## 2022 CONGRESS BULLETIN

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Reminder from the Arena management; NO ANIMALS are allowed anywhere on site including the carpark.


## QUOTE OF THE DAY:

A: "You need to slow down".
B: "I need another hour's sleep".


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## NZ BRIDGE JIN CLUB <br> Junior • Intermediate • Novice

Tomorrow's seminar at 8:30am upstairs is GeO Tislevoll - "How to improve your game with common-sense"
Perfect timing with Pairs events starting at 9:30am. Come along and get one-up on the rest of the field!

REMINDER: RUBBER BRIDGE FINALS SERIES STARTS TONIGHT!

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

## QUIZ ANSWER (MONDAY)

The answers to the questions about the father of modern bridge are Harold Vanderbilt who was an executive in the Railroad industry. As a
few people pointe dout, he was also a very influential ad successful figure in the world of yachting.

Congratulations to Laura Griffin.

## ANSWER - IDENTIFY THE PLAYER (MONDAY)

That was a young Moss Wylie (with his wife Gail). Well done to all those who correctly identified him and congratulations to Dean Sole.

## WELCOME TO THE INTERMEDIATES!

The room really filled up this morning as the Intermediate competitions got underway with the Swiss Pairs. A very healthy field of 82 pairs took part in this, playing 6 nine board matches.


Ted Cliffin, Barbara McFarlane, Lee Orton and Mandy Kelly were at the top table after the first round. Did they peak too early? 2022 CONGBESS BULLETIN


#### Abstract

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


## Teams Match 9, Board 12:

Stephen Fischer / Denis Humphries; Andi Boughey / Carol Richardson; Clair Miao / Wayne Burrows; Samuel Coutts / Brad Johnston; Andy Hung / Shane Harrison; Jenny Wilkinson / Shirley Newton; Barry Jones / Jenny Millington; Alice Young / George Sun; Candice Smith / Kinga Hajmasi; Jenna Gibbons / Julian Foster; Hugh Grosvenor / Stephen Burgess; Jan Bennett / Derek Bartosh (all 7a)

Open / Restricted Swiss Pairs, Board 1
Andrew Braithwaite / Jonathon Westoby; Richard Harrison / Tai Tua'i; John Wilkinson / Tani Blackburn ( all 7 7 )

Harry Shepherd / Andrew Purves; Anna Kalma / Richard Solomon; Bruce Inglis / Alan Currie; Lee Walters / Patsy Walters; Linda Cartner / Paula Boughey; Allan Morris / Beverly Morris / Rebecca Osborne / Jana Bott; Anthony Wilson, Hafizur Khan; Lynne Fegan / Georgie Roberts (all 7NT)

## Restricted Open Teams and NZ Open Teams Qualifying wrap up.

As mentioned in yesterday's Bulletin, a lot of teams were competing for not a dozen or so places in the top 16 of the NZ Open teams. Any of the teams placed $5^{\text {th }}$ to $30^{\text {th }}$ were in a position to either fall out of or climb into the the playoffs.

With that in mind, I observed some of the match 9 action at Jones v Kalma who were $16^{\text {th }}$ and $18^{\text {th }}$ respectively. The Jones team (Barry Jones, Jenny Millington, Patrick Carter and Julie Atkinson) are regular visitors to the pointy end of this event, but have not yet claimed the title. In what was an otherwise very even match, the Jones team snatched victory with Board 12.I was observing Barry and Jenny up against Michael Curry and Christine Gibbons. These are players that know each other well and there was much good-natured banter and a very pleasant atmosphere to the game.


| West Christine | North Jenny | East <br> Michael | South <br> Barry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | 15 | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3D | Pass | 3H |
| Pass | 4D | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5H | Pass | 5NT |
| Pass | 6D | Pass | 6H |
| Pass | 6 S | Pass | 7S |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

