# New Zealand National Bridge Congress 2016 September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 1st Daily Bulletin 4 Editorial Staff: Nick Jacob & Mark Hangartner

Congratulations to the winners today

New Zealand Pairs Final

**Plate** 



**Tony Nunn and Pete Hollands** 

**Nick Jacob and James Coutts** 



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Ride sharing especially to Auckland. Please use the whiteboard by the desk to offer or ask for rides,

Remember the crossword entries, give to the desk staff.

New Zealand Teams times: 10:30 AM 1:15 PM 7:30 PM

"Even Homer Nods Award" - the expert who manages to make the biggest prat of him or herself by a masterpiece of inanity at the table. The experts DO nod in the most amazing ways – please share their efforts with the world.

#### The Del'Monte Award

Originally presented by Simon (Curly) Del'Monte this is presented annually for the most sporting act to come to notice at Congress. When you are recipient of an act of sportsmanship, please tell us about it.



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### Rubber finals



Clockwise from top left: Charles Ker, Wayne Burrows, Anthony Ker, Russell Dive.

Congratulations to two brothers making the rubber bridge final. Could it be a congress first that these are in opposing pairs?

**Update:** Congratulations to **Anthony Ker** and **Russell Dive** for winning the rubber by 590 points after the full thirty boards!













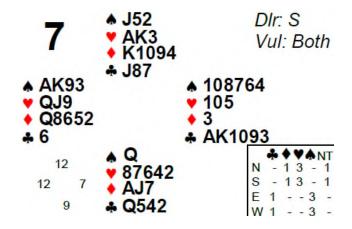


#### Profile: Hervé Cheval and Gilles Josnin



Hervé (left) and Gilles (right) are playing in their first Congress. Yesterday's story demonstrated Hervé's cunning bidding and clever play. They are not a regular partnership in the Noumea Club they play in but have played as national representatives for New Caledonia.

On board 7 they showed the sort of defensive teamwork which is commonplace with the best partnerships but could be better known to club players.



NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	=	

Hervé lead 2♥ Gilles won and switched safely to a spade. Now East played 9♥ from dummy. Gilles pounced with the Ace and Hervé played his highest ♥ calling for the diamond switch. Making sure they got all 3 side suit tricks to defeat 4♠.

While New Caledonia is only a small Bridge Federation with 2 clubs in Noumea they combine together in a French Bridge organisation "Comité de Bridge de













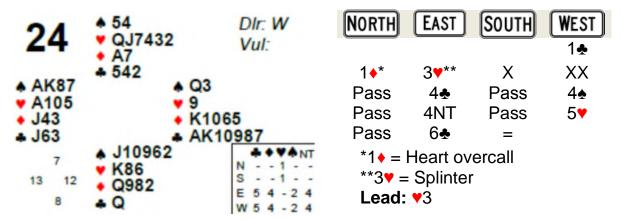


L'Outre-Mer et de L'Étranger" CBOME which includes Guadeloupe, Réunion, and French-speaking African and Pacific territories. Hervé's team won the teams competition at a recent championship in St Cloud.

With continuing APBF contact and their friendship with the Skipper family we hope this will not be the last time we see Gilles and Hervé and perhaps others from our Pacific neighbours.

## **Lightning Crashes**

The recently-crowned New Zealand Pairs champions, Pete Hollands and Tony Nunn, are two of the more laidback guys you can meet in the bridge scene. Perhaps that's why they gel so well. As usual, Pete downplayed his field-topping 66.6% when interviewed today. He attributed the following great result to "not knowing who had extra values, each of us wanting to co-operate in case the other held a good hand... and Trev [Tony Nunn] totally bossing the hand!"



After a splinter and keycard auction, Tony found himself at the helm in a slam that appears hopeless, even looking at all four hands. He won the heart lead with the A and drew three rounds of trumps ending in hand.

