
'Table talk'

Franklin Bridge Club Newsletter
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Recent Events

Ultra Restricted in-house Tournament, Sunday 21st May

30 players gathered on a sunny Sunday afternoon for the Ultra-Restricted tournament. The "Ultra" meant that each pair had to contain at least one Junior. It was good to see some of the Open and Intermediate players taking part, and giving some of the less experienced players some support. Nice to see Arie playing and directing, and Lynne as Chief Advisor. Each Junior player was given 2 Joker cards, with which they could ask for advice if stuck on their bidding. Eventual co-winner Jim Buckland pointed out that one pair of opponents were given helpful advice about how to defeat the contract he was playing at the time. ☺ 26 boards were played, with a 3pm break for a delicious shared afternoon tea. The winners were:

- 1st - Kevin Birch with Jim Buckland
- 2nd - Sue Walls with Maureen Nelson
- 3rd - Caroline Griffin with Diane Conroy
- Spot prize Delwynne Homewood with Suzanne Radley

Auckland Interclub Tournament, Saturday 27th May

Franklin was one of six clubs to put in a team of Open, Intermediate and Juniors who were all working for the combined common good of making Franklin the top club ... and our teams performed very creditably.

Our Open team of: Lynne Geursen, Trevor Robb, Carol De Luca, Bev Henton came 2nd finishing less than 2 vps behind Howick.

Our Intermediates, Chris Glyde, Hannah Zhang, Kevin Wang, Darrin Old also finished second behind runaway winners, Dargaville.

Our Juniors, Kevin Birch, Sue Walls, Pam Lorimer, Caroline Griffin finished in third place, very creditable.

Overall, Franklin in second place, 5 vps behind the winners, Mt Albert. That was a very good performance and a great way for club players of all grades to join together in a competitive and very friendly atmosphere.

Upcoming Events

Club Individual Championship - Sunday July 2nd, 1.00pm start

Basic Bridge Systems only

Please enter as early as you can so that Arie can work out the movement. So, please enter in advance rather than just deciding on the day to come. Write your name up on the whiteboard in the clubrooms. You will be playing with 24 different players - it's great fun. Normal table money and of course, please bring a plate to share afterwards. In the weeks between now and then, please bring something to contribute for the raffle, some home-made produce warmly welcomed (as well as wine and chocolates and any grocery item). There is a box at the front of the playing room for contributions.



Auckland Provincial Pairs and Teams

Saturday and Sunday July 22nd and 23rd at the Franklin Bridge Club

OK. You might think this is a weekend for the "big boys" and there will be some strong players taking part. There is a good saying that "you have got to be in to win" ... and while you may not "win", you might like the challenge and enjoyment of playing one of the days (Pairs one day, Teams the other) ...

But if not...

The committee will need lots of help as we are to provide lunch both days - probably for 100-120 people, plus our famous afternoon teas, and the room will have to be set up and dismantled again. We won't have to do this again for another 4 years, so please help to make it memorable for everyone.



Improving the club kitchen

Have you noticed our nice new fridge? You would have done if you were one of those involved in shifting it in and the old one out.

And in the bridge supplies cupboard two racks for holding cards if you have difficulty doing so, whether because of injury or other reasons. Neil Phillips had to use one recently. The good news is he is recovering excellently after his recent operation.

So, too, is Sue Spencer who is having a knee replacement as this is being written. We look forward to having you back charging round the room very soon, Sue.

... and thinking too of any other club members not feeling 100%.

You just bump into Franklin Club members everywhere.

That was certainly the recent experience of Alice Linn and Neville Guy. They were at Changi Airport, Singapore en route to Europe where they bumped into Sharon Rusden, en route to Auckland after 5 weeks in the UK. It had to be time for a photo:



Alice, Sharon and Neville at Changi Airport. Where's the fourth for a game?

More Player News

Sharp-eyed readers of the local paper will have seen the photo of Tricia Balle with her colleagues in the Mercer Rowing Club at the rowing division of the recent World Masters Games. The Mercer club's training had been disrupted by the recent flooding, meaning they had to dodge trees and other debris coming down the river when they were out training, and on some days were unable to get vehicles to the boat house driveway. However, rowing on Lake Karapiro with Robbie Holmes in the Mixed E double scull event, Tricia and Robbie got a silver medal - well done.

Be Careful, please. Please do not set off

We have had more than one instance recently of someone setting off the alarm by accident. If this happens to you, please phone Securicom 238 6899 immediately and tell them you are authorised to be on the premises. They phone the club when the alarm goes off, and if no-one answers, they phone our Treasurer in the daytime to report it and she has to come to the clubrooms to check, or after dark they despatch a guard, which costs the club \$50.



Shifting Sands ... maybe hands!

A fairly ordinary hand for the first board of a recent Monday evening at the Club. Pam Lorimer was **North** and held:

♠ K76 ♥ KT53 ♦ A92 ♣ AQ7

Playing 4 card majors, she elected to open 1♥. Her partner, Henk Egelmeer, bid 1NT with Pam inviting game by bidding 2NT. Not much thought needed from Henk. He turned down the invitation from his lady partner! All passed.

On Henk's left was none other than Christine Egelmeer, on lead with:

♠ AT2 ♥ AKJ764 ♦ Q ♣ T94

She asked Henk what system they were playing and was told Acol with four card majors. "At least four" she queried? With at least four hearts in the dummy, it seemed best to go passive. She chose to lead the ♣10.

Pam was ready to spread her dummy and as she did so, she found that her red king did not have the design of a heart at all ... miraculously, it became a diamond!

Board 13

Dealer **North**

North ♠ K76

Vul Nil ♥ 1053

♦ AK92

♣ AQ7

West

♠ A102

♥ AKJ764

♦ Q

♣ 1094

East

♠ QJ985

♥ 92

♦ 1087

♣ 852

South

♠ 43

♥ Q8

♦ J6543

♣ KJ63

West North East South

1♥ Pass 1NT

Pass 2NT All pass

Henk (South) won the opening lead, cashed four club and then

five diamond tricks to score one overtrick. Pam's lovely opener had worked a treat, one overtrick instead of on a high heart lead, two undertricks!

We all know some people play five card majors. Others like four card. Maybe three card majors work the best of all!

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