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A HAPPY REUNION

Of course, NZ Bridge Congress is about bridge, but is also about people. It has been wonderful seeing people reconnect in person. There have been many hugs and conversations that we have missed. Real Bridge is great, but it will **never** be real bridge (in my opinion at least! Thanks Julian for the idea for this comment)

On Saturday, Ginny Warren (on the left in the below photo) met up with Emma Russell and John Craig. Emma and John are from Mt Albert Club where Ginny learnt to play the game in 1992. Ginny now resides in NZ's best town, Blenheim.

It was in 1992 that Ginny met the absolute Kiwi legend that is Arch Jelley CNZM OBE. If you do not know who Arch is, just Google him! Arch recently celebrated his 100th birthday and Ginny last saw Arch in person a couple of years ago and she is still in touch with him, connecting via Facebook and text. She reckons he must be the most tech-savvy 100-year-old in the world! She was delighted to catch up with Emma and John and asked them to make sure they passed on her love to Arch.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 5 October:

NZ Open Teams	9:30am
Round of 16	2:00pm
NZ Restricted Teams	9:30am
Intermediate Swiss	9:30am + 2:00pm
Open Swiss	2:00pm
Restricted Swiss	2:00pm

Thursday 6 October:

Open Swiss	9:30am + 2:00pm
Restricted Swiss	9:30am + 2:00pm
Open Teams QF	9:00am
Open Teams SF	2:30pm
Junior Pairs	9:30am + 2:00pm
Intermediate Pairs	9:30am + 2:00pm

Friday 7 October:

Open Teams SF	9:00am
Open Teams Final	1:00pm

Martelletti Open Teams, Restricted Open Teams, Senior Teams, Intermediate Teams and Junior Teams all:

9:30am + 2:00pm



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NZ BRIDGE JIN CLUB

Junior • Intermediate • Novice

Tomorrow's seminar at 8:30am upstairs is **Malcolm Mayer** - "When to be aggressive: when to be passive"

After the novice pairs on Sunday, the players had a gathering upstairs to enjoy some nibbles and drinks. The prizes were presented to the top 4 pairs and Richard spoke to them about Congress and hoped we would see them back next year in the Junior events



REMINDER: RUBBER BRIDGE FINALS SERIES STARTS TOMORROW

Matches are being played at Mt Maunganui Bridge Club on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings (5th-7th October)** at 7.30 pm Spectators are welcome.

Auckland-Northland

Duncan Badley and Chris Marshall

Waikato Bays

Charlotte Jager and Tyrel Glass

Central Districts

Michelle England and Phil Beale

Wellington

Joan Waldvogel and Joan McCarthy

Top of The South

Chris Henry and Ann Baker

Top of The South 2nd pair

Rosemary Hargreaves and Bev Hurst

Canterbury

Tim Schumacher and Jan Alabaster

Otago/Southland

Sam Coutts and Brad Johnston

PLAYER PROFILE:

Today we meet a rising star of the bridge scene in New Zealand, **Leon Meier** from the fabulous city of Christchurch





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When and why did you take up bridge? I started 3 years ago. My calculus teacher, Tim Schumacher taught us bridge in class. I was also pestered by my friend David Skipper.

What do you especially like about the game? The mental stimulus, working out what is going on in every hand. It's a game of logical deduction. You get more information than in other card games so there is more to think about.

What are some achievements / highlights you'd like to share? Playing in the South Island Teams last year with Johnny Davidson. We finished 3rd but would have been 2nd if it hadn't been for a cellphone violation. Also being selected in the men's team to go to Jakarta with Michael Ware.

Was it your cellphone violation that caused the penalty? Yes, it was.

Do you have any future plans or goals in bridge? Winning the NZ teams later this week. In 2023 being in the International Youth Team. I'm hoping to be in the NZ Open team – I need to find a regular partner.

What other interests do you have outside of bridge?

Until recently I was involved in competitive karate. I currently still compete in table tennis. I host a radio music show and enjoy recreational mathematics.

What words of wisdom / advice do you have for anyone taking up the game.

Be humble. Get the most value from everyone you can. Ask and listen!

