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## IT'S GOODNIGHT FROM HIM

### Farewell Bay Park

By the time you read this, your last finesse for the week has been taken, successfully I hope. It is time to leave our National Bridge Congress and to resume our normal lives. On behalf of all the organisers, I hope you will leave with happy memories, whether or not you leave with a trophy. Our Congress is certainly about success at the table but just as important is enjoying the experience.

My perception is that the majority are happy with our new venue. The atmosphere, the facilities seem conducive for playing and for relaxing between games. However, we do want to hear your views about the Congress as a whole and will be conducting an on-line survey.

There will always be areas of improvement needed. For instance, there were issues with the temperature in the playing rooms. We look forward to receiving your views and suggestions for improving our Congress.

There are so many to thank for making this Congress a success. On behalf of all players, I would like to thank my fellow organisers, Murray, Lesley, Anna, Allan, Alister and Jenna. Then we have Murray and his team of directors, Caroline, Matthew, Richard, Allan, Lorraine, Babs and David. Thanks also our scoring team, Peter and Kevin and to Lesley's admin helpers, especially Gwyn on the front desk and Teri in the playing room. Also to David for his behind-the-scenes technical support.

We have had some excellent hard-working caddies. We had fabulous support from the

local clubs, the substitute and fill-in players being marshalled by Mike.

We have also had some fabulous on-line Bulletins produced by Ed. You could say with those initials, he is so suited to the job!

A big thank-you too to our sponsors who came to the party in a very significant way. Finally, to the staff at Bay Park who helped to make this event so enjoyable.

It just remains for me to wish you all a safe trip home and to say that while we are farewelling Bay Park, we will be back here for the 2023 National Bridge Congress. Bring it on!

*Richard Solomon, Chairman of National Bridge Congress Organising Committee*

## AND IT'S GOODNIGHT FROM HIM ...

So, that's it for Congress 2022. I hope you have enjoyed reading the Bulletin and have been entertained and informed by it. I have enjoyed putting it together and bringing it to you all every day. Thanks to everyone who contributed by being willing to be interviewed or sending me ideas. Fortunately, all the Directors stayed healthy, so I wasn't required in that department and only Ant Hopkins had to suffer playing 28 boards with me! The last Bulletin is a final wrap of the NZ Open Teams and a summary of all our winners. As well as that, plenty of photos which I have not yet published (and some I may have but forgotten to file correctly!) to see if you can spot yourself in.

Thanks for reading. Safe travels, and good bridge.

Ed Roggeveen

NZ Congress Bulletin Editor 2022.

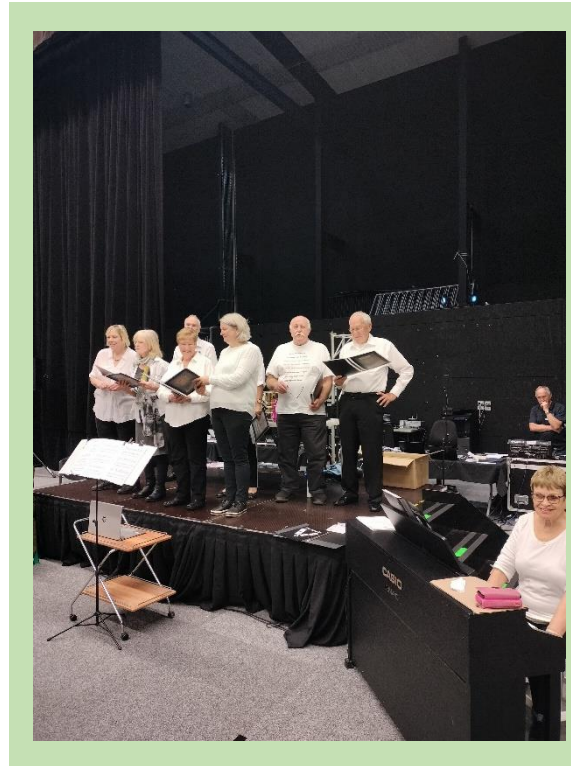


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## IN MEMORY OF KAREN MARTELLETTI

The players on the main floor were treated to three songs from a choir of bridge players that the late Karen Martelletti was part of. The songs were variations on some classics, re-written with bridge-related lyrics.





