



2022 CONGRESS BULLETIN

NEW ZEALAND
BRIDGE
A GAME FOR LIFE

OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 8 2022 • LION FOUNDATION CENTRE • BAY PARK, MT MAUNGANUI



**CONGRATULATIONS PREM AND JEFFERY –
A HAT-TRICK OF VICTORIES!**

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Winners – Open Swiss Pairs NS:

LES GOULD + GARY DUCAN

Winners – Open Swiss Pairs EW:

**TIMOTHY SCHUMACHER + DAVID
SKIPPER**

Winners – Restricted Open Swiss Pairs:

PREM SOUNDRA + JEFFERY REN

Winners – NZ Intermediate Pairs:

TOM MULVEY + BARRY CHISHOLM

Winners: NZ Junior Pairs:

JEFF VELING + SANDRA VELING

**A BIG thank you to CBK Craft Bar and
Kitchen and Station 83 Woodfire Eatery
for donating the dining vouchers for our
competitions!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Saturday 8 October:

Open Teams Final 9:30am and 1:30pm

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

9:30am + 1:30pm

GRAND SLAM CLUB WINNERS

All successfully bid and made Grand Slams up to the end of play yesterday were given a number and then a number was drawn using an online random number generator. The winning number belonged to **Barry Jones and Jenny Millington**. The slam was 7S bid in their Round 9 teams match – incredibly coincidentally the one that was reported on in Bulletin #6.



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QUIZ ANSWERS (TUESDAY)

Didn't prove to be too tricky.

1.



This is the Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul, **Turkey**.
(If you haven't been to Istanbul or anywhere else in Turkey, book now!)

2.



This is the Harbour Bridge in Sydney, **Australia**.

3.



This is the Bridge of Sighs in Venice, **Italy**.

4.



The iconic Tower bridge in London, **UK**

5.



The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, **USA**.

Congratulations to the winner of the draw, **Candice Smith**.

CAPTION THAT (TUESDAY)



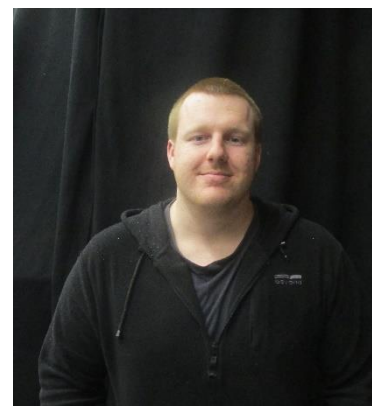
"So, are we meant to have our shirts in or out?"
Congratulations to **Tania Brown**.

PLAYER PROFILE:

Today we meet NZ representative **Matt Brown**.

Name: Matt Brown
Club: Akarana
When and why did you learn bridge?

My mum plays and forced me to learn. I was told I have to come and when I did I was hooked and carried on.





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(Ed's note – proving again that mother knows best! I'm sure NZ Bridge is very grateful to Tania for forcing Matt to learn!)

What do you enjoy most about bridge?

The mental stimulation. I play chess also. I like bridge because it is simultaneously simple and difficult.

What are some bridge highlights you'd like to share?

Coming 4th in the World Champs in 2017. Finished 2nd in the Asia Pacific in 2019 and that was the first medal won in the Open competition since before I was born. I came 9th in the World Mind Games in Poland, beating the top seed on the way.

Winning the NZ teams twice (hopefully it will be 3 times soon!). I've won the North Island Pairs, North Island Teams and South Island Teams all with different partners / teammates.

So what future bridge plans / goals do you have?

I want to play more internationally and just keep competing at a high level.

Is there something that people might not know about you that you can share?

I'm a metallur – I like the really heavy stuff.

Finally, any words of wisdom or advice to young (and other) players?

Don't stop counting!

Huge "come from behind" victory in NZ Teams Round of 16.

In yesterday's Bulletin, I reported on the **Jones** team just qualifying for the top 16 in 16th place thanks in large part to a 7♠ contract bid and made by **Barry and Jenny** in match 9 and then sneaking in despite a loss in match 10. For the round of 16 they were drawn to play team **Skipper** who took 4.65 carry-over IMPs into the match. The Skipper team won the first of three 12 board stanzas 28-18 and the second 38-5 to carry a 47 IMP lead into the final set. In an extraordinary reversal of

fortune the Jones team won the set by an astonishing 61 to 4 to win the match and progress to the quarter finals. They scored positive IMPs on 9 of the 12 boards with 1 scratch and 2 small losses. Significantly, three of the gains were 11, 12 and 13. Add that to a 7 and an 8 and that's the deficit gone and into the positives.

It proves that anything can happen to anybody at any time! This is especially the case in Teams (and Swiss Pairs) where misjudged contracts and / or mistaken plays can be punished in a brutal fashion.

Let's have a look at the 3 big boards. I wasn't present to watch the match nor have I had any details about bidding, but here's what happened in terms of results.