Tony looked at this transfer overcall and the distribution which revealed a few clues. First, South hadn't raised to 4♥ with a singleton club, which suggested only three card heart support. Second, North hadn't made a weak jump overcall and was likely to hold the ◆A. The straightforward line of playing for the ◆Q onside seemed unlikely to work. So Tony played a diamond to the ◆K and ducked a diamond to North's now-bare ◆A. Tony could trump the heart return and pedal trumps to reach the following ending (see overleaf):







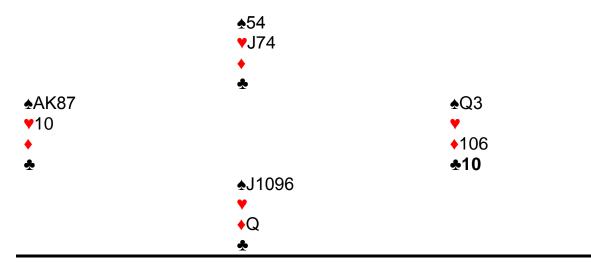








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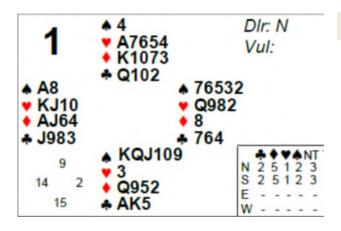


On the last trump, South was squeezed, unable to guard the fourth spade and the •Q. +920 was a shared top and a big contributor to Pete and Tony's marvellous session. Congratulations, lads.

Pete also has a brilliant website with his wife, Laura Ginnan. You can check it out at https://bridgevid.com/. Ask Pete and Laura about it if you run into them in the New Zealand Teams - they're looking to defend their title from last year.

#### Coup la la

We are delighted to welcome Joan Butts to the New Zealand Congress. Joan is one of Australia's premier bridge teachers. In recent years she has had tremendous success with one of New Zealand's finest players, GeO Tislevoll. He would have been proud of her efforts on this board from the Plate.



NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	1♠	X
XX	2♥	3♦	Pass
<b>4</b>	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♦	=		

Joan's partner, Martin Doran, was on point during the auction. He raised Joan's 3♦ to 4♦ and was not tempted to go for more matchpoints in 4♠ instead of 5♦.









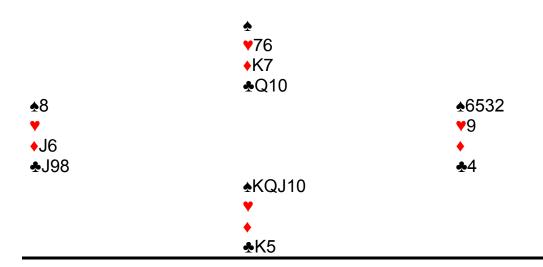






Indeed 4♠ is doomed, though 5♦ was also fraught with danger.

Joan won the heart lead with the ♥A, crossed to the ♣A and won a finesse of the ◆10, taking note of the ◆8. A diamond to the ◆Q and ◆A exposed the bad break, and James Coutts began the heart tap. Joan ruffed in hand to try sneaking the ♠9 through West. However, James pounced on this to play a third heart. This was the position:



Joan continued with two rounds of spades pitching hearts. Had James ruffed this, it would have been trivial for Joan to overruff, draw the trump, and cross back to the &K to cash her spades. James pitched a club, so Joan could cash two clubs ending in hand at trick 11. Now she had reduced West and North to only trumps, and James was couped for a magnificent +400 for Joan and Martin.

If you are interested in following Joan, her website is an excellent resource http://www.joanbuttsbridge.com/.













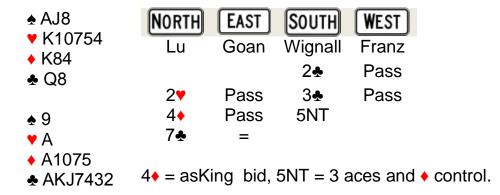


# Guard squeeze - Michael Courtney

Michael has kindly provided an article featuring NZ player and WBF luminary John Wignall.