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**WINNERS – NZ Open Teams – Ashley Bach, Paul Dalley, Malcom Mayer, Michael Ware, Martin Reid, Peter Newell.**



**WINNERS – Karen Martelletti Memorial Open Teams – Ian Berrington, Graeme Tufnell, Denis Humphries, Stephen Fischer (with Kate Terry)**





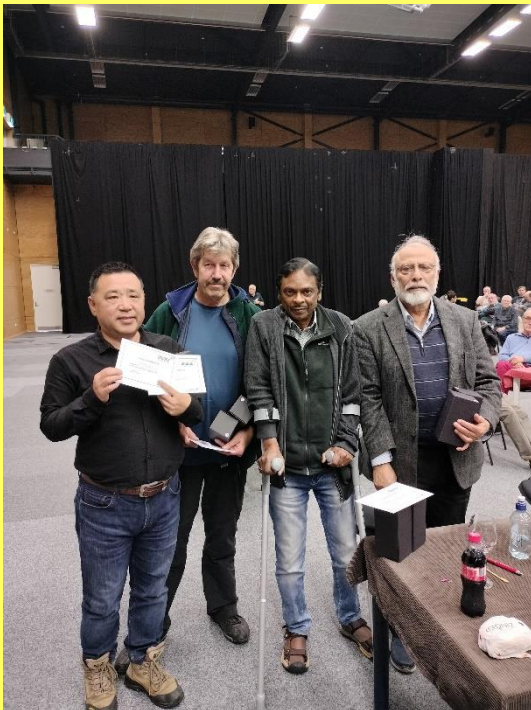
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**WINNERS – Restricted Open Teams –  
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Khan, Anthony Wilson**



**WINNERS – Senior Teams – Setsuko  
Lichtnecker, Peer Bach, Lynne Geursen,  
Trevor Robb**





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**WINNERS – Intermediate Teams –**  
Aaron Starr, Rob Davies, Emma  
Russell, Stacey Hilton



**WINNERS – Junior Teams –** Jean  
Robinson, Paul Robinson, Pam Wong,  
Daniel Wong





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## CONGRESS 2022 WINNERS

### NZ Open Pairs Final

**1<sup>st</sup> Andy Hung and Shane Harrison**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Blair Fisher and George Masters  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Grant and Anthony Ker

### NZ Open Pairs Plate

**1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Millington and Barry Jones**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jack James and Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin  
3<sup>rd</sup> Samuel Coutts and Brad Johnston

### NZ Open Pairs Consolation 1

**1<sup>st</sup> Carol Richardson and Andi Boughey**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Dunn and John Buckleton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Steph Jacob and David Beauchamp

### NZ Open Pairs Consolation 2

**1<sup>st</sup> John O'Connor and Richard Stuart**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Clair Miao and Wayne Burrows  
3<sup>rd</sup> Les Gould and Gary Duncan

### NZ Restricted Open Pairs Final

**1<sup>st</sup> Jeffery Ren and Prem Soundra**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Whyte and Clare Coles  
3<sup>rd</sup> Graham Young and Shirley Bain

### NZ Restricted Open Pairs Plate

**1<sup>st</sup> Rochelle van Heuven and Tim Rigter**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Warren and Marsha Woodbury  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Craig and Emma Russell

### Novice Pairs

**1<sup>st</sup> Kate Wade and Alex Shan**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jayne King and Cathy Parker  
3<sup>rd</sup> Helen Kinsey and Steve Kinsey

### NZ Open Teams

**1<sup>st</sup> Ashley Bach, Paul Dalley, Malcolm Mayer, Michael Ware, Martin Reid and Peter Newell**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Hung, Shane Harrison, Glenn Coutts, James Coutts

### NZ Restricted Teams

**1<sup>st</sup> Prem Soundra, Jeffery Ren, Hafizur Khan, Anthony Wilson**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Stearns, Gwyneth Mace, Clare Coles, Kevin Whyte  
3<sup>rd</sup> Charmaine Hanbury Webber, Teri Sonal, Ann Baker, Diana Warring

### Intermediate Swiss Pairs

**1<sup>st</sup> Takayo Yanagisawa and Rosemary Jackson**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Grundy and Kim Thomas  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lee Orton and Mandy Kelly

### Open Swiss Pairs NS

**1<sup>st</sup> Les Gould and Gary Duncan**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alice Young and George Sun  
3<sup>rd</sup> Samuel Coutts and Brad Johnston



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## Open Swiss Pairs EW

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy Schumacher and David Skipper**

2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Fischer and Denis Humphries  
3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Vadas and Michael Whibley

## Restricted Open Swiss Pairs

**1<sup>st</sup> Prem Soundra and Jeffery Ren**

2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony Wilson and Hafizur Khan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Diana Warring and Ann Baker

## NZ Intermediate Pairs

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter Daffurn and Joy Williams**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Mulvey and Barry Chisholm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bren Birss and Pamela Pederson

## NZ Junior Pairs

**1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Veling and Sandra Veling**

2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Kinsey and Helen Kinsey  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rachelle Meijer and Jon Verhoek

## Maretelletti Open Teams

**1<sup>st</sup> Ian Berrington, Graeme Tuffnell, Denis Humphries, Stephen Fischer**

2<sup>nd</sup> George Masters, Rachelle Pelkman, Timothy Schumacher, Fraser Rew  
3<sup>rd</sup> Leon Meier, Matt Brown, Pam Livingston, Jan Alabaster