COMPETITION: CAPTION THAT

A \$50 restaurant voucher (which can be donated to someone at Congress) for the most

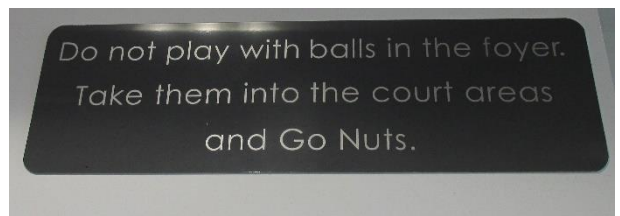
amusing caption for this photo. Answers to nzcongressed@gmail.com (preferred) or 0212804746 or dropped off to me by **1:30pm Thursday**. Be sure to include your name and phone number. Winner informed by text and published in Thursday's bulletin.



CURLY DEL'MONTE AWARD:

This will be presented at the end of Congress for a player who demonstrates an act of excellent sports(wo)manship. If you would like to nominate someone, please write it down on a piece of paper, explaining why, and give it to Chief Director, Murray Wiggins.

SIGN OF THE TIMES COMPETITION WINNER



Bridge version:

Do not discuss results at the bridge table. Take a breath and delay the agony for when you have a drink in your hand later!

Congratulations to **Sharleen Grounds** from Karori Club who won the \$50 dining voucher.



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WITH ...



Name: Paul Coleman
Club: Mt Albert
Years playing Bridge: 19
Congresses Attended: 5th one

Favourite System:

Acol with 5 card spade.

Bridge Highlight:

Playing with Michael Whibley and Fraser Rew in the Youth Inter-Regionals.

I am currently the youth coordinator for NZ Bridge (have been for 3 years).

Cat or dog? Cat

Marmite or Vegemite? Vegemite

What's at the end of a rainbow? A leprechaun

Fine dining or the pub? The pub

If you could travel back in time to see / do one thing, what would it be? To be in the crowd for the "underarm" game.

What superhero do you identify with?

Batman

Elvis or The Beatles? The Beatles

Final question. Finish this sentence: The best thing about me is ... I always look on the bright side.

QUIZ:

Final Quiz and last chance to win a \$50 dining voucher. Appropriately, it is all about bridge(s)! Answers to nzcongressed@gmail.com (preferred) or 0212804746 or dropped off to me by **1:30pm Thursday**. Be sure to include your name and phone number. Winner informed by text and published in Thursday's bulletin.

All you have to do is correctly match the bridges to the nation you will find it in.

The options for your answers are

- a) Italy
- b) USA
- c) Australia
- d) Turkey
- e) UK

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.





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Define “Pre-emptive” please?

From Round 1 of the Open teams on Monday

Board 1	♠ Q T 7 6 2	
North Deals	♥ -	
Nil Vul	♦ 6 5 3	
	♣ Q 9 6 5 4	
♠ KJ943		♠ -
♥ Q 7 6 3	W N E	♥ 9 5 4 2
♦ A 9 8	S	♦ Q J 7 4
♣ 8		♣ A K T 7 2
	♠ A 8 5	
	♥ A K J T 8	
	♦ K T 2	
	♣ J 3	

<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>
<i>Richard</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Anna</i>	<i>Paul</i>
2♠*	X	3♠**	X
Pass	Pass	Pass	

* 5 with 5 of another, < opener

** pre-emptive

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed that Anna's raise, described as pre-emptive, was actually a wee bit better than that by most definitions. A bemused Mark Hangartner wondered if perhaps she is used to Richard's style and also what a strong raise might look like! It went 2 light for -300. At the other table Neil Stucky and Barry Palmer went to 4♠ which was also doubled. They managed one more trick so got the same score for a scratch board.



OF THE DAY: THERE WILL BE BLOOD!

Board 21, which was part of match 5 of the Teams today, caused some considerable swings in IMPs. As it happened, I was involved in this hand as I was substituting for the morning. I can report though, that my team was not one of the many who recording a significant IMP swing on this one! So, what caused such mayhem?

