

## WBC News - June 2009

### PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY...

**Wellington Congress**  
**10-12 July**

### Centre Island Teams, 15-16 August

We need players, cooks, help in the kitchen and caddies. A request for your assistance will be circulated in July.

**75th Anniversary Weekend**  
**Saturday-Sunday 17-18 October**  
**2009**

### Results from Youth Fundraiser...

Sorry last month - in the excitement...we forgot to say who won! The final weighted results actually changes the announced placings:

1st Gluyas / Ware 63.74%  
2nd Blackstock/A Henry 63.50%  
3rd Gruschow/Sole 62.47%

Grade placings ;

Open-open Gluyas / Ware  
Open-inter Michael/Rowe  
Open/junior Procter/Searle

Inter-inter Knap/Ceregra (who also came 4th overall with 61.53%).

Inter-junior Geertson/ Small

Junior -junior Massey /Sue E Brown .

**Correction to result:** In the Centre Island Pairs, **James Lee** and **Tony Lenart** finished 1st, not second. Our apologies!

Good luck to our international players:

**Alan Grant, Anthony Ker, Michael Gibson, Liam Milne** and **Michael Whibley** who leave on 16 June for Macau...

"*may the force be with you!*" The committee at its last meeting was happy to make a

donation to each of the players towards their overseas travel. Remember, you can watch the PABF tournament on BBO vugraph from 19 June and follow results:

<http://online.bridgebase.com/vugraph/schedule.php>

[http://www.macauabm.com/46th\\_pabf/](http://www.macauabm.com/46th_pabf/)

### Results of recent tournaments:

Congratulations!

(apologies if we have left anyone out)

### Paraparaumu Junior Tournament:

2<sup>nd</sup> John Elliott and Stefan Prentice

3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Maxwell and Gail Tippett

### Levin Open 24 May:

1<sup>st</sup> Lynda Rigler and Peter Delahunty

### Canterbury Congress

1<sup>st</sup> Open Pairs: Debbie McLeod/Greg Aldridge

### Auckland Congress

2<sup>nd</sup> Martin Reid and Tom Jacob

### Hawkes Bay Congress

WBC members topped several of the Open Pairs sessions. Results were as follows:

### Welcome Pairs:

1st Kathy Ker / Anthony Ker

2nd Robyn Freeman-Greene/Tony Lenart

**No Fear Pairs:** Shirley Green was 2nd

### Open Pairs:

2nd Kathy Ker /Anthony Ker

3rd Dennis Apperley / Ranald Ducat

4th Ray Gruschow / Graeme Norman

**Teams – Plate** - 1st Rigler Team (Lynda Rigler, Peter Delahunty, Ray Gruschow, Graeme Norman

**Teams – Open** 1st Braithwaite team including Johnny Davidson and Michael Whibley (see story in this newsletter).

## **Billets - Reminder please:**

We need more billets please – so far we have offers for 8 billets - thank you. Our club is hosting a **National Youth Training Weekend 21-23 August 2009**. We will need to billet approximately 15 players. If you can give one or two of them bed and breakfast Friday 21 and Saturday 22 August (or even one of those nights) and possibly deliver them to the club in the mornings, please tell Dot or Jenny Delany.

## **National Teams Champs**

**Victoria Bridge Club Sunday 14 June – 9.30am start**

Thank you to all those who volunteered to play. Our teams have been selected as follows:

Junior: **Bridget Hannaway (Captain), Matt Sutherland, Michael Revell, Malcolm Greig, Paul Maxwell and Gail Tippett**

Intermediate: **Mark Rowe (Captain), Bill Gardner, Zbigniew Ceregra, Tadek Gawor, Anthea Black, Gillian Lewes**

Open: **Ray Gruschow (Captain) Graeme Norman, Debbie McLeod, Greg Aldridge, Liam Milne, Ben Nicholson**

Good Luck Team! If you are interested, don't hesitate to wander along to Victoria Bridge Club and support our players.

### **Reminder:**

**You must be seated by 7.20 for Pairs Events or ring the club or your partner if you are running late.**

## **Bridge Lessons for Beginners Tuesday 30 June 2009**

*Tell your friends, cuzzies and workmates –  
Last series of lessons for 2009*

Lessons last for 12 consecutive weeks  
Cost: \$60 – this also entitles you to free club membership until the end of the financial year.

## **Bridge Pad Operators.... “BPO’s”**

We have had 4 volunteers from Thursday nights – and we would like more please. We need persons outside the Directors to be trained to use BridgePad. This will take the pressure off inexperienced directors who have enough to cope with immediately before the start of play.

***If you are keen, please give your name to Allan Joseph or Dot.***

### **“NEVER lead away from your Ace...”**

These words kicked off this story from a BBO friend who was kibbitzing his friend Susie at a charity tournament: **Jenny Delany**

“First hand, the opponents get to 3NT with neither Susie or her partner bidding. Susie, lead fourth from her longest suit. Steve said, you might be better off leading a card in the suit that you know I have on the bidding.

Second hand Susie lead a suit that she knew was her partner's suit from the bidding. Steve said, you have a five card suit, you should lead that suit.

Third hand, Steve bid a suit and Susie lead the fourth best from her five card suit. Steve said, even though you have a five card suit, when I bid a suit, you should lead it.

