



Taieri Bridge Club: July 2013

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1 Tournament news

Our club's annual A point tournament took place on 9 June and 22 pairs competed. First place was taken by Moss Wylie and Bruce Batchelor from Invercargill. Possibly the most dramatic hand was one from the third session:

Board 22	♠852	
East dealer	♥ JT7	
EW vul	♦ QT98	
	♣ QJ9	
♠7		♠AKT943
♥ AK5432	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♥—
♦ K764		♦ A5
♣ 63		♣ AK875
	♠QJ6	
	♥ Q986	
	♦ J32	
	♣ T42	

The East hand has only 18 points but Acrol players should open it with a game-forcing 2♣. After that, however, it is not so easy to bid. The only making slam is 6♣ which succeeds only because the black suits break. It is not a good slam but one plausible auction is

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Congratulations to Stewart and Christine Kerr who came third in the Otago-Southland Open Pairs at Wanaka with a very good 59%, and to Christine Samson and Lynette Clark who were third in the Intermediate-Junior Pairs.

2 From the Championship Pairs

There was one very distributional hand in this month's Wednesday Championship pairs:

Board 3	♠J8765432	
South dealer	♥ Q93	
EW vul	♦ A	
	♣ A	
♠QT		♠—
♥ 8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♥AKJT64
♦ T987		♦ KJ6532
♣ QJ9765		♣ 3
	♠AK9	
	♥ 752	
	♦ Q4	
	♣ KT842	

Whether South opens 1NT or 1♣ could make all the difference. If they elect to open 1♣ then North will very likely leap to 4♠. There is no defense to defeat 4♠ by North. East can play the ♠A,K and give partner a ruff but then declarer has the rest. However, if South opens 1NT then North may transfer into spades and then bid game. In this case South is the declarer and now the contract should go down (West leads their singleton heart, East takes three heart winners and then leads another heart thereby promoting a trump trick for West).

3 Presidential news and comments

40th Anniversary It was a cold and wintery Saturday the 25th of May - perfect bridge playing weather. We got the 40th celebrations underway with a session of bridge.

The winners were Irene Hallberg and Estelle Maxwell with an impressive 70.56% North / South. Barbara Cowie and Keith Spence were top East / West with 63.07%. A number of spot prizes were handed out and everyone had a great game; certainly Martyn (the director) was hardly called upon. A social hour followed the end of play allowing us to catch up with old and new friends. At the conclusion of a lovely meal, the anniversary cake was cut by Ruby Marshall.

This was followed by speeches, the reading of messages and varied reminiscences of past and present club members. This was a wonderful insight into the club's history. The evening concluded around 10.30pm following tea and coffee and the hearty eating of the very delicious aforementioned cake. A very big thanks to Christine Samson for all her hard work as the main organiser of the celebrations,

Frank for writing the Bridge Club booklet for the 40th and to the celebrations subcommittee. The fact that the event went smoothly and was enjoyed by all is due to the tireless efforts of those people behind the scenes. Thank you all.

Book / Puzzle Library Within the next couple of weeks you will see a bookcase with books and puzzles for sale installed at the front of the main room next to the library. Please bring any of your unwanted books or puzzles to include for sale. These will be on sale for \$2. All monies raised will go directly to our 'social fund', which will be used to enhance the social fun factor of the club; any ideas of things you might want considered should be passed on to any of the committee or you can email Donna at donna.ruwhiu@nz.pwc.com. Some suggestions have been to have random special suppers (for all three nights/days played) or perhaps to hold a free bbq or pot luck tea after Saturday bridge, when the weather is warmer of course. All suggestions gratefully received.

Seating and Moving Rights We have reviewed the list of people currently detailed as having moving or seating rights. If your name does not appear on the list please apply in writing to the committee. Once granted they apply to all sessions at the Taieri Bridge Club

Flag 500 Jean and Judy have kindly agreed to hold another flag 500 Sunday. At present we are looking at early in August. We will let you know closer to the time of the date and start times etc. Start putting your team of four together. A great time was had by all at the last one and I am sure that this one will be absolutely the same.

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