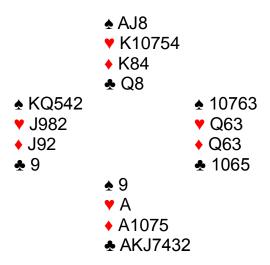
West leads the ♠ King

Dlr: South Vul East-West Bd: 2 (directions swapped to make declarer South)



An enterprising auction. North would have been happier to find John with a second heart or if the spade entry had not been removed at trick one, for then establishing the heart suit would have led to an easy 13<sup>th</sup> trick.

All that has happened however. How do you play to take all the tricks.



The fact that dummy now lacked the entries to establish and cash the heart suit did nothing to discourage John from trying to. He won the ♠ Ace; the ♣ Ace; the ↑ Ace. Then he crossed to the ♠Q to cash the ↑K before ruffing the third round of









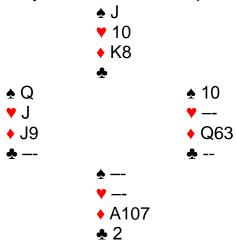






hearts high. This meant only one player could guard the heart suit. The opening lead meant that only West could guard the spade suit. At double-dummy play the contract was now certain unless West held the outstanding heart and East had both Queen and Jack of diamonds!

Why? John ran his trumps;



On the last trump West had to surrender his diamond nine to avoid an immediate claim; Dummy threw the spade jack; East gave his spade ten. Now on the diamond seven the Jack appeared; dummy's King won and the low diamond returned.

When East followed with the 6 John had to decide whether East originally held four hearts and both players had been forced to come down to two diamonds, or whether as here West had suffered the guard squeeze.

This may seem like a pure guess, but in fact it is a case (or two) of restricted choice. By finessing John will prevail when West began with either diamond honour, by rising he will win only against West holding both. The same logic of course applies in the heart suit, with QJxx East might have played either card on the third round while with Qxx he must play the queen.

Normally restricted choice is 2/1 on, but here it is perhaps 4/1 on since it applies in both suits. John finessed for +1440 against Sanb-Sudi's 920 in 6♣ for 11 imps to New Zealand.

The contract would have made without guesswork had East held the missing heart honour and the diamond honours divided or both with East. That play is the relatively common Double-Squeeze.

The actual coup effected is the Guard-Squeeze. But these are just names. The









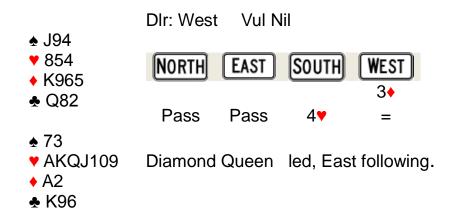




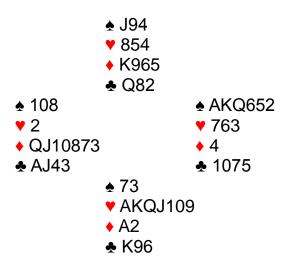


two important points were 1) isolating the heart menace and 2) the principle of restricted choice.

Let's take another look at this matter of rectifying the count. This deal from the 2001 National Open Teams of Australia.



West leads the diamond Queen and you are pleased to see East follow after dummy plays low. You win the top diamond and set about the trump suit. West shows out on the second round. How do you proceed?



John drew the last trump and played a spade. Oddly When West could not produce a top honour the battle was over. East won the spade Queen over the nine and had no red card to play. Neither could he broach clubs without losing the defence's second club trick so he had no choice but to continue spades. This meant that John had rectified the count somewhat.