The 2NT was Jacoby. 3D showed a control as did 3H. 4D confirmed the void and into key card. Barry's 6 H wasn't specifically discussed
and Jenny went $6 S$ having nothing else to say. At this point Barry gave the matter considerable thought before deciding on 7 S . When the auction was explained he said to Michael, "I punted 7S to make you feel good". I'm not too sure it did make Michael happy as after the lead, two rounds took care of the Q suit and 13 tricks were able to be claimed. Unfortunately for the Kalma team, only 6 was bid at the other table so 13 IMPs were extremely crucial as the Jones team won the match by 11 . It moved them into $11^{\text {th }}$ to face the Yang team in $12^{\text {th }}$ while the Kalma team had work to do. Now in $25^{\text {th }}$ they had to face the McAlister team in $26^{\text {th }}$ place, record a win and hope some other results went their way. As I mentioned the match was played in good spirit, with a rather amusing moment on Board 9.

| Board 9 <br> North Deals EW Vul | 45 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - AJ 9 |  |
|  | - JT 53 |  |
|  | ¢QJT3 |  |
| -AJ32 |  | $\triangle \mathrm{K}$ Q 6 |
| $\bullet$ Q 85 |  | $\checkmark$ K 32 |
| - A Q 4 |  | -876 |
| ¢K 52 |  | - A 984 |
|  | ¢T984 |  |
|  | $\bullet$ T 764 |  |
|  | - K92 |  |
|  | ¢ 87 |  |

An opening pass and Michael also decided his hand wasn't worthy of a bid. When Barry passed, Michael feigned shock, commenting that Barry had not opened in third hand (which he apparently always does!) At the end of the board Barry did say " 4432 with a 3 count Not like I didn't think about it!"

Going into the final match the Chen team (Gary Chen, John Wang, June Lei and Jeter Liu) were precariously positioned in $16^{\text {th }}$. They
had spent the first 6 matches in qualifying position, getting as high as $4^{\text {th }}$, until a large loss to the Boughey team in match 8 dropped them to 23 rd. A good win in match 9 got them back to $16^{\text {th }}$. They were playing the Michl team (Andrew Michl, Peter Ramsey, Kinga Hajmasi and Candice Smith) one place ahead of them. A win would be helpful to both teams but no guarantee of making the cut. A loss would end the campaign.

So, what happened?
A fairly high scoring match in which 67 IMPS were scored. Two boards to mention for quite different reasons as they had a significant bearing on the result of the match and therefore the make-up of the top 16 .

First, this rather innocuous looking one:


A high-octane auction at Table 45 where Kingi and Candice were the home team.

| East | South <br> Candice | West <br> Gary | North <br> Kinga |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| John | Sas |  |  |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1 D |
| Pass | Pass | Pass |  |

The 24 was led and Kinga played it accurately to make all 8 tricks that Bo Haglund says are there. This was not an uncommon contract and either 7,8 or 9 tricks were made. Gary and John noted immediately that $2 \Phi$ was there for them, but hard to find unless West is willing to balance with $1 \Phi$ in the pass out seat. A suspicion, then, that this could potentially cost a few IMPs. It did, but not necessarily in the way they thought as 2 was the final contract by NS at the other table, which went 1 away. So 4 IMPs lost on a rather unexciting looking board and that could be costly.

The BIG moment though came on Board 28

| Board 28 <br> West Deals NS Vul | $\oplus 96$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - K 93 |  |
|  | - J 7653 |  |
|  | ¢J 42 |  |
| ¢ 754 | N | $\begin{aligned} & A Q J 8 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ |
| -J 62 | $W$ | - A 7 |
| $\rightarrow K$ Q 842 |  | - A T 9 |
| \$63 |  | 4 A 9 |
|  | ¢ K T 2 |  |
|  | -Q 754 |  |
|  | - - |  |
|  | ¢KQT875 |  |

At table 45 Gary and John chose 3NT which made only 6 tricks. The holds of both minor suits and the lead of the King $\$$ spell big trouble. At the other table, Andrew and Peter chose 4 which, the analysis says, makes if played by East, which is what happened. 11 IMPs and a resulting 37-30 win for the Michl team to see them finish in $12^{\text {th }}$ and the Chen team drop to an agonising $17^{\text {th }}$ to be the "bubble team" for this year's event.

Meanwhile, the Jones team weren't having the best of times against the Yang team. Board 19 proved hazardous.


One of those costly boards where both pairs in the same team, in this case the Jones team, chose to play the contract and both were unsuccessful.