## Restricted Open Teams

**1<sup>st</sup> Prem Soundra, Jeffery Ren, Hafizur Khan, Anthony Wilson**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Stearns, Gwyneth Mace, Mark Thomson, Jeffery Chang  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bridget Hannaway, Tereska Knap, Ruth Brucker, Nan Wehipeihana

## Senior Teams

**1<sup>st</sup> Setsuko Lichtnecker, Peer Bach, Lynne Geursen, Trevor Robb**

2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Stuckey, Barry Palmer, Glenis Palmer, Christine Wilson, Jenny Wilkinson, Shirley Newton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Collins, Sue O'Brien, Adrienne Kelly, Ken Dawson

## Intermediate Teams

**1<sup>st</sup> Aaron Starr, Rob Davies, Emma Russell, Stacey Hilton**

2<sup>nd</sup> Garry Hodge, Debbie Marcroft, Laura Griffin, Tony Clear  
3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Palmer-Hall, Diana Easson, Yvonne Hughes, Jan Brown

## Junior Teams

**1<sup>st</sup> Jean Robinson, Paul Robinson, Pam Wong, Daniel Wong**

2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Wood, Karen Wood, Thomas Freeman-Greene, Jody Burchall  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Redmayne, Prue Drake, Mr Sylvan, Annie Simmons

## National Rubber Bridge Competition

**1<sup>st</sup> Chris Marshall and Duncan Badley (Auckland)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Brad Johnston and Sam Coutts (Otago-Southland)



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## NZ OPEN TEAMS WRAP-UP

The team of **Ashley Bach, Paul Dalley, Malcom Mayer, Michael Ware, Martin Reid and Peter Newell** went into the final today with a 25.52 IMP lead over the team of **Andy Hung, Shane Harrison, Glenn Coutts and James Coutts**.

Three stanzas of 12 boards each to be played so a lead that was handy, but as we have seen from matches in the Round of 16 and semi-final, nowhere near insurmountable.

An ideal start to team **Hung** as they picked up 12 IMPs on the very first board in play with **Andy and Shane** succeeding in 4♥ whereas at the other table **James and Glenn** defeated the same contract. 10♣ was the lead on both occasions. The Bo Haglund analysis says 10 tricks.

<b>Board 13</b>		♠ A T	
North Deals		♥ Q 8 6	
All Vul		♦ Q 9 5	
		♣ A9873	
♠ 7	N W S E	♠ Q J 8 6	
♥ A 5 4 3		♥ K J T 7 2	
♦ A J T 8 4		♦ 6	
♣ K Q 2		♣ J 6 4	
		♠ K95432	
		♥ 9	
		♦ K 7 3 2	
		♣ T 5	

12 IMPs the other way though on Board 17 as the minor suits won the battle on both occasions. The swing coming as a result of 5DX making (even though the analysis says only 10 tricks so I can only assume after the Q♠ lead the top two ♦ cards went on the same trick) while at the other table 5C was chosen for 2 away.

<b>Board 17</b>		♠ 2	
North Deals		♥ 2	
Nil Vul		♦ T86543	
		♣ K J 8 7 6	
♠ A 9 8 4	N W S E	♠ Q J T 7 6 5 3	
♥ K T 9 8		♥ Q J 6 5	
♦ A 9 7		♦ K	
♣ 5 4		♣ Q	
		♠ K	
		♥ A 7 4 3	
		♦ Q J 2	
		♣ A T 9 3 2	

With two 6s being exchanged, the 7 IMPs scored by team **Hung** on Board 18 where 3NT was chosen by them over 3D at the other table proved to pretty much be the difference for the stanza as team **Hung** won the set 29-19. Would have been a different outcome had the 3NT been defeated as the analysis says it should have been. The lead of the 5♥ giving EW an easy ride on this occasion with their not-too-flash ♣ hold!

<b>Board 18</b>		♠ Q 7 6 5	
East Deals		♥ 8 6	
NS Vul		♦ T 8 2	
		♣ A K Q 5	
♠ J 4 3 2	N W S E	♠ A K T	
♥ K Q T 9		♥ A 3 2	
♦ K J 7		♦ A 9 6 5 3	
♣ 7 3		♣ T 8	
		♠ 9 8	
		♥ J 7 5 4	
		♦ Q 4	
		♣ J 9 6 4 2	

So into stanza 5 with the lead now 25.52 to team **Bach**. Two big boards for team **Bach**, making a slam and a game that was not replicated at the other table.





