

'Table Talk'

Franklin Bridge Club Newsletter

March 2019



GOLD COAST REPORT



All our players enjoyed themselves across the Tasman though they did not, as one would say, "trouble the scorers". We will restrict ourselves to results where our players finished in the top half of their fields. (I am told I will need good bodyguards if I go any lower!)

Senior Pairs

Lynne Geursen and Patsy Walters finished 4th and Trevor Robb and Andrew Janisz 7th in the B final.

Restricted Pairs

Teresa Phillips and David Spencer finished 7th in the F Final while Julie Quilty and Jerry Kuggeleijn reached the B Final.

Open Teams

Bev Henton and Carol De Luca's team finished 88th out of 212 teams.

Senior Teams

Lynne and Arie Geursen and Trevor Robb and Andrew Janisz' team came 9th out of 20 teams.

Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs

Andrew Janisz finished 52nd out of 114 pairs.

Ivy Dahler Restricted Pairs

Teresa Phillips and David Spencer finished 30th out of 76 pairs.

NOT SO “COMMON”

She’s the club Patron and so she is something rather special. It could be me saying that but there is someone else who thinks that too...

Nelda and I played together in the Butler Pairs, a three- night Monday night event earlier this year. We played together the first two nights and scored rather well, the brilliant lead which Nelda found against a slam (see the hand at the end of this feature) contributing majorly to that.

On the third Monday, I had to be in the South Island and I was able to get Teresa Phillips to substitute for me. She and Nelda had another excellent night meaning that we had a comfortable win.

On the way home that week, Nelda was asked:

“and who was the common denominator in your win”?

Quick as a flash came the reply:

“And **who** are **you** calling “common”?!”

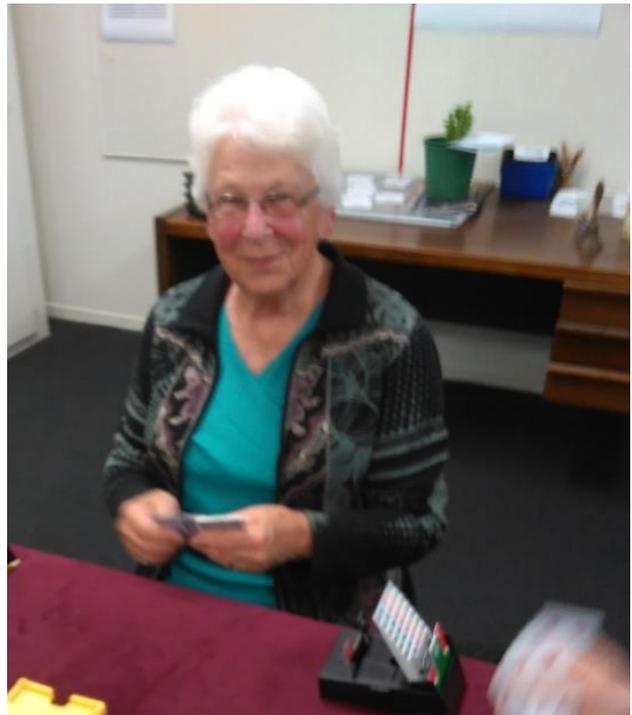
She really is quite special. Nothing “common” about Nelda, except for three Mondays in February!

Are you too cold at the bridge club?



There have been discussions recently about the temperature in the Bridge Club rooms, some members finding this too cold and requesting the air conditioning units be switched off during playing time.

The air conditioning is set at 22 degrees Centigrade. It is worth noting that the recommended temperatures in learning spaces (classrooms and lecture theatres) is set between 18 – 20 degrees (Ministry of Education guidelines). Typically, there are around 52 people in the room and is it impossible to have a temperature



set that will please everybody. If members feel that the room is too cold then it is their personal responsibility to maintain their personal comfort level by adding an extra layer of clothing and to sit well away for the air conditioning units. In this way the room can be maintained at the recommended temperature and members can enjoy the social interaction and challenges that this wonderful, frustrating game provides.

Thus: wrap up a little warmer.....

Inter-Club Begins

It is wonderful to see 7 Franklin teams taking part in this year's Auckland Inter-Club competition. Last year, we had just 2. Friday March 8th saw the first night of the year with Franklin recording 3 wins, a draw and 3 losses. Altogether, there are 8 Open teams, 22 Intermediate and 21 Junior teams competing.

Our **Open** Team scored 16.64 VPs against Waiheke Snapper while one of our Intermediate teams, **Franklin Green**, started off with a cracking 20 VPs against Auckland Hayward, winning the 24-board match by 75 imps.

The other two Intermediate teams held their own with **Franklin Blue** drawing with Auckland Rats while **Franklin Purple** lost by just 5 imps to the Waiheke Seahorses (8.77 VPs).

