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Franklin Bridge Club



At last, after three years – the club room full of tournament players again.
In the foreground are the winners of the Intermediate tournament:
Caroline Griffin, left, and Roni Bistricher.

Two Successful Tournaments In One Day

Last month's Open and Intermediate tournaments on 17 September were a success, three years after our club's last tournament and the Covid gap.

The Open 3A attracted star players from the Auckland and Waikato regions, no doubt sharpening their games before the national congress. Twenty-two pairs contested this section, substantially down from the 34 we had in 2019, but with the turnout of top talent making for strong competition.

The winners were silver grand master Gary Chen and grand master John Wang, both Akarana. There were only a few Franklin members playing in this tournament, and the only one to make the top ten was Grant Jarvis, in seventh place with partner Patrick Carter.



Above is one of the many serious tables in the Open section. From left are Te Aroha grand master Anna Kalma; our top player, Grant Jarvis, emerald grand master; recent longtime member now playing in Te Aroha, gold grand master Richard Solomon; and well known Auckland director and emerald grand master, Patrick Carter.

The Intermediate 5B tournament attracted only 12 pairs, including our standby partnership to make an even number of tables, but half of them came from outside clubs.

Caroline Griffin and Roni Bistricher won strongly, with 60% or more in both sessions. In second place were Kevin Griffin and John Fergusson – which meant our Intermediate interclub team came top and runners up!

Below's table from the Intermediate section features a couple of intrepid players: Gina Sangster, back to camera, is a Junior who has only been playing a few years; and at right is Barbara Lockyer, a novice. Barbara's partner was Henriette Annabel, and centre is Margaret Van Der Coer, both Intermediates.



Deserving of a special prize for most selfless partnership are Maria Casci and Chris Glyde, right. They volunteered to play up, taking part in the ferocious Open tournament in order to give that section an even number of tables. They were one of the contenders to win the Intermediate tournament, so their act went very much beyond the call of duty. And they did pretty well against the eminent competition, with a placing above several higher-ranked partnerships.



Another Intermediate contender who gave up the playing day in order to organise the usual delicious Franklin morning tea and after-play afternoon tea was kitchen-maestro Neil Miller. The winner of the Open section commented in his acceptance speech about the wonderful catering at Franklin.

Tournament secretary Bev Henton played on the day as well as organising the tournament with the help of several members who joined in a team effort to produce our first post-Covid tournament: helping with the catering, scoring, administration, taking the photos (thank you, Maureen Nelson), preparing the tables and even sharpening the pencils!

Tournament News

In other September tournaments, **Grant Jarvis** and his Wellington partner Paul Carson were runners up in the Howick 3A Open.

And a follow-up from last month's mention of Arch Jelley's 100th birthday: Arch played in September's Mt Albert Restricted and came fifth, just a fraction of a point away from third place. You are never too old to play tournaments!

Two Social Bridge Days!

Winter weekend bridge is finished, but we have another fun Sunday coming up at the end of the month.



Put 30 October into your diary: we have a half-day tournament where you just turn up about 1pm, with play starting at 1.30. No partner is required, and we will play 24 boards with a different partner each time.

Bring a contribution to a shared meal at the end. Cost is \$10, and pay either online (your name and bridge number in the details: bank account 01-0403-0040699-01) or in cash on the day.

And then two days later, dress up for a Melbourne Cup day out! Watch for further details, but plan to spend the afternoon of Tuesday 1 November at the club: bridge from 1pm, and then afternoon tea and watch the race after hopefully drawing the winning horse in our sweepstake. Get your hats out from the top of the wardrobe now!

Improvers – Would You Like Thursday Night Tips On Card Play?

There are just five more beginners' lessons on Thursday evenings, including really useful ones on Pre-empt and Take-out doubles. All are welcome to come along and brush up, with supervised play continuing now and after the lessons finish.

And after that? It's up to you! Tutor John Fergusson says he would love to continue on Thursdays (from 27 October) teaching card-play tips, especially in areas where mistakes are common – the finesse, handling entries, making a plan, basic percentages, ducking, avoiding the danger hand – all those tricky decisions. And he would welcome any other suggestions for topics where you are having difficulties.

Would people be interested, he asks? It would be usual table money, 7-9pm – plus chocolate biscuits! A notice will shortly appear on the whiteboard, so please put your names down for this practical opportunity to help your play.

NZ Simultaneous Pairs – New Date, New Sponsor

The annual nationwide 3A pairs event that used to be held in early November has changed both its date and sponsor.