Board 21	♠ J 8 7 2	
North Deals	♥ KJ7432	
Nil Vul	♦ 74	
	♣ 2	
♠ K Q 5 4		♠ A T 9 6
♥ 8	W N E	♥ A 6
♦ 63	S	♦ A K Q J
♣ AKT987		♣ Q 6 5
	♠ 3	
	♥ Q T 9 5	
	♦ T9852	
	♣ J 4 3	

At our table the auction went:

<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>
<i>Kathy</i>	<i>Ed</i>	<i>Bob</i>	<i>Ant</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3C
Pass	3D	Pass	3H
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT
Pass	5C	Pass	5NT
Pass	6D	Pass	6S
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The 3C was Puppet stayman with 3D confirming 1 or 2 four card majors. Ant showed

Imps	
NS	EW
16	-16
14	-14
14	-14
14	-14
14	-14
14	-14
14	-14
14	-14
14	-14
14	-14
11	-11
11	-11
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10	-10



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he had spades and then 5C showed 3 key cards. I wasn't 100% sure what he meant by 5NT as this was our first time playing together but I responded with 1 outside king and Ant, a bit reluctantly, finished the auction in 6S. He commented after he was very close to bidding 7C. There are plenty of other ways to get there and nearly everyone is in a slam in either of the black suits or NT. The reason for the large IMP swings is the number of pairs in 7S. 20 are in it, only 9 make it (including 1 in the Restricted Open)

The 10♥ was led by Bob Hurley at our table and this, along with the 10♦ or a smaller ♥ were the common leads.

At this point dummy goes down and I am disappointed we have missed the Grand! I play my Ace ♠ and then small to get the news that I am now losing 1 ♠ trick. Of course, had I started small going to the King and following with the Queen I'd have eliminated that. But I didn't, and it appears well over half of others did the same (6S made 12 tricks in two-thirds of cases). Both 7♣ and 7NT would have been much easier as a fourth spade trick is not required with 14 tricks off the top in both cases. Two lucky declarers got the 3♠ lead. Bob got a very clear count on Kathy's ♠ hold thanks to our bidding so did not lead his singleton ♠.

In our case the opposition EW also stopped in 6 (although made 7!) so no real damage done. But, as you can see from the IMPs screenshot, a lot of blood was spilt at other tables. Only in one match did the Grand get bid and made by both EW pairs – **Paul Dalley / Ashley Bach** and **Russell Wilson / Russell Dive**. In all other cases bidding and making the Grand paid well whereas bidding and going off was costly. **Brian Mace and Tom Jacob** were the main beneficiaries as they successfully bid and made 7♣ while 7♠ went 1 off at the other table.

With no information to go on, what is the best way to play the ♠ suit?

BIG SWINGS

As well as the just discussed Board 21 in Match 3, there has plenty of blood spilt on other boards in other matches so far in the teams – that's what makes it so exciting!

So far there have been 75 occasions of 14 or more IMPs being won (or lost if you want to look at it that way).

The biggest single IMP score thus far is 17 The last match on Monday for the **Braithwaite** team on board 2 netted them this nice number.

Board 2	♠ J	
East Deals	♥ AKQJ6543	
NS Vul	♦ K 5 3	
	♣ A	
♠ QT87632		♠ A
♥ -		♥ 2
♦ Q 7 6		♦ J T 8 2
♣ 8 6 5		♣ KQJT972
	♠ K 9 5 4	
	♥ T 9 8 7	
	♦ A 9 4	
	♣ 4 3	

Stephen Fischer and Denis Humphries played it in 6H making whereas at the other table NS ended up in 7H which was duly doubled by **Graeme Tuffnell and Ian Berrington** to give a net score of 1670. Ian opened 5C and after 2 passes the bid was 6H by North, 7C from Dennis and then 7H from South. (7CX is also a good spot for EW going 3 light).

But don't think it is just slams that cause the big swings. The joy of teams is anything can happen to anybody at anytime ... and usually does!

Here's a much more innocuous looking board which inflicted 16 IMPs damage on the unfortunate EW pair.



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Board 23	♠ A K 8 3	
South Deals	♥ A 9 6 2	
All Vul	♦ -	
	♣ Q J T 9 3	
♠ J 4 2	W N E	♠ Q 6
♥ 8 4		♥ K 7 5 3
♦ T 8 6 3		♦ K 9 5 2
♣ 7 6 5 4		♣ A K 2
	♠ T 9 7 5	
	♥ Q J T	
	♦ A Q J 7 4	
	♣ 8	

I can only assume a communication breakdown here as East ended up playing 1NTXX. 4 light for -1600, not really a score you want to take back to your teammates. Unfortunately, their teammates didn't bid the ♠ game, recording only a part score for -16 IMPs.

