



UPPER HUTT BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It is great to see such successful lessons this year with many of the class becoming members and progressing so well within the club. Tim Marwick is continuing with his monthly Tim's Tips and I would recommend this session to all members. The committee would like some feedback on some of the new events held this year. Swiss Pairs on a Thursday and the Winter Solstice Domestic Tournament in June. We are hosting two Wellington Region Tournaments over the next three months. There will be an Intermediate Grade Tournament in August and a Junior Grade Tournament in November. I would encourage everyone to participate in these tournaments as it is a great opportunity, particularly for our Junior members to gain more experience.

Ken


WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to our new members (almost 20 in number), most of whom have been introduced to Bridge by way of John Rosevear's eleven week series of lessons (ably assisted by Bidy Rush.) Following the completion of the Learner's lessons, they were given the opportunity over a five week period to play boards with experienced players or mentors where time was made available to discuss the bidding and playing of the hand. The primary aim was to give them a good grounding in the game but it also helped to integrate them into the club. The learning process culminated with the New Member Pairs competition on three consecutive Monday nights when fifteen "graduates" took their first foray into competitive Bridge.

The club has done very well in the recruitment of members this year and asks all existing members to encourage the new players by their manner at the table and by offering to partner them.

Terry

GETTING A REPUTATION

 Upper Hutt is proving that we can run successful tournaments as shown on 10 May when we hosted 100 players at the Multi-grade. Congratulations to John and Wendy Rosevear for doing so well and coming away with some prize money. None of this can happen of course without huge commitment from a great number of people. Too many to mention individually but thank you to each and everyone. Hosting Tournaments is an ongoing business and you will get called on again and again and it is very gratifying to get such a good response.

Mary F

P.S. The Winter Solstice and Alzheimer Society fundraising Tournaments were also successes and Mary wants to thank all for your support.

Thank you Mary for your great effort to organise these.

Dates to Diary

Event	Date
U Hutt Int Pairs	8 Aug
U Hutt Jun Pairs	14 Nov
Teams Of 4	5, 9, 12 26 Aug

A doctor, concerned about the physical condition of one of his bridge-playing patients, during a regular check-up asked, "Do you get much exercise?"

"Only when I sit East-West," was the reply.



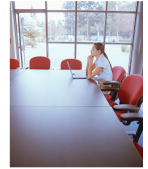
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Please clarify. I have been told that when in doubt, I should finesse towards the window.

Which window?

Troubled



DISCRIMINATION?

Dear Mr Wood

I am a counter. I can't help it. I count the cards in my hand from left to right and back again. I count points, the length of suits, voids, the cards in dummy and the number of cards played.

And, as a counter, I have noted the disturbing increase in the number of left handers in the club. Why do they put their coffee where I want to put my tea? Why won't they leave my pencil alone? And why are they all better than me at bridge? Is this a form of natural selection? Should I be blaming my mother or am I covered by Accident Compensation? If is this discrimination against those of us who have had the misfortune to be born this way kindly refer my case to the Ombudsman - or is there a Tribunal for this sort of thing?

Concerned - UHCB



A VIEW FROM THE SOUP KITCHEN

There's nothing like a Multigrade tournament to reveal the characteristics (some not so admirable) of bridge players, or maybe, the public in general.

After a slow entry start, the numbers entering spiralled to 25 tables. We were faced with the daunting task of feeding over 100 people with morning tea, lunch and evening nibbles. Once play started, we set out with military precision to prepare 25 trays with soup mugs, knives, spoons, serviettes, bread rolls, butter and cheese plus large bowls of fruit. This task was interspersed with replenishing milk, plastic cups and water for the urn. A container was provided for used cups, but our bin labelled "paper rubbish only" and deliberately pushed out of sight, kept being used.

I wonder why the government is only worried about the reading standards of children?.

However so far so good. The director asked one person per table to collect a tray and request soup preferences. Now wouldn't you think those 4 people would stay at a table and share a sociable lunch?

Oh. No! Not only did pairs sit elsewhere with their mates, some people took the whole tray with them so some tables had 2 trays. Eventually people came asking for a tray for 2 at which I was questioning my counting ability. No wonder I sometimes come bottom on the results sheet. I tell you they thoroughly mucked up our system. One lady at the kitchen door asked for a tray and 2 soups or did she have to go and queue up like the rest? I managed to answer her politely. Another asked for double helpings as she had cups instead of mugs and she wasn't going to be short changed because she'd been short changed all morning. I didn't inquire further.

The hatch eventually closed and the afternoon session began. Meanwhile, back in the kitchen, a few grumbles and swear words later, our good humour was restored. More help arrived and aided by the dishwasher, everything was cleared away. Next the preparation of the 13 trays of nibbles. These would include fish pieces, meatballs, cheese balls, raw vegetables, hummus and grapes.


At the end of play 5.30, the director announced that food would be distributed. Some people left obviously tired after playing 60 boards, or other engagements so there was ample food to go round but..... People still clamoured to collect trays. Why don't they listen?

Catering for 100 people is a slimming aid, guaranteed to ensure loss of appetite.

My final comments——fortunately those selfish, thoughtless players are in the minority, most people expressed their enjoyment and appreciation. By the way, 2 Upper Hutt members couldn't attend owing to sickness. I wonder who ate their share?

UHBC Member

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

- Susie Pattison for gaining the most C points this year.
- Margaret Parker for winning the Quilt raffle and thank you to Lynda for donating such a lovely prize from which the Club benefited by \$700.00. 
- Vivienne C and Tim Marwick for becoming directors.
- Lynda and Ivan on becoming new committee members.
- Kyle Gilchrest and Paul Cushnie for winning the Junior Pairs Event at the recent Wellington Congress. Their team of Kyle, Paul, Clinton Scott and Terry Kavanagh won the Junior Teams Event.

HAND OF A LIFETIME

The following hand was sent to Jenny by Kumar Bajaj (ex our Club). The declarer may have been Anthony Kerr.

Declarer has	S	AKQJ8754
	H	AK
	D	AKQ
	C	nil



and opens 7 Spades (won't we all?) and he goes 1 light. 5 spades to the 10 are in one hand. What a tragedy - so much for the laws of averages!

A Cautionary Tale

LONDON (Reuters) - A British man murdered his wife after constant arguments about her ability to play bridge. Club members would regularly visit each other's homes socially for card games and travel together to competitions across the country. Intense debates over what hands were played at meetings would also take place at local pubs afterwards.

Please contact pamhar@xtra.co.nz if you have ideas, changes, human interest, member stories to share.