
'Table talk'

**Franklin Bridge Club Newsletter
August/September 2017**



- with Richard Solomon

Tournaments Past

**Auckland/Northland Regional Pairs and Teams hosted by Franklin Bridge Club,
July 22nd/23rd**

Sadly, none of Franklin's players featured in the prize money, but a wonderful time was had by all, despite the Saturday being at the height of the winter storm. Players coming from as far afield as Invercargill and Napier were forced to pull out of the Pairs due to airports being closed, but 18 tables still competed. On the Sunday (weather a little better) a total of 30 teams competed. That's 120 bridge players all concentrating hard and breathing heavily, so no wonder that in the afternoon we had to change the heat pumps from "heat" to "cool"!

Our reputation for superior hospitality was only enhanced, as we provided morning and afternoon teas, lunches and after-play nibbles on both days. None of this could have taken place without an absolute army of willing helpers from the club. Whether you were involved in sponsoring the tournament, dealing, scoring, administration, catering and bar, flowers, being a standby player, evening clean-up ... a thousand thanks to you all and a big well done.

*Mouth-watering food. Worth
coming for even if one's slams
failed!*



This week-end only is hosted by Franklin every fourth year. Therefore, we have a bit of a breathing space until the next time.



A room full of bridge players from all over New Zealand

Among the many who contributed, we must send special thanks to :

- Kevin Birch for sponsoring the tournament
- Maria Casci, tournament organiser
- Christine Lyons, caterer and kitchen-organiser extraordinaire

Just a reminder not to park on our front lawn during this very wet season. Ask young Auckland, Rebecca Wood. She did so at this tournament, churned two deep tracks trying to get out, and eventually had to resort to "manpower".

Franklin Junior/Intermediate Pairs 6th August

7 tables took part for this intra-club tournament, held on a wintry Sunday afternoon. Thanks again to everyone who helped with organising. Participants once again brought a delicious afternoon tea to share.

Winners were:

- **1st** Irene Bronlund and Mae McRobbie
- **2nd** Linda Thornton and Bev Donaldson
- **3rd** Christine Lyons and Robert Brake

TOURNAMENTS FUTURE

Our next tournament is our own club **Open/Intermediate Pairs** on Saturday, 23rd September.

Yes it's on Election Day! (That probably means no budding parliamentarians will be playing! I did not know Winston played Bridge ... he sticks to parliamentary games!) Cast your vote early and come along and play. Please enter on-line early to help with organisation of boards etc..

And following that, is the National Congress at Hamilton 30th September to 7th October. Several Franklin players are taking part. I am one of the week's Organisers. One of the jobs I do is match up pairs who need teammates and players who need partners. Perhaps you have not been to this great week of Bridge at Hamilton's Distinction Hotel?

A week of Bridge may be too much but you could see what is like by maybe coming for one day. If you are interested, let me know and I will see what I can arrange. Of particular interest may be:

Novice Pairs Sat 30th September 1 session afternoon...for those who started playing in the last 3 years or who have not got Certificate of Proficiency.

Intermediate/ Junior Pairs or Senior Pairs (60+) Thursday Oct 5th. 2 session morning and afternoon.

Intermediate/Junior Teams or Seniors' Teams Thursday Oct 5th (eve) and Friday Oct. 6th 3 session. Evening, morning, afternoon.

Intermediate/ Junior Swiss Pairs Fri. Oct. 6th evening. Sat Oct 7th morning and afternoon. 3 session. Evening, morning, afternoon.

These events are a little dearer than you normally pay (remember the overheads) apart from the Novice Pairs.

Rates per player:	Novice Pairs	10.00
	2 session events	50.00
	3 session events	75.00

If you are interested or want more information, email me on richardharoldsolomon@gmail.com or phone on 232 8494.

New Law Book: Some New Law Changes

1st August saw the publication of a new Law Book (it happens about once every 10 years). There are some quite significant changes this time. Have a quick read of the following which our own director, Teresa Phillips, has compiled. I am sure she will give you a fuller explanation of any about which you are not clear.

One of the main changes revolves around the introduction of the phrase "comparable call" ... see Laws 27 and 30 below.

Over to Teresa:

"Law 7. The board to remain in the centre of the table correctly orientated.

Law 9. Dummy may attempt to prevent an irregularity, or correct a mistaken explanation by Declarer, but only when play ends can dummy draw attention to any irregularity that has occurred.

Law 15. If players commence an auction on a wrong board, if none of the players have played the board, the result stands.

Law 20. If a player gives an incomplete or incorrect explanation of their partner's bid, they must call the Director prior to the opening lead to correct their explanation.