The new date is Friday November 11, and past sponsor Babich Wines has been replaced by Marlborough's Loveblock Wines. The event is played at selected clubs throughout the country, and both local and national results are scored. A booklet analysing the hands is given out afterwards to all entrants. Entry is \$15 (with profits going to the NZ Bridge Foundation) and the nearest clubs hosting the event are Papatoetoe and Howick

70% Club

Friday Championship Prs 23 September **76.2% Lynne Geursen-Trevor Robb**

NZ Bridge Online Beginner Lessons

NZ Bridge is running a 12-week online course of beginner lessons, which started on Wednesday 28th September and will run weekly from 7-9pm on RealBridge. The 12-week course costs \$80, with an unspecified discount available for NZ Bridge members. More details at www.nzbridge.co.nz/blog/8664/ONLINE-LESSONS-STARTING-SOON, and to register and access the first free lesson: <https://bit.ly/3L8R0Vn>. This might be of interest to current beginners who would like extra information and teaching.

Phone Numbers – Two Reminders

The committee is already working on the programme booklet for 2023. Have you changed any of your details this year? New address? New phone number? Given up your landline? Please let our computer manager Jonathan Taylor know – email address below.

And also a reminder to email Jonathan if the club doesn't already have your mobile number in the programme book and you would like to participate in using WhatsApp as a way to find partners next year. Email your number to Jonathan at honetana15@gmail.com.

Member News

from Our Roving Reporters

Best wishes to Margaret Wilson and Alan Lancaster, who have sold their Pokeno home and moved to Longlands Lifestyle Village in Matamata. The Matamata bridge club is only about a three-minute drive, and Alan and Margaret have already played their first night there – starting as they mean to go on, coming second with just on 64%. They will both be missed – although our life will be easier without Margaret's bid-foiling pre-empt!

Margaret is playing at the national congress in Mt Maunganui this week, as are 13 other Franklin members, all Opens and Intermediates. Over 600 players are taking part in the eight-day event, photo below.



Online Help

Top British teacher Andrew Robson was the online guest on 30 September in Auckland Bridge Club's series of improver lessons. So this month's featured websites are on Andrew's teaching articles and videos.

There are riches galore on his business website, www.andrewrobson.co.uk, for everyone from beginners to high improvers and even some hard hands for our upper players.

The free ones: you can subscribe to Andrew's emails with an article each week. He calls these Bridge Basics tips, but they are not basic and not just for juniors – intermediates too will find them valuable, even if just as a memory refresher.

Then there are links to what seem like endless articles on every bridge topic you've wanted to learn about: these are divided into Beginner Corner; Tips For Intermediates; and For The More Experienced, which analyses English county and international hands for upper Intermediates and Opens.

Andrew is an entertaining writer and a clever teacher who sidles extra information into each lesson, not sticking just to the topic of the day. But to lighten up the reading load, you can also view a few of Andrew's videos for free on YouTube. The one on the link below is aimed at juniors, although it also has a smart idea on cue-bidding for higher intermediates and lower opens. It's on the take-out double – in Andrew's words, "One of the most useful but underused tools in the game of bridge":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TRTXmy3t9o>

The video runs for five minutes but is not the whole lesson: you have to subscribe for that, or buy his DVD collection.

You can also fast-track your bridge improvement by subscribing to his BridgeCast videos, broadcast three or more times a week, with three levels: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

Also recommended is his set of lesson books for £100, which you can order online and have posted to NZ. They will help anyone from ambitious novices to high intermediates. The booklets look slim but they are exceptional value for money: packed with information and you will read them, one page at a time, at least twice to get all his material into your head. [Note for junior players: be aware that UK Acol players, and Andrew's teaching, use standard attitude signals (low=no), not reverse attitude which is used in NZ (low=like).]

Top 3 Articles

- The Rule of Twenty
[READ MORE](#)
- Should you double a slam with two aces
[READ MORE](#)
- When not to make a penalty double
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A sample of Andrew's articles –
click to read.

Lead Restrictions Following A Withdrawn Call

When a call has been withdrawn, because it was out of turn or insufficient, it could give partner some information they would not normally have. Law 26 provides rectification for when the offending side becomes the defenders.

Note there was a late change in the drafting of this law and some law books were issued prior to that change. There should only be ONE section to Law 26B. Any copy which has 26B1 and 26B2 will need to have 26B1 deleted.

When a call has been withdrawn and not replaced by a comparable call (see September's issue for what a comparable call is) and the offending side become defenders, lead restrictions may apply.

Specifically, at the offender's partner's first turn to lead, the declarer may forbid the lead of any (one) suit which has not been legally specified by the offender. The declarer may not DEMAND the lead of any suit.

The prohibition continues as long as that player retains the lead. A switch to the forbidden suit after winning the first trick (or several consecutive tricks) is not allowed.

For example:

South: 1C West: pass North: 1H East: 2S

South: 2D (not accepted and replaced with pass)

If East becomes declarer (in 2S or any contract), the first time North gets the lead, East may forbid the lead of (one of) a diamond, heart or spade – but not a club as that was specified legally.

This law applies in all situations even when it appears to produce an unusual outcome. For example, if South leads a singleton heart and North wins, declarer now may prohibit a heart return from North.

If there was further bidding and West became declarer the same restrictions would apply to North's first lead, which would then be the opening lead.

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