Board 25	♠ J 9 6	
North Deals	♥ K Q 6 5	
EW Vul	♦ Q 9 6 3	
	♣ 8 2	
♠ QT7532		♠ A
♥ A J T 8		♥ 9 4 2
♦ J		♦ 2
♣ K 6		♣ AQT97543
	♠ K 8 4	
	♥ 7 3	
	♦ AKT8754	
	♣ J	

The Bo Haglund analysis says 10 tricks for EW and 9 for NS in their respective minors. **Daniel Skipper and Leon Meier** tried and failed in 5C for the Skipper team while **David Skipper and Timothy Schumacher** as NS were in 6DX resulting in a net score of 600 to the Jones team.



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Board 30	♠ K 9	
East Deals	♥ 9 7	
Nil Vul	♦ K 7 5 2	
	♣ T 8 6 5 3	
♠ J 5 4		♠ AQT862
♥ 8 4 3		♥ A T 5
♦ J T 8 6		♦ 4 3
♣ Q J 2		♣ 9 7
	♠ 7 3	
	♥ K Q J 6 2	
	♦ A Q 9	
	♣ A K 4	

Julie Atkinson and Patrick Carter chose 4H which, Bo Haglund says, makes from North but not South. However, they did play it from South. At the other table, **David and Timothy** chose 3NT which was doomed on a ♠ lead. A net score of 520 and 11 IMPs for Jones.

Board 36	♠ KT76532	
West Deals	♥ 9 8 5	
All Vul	♦ T	
	♣ 9 8	
♠ J 9 8		♠ Q
♥ K Q 7 3		♥ J T 4
♦ A Q 8 4		♦ K 6 5 3 2
♣ 4 2		♣ A K T 7
	♠ A 4	
	♥ A 6 2	
	♦ J 9 7	
	♣ Q J 6 5 3	

On board 36 there are 11 tricks available in ♦ but only part scores elsewhere, with NT not an option. **Barry and Jenny** chose the ♦ game which was successful whereas **Daniel and Leon** opted for ♥ which was not. 800 and a big 13 IMPs for Jones.

So, a win from nowhere showing you should certainly never give up. I was going to make a comment about Grey Power triumphing but have decided not to.

Shout out to Team Michl – 1 trick from glory!

The team of **Andrew Michl, Peter Ramsay, Kinga Hajmasi and Candice Smith** faced the daunting task of taking on the unbeaten **Geromboux** team (**Christy Geromboux, Sebastian Yuen, Julian Foster and Jenna Gibbons**) in the NZ Teams Round of 16. Team Geromboux took 9 IMPs into the match as their carry-over and the final result was 65 – 57 victory. A quick maths calculation reveals that team **Michl** actually won the match by 1 IMP. The stanza scores were 22 – 10 and 13 – 10 to Geromboux followed by 37 – 21 to Michl. Board 36 (mentioned just previously) proved fruitful for them as well as **Kinga and Candice** were successful in 5♦ while Christy and Sebastian faring poorly in 3NT. There was a nice pick-up on Board 32 for them also.

Board 32	♠ 4 3	
West Deals	♥ A K J 3	
EW Vul	♦ 5 3	
	♣ A K J T 4	
♠ Q J 9		♠ T 7
♥ QT975		♥ 8 6 4
♦ 8 6 4		♦ A K 9
♣ Q 7		♣ 8 6 5 3 2
	♠ AK8652	
	♥ 2	
	♦ Q J T 7 2	
	♣ 9	



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Andrew and Peter sitting NS were happy with 3NT while, at the other table **Jenna and Julian** unsuccessfully tried 6♠.

Board 30 (described earlier) was the saviour for Team Geromboux as **Jenna and Julian** made the 4♥ contract which Andrew and Peter missed by one trick for a 10 IMP swing. **One trick** – that was the difference between the leaders going through and being sent packing in a massive upset. A superb effort from Team Michl. They should be extremely pleased and proud of their efforts.

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD!

Max Robb of Christchurch was quite pleased about his team's showing in the NZ Open teams. Along with **Bill Mecchia, Dorothy Bain and Jim Burford**, they accumulated just over 100 VPs in the 10 rounds to finish 29th which they considered to be "punching above their weight".

Max puts their success down to Dorothy who has been ensuring the team has been well fed every night in their Airbnb accommodation. Freshly baked pies and all the trimmings have satisfied the bellies and the brain.

Additionally they have clime Mauou most nights, just to make sure that good food is converted into the right things!



Max and Dorothy tucking in!



Mereana Cullen has also been working hard at her accommodation to keep the troops fed!

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The final seminar is **tomorrow at 8:30am:**

Barry Jones - "The penalty double has died and gone to heaven" When and why to double.

Great to see the room filling up today with Junior and Intermediate Pairs taking place!

NZ OPEN TEAMS QUARTER AND SEMI FINALS

Having survived a big scare in the Round of 16, team **Geromboux** faced the team of **Bob Hurley, Kathy Yule, Kate Davies, John Patterson, GeO Tislevoll and Kenneth Yule** in the quarter final.

The carry-over of 9 IMPs wasn't needed this time as a very one-sided stanza one saw them win 59-0, scoring consistently with 4 boards of 10 or more IMPs. Despite a 31-21 win in stanza 2 for the Hurley team, it was decided not to play a 3rd stanza and an early lunch was taken.