When West showed out on the third spade it was known that he was 2 1 6 4. Further he was certain to hold the club Ace or East would have bid 3♠. This was the position before the penultimate trump was played





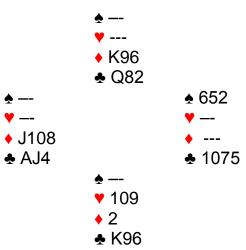










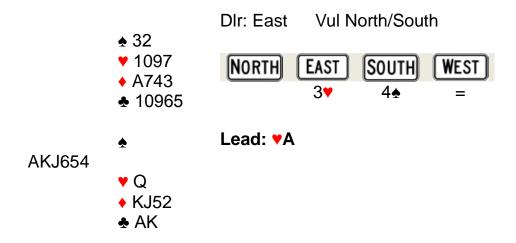


What can West discard on the next trump? If a club, then declarer simply plays a club to dummy then ducks a club to the known bare Ace and claims. When West parted with a diamond, dummy discarded a club. The diamond King and a diamond ruff established a 13<sup>th</sup> diamond in dummy, which was entered with the club Queen.

Some would call that a Trump-Squeeze-Without-The-Count, but the important points were losing certain losers early to tighten up the position and to gain information about the layout, and counting the hand, both its shape and the likely position of outstanding honour cards.

Let us consider a similar example, but before we do note that jump to four hearts. Would you have settled for three? A sound rule of thumb is that the player who enters the auction always plays his partner for two working cards, especially when they have opened at a high level.

Australian Tour 1979 v South Australia in Adelaide



West leads the Ace, then the deuce of hearts. You ruff and try two top trumps,







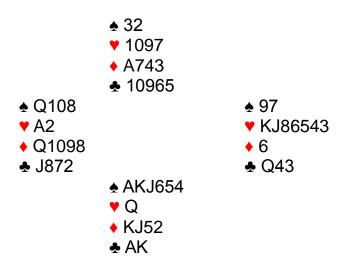








both follow but the Queen does not fall. What next?



John cashed the two top clubs before exiting with a spade. West won the Queen and exited with a club.

John ruffed and now knew that East was 2 7 1 3. In spite of dummy only having one entry he had managed to eliminate all West's non diamond exit cards.

He crossed to the diamond Ace and led the club ten. He chose to discard a diamond on that card leaving West endplayed to lead that suit. He could equally have completed his elimination by ruffing the club and exiting with a low diamond.

The South Australian declarer lost one spade, one heart and two diamonds because cashing the top clubs did not occur to him.







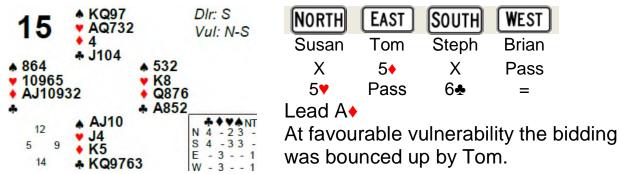








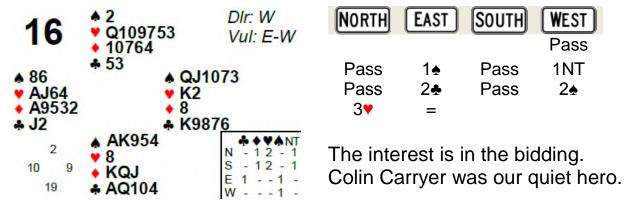
#### When Jacob meets Jacob



There was a birthday present for Susan on offer on this hand.

Brian continued a ◆ at trick two. It is easy after the event to see a ♥ switch ensures another trick for the defence. Nonetheless -100 was still worth 65% for Steph and Susan.

#### Partner will balance - Russell Wilson



Twice his right-hand opponent bid his suits and twice he passed in tempo of course. Imagine the shock when dummy came down! Alister Stuck succeeded in his 3♥ contract. It looks like the defence was ♦ to Ace, ruff, spade to Ace then a heart and Ace played crashing the K. Making 3♥ was worth 78%.









