



May 2022

Franklin Bridge Club



**Sunday 22nd May**



## **Ultra-Restricted Tournament**

***All Partnerships Must Include A Junior Or Novice Player***

### **Juniors and Novices – A Fun Tournament Just For You!**

Our first 2022 face-to-face tournament will be held this month – and it's a special one designed for junior and novice players.

Every partnership has to include a junior or a novice, and the atmosphere is relaxed and helpful to less experienced players.

So put Sunday 22 May in your diary as this will definitely be the ideal way to spend a late autumn Sunday: good bridge for the afternoon and then our usual happy Franklin socialising over a light savoury meal – with a free wine!

This is the best introduction to tournament play you can experience:

- the director won't be penalising for slow play (and will likely be a soft touch for any problems that novices encounter)
- novices are allowed to use their notes at the table
- there will be no doubling for penalties against novice players
- and novices will be issued with two joker cards that they can use, when desperate, to ask advice from a senior player.

So, Juniors, ask your favourite partner – and they can be Open, Intermediate or Junior – to play with you. There are several prizes to be awarded, with some especially for junior or novice players.

And all this for an entry fee of only \$10! To enter, write your name on the club whiteboard; or tell tournament secretary Bev Henton at [beverleyhenton@gmail.com](mailto:beverleyhenton@gmail.com) or 027 339 3496. And if possible bank your \$10 into the club account – 01 0403 0040699 01 – inserting your name and Tournament in the details boxes.

Papakura and Papatoetoe clubs have also been invited.

This is one of the best club events of the year for junior players so book your partner right now!

### **Another Outstanding Day - It's Only A Month Away**

The other major club event which is coming up soon is a special seminar on defence, presented by silver grandmaster Pam Livingston who has represented New Zealand at bridge and is a well-known bridge teacher.

The topic is Hone Your Defence, and this should be really useful for improving players from Juniors to Intermediates.

The date for your diary is Saturday 11 June and the programme is:

- tea and coffee from 10am
- 10.30 session one
- lunch break noon to 1pm (tea and coffee provided; bring your lunch)
- session two 1pm to 2.30
- and then afternoon tea.

A unique opportunity to gain defence skills – we have to defend on about half the boards we play – and a great value day at a cost of \$30.

To book, just write your name on the whiteboard at the club; or tell organiser John Fergusson; or just pay the \$30 into the club bank account, 01-0403-0040699-01, with your name and Pam Livingston in the details boxes.

You can get a sample of Pam's useful tips through her regular spot on the weekly BridgeZone radio show – see Online Help on page 5 for links.

### **Other Tournament News**

Our April Franklin Restricted tournament – a face-to-face one – had to be cancelled because of lack of table numbers. Howick's Restricted, a week afterwards and also face to face, had a reasonable turnout attracting 22 pairs but that was considerably fewer than their usually full clubroom. **Trevor Robb** and **Wendy Morris** came third.

Congratulations to **Kevin Birch** who has won more than the 50 A points needed to gain Open ranking, which will take effect next year. He is now a Provincial Master.

Kevin continued to do well at online tournaments last month. On Easter Saturday, he and Hamilton partner Mereana Cullen (see Online Help page 5) came second in the Auckland Easter 8B Pairs. And a week later he and Auckland partner Takayo Yanagisawa won the Wellington Congress Intermediate Pairs.



Also playing online, **Grant Jarvis** won the 10A Timaru SC Congress Open Swiss Pairs with Auckland partner Patrick Carter.

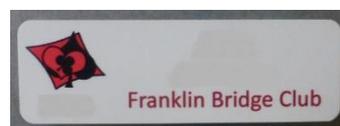
## Winter Sundays

The midwinter event in your programme booklet (inside cover) set for Sunday 19 June will not take place this year. But the good news is that cosy Sunday afternoon bridge will resume at the club as soon as the weather deteriorates! Once the winter weather starts and outdoor weekend activities are not so pleasant, we shall be able to play relaxed bridge instead; a notice will be emailed once a date is decided.

## Interclub Intermediates

After two rounds of the nine-round interclub competition – played this year online – our Intermediate team is in second place in their section. Well done Roni Bistricher, Caroline Griffin, Kevin Griffin and John Fergusson; and good luck to the Juniors and Opens for this month's round.

## Order Your Club Name Badge



New name badges will shortly be ordered for members who don't have one. If you would like one please email the secretary before the end of May.

## What A Good Idea!

Here's a hot tip provided by Kevin Griffin. Use your phone to take a photo of your bridge booking pages. Then if you lose or forget your booklet or you're away from home, you have a record on your phone.