A double proved costly for one team elsewhere:

Board 16	♠ 8 7 3 2	
West Deals	♥ Q 9 8 4 2	
EW Vul	♦ K 8 6	
	♣ 9	
♠ A 6 4	W N E	♠ K Q T 5
♥ A K J 7 3		♥ -
♦ A T 3		♦ J 5 4 2
♣ J 8		♣ A K 7 6 4
	♠ J 9	
	♥ T 6 5	
	♦ Q 9 7	
	♣ Q T 5 3 2	

James Yang and Yuzhong Chen, playing EW were very happy to play 3CX. They made their 10 tricks for 870. 4NT is available but

that scores 660 so they were looking forward to a tidy 5 IMP pick up. To their delight, they discovered the opposition EW pair had pushed on to 6NT going 4 light so 5 IMPs became 15.

In the Restricted teams, the **Stearns** team got a big gain on this board:

Board 5	♠ K Q 8 5	
North Deals	♥ T 8 6	
NS Vul	♦ J 6 5 3	
	♣ 9 2	
♠ 6	W N E	♠ A 2
♥ J 9 4		♥ A K 7 5
♦ AKT9742		♦ 8
♣ 8 4		♣ AKT653
	♠ JT9743	
	♥ Q 3 2	
	♦ Q	
	♣ Q J 7	

Jane Stearns and Gwyneth Mace as EW chose 6♦. The opposition EW chose the Moysian fit 6♥. Bo Haglund says it makes but it isn't a walk in the park and they ended up 4 away. 15 IMPs to Stearns. If it is any consolation to the EW pair, in the Open event, 12 pairs chose 4♥ as the contract with only 2 making the 12 tricks.

Another costly double:

Board 20	♠ J T 9 7 4	
West Deals	♥ 9 3	
All Vul	♦ A J 8 5 4	
	♣ 8	
♠ K Q	W N E	♠ 6 3 2
♥ A K 8 7		♥ J T 6 2
♦ Q T 7 2		♦ 9
♣ K 5 3		♣ A T 9 7 6
	♠ A 8 5	
	♥ Q 5 4	
	♦ K 6 3	
	♣ Q J 4 2	



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Murray Phillips and Murray McMillan, sitting NS were no doubt delighted to make 11 tricks in 3♠X, especially as Bo Haglund says there are only 8 there. Bringing back 1130 to your teammates is always a nice feeling. To make it even better, their EW teammates, Gary Duncan and Les Gould played the board in 2♥ making 3. So, a bit of good fortune perhaps, but 1270 in the plus column and 15 IMPs in the bank.

Back to the Restricted teams as we got towards the end of play today and, once again the **Stearns** team had a big swing in their favour.

Board 5 North Deals NS Vul	♠ AKQ9842 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 32						
♠ J 7 6 3 ♥ A 6 ♦ J 8 6 ♣ A K J 9	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	N	E		S	
W	N	E					
	S						
	♠ T ♥ K T 9 5 ♦ T 9 5 4 3 2 ♣ 8 5						
	♠ 5 ♥ J 7 3 2 ♦ A K Q ♣ Q T 7 6 4						

Kevin Whyte and Clare Coles (who earlier in the day were on the receiving end of the 3♠ lead to the 7♠ contract I wrote about), were EW and doubled NS's 4♠ contract, correctly taking it 3 away for 800. At the other table **Jane Stearns and Gwyneth Mace** were also in 4♠. They were not doubled and got the very helpful 10♦ lead and found a way to make 10 tricks. 1420 in the plus column and 16 IMPs.

Back to the Open, where, in the same round a 15 IMP gain was recorded by **Sheehy** team. Doubling again proving costly!