Barry and Jenny were in $5 \diamond X$ which went three away for -500. At the other table Patrick and Julie tried 5 5 which went 2 away. -700 is 12 IMPs which is a big number in a tight competition that you are trying desperately to stay in. In the wash-up then a 14 IMP win to team Yang who finished in $7^{\text {th }}$ place. A sigh of relief for the Jones team who dropped back to $16^{\text {th }}$.

So, the top 16 were decided. The team of Christy Geromboux, Sebastian Yuen, Julian Foster and Jenna Gibbons continued their unbeaten run to finish over 21 VPs ahead of the field with 156.22. Only two of their matches were won by less than 10 IMPs. A 1 IMP win against team Somerville (who missed out on qualification) and a 9 IMP win against second placed team Bach.
Joining these two teams were the teams of Fisher, Boughey, James, Skipper, Yang,

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Mace, Hung, Johnston, Hurley, Michl, Young, Grant, Jarvis and Jones.

Teams that qualify in the top 6 choose their opponents for the Round of 16 ( $1^{\text {st }}$ placed team chooses first and so on). That leaves 4 teams that weren't chosen and of those 4 the highest qualifier plays the lowest qualifier and the other two play each other.

So the draw for the round of 16 was:
Geromboux v Michl
Bach v Young
Fisher v Yang
Boughey v Grant
James v Hurley
Skipper v Jones
Mace v Jarvis
Hung v Johnston
The Skipper team, as the last ones to choose, opted for the Jones team, who they beat by 13 IMPs in the first match. They also had the option of the Jarvis team who they beat by exactly the same margin in the final match.

To the Restricted Teams now where the Soundra team had a perfect start to the day with a full 20 VPs collected and went into the last round looking pretty hard to beat. Their final opponents were the Bartosh team. The teams of Hanbury Webber, Bowers and Stearns though were ready to pounce should a disaster befall the leaders.

I headed over to watch the action at the table of Jeffery Ren and Prem Soundra who were up against Mereana Cullen and Kevin Birch.
I arrived at Board 23 where a part game in $\$$ is the spot for EW. That happened at this table and the other. Onto 24 where the Soundra team picked up 4 IMPs. A valiant attempt to make 1NT by Mereana fell one trick short (as it should), while at the other table their teammates sitting NS tried $2 \boldsymbol{}$ which also fell one short (as it should!)
Board 25 saw some pretty smooth bidding from Jeffery.


| North Jeffery | East <br> Mereana | South <br> Prem | West <br> Kevin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 S | 2H | 2S | 4H |
| 4S | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Jeffery's decision to bid 4S was instantaneous and had the effect of putting $X$ out of the equation. 5 H also didn't look right (it wasn't). 4 H is makeable (although their teammates unfortunately went 1 away in that contract) but it was good bidding by Jeffery I thought. So, at that point, I had a sense the team had the situation under control. A draw would pretty much guarantee the win so off I headed. Afterwards, Mereana found me and told me I shouldn't have left!
Somehow on board 27, Jeffery and Prem ended up in $6^{\circ}$ and with 45 making the other way at the other table, 11 IMPs were lost.

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This was compounded on the final board, 28, which is shown earlier in this article. The Bartosh team made their 4 whereas the Soundra team did not. 10 more IMPs gone and a 7 IMP loss. Unfortunately for teams Hanbury Webber and Bowers, they also had small losses so the chance to overtake and win disappeared. That left it up to the Stearns team to come from $4^{\text {th }}$ place and steal the title. They scored consistently in their match to pick up a 31 IMP win. This was 17.19 VPs and got them to $2^{\text {nd }}$ place - just 1.22 behind the Soundra team who, l'm sure will realise they almost snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. So well done to Anthony Wilson and Hafizur Khan and especially well done to Prem Soundra and Jeffery Ren who completed a rare double - winning both the Restricted Pairs and Teams competitions.

## OPEN AND RESTRICTED OPEN SWISS PAIRS UNDERWAY

Players from the Open Teams who did not qualify for the top 16 as well as all those in the Restricted Teams now had 2 events to go to: The Open Swiss Pairs and Restricted Swiss Pairs. These started this afternoon and will continue tomorrow.