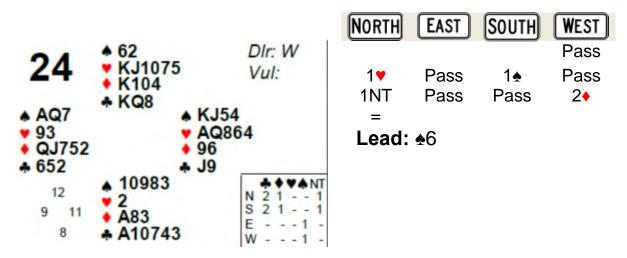






### The Long Con

The following hand holds a certain aesthetic appeal. How often has a declarer mourned the loss of a contract after the defenders cruelly cross-ruff? Well, on this board the defensive cross-ruff didn't eventuate until *trick 7*, whereupon the defense took *five* trump tricks!



The defense started with a spade, won in hand with the ♣A. A club was lost to the ♣Q and a second spade was won by the ♣Q. There's the first suit cleared for ruffs. A second club was lost to the ♣K and the heart switch was won by the ♥Q. There's the second suit cleared. Now declarer tried a diamond to the ♦Q and ♦K. That's trump trick #1. A heart was ruffed with the ◆8 (#2), a spade ruffed with the ◆4 (#3), a heart ruffed with the ◆A (#4), and the final spade promoted North's ◆10 sitting behind the dJ (#5). Well defended by Tom Jacob and Brian Mace for +100.







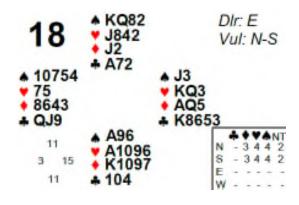








#### Watch those entries



NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
	1♣	Pass	Pass
Χ	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	=

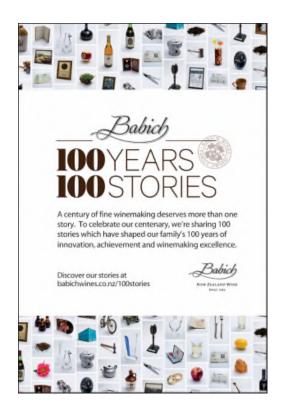
The bidding is interesting. South allows for a shaded double but then goes to game when invited.

Lead Q♣. After the opening lead it is pretty clear that the remaining values will be mostly with East. At one table I watched declarer played hastily and not too well.

He won  $A \clubsuit$  so far so good to run  $J \blacktriangledown$ . East covered and South won  $A \blacktriangledown$ . Next he played  $6 \blacktriangledown$  to  $8 \blacktriangledown$  and  $K \blacktriangledown$ . East exited a heart. Now South played small spade to Q, small to Ace, and then ran the  $9 \spadesuit$ . He had picked to finesse but found himself with no entry to run  $J \spadesuit$ . Minus one.

# What are the chances of that?

Arriving at a table to play, four women introduce themselves to each other.... three share the same first names - Jennifer Anne - but not the fourth .... Susan.









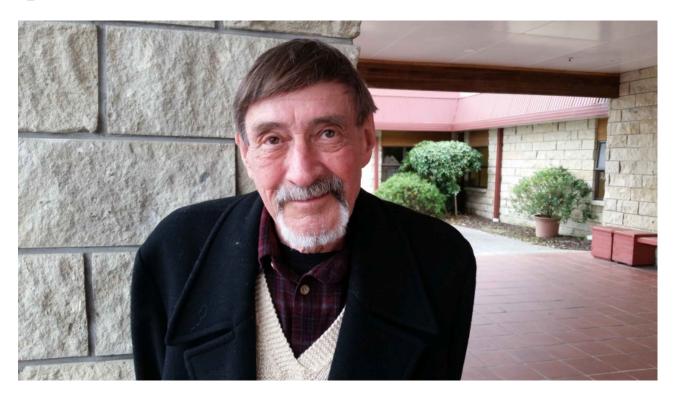








### Kropotkin's Crossword



Rex Benson also known as Kropotkin

For this first Bulletin of 2016, Kropotkin of *The Weekend Herald* has composed a cryptic crossword with a Bridge mini-theme.