Board 12 West Deals NS Vul	♠ QJ8754 ♥ J 9 7 4 ♦ 6 ♣ 5 2						
♠ A K ♥ K Q 6 2 ♦ T 8 ♣ K J 8 7 4	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	N	E		S	
W	N	E					
	S						
	♠ T 6 4 ♥ T 3 ♦ Q 9 5 3 2 ♣ A Q 3						
	♠ 9 3 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ A K J 7 4 ♣ T 9 6						

Francis Sheehy and Phillip Hensman, sitting NS found themselves in 3♠X which doesn't look to well when dummy goes down. Bo Haglund analysis confirms 7 tricks, however, 9 trick were made for a very handy 730. Handy turned to handsome when teammates brought back 400 to the table by bidding and making 3NT (as they should). 1130 always represents a very satisfactory positive.

The last match of the day saw an extraordinary 13 scores of 17 IMPs, 10 of those on this board:

Board 20 West Deals All Vul	♠ A T 9 8 5 ♥ 9 8 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ Q T 7						
♠ K 7 6 4 3 ♥ K Q 4 2 ♦ ♣ A K 5 2	<table border="1"> <tr><td>W</td><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	W	N	E		S	
W	N	E					
	S						
	♠ Q J ♥ A J T 7 5 ♦ A 9 7 5 3 2 ♣						
	♠ 2 ♥ 6 3 ♦ K T 6 4 ♣ J 9 8 6 4 3						

A classic deal with 3 distributional hands and 1 flat one. The ♥ slam was the cause. Bo Haglund



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says 11 tricks but 12 was bid made by many (with **Matt Brown and Brad Johnston** even bidding and making the Grand! Ace of spades and a ruff needs to start the defence ...

And just so you don't think the **Stearns** team had it all their own way in the Restricted teams, they were at the receiving end of a 17 IMP swing in the last match on Board 23.

Board 23	♠ T 3	
South Deals	♥ A J 7 4	
All Vul	♦ Q 3 2	
	♣ K 8 7 3	
♠ 8 5		♠ J 6 4 2
♥ 9 5		♥ Q 6 3
♦ K T 9 6 5		♦ J 8 7 4
♣ Q J 9 5		♣ T 2
	♠ A K Q 9 7	
	♥ K T 8 2	
	♦ A	
	♣ A 6 4	

6NT went wrong (although it shouldn't according to the analysis) while at the other table 6♥ was made.

END OF DAY 2 OF TEAMS UPDATE

The Open Teams have 2 more rounds of qualifying tomorrow morning before the last 16 move into the play-offs and the rest of the field plays in other events starting in the afternoon.

The Restricted teams finish after 2 more rounds – no playoffs.

Going into tomorrow the **Geromboux** team remain undefeated. 128.87 VPs is a significant score after 8 matches and has set a very high marker. The **Bach** team lead a very tightly packed chasing pack. A lot of interest in the

positions from 5th down to around 30th. There will be movement in this area tomorrow which will decide the make-up of the last 16 and draw for the play-offs.

In the Restricted Teams, the **Soundra** team have the narrowest of leads as **Prem Soundra and Jeffery Ren** go for the double. Just behind are the **Hanbury Webber** team, with **Bowers, Stearns** and **Gurney** all within 4 VPs.

GRAND SLAM CLUB for Tuesday (all successful grand slammers will go into the draw to win 2 x \$50 restaurant vouchers. Drawn on Thursday morning)

Teams Match 5, Board 21:

Brian Mace / Tom Jacob (7♣)

Wayne Burrows / Clair / Miao; Russell Wilson / Russell Dive; Mariusz Tumilowicz / Mindy Wu; Christine Wilson / Felicity Hannay; Max Morrison / Jane Lennon; Jana Bott / Rebecca Osborne; John Khouri / Peter Hensman; Marilyn Noye / Philip Noye; Kevin Whyte / Clare Coles (all 7♠)

Paul Dalley / Ashley Bach (7NT).

Match 8, Board 20:

Matt Brown / Brad Johnston (7♥)



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WINNERS ARE GRINNERS.



NZ Open Pairs winners **Andy Hung and Shane Harrison.**



NZ Open Pairs
Consolation winners
**Andi Boughey and
Carol Richardson**



NZ Open Pairs Plate winners **Jenny Millington and Barry Jones**

Top “veteran”
Pair in the NZ
Open Pairs
**Alison Beer
and Marie
Milsum**



NZ Restricted
Open Pairs
winners **Jeffery
Ren and Prem
Soundra**



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