Details of how those events panned out will be in tomorrow's Bulletin, but the event did produce today's


Once in a very rare while comes a hand that you know is going to cause post-mortems to be discussed for some time to come. Board 5 of the $1^{\text {st }}$ match was one such hand.


Take pity on those sitting West who missed out! For the second time in the set North had a big HCP hand with 25 on this one to go with the 24 they had on Board 1.
2 C is a pretty obligatory opening bid but the auction could go anywhere from there!
At one table I am aware of it went

| North | East | South | West |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $2 C$ | 4NT | 5 S | 7 C |
| 7 S | Pass | Pass | X |
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Unsurprisingly, a real range of results which, in a Swiss Pairs contest, is going to cause a bit of chaos!
In the Open section 18 pairs were able to play it in 6 of one of the majors, which has no trouble making. 3 in 6NT all failed. 7CX proved a good bid for EW pairs, 7 finding this, while bidding at the 7 level proved expensive for the 9 NS pairs who tried it. The 6 other tables did not reach a 6 or 7 level bid which is a real shame in my opinion. Hands like this occur maybe once every few years, so why waste them playing at the 4 or 5 level? I wonder if anyone playing East considered 6NT over the 2C? Seems the right bid to me and l'd back the people I play with to read it right! In the Restricted Open the bidding was a bit tamer with 7 tables not in a slam contract. 6 of a major was good for 7 pairs and 6NT was bad for 3. 4 EW pairs got excellent reward for 7CX.
At the end of the day then in the Open the top 3 are Stephen Burgess / Hugh Grosvenor, Paul Collins / Sue O'Brien, and Harry Shepherd / Andrew Purves. In the Restricted Open the top 3 are Jim Burford / Dorothy Bain, Madeleine Askew / Phil Revell, Brad Tattersfield / Jan Borren.

## NZ OPEN TEAMS ROUND OF 16 RESULTS

No detailed commentary or hand analyses I'm afraid as I can't be in 2 places at once and I also need to get to the Rubber Bridge! Here's the results of the matches, you can go and check out the details online. The round of 16 was played over three 12 board stanzas. Higher ranked teams brought in some carryover IMPS. Final scores then:
Geromboux 65 beat Michl 57
Hurley 106 beat James 61.52
Boughey 88.49 beat Grant 74
Hung 63.47 beat Johnston 49
Bach 110 beat Young 28
Jones 84 beat Skipper 74.65
Fisher 80.32 beat Yang 70
Jarvis 81 beat Mace 51.05

## PLAYER PROFILE:

I conducted an extremely unscientific poll of players and asked them, "Who is your favourite Director here at Congress?" 99.72\% said Caroline Wiggins so I thought I should find out a bit more about her.

Name: Caroline Wiggins
Club: Hastings and I also direct at Havelock North on Monday nights.
Do you think of yourself as a bridge player or bridge director? A director
When and why did you learn bridge? I learnt in 1997. My mum played and also take lessons. I went along to help out and then the following year I actually took the lessons.
How and when did you get into directing? It was 2 or 3 years after I started. Mum used to direct and the club needed more directors so 1 learned.
As well as playing and directing bridge, are you involved in any other competitive games or sports? No.
Tell me more about your Directing then. When you got your qualifications and also when and why you started directing at Congress.
I became a Club Director in 2000 ad a Tournament Director in 2006. My first Congress was 2005 - so I was a Club Director when I first directed at Congress. l'd never directed a Tournament.

## So how did that come about then?

I was caddying at the IPs which were just before Congress. There was a call and the Director wasn't there. I went over and said to the players I could help if they were ok with that and if it wasn't complicated. They were happy (it was a revoke I think). Arie Geursen happened to come into the room at the time and asked the Director (who had come back) who I was. Next thing I know is I get a phone call asking me to Direct at Congress so I went in on the Wednesday.

So Arie must have been impressed with your ruling then?
(Laughs) I guess so.
You did a lot of Directing in the Waikato
Bays area if I recall correctly.
Yes, as a Tournament Director I directed a lot. I became a National Director in 2008 and moved to Hawke's Bay. l've been at every Congress since then as a Director.