Of the 34 clues, 22 are 'ordinary' cryptic, including 5dn, while 12 of the other answers are related to Bridge in some way. And of those 12, seven clues have no synonym at all, only a construction, and the remaining five lead to answers with a double meaning, the one indicated

by the synonym, and the one related to Bridge.

Kropotkin thanks Judy McLeod of Tauranga, who acted as checker for this special edition.

Remember to enter by 5pm Wednesday (at the desk) More copies in the corridor.















### New Zealand Pairs Final

			Score	%
1	Peter Hollands	Tony Nunn	897.7	59.6%
2	Matthew Brown	Michael Whibley	870.34	57.3%
3	Ashley Bach	Michael Cornell	842.28	58.7%
4	Nye Griffiths	Liam Milne	813.09	55.7%
5	Sam Simpson	Jo Simpson	811.01	57.1%
6	Michael Courtney	Rosie Don	810.05	53.7%
7	Jeter Liu	Dong Huang	808.85	54.6%
8	Tom Jacob	Brian Mace	796.3	53.3%
9	Martin Löfgren	Daniel Skipper	775.5	50.9%
10	Simon Hinge	Justin Howard	763	51.9%
11	Herve Cheval	Gilles Josnin	755.75	52.7%
12	Mindy Wu	Lorraine Stachurski	750.65	51.6%
13	Chris Mulley	Ed Barnes	744.12	52.5%
14	Leo Lin	Clair Miao	743.74	51.0%
15	Steph Jacob	Susan Humphries	741.46	50.2%
16	Gary Chen	Richard Solomon	713.81	50.5%
17	Jeff Miller	Graeme Stout	705.6	46.8%
18	Sylvester Riddell	Mark Robertson	671.04	46.0%
19	Graeme Norman	Patrick D'arcy	669.6	47.7%
20	Rodrigo Garcia Da Rosa	Jane Lennon	664.2	46.6%
21	Murray Wood	Rachelle Pelkman	664.05	46.7%
22	Timothy Schumacher	David Skipper	653.25	46.4%
23	Patrick Carter	Julie Atkinson	629.85	42.3%
24	Margaret Perley	Paul Freeland	628.6	44.6%
25	Anthony Ker	Alan Grant	625.99	44.2%
26	Owen Camp	Anisia Shami	624.75	44.5%
27	Charles Ker	Wayne Burrows	620.16	44.1%
28	Vanessa Brown	William Jenner-O'Shea	563.26	39.5%















## **New Zealand Pairs Plate**

			Score	%
1	Nick Jacob	James Coutts	823.84	57.2%
2	Murat Genc	John Patterson	812.34	56.9%
3	Carlos Pellegrini	Val Gardiner	786.85	55.9%
4	Steve Boughey	Andrew Tarbutt	785.62	56.0%
5	Michael Seldon	Chris Dibley	782.32	55.3%
6	Pam Crichton	Ross Crichton	776.87	54.9%
7	Hank Ping	June Lei	758.25	53.6%
8	Max Morrison	Pavla Fenwick	754.72	53.3%
9	Wendy Ashton	Andrew Peake	750.88	53.0%
10	Neill Ruddell	Tania Brown	750.4	<b>52.4%</b>
11	Ian Berrington	Grant Jarvis	745.19	52.1%
12	Ira Garrison	John Evitt	735.24	50.9%
13	John Wang	Alice Young	727.89	51.6%
14	Anne Somerville	Kate Davies	726.64	50.8%
15	Gary Foidl	Brett Glass	723.02	50.0%
16	Mayumi Katagiri	Takako Fujimoto	713.42	50.5%
17	Karen Harris	Dean Sole	692.24	48.7%
18	Jane Skipper	John Skipper	688.33	48.6%
19	Peer Bach	Setsuko Lichtnecker	675.9	46.7%
20	Chris Ackerley	Douglas Russell	675.05	47.9%
21	Herman Yuan	Yuzhong Chen	666.68	47.2%
22	David Appleton	Brad Coles	648.21	45.6%
23	Neil Stuckey	Barry Palmer	646.64	45.1%
24	Martin Doran	Joan Butts	638.65	44.7%
25	Steve Gray	Lindsey Guy	635.58	44.8%
26	Bill Nash	Jim Wallis	622.48	44.2%
27	Lindsay Glover	Moss Wylie	613.49	43.0%
28	Russell Dive	Gary Duncan	576.29	40.6%















