounds of diamonds. That's 9 down doubled or -2600. A harsh lesson about remembering one's system.

In a Pairs event, it would just be a bottom but this was a Teams match. At the other table, 4♠ failed by one trick which meant a swing of 2,500 or 21 imps.

*See you all in August. Richard Solomon*