Law 27 insufficient bid - one of the most common Directors calls. There are 3 options for the next person to bid.

- 1.- bid can be corrected with the lowest sufficient bid that specifies the same denomination
2. - bid can be corrected with a sufficient comparable call.
3. - bid can be corrected by any other legal call. The partner then must pass for the rest of the auction.

Law 30, 31 & 32. Pass, Bid or Double out of Rotation. If the call made out of rotation can be replaced with a Comparable Call, there is no further rectification.

Law 66. Players can look at, but not expose the card they played on the last trick until a card has been played to the next trick.

Law 68 - Claims. A hand can be played out following a claim but only if:

A member of the non-claiming side requests a hand to be played out. All four players concur to the hand being played out."

Thanks, Teresa.



This team must mean business because their glasses are full! That's Maria Casci, Des Perry and Caroline Griffin.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEAMS

Wednesday night teams have been completed, with the results see-sawing each week. We had 11 teams this year, all allocated colours as their team name. A lot of effort goes into selecting balanced teams, so that every team has a chance of winning the series. Only a few rules -- every team member has to play with every other team member and everyone brings a bottle of wine on rotation! Wednesday Teams is all about playing with some new players and having a happy evening.

After week one team **Silver** was in the lead, after week 2 (cumulative) team **Gold** had overtaken them. After week 3, team **Yellow** was leading and they managed to hang on to win the series. Team captain Neal Phillips was understandably delighted, with his team consisting of 2 Intermediates, and 2 Juniors. One of these, Jan Rae, had completed refresher lessons at the club relatively recently.

Winners were:

1st. Yellow team: Neal Phillips, Irene Bronlund, Jonathan Taylor and Jan Rae

2nd. Gold team: Jo Griffiths, Chris Glyde, Frank Hogan and Sharron Rusden

3rd. Silver team: Margaret Wilson, Tricia Logan, Judy Collins and David Gardiner



Is this the social team as their glasses look very empty ... waiting for a second or third refill, is it? That's Sue Walls, Ann Anderson and Pam Lorimer.



And posing for the camera (what about concentrating on the Bridge?) are Teresa Phillips, Stephen Stafford- Bush, Cheryl Muir and Suzanne Radley



and the winning team, Jon Taylor, Jan Rae, Irene Bronlund and Neal Phillips

The Wednesday Raffle

The changing seasons bring variety in our Wednesday raffle contents. At the moment, we seem to have marmalade, kiwifruit, herbs etc., no flowers at this time of year. Special thanks to Dennise Biddick for the bags and bags of beautiful sweet oranges for several weeks. After writing the above, suddenly someone brought along a big bunch of daffodils -- yay -- spring must be just around the corner ☺.

Player News

Robyn and Trevor Robb hosted a happy afternoon at the club on 20th August, an afternoon of friendship and celebration prior to their going to Sydney soon for Robyn to receive advanced treatment not available in New Zealand. With over 100 of their friends present, the room decorated with roses and balloons, a delicious afternoon tea and live music, it was a really happy day for everyone present. Our heartfelt good wishes go with Robyn and Trevor..

It's wonderful to see Gill and Dermot Murphy back at the club, playing in Monday teams. Welcome back!

The delicious artisan jellies which Carol De Luca makes each year are again for sale. In small jars, they are a nice gift, or are delicious on cold meats etc. There are two flavours - crab apple and guava. Please support the sale, as proceeds are all for the club.

Hand of the Month

Finally, our hand of the month, one which was a bit too hard for our Monday nighters. Cover up the East-West hands and decide how you would make 6♠ on the lead of the ♣K.

Board 7

Dealer **North**

South ♠986

Both Vul ♥A9

♦AKJ10864

♣A

West

♠J1074

♥2

♦32

♣KQJ1076

East

♠2

♥QJ10843

♦Q95

♣852



South

♠AKQ53

♥K765

♦7

♣943

West North East South

1 ♠

Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♥

Pass 3 ♣ Pass 3 ♠

Pass 4 NT Pass 5 ♠

Pass 6 ♠ All pass

The key to the hand is to set up dummy's diamond suit. So, win in dummy and play two rounds of trumps, noting the 4-1 break meaning you have a certain trump loser. Now, play a diamond to the ace and ruff a diamond and ruff a club with dummy's last trump.

Cash the ♦K discarding your last club and run the diamonds until West ruffs.

Whether West plays another club or their heart, you can win in hand, draw the last trump and return to dummy with the ♥K to play your remaining high diamonds.

Slam bid and made. It is a shame to bid a slam and then go down.

See you all next month.

Richard Solomon