## Do you get to play?

I have been more this year, especially as we now have Kevin taking over as the Chief Scorer which is a job I had for quite a while.
I have to ask, how did you and Murray come to be?
I met Murray at Congress in 2005. In 2006, the Congress was in July because the usual time clashed with a Lions tour. It's Murray's version that, at that Congress, I chased him down. That's not true.

## So when did you get married?

In 2013.
What else do you and Murray like to do. Mostly bridge but we do both like to find nature walks when we go to places. I don't have much spare time between bridge and working. I am a reliever in Early Childhood Education but that is basically full time.

## DIRECTORS CORNER:

With Murray Wiggins
Unintended Calls
You hold this hand.

- AQT532
$\bigcirc 8$
982
196
Your partner opens $1 \diamond$, RHO passes and you make your call, 1 !!!

You clearly never intended to bid $\Omega_{s}$ and therefore you will be allowed substitute your call with $1 ه$.

Holding the same hand, your partner instead opens 18 and your RHO intervenes with 20 . You plan to invite to game and bid $3 \bigcirc$ !

You clearly never intended to bid $\rho_{s}$ and again, will be allowed to substitute your call with your intended, 3 .

Holding this hand you open 1NT
Q AQT5
○ K83
$\rangle 182$
\& KJ6

No sooner have you made your call than you remember that you are playing a strong NT promising 16-18 HCP.

You call the Director and ask to change your call. This will not be allowed because at the time you made your call your intention was to bid 1 NT. This is not an unintended call.

Finally, you pick up this hand,
Q AQT53
O K8
$\diamond J 82$
\& KJ6
and, as Dealer, open $1 \$$. Your partner responds $3 母$ which you have agreed is a Bergen raise, showing 6-9 HCP and 4 card support in Spades.

With your partner's hand you have at best 23 HCP and with your flat hand you decide not to raise to game and pass! LHO quickly passes and you find yourself in a 3 contract!!

Clearly you never intended to play in \$s but you did intend to play at the 3 level. The relevant law, Law 25 , is clear that a change may not be allowed 'because of a loss of concentration as to the intent of the action'. Your pass of the 3$\}$ was due to a loss of concentration, your intent was to play at the 3 level and therefore you will not be allowed to substitute your pass with 3 .

The decision to allow a change of call is based on what your intention was, at the time you made your call, and whether your initial call was due to a loss of concentration or not.


I'm just chill-axing! Leave me alone people!!!


## It's back!

See next page for more information

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$6^{\text {th }}, 7^{\text {th }} \& 8^{\text {th }}$ January 2023
Venue: Te Puru
Community Centre and Domain, 4 West Crescent, Te Puru.

10 minutes north of Thames

Accommodation options available in Te Puru Holiday Park (next door), La Casa Lodge, Dixon Holiday Park. Caravan parking on Te Puru Reserve behind Hall.

| Date | Time | Event | Per event <br> fee |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Friday 6 Jan | $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Walk In Pairs 3A Session 1 | $\$ 25.00 \mathrm{pp}$ |
| Sat 7 Jan | $9: 30 \mathrm{am}$ | Barclay Swiss Pairs 5A | $\$ 40.00 \mathrm{pp}$ |
|  |  | $6 \times 10$ board matches |  |
|  | $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Walk In Pairs 3A Session 2 |  |
| Sunday 8 Jan | $9: 30 \mathrm{am}$ | John Eldridge Teams 5A | $\$ 45.00 \mathrm{pp}$ |
|  |  | $6 \times 10$ board matches |  |
| Weekend Entry $\mathbf{\$ 8 5 . 0 0}$ pp (Includes Walk In Pairs) |  |  |  |

Catering: Lunch is provided on both days \& supper after play on Sunday. Please note that we will not run a bar, you are welcome to BYO.

Prize giving for Walk $\ln$ Pairs and Barclay Swiss Pairs is at 9:15 on Sunday 8 Jan.

## Barclay Swiss Pairs and John Eldridge Teams is for Junior, Intermediate and Open players. Special prizes for pairs and teams based on total A points

To enter: Go to the NZB or WB website
http://www.waikatobays.bridgeclub.org/entries
Preferred payment method: Thames
Bridge Club account:
02-0456-0043367-000 with your name and
event in the Reference fields.
Cheques are no longer accepted.
Entries AND payments received by 30
December are guaranteed entry.
All additional communication to