Fourth hand, Steve bid a suit and Susie lead his suit, even though she had a five card suit of her own. Now Steve, with a smile on his face, said, there are times when you should not lead your partner's suit.

In bridge, there are no NEVER'S. You do what you think is right!”

## ***The Makings of the Braithwaite Team Winners at Hawkes Bay Congress...***

Two kind Wellington Bridge Club players condescended to make up a team to play at the Hawkes Bay Congress recently. The tournament went very well, with the team winning all 10 matches and the Open Teams overall. But arrangements prior to the event did not quite run to plan.

Initially I met up with **Michael Whibley** during the Canberra National Open Teams last January in the bar. In a rather disjointed and slightly inebriated discussion Michael asked about transfer opening bids and stated he would like to try playing them. I was thinking of playing in Napier, so suggested playing with him in a "friendly" team where it would not matter too much if we had a few disagreements and misunderstandings.

Meanwhile Carolyn Black (Hamilton) was also keen to play in the team but her two regular partners were unavailable. She enlisted the assistance of friends in Wellington and as a result kind hearted **Johnny Davidson** offered his services to join the team. However arrangements became a little blurred as Michael went to ground - despite being sent the transfer system, I never heard a word from him and only assumed he would be turning up when I saw his name in the pairs field with Johnny. But still no system discussion had taken place. To complicate matters further, Johnny and Michael arrived at the unit at 3am after the pairs event so still no chance of any system discussion. Carolyn also had not had a chance to talk system with Johnny.

At 9.15am – 45 minutes before the first card would be drawn- two system discussions took place. Michael had only looked at the opening bids for an alien system and I suggested playing simple Acol instead. Michael thought he could handle the transfer system given a few basic rules and generalisations. I was not so confident.

It was amazing to me that Michael managed to play the system for 120 boards with no more than a couple of very minor memory lapses on point counts for bids. It was a great display of bridge sense which is why he is good enough to play in the New Zealand team this year. As for Johnny, he was the perfect partner for a slightly nervous (probably an understatement) Carolyn who, 120 boards later, had won her first A point tournament. Quite unusual that nobody in the team had played with their partners before and 45 minutes before the event no system discussion had taken place. **Those Wellington boys certainly have quick minds and loads of ability!**

One hand showed the distinct advantages transfer openings give you.

Bd 3 finals round 3 and you hold

**A2**  
**AK84**  
**KQ853**  
**AQ**

This is a very hard hand to open playing a natural system. But playing transfers it is easy- just open 1S to show diamonds, and when partner bids 2C (transfer to diamonds if holding less than 17 points) you now bid 2H to show a really good hand. Michael is always the aggressive one and raised to 3H with

**T543**  
**T753**  
**J**  
**T987**

With hearts 32 and diamonds 43 the 4H contract rolled home even with the club king offside to provide a valuable 620 and 11 imps when opponents were unable to find the game - they could not find out at a safe level that they held a 44 heart.

**Andy Braithwaite**  
***(returning to the warmth of Cairns for the Barrier Reef Congress!)***

## **Directors Corner ...Allan Joseph**

### **Self Alerting Calls – Cue Bids**

The purpose of Alerting is to disclose your Partnership Agreements to the opponents as required by the Laws of Duplicate bridge. The principle of disclosure is not to disclose as little as you must but as much as you can and as comprehensively as you can.

Generally all conventional/artificial calls should be alerted (with some exceptions, e.g. 2C stayman, 2C game force and their 2D negative responses).

“Active Ethics” will earn you the respect of all bridge players and will distinguish the very good players from those who occasionally get a top board because of hidden partnership understandings.

Alerting Regulations in New Zealand change from time to time; for those players who are not quite familiar, here is a summary of the 2009 Alerting Regulations.

There are 3 stages of alerting:-

1. Pre-Alerts
2. Alerts during the Auction
3. Delayed alerts by the declaring side

Further there are some calls which are **self-alerting**, namely all doubles, redoubles, cue bids and any call above from 4C upwards.

The 2009 NZ Bridge Manual defines a CUE-BID as a bid of any denomination bid by the opponents or of a suit shown by the opponents bid;

A 2H overcall of 1H is a cue bid  
A 2NT overcall of 1NT is a cue bid  
If opponents bid 2C Hamilton showing both Majors then a bid of 2H, 2S and 3C are all cue bids (and therefore should not be alerted, because to do so would be unauthorized information to partner saying that you recognize the meaning of the bid.)

It is up to the opponents to enquire about the meaning of self-alerting calls.

## **Results from Club nights:**

### **TUESDAY**

#### **N ROBSON CUP TEAMS**

1. Bernie Marwick, Jocelyn Grainger, Kathy O'Halloran, Jerome Cargill
2. Gail Tippett, Paul Maxwell, Toni Allwood, Rod Allwood

### **WEDNESDAY**

#### **SUZANNE DUNCAN SWISS PAIRS**

1. Alan Grant & Anthony Ker
2. Ray Gruschow & Graeme Norman

### **THURSDAY**

#### **BILL JOSS MEMORIAL SWISS PAIRS**

1. Sue Brown & Mike Cox
2. Peter Ramsey & Martyn Newman-Hall

### **FRIDAY**

#### **MOTORUA PAIRS**

1. Sheena Bennett & Valerie Rhodes
2. George Haines & Helga Karau