## Kitchen Help, Please

With no paid kitchen helper at present, volunteers are needed to do a quick clean-up of the kitchen after we use it for each session. A volunteer will be asked for at each session to do this.

And all members are requested to please return their cups, etc, to the kitchen and place them in the dishwasher – not by the sink for someone else to load.

## Member News

*from Our Roving Reporters*

There have been several Covid strikes on members or their families in recent weeks – so far, thank goodness, nothing too serious, but certainly disruptive.

Covid extended the Geursens' Queensland visit, and they had to change their flights three times! They are now hoping to be back home soon, if pre-departure testing allows. Lynne – pictured here while she and Arie were walking along the river in the old wool sheds area of Brisbane – reports: "Apart from contracting Covid our holiday in Brisbane has been great.



"There is a bridge club only a few minutes' drive from where we are staying and we played there four times before I became ill. They play three sessions a day with either 27 to 33 boards in 3.5 hours with a tea or coffee break. If you haven't finished bidding the last board when the director calls the move the cards go back in the board.

"If anyone is considering travelling out of NZ they need to be prepared for Covid and the extra difficulties of medical care, being in isolation, and strict re-entry to New Zealand.

"We enjoyed a week on the Gold Coast and lots of family time with Karen and the grandchildren."

Our club's Monday night teams event was also disrupted with team members unavailable for various reasons on various nights. Hamilton Open player

Mereana Cullen substituted on two nights. Robert Brake's swift arrival at the club one evening received a round of applause after he responded to a last-minute call to arms. And three separate teams were very grateful to Neil Miller who filled in for them on three nights, finishing on the winning team. Thanks to all who filled the empty chairs.



One of those needing a replacement was Peter McNeil, pictured with his wife Val, who were enjoying a week of superb weather in Queenstown (pictured on the Crown Range).

## Online Help

Franklin club got a mention last month on the weekly radio show Bridge Zone, hosted weekly by two Hamilton players. One of them, Mereana Cullen, said she'd enjoyed getting back to face-to-face bridge again for the first time when she filled in for a Monday teams night at our club. Mereana commented that she enjoyed playing at the table again and her night was great fun – she must have enjoyed it because she returned to substitute again on finals night.

The show covers various topics: of most interest to members at the moment would probably be a slot by Pam Livingston, who is giving the seminar for us next month on defence, with bridge tips. There is also a director's segment, similar to our Director Please column, and the topic in the show below will be interesting to many: what to do when declarer erroneously leads from dummy. Those who have not come across this information before will change their habits after listening.

Links to the shows are on NZ Bridge; and this is the one that mentions Franklin: <https://accessmedia.nz/Player.aspx?eid=088bde5a-f4a5-4367-9068-7416ee55e309>.

## Claims and Concessions

Claims and concessions are essentially the same thing.

A player, at any time, may state the hand need not be played out as the outcome is in no doubt.

This may mean the claimer will win all the remaining tricks or none of them or anything in between. A player when claiming should face their hand and state how they will play the remaining tricks.

A claim may be contested by an opponent who believes the claimer might be mistaken in their assessment of “no doubt”.

In that case the director should be called and play ceases. The director adjudicates the result as equitably as possible for both sides with any doubtful points resolved against the claimer.

However, a recent law change allows the hand to be played out if *all four* players agree but then they cannot change their mind and get the director to adjudicate the claim.

In adjudicating a claim the director will normally assume a claimer would have:

- a Forgotten about an outstanding trump (unless it was mentioned when claiming)
- b Played their suits in any order if all the cards are believed to be winners
- c Played their cards in *one* suit from the top down
- d Generally been capable of making a careless or inferior play but not an irrational one.

For example:

Spades are trumps. Declarer has 9♠ and 8♣ and 6♣ and claims the last three tricks (dummy has no possible winners).

Declarer believes the opponents have no black cards left but what happens if ...



### An opponent has 8♠?

Declarer could lead 8♣ first and get it trumped. Defenders get one trick

### An opponent has 10♠?

Declarer could lead 9♠ first losing that trick and two more in the red suits. Defenders get three tricks

**An opponent has 10♣?**

Declarer could lead 9♠ first and then lose to the 10♣ and another red-suit trick. Defenders get two tricks

**An opponent has 7♣?**

Declarer could lead 9♠ OR 8♣ (but not 6♣) first. The 7♣ can't take a trick. The claim stands.

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“ No, Mrs, Finster, when you're counting your losers,  
you do NOT include your partner ! ”

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