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<b>Board 4</b>	♠ A Q 2	
<b>West Deals</b>	♥ 9	
<b>All Vul</b>	♦ 8 6 2	
	♣ KQJT62	
♠ T98543		♠ K J
♥ 5 4 3		♥ J 8 7 6 2
♦ J 9		♦ K 7 3
♣ 4 3		♣ 9 8 7
	♠ 7 6	
	♥ A K Q T	
	♦ A Q T 5 4	
	♣ A 5	

**Paul Dalley and Ashley Bach** were successful in 6♣ while **Glenn and James Coutts** opted for 6♦ at the other table going 1 light on the 10♠ lead and earning 16 IMPs for the **Bach** team.

<b>Board 7</b>	♠ Q 3	
<b>South Deals</b>	♥ Q 7 4	
<b>All Vul</b>	♦ T 5 3	
	♣ 8 7 6 4 3	
♠ T 8		♠ 9 7 6 4 2
♥ A 6		♥ K T 9 5 3
♦ A J 8 7 2		♦ K 6
♣ A Q T 9		♣ -
	♠ A K J 5	
	♥ J 8	
	♦ Q 9 4	
	♣ K J 5 2	

Both East players received the A♠ lead to a contract of 4♥ with the Bach pair making their contract and Hung pair missing by one. 12 more IMPs to team Bach plus small gains on a number of other boards sealing the win on this set.

A convincing win then in that set for team **Bach** by 37 to 8 to give them a 54.52 lead going into the final stanza. A miraculous comeback was made in the semi-final by the **Hung** team,

doing it in the final would certainly be something for the record books! It proved to be a bridge too far (sorry, I've restrained myself all week!). The **Hung** team won the final stanza 33 - 18 but not enough to stop the **Bach** team from taking the win 170.52 to 131.

Another national title for these titans of New Zealand bridge.

## Does this hand look familiar to anyone?

Apparently not!

There was a bit of a muck-up with the boards that the caddies had and they accidentally had a set that had already been played.

Therefore, if someone called for a caddy board, they would have got one that they *should* have recognised.

There was the scarcely believable situation where **Allan and Bev Morris** played a board against **Moss Wylie and Fraser Rew** in one event and then played them again in the next event, sitting in the same directions, called for a board from caddy, and got the same board they had played previously.

<b>Board 2</b>	♠ AKT7432	
<b>East Deals</b>	♥ A K	
<b>NS Vul</b>	♦ J 9 5	
	♣ 4	
♠ 6		♠ Q
♥ Q J T 9		♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ Q T 7 2		♦ A K 6 4
♣ K T 3 2		♣ A Q 9 5
	♠ J 9 8 5	
	♥ 7 6 3	
	♦ 8 3	
	♣ J 8 7 6	



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The **first** time this group played the Board the auction went:

East Moss	South Allan	West Fraser	North Bev
1♦	Pass	1♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	X
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

“Why did you pull my double?”

The **second** time the auction went:

East Moss	South Allan	West Fraser	North Bev
1♦	Pass	1♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

“Why didn’t you double?”

Sometimes, you just can’t win ...

I’m not sure at what time, if any, the penny dropped. You’ll have to ask the players to find out!

(Thanks to Anna Kalma for the story).

## Well played Opps!

Sometimes you just have to admire the play of the opposition and it is great when it is acknowledged. **Julian Foster** contributed this story of a hand well played by **Shane Harrison** in the final set of the semi-final in which the **Hung** team came from nowhere to win.

Board 21 North Deals NS Vul		♠ 9	
♥ A Q 9 7		♥ A J 8 4	
♦ A 9 8 5 4		♥ K T 4 3	
♣ K T 9		♦ 7 2	
♠ K Q 7 2		♣ A J 4	
♥ 6		♠ T 6 5 3	
♦ K T 6 3		♥ J 8 5 2	
♣ Q 8 3 2		♦ Q J	
		♣ 7 6 5	

North Julian	East Andy	South Jenna	West Shane
1♦	X	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

Julian picks up the story here:

I had a horrible lead as N and chose 10♣ which ran to the Q.

Shane played a ♥ up. I rose Ace ♥ and exited a ♥ which he ruffed in hand. He played a low ♠ to the Jack and ruffed another ♥ with the Queen ♠. He then cashed King ♠ finding out about the bad split. Next was a ♣ to the Jack, King ♥ and Ace ♣.

In the 4 card ending, dummy had ♠A8 and two ♦s. He played a ♦ to the J K and my A. I only had ♦ left and had to play one to partner’s J which left her endplayed to lead from ♠10 6 back to the ♠ A 8 in dummy. Beautifully played for +420 and a well-deserved IMP pick-up.

We could have afforded a few swings out like that but, sadly, not the 53 imps worth of swings that did happen in the last set! You just never know what will happen in this game. One



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minute everything is going your way (in set 3 partner miscounted her key cards so we stayed out of 7H and gained 14 imps when it went off at the other table!), the next minute all the decisions go wrong.

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