#### Back to the Future Teams Final

Rank		Session %	C/F	Overall
1 Jenny Wilkinson, Ian Clayton	Shirley Newton, Noel Woodhall	109	60.37	169.27
2 Sue Grenside, Richard Grenside	Liz Mcneill, Cassie Morin	110	56.21	166.25
3 Richard Lapthorne, Peter Mccaskill	Neil Hawkins, Jeff Thompson	111	53.37	164.36
4 Sandra Coleman, Chris Bolland	Jan Whyte, Carolyn Yeomans	105	56.00	161.3
5 Elizabeth Fisher, Blair Fisher	John Davidson, George Masters	101	59.52	160.46
6 Tony Winters, George Lo	Eric Glass, Harry Shepherd	106	54.01	159.88
7 Jamie Zhu, Bob Wang	George Sun, William Liu	103	53.52	156.17
8 Julie Sheridan, Karen Martelletti	Judy Pawson, Kate Terry	94.7	59.00	153.7
9 Andrew Mill, Andi Boughey	Annette Maluish, Jamie Thompson	93.8	57.83	151.58
10 Ella Pattison, Samuel Coutts	Vicki Bouton, Sam Bailey	96.6	53.54	150.13
11 Ross Sherwood, Michael	Kevin King, Paula Gregory	93.9	53.79	147.73
12 Graham Stern, Alan Parkes	Malcolm Smith, Linda Lin	91.9	54.34	146.19
13 Judy Butler, Carol Minchin	Sita Monaghan, Rebecca Osborne	84.5	53.78	138.24

#### Goulash Pairs

1 Rex Benson	Marilyn Jackson	59.78%
2 Bradley Johnston	Hamish Brown	58.01%
3 Sylvester Riddell	Mark Robertson	57.69%
4 Andrew Liu	Jerry Chen	57.37%
5 Carol Joseph	Nicky Bowers	56.73%
6 Michael Stuckey	Martin Reiss	55.13%
7 Bruce Inglis	Stephen Goodman	54.65%
8 Brian Cleaver	Bridget Hannaway-Willcox	54.17%
9 John Cormack	Tereska Knap	54.01%
10 Dot Rapley	Michelle Wintour	53.69%
11 George Finikiotis	Elizabeth Fanos	52.72%
12 Catherine Cameron	David Edson	51.92%
13 Alan Geare	Deborah Cooper	50.80%
14 Pavla Fenwick	Max Newton	49.20%
15 Verona Edlin	Vanshita Singh	49.04%
16 Gary Hanna	Jenny Delany	48.40%
17 Trish Downward	Mary Buckland	48.40%
18 Jenny Pomeroy	Jenny Cooper	46.96%
19 John Mcintosh	James Yang	46.79%
20 Susan Laurenson	David May	46.79%
21 Rachael Goffin	Patrick D'Arcy	45.51%
22 Amanda Simpson	Justin Siemelink	43.27%
23 Marilyn Janmaat	Elwyn Beatson	42.63%
24 John Kearns	Doris Chapman	41.67%
25 Peter Grooby	Jane Thomson	41.67%
26 Max Robb	Sarah Garland	33.01%















# Zelda Morris 10A Pairs

Where: Gisborne Bridge Club

572 Gladstone Road

When: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

1.00pm - 2 sessions

Sunday 6th November

9.30am - 1 session

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per person

Closing Date: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### Meals

A light meal will be provided around 4pm on Saturday afternoon.

Lunch will be provided on Sunday following play.

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