In the Junior section, **Franklin Orange** scored 13.34 VPs against Waitemata while **Franklin White** lost by 7 imps (8.32 VPs) to East Coast Bays and our Red team lost by 37 imps to Auckland Mata (3.23 VPs). Win, draw or lose, here's hoping everyone enjoyed the evening.

They keep on rolling in....

That's Wednesday night players. On 13th March, we had 15 tables for bridge and 17 prizes for the raffle! 😊 Almost equals the record of 15 1/2 tables for a club night, set 2 months ago. What with 11 teams on Mondays at present and the club is doing very well in getting bums on seats.

New Players' News

The news is also good regarding our new players. Debbie Sullivan reports that we have six keen new players from the mid 2018 intake playing on Wednesdays, even playing some Fridays as well as coming along on Thursday nights. She has 10 new players learning on Thursday nights with Debbie teaching the newer players and at the same time, Chris Glyde helping the more experienced players. Debbie did comment that one of the speakers made more noise than the other. Any guesses which?!

The important thing is that with extras coming along, there are 5 or 6 tables mixing and matching, enjoying the atmosphere and having fun...and the club will hopefully have more new members soon. Well done, Debbie and Chris.

If any other members would like to come along to these supervised play Thursday sessions, you are most welcome to come.

UPCOMING FRANKLIN TOURNAMENT

RESTRICTED OPEN PAIRS – Saturday April 27th

The club needs plenty of you playing and also help from some of you in the kitchen.

Player News

Happy holidays to Wayne Rogers who is heading off for 6 weeks in South America -- mostly in Colombia -- stay safe, Wayne.

Congratulations to Sharron Rusden "mother of the bride", whose daughter was married in early March.

Glenis Radcliffe tells us that she has joined the Mt Maunganui and Te Puke bridge clubs. She says that The Mount is a higher standard (not as high as Franklin Mondays) and Te Puke is more like Franklin's Friday with wine and nibbles afterwards! Their house is in a "gated community" -- have to be over 50 -- so she says they easily fit into that! Everyone is very friendly (you can be as involved as you wish). They live just a couple of streets from the beach and lots of cycle trails. Best wishes from all your friends at the Franklin Club.

It's very good to see Neal Phillips back at the bridge table after recent health issues. Welcome back, Neal. We're glad to see you again.

Learning to be a Director

We will be having training sessions for those wishing to become directors. These will be on Wednesday evenings starting 27th March. The club will put on Pizzas at 5.30pm before the training and of course regular bridge.

Lesson 1 will be about setting up the room keeping the room moving.

Lesson 2 will be about how to find your way around rule book and common rulings.

Lesson 3 will be about setting up the computer and scoring. Then we need to let them have go - which they should do on a roster basis.

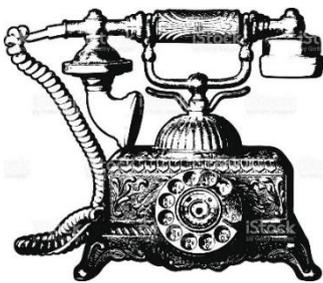
Wednesday Raffles

Peter Rowe's hydrangeas

Takings from the weekly raffle tripled on a late February Wednesday. There was wonderful bounty from peoples' gardens -- tomatoes, beans, rhubarb, nashi pears, pumpkin, fresh eggs, but the headline act was Peter Rowe's stunning hydrangeas -- all the ladies were hoping to win those. Many thanks to everyone who contributes.



Even if your phone does not look like this....



Please read on....

Are your details correct? If you have changed your phone number or email address, please, please, do two things!

Tell Chris Glyde for our club records and more

importantly, **tell your upcoming partners.** We have already

had a no-show, because the partner had changed their phone number and couldn't be contacted. There are always last-minute emergencies which mean we can't play at short notice, and your partner must be able to contact you.

More on our not so common Patron.

She's a shrewd leader, if you did not know that already. A few Mondays ago, she held:

♠ J632

♥ J963

♦ 9764

♣ 9

and heard as West the following sequence, with Nelda and her partner silent throughout:

North

South

3♣

2♣

4♥ one ace

4♣ ace ask

5♥ one king

5♣ king ask

Pass

6NT

What's your choice? Nelda found "the killer lead", a low heart. Take a look:

Table Talk

Board 18 ♠ 7
 East Deals ♥ A 4
 N-S Vul ♦ 3 2

♣ K Q J 10 8 7 6 4

♠ J 6 3 2 ♥ J 9 6 3 ♦ 9 7 6 4 ♣ 9	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 4 ♥ K 10 7 5 ♦ Q J 10 8 ♣ 5 3 2
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♠ A K 10 9 8 5
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ A K 5
 ♣ A

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	2 ♣
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 NT

All pass

On any lead but a heart, declarer can win, cash ♣A and then play a heart to dummy's ace and cash all the club winners, making all 13 tricks. Of course, had South chosen 6♣ as the contract, the slam, even grand slam, was makeable on any lead.

See you next month.

Richard Solomon