The other match-ups saw **Boughey v Hung, Bach v Jones** and **Fisher v Jarvis**. While all three of them went the distance in terms of playing 3 stanzas, the results were fairly



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comfortable with sizeable wins to teams **Hung** (Andy Hung, Shane Harrison, James Coutts, Glenn Coutts), **Bach** (Ashley Bach, Paul Dalley, Malcolm Mayer, Michael Ware, Martin Reid, Peter Newell), and **Fisher** (Blair Fisher, Liz Fisher, Wayne Burrows, Clair Miao, Sam Simpson, Jo Simpson)

The **Semi Finals** got underway this afternoon with **Geromboux** playing **Hung** and **Fisher** playing **Bach**.

The semi-finals are run over two sessions with 2 x 12 board stanzas in each session. The semi-finals are played behind screens. This, says Chief Director Murray Wiggins, is to reduce the possibility of Unauthorised Information.

All bidding is done using bidding boxes and with the screens down. As you can see from the photos there are two players on each side of the screen. There are special regulations for matches played behind screens as set out in the NZ Bridge Manual. The key difference is in alerting. You cannot see your partner's bid until the tray has been slid under to you when it is your time to call. Therefore, if you

are going to make an alertable bid, you put the alert card out, making sure the other person on your side of the screen sees it, and then make your bid. Explanations are made usually by pointing to it on the system card or writing a note. When the tray comes through, you will see your partner has made an alertable bid and explain it in the same fashion if necessary.

Once the auction is finished the screen is rolled up to a certain point so everyone can see the cards, but not each other. Again, this reduces the chances of Unauthorised Information. Murray explains that all WBF teams events are played behind screens. For this event it is for the semi-finals and final only, if for no other reason than the amount of space it takes up. However, the equipment is there to have screens from the Quarter-final stage should the decision be made to implement that.

After 2 stanzas, the **Geromboux** team leads by 30 and **Fisher** leads their match by just 8.5. So, all to play for tomorrow.





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WINNERS ARE GRINNERS



Derek Bartosh and Jan Bennett – top Intermediate Pair in the NZ Restricted Open Pairs.



Rochelle van Heuven and Tim Rigter – winners of NZ Restricted Open Plate.



Winner of lucky draw for gift basket: Kathy King with Peter Blackwell from TECT.



Winner of lucky draw for free entry to Congress 2023: Andrew Hudson with Richard Solomon (NZ Bridge) and Peter Blackwell.



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OF THE DAY:

“Thank you Partner”.

Well, that’s what we are taught is good etiquette / manners to say when dummy goes down. But even if **this** is what they put down?

♠	9 7 3
♥	J 9 2
♦	6 5 3
♣	8 7 3 2

Well, what did you expect? Especially when you held this hand:

♠	A J
♥	A K Q
♦	A K Q 9 7
♣	A T 4

Need a calculator? (or an abacus?) **27!** Yes, 27 high card points. When was the last time you had that many? Sitting 4th in hand you’re probably expecting 3 passes and then to open 2♣. With a wee bit of luck, you won’t get 2♦ from partner, but even so, all they need is about a 5 count to go hot-footing it into a slam.

Here’s the full deal:

Board 25 North Deals EW Vul	♠ K T	
	♥ T 5 4 3	
	♦ J T 4 2	
	♣ K J 6	
♠ A J		♠ 9 7 3
♥ A K Q		♥ J 9 2
♦ AKQ97		♦ 6 5 3
♣ A T 4		♣ 8 7 3 2
	♠ Q86542	
	♥ 8 7 6	
	♦ 8	
	♣ Q 9 5	

Notice something about the South hand? I can’t speak for everyone of course but, me personally, the threat of Putin and Kim coming after me couldn’t stop me opening here. I usually play a multi 2♦ but that doesn’t take up enough space so straight in with 3♠ (or 3♥ if I am playing with one of my partners that I play transfer pre-empts with).

So, now what as West? And even if you do get to open 2C, chances are South will still put their oar in after your partner’s 2♦ response. 27 High Card points ... A hand bridge players can usually only dream about, ruthlessly destroyed by your inconsiderate partner who can only muster up a single, useless point. Oh well 3NT then. Thank you partner! Proof of my theory that partners are there for the purpose of disappointing you.

This hand appeared in Round 6 of the Open and Restricted Open Swiss Pairs today. In the Open section 35 pairs did indeed bid and make 3NT with 8 getting an overtrick somehow (three went 1 light). A few played in 5 of a minor which goes 2 away and God Bless the 4 pairs who had a go at 6♦. It’s got about as much chance as Trump admitting he lost, but I can’t say I blame anyone for refusing to accept that this hand is not good enough for a slam.

I am intrigued by the pair that played it in 1♦. If they want to come and tell me their logic behind opening this I’d be interested to hear it. Much the same picture in the smaller Restricted Swiss Pairs field with 3NT making being in the clear majority. Again, one pair had a go at the ♦ slam.

RUBBER BRIDGE UPDATE

The semi-finals are tonight. The pairs representing Auckland, Wellington, Waikato-Bays and Otago were the winners last night.



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BATTLE OF THE SUITS!

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