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Some of our Hard-working Caddies

Friday Evening

The programme of events in your Players' Score Booklet does not mention any play on Friday evening.

Please note that the first three rounds of the various **Swiss Pairs** events are played on **Friday evening**, commencing at **7-30 pm**.

Today's Schedule

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| ● NZ Teams (Round of 16) | 1000 | 1415 | ● |
| ● NZ Team (QF) | | 1615 | 1930 ● |
| ● NZ Intermediate Pairs | 1000 | 1415 | ● |
| ● NZ Senior Pairs | 1000 | 1415 | ● |
| ● NZ Mixed/Same Sex Pairs | 1000 | 1415 | ● |
| ● NZ Seniors/Intermediates/Point-a-Board Teams | | | ● |
| | Start 1930 | | ● |



Coup of the Day 6 The Deschapelles Coup

Although its aim is different, the Deschapelles Coup is a close relative of the Merrimac Coup which we looked at yesterday. Again, the play involves the sacrifice of a high honour card but this time the goal is to force an entry to partner's hand rather than to attack declarer's communications.

The coup is named after Guillaume Deschapelles, who invented it at whist.

Dealer North. E/W Vul.

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| ♠ 9 5 | ♠ A J 10 4 | ♠ 8 7 6 3 2 |
| ♥ Q 9 4 | ♥ A J | ♥ K 8 7 2 |
| ♦ K Q 10 9 7 4 | ♦ J 3 | ♦ A |
| ♣ 6 5 | ♣ K J 10 9 7 | ♣ A 4 3 |
| | ♠ K Q | |
| | ♥ 10 6 5 3 | |
| | ♦ 8 6 5 2 | |
| | ♣ Q 8 2 | |
| West | North | East |
| — | 1♣ | Pass |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

North overbid when she raised to 3NT. She had no right to expect more than South's actual strength for 1♦ followed by 1NT, though South could have been a little stronger, of course.

When West led the king of diamonds to East's bare ace, it looked as though North might get very lucky, courtesy of the six-one diamond split. And, against most players in the East seat, North would indeed have got lucky.

Our actual East stopped to think, however. She expected West's diamonds to be running if West ever gained the lead, because West had led the king despite South having bid the suit. Surely, with the ace and jack visible, West had to have ♦ KQ109x(x) to justify the lead. But how to find an entry to the West hand? South must have most, if not all, the missing high cards.

A club or spade honour could be finessed by declarer, leaving only the queen of hearts as a possibility to defeat the contract. Accordingly, East switched to the ♥ K! The Deschapelles Coup forced an entry to the established winners and the contract was defeated by two tricks. Very impressive.

Endplay

When Team Liu met Team Sun in Round 3 of the NZ Teams Swiss qualifying, the match ended as a dead tie at 31 IMPs apiece. The big swing of the match went to Team Liu, however.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| ♠ K Q 7 5 | ♠ 10 9 8 6 4 2 | ♠ J 3 |
| ♥ K J 10 7 3 2 | ♥ A | ♥ Q 9 6 |
| ♦ 8 6 | ♦ J 7 4 | ♦ Q 9 5 2 |
| ♣ 4 | ♣ 6 5 3 | ♣ K J 10 8 |
| | ♠ A | |
| | ♥ 8 5 4 | |
| | ♦ A K 10 3 | |
| | ♣ A Q 9 7 2 | |
| West | North | East |
| — | Huo | Chen |
| 2♣ | — | 1♣ |
| 2♥ | Dble | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 4♣ | 5♣ |
| | Pass | All Pass |

Jun Chen opened with a strong club, 16+, and West overcalled 2♣, Suction, either diamonds or both majors. Shiyu Huo's double was normally 5-8, as here, and East bid a pass or correct 2♦, no doubt suspecting that his partner was about to show the majors. Chen passed for now to see what was going to happen and, sure enough, West did show the majors. That came back to Chen who introduced his long suit and West, with extra heart length, competed in that suit. When Huo showed club support, Chen raised himself to game and East was no doubt confident that he could beat it with that strong trump holding and facing a partner who had bid to the three level, so doubled.

West led the king of spades. Chen won the ace and led a heart to the ace then played the jack of diamonds to the queen and ace. He ruffed a heart then played a club and East split, putting in the jack. Chen won the queen of clubs and ruffed his last heart, ruffed a spade low, then played king, ten and the fourth diamond. East won that but was now endplayed. He led the king of clubs but Chen ducked and East had to lead from the ♣ 10 8 at trick 12, permitting Chen to jold his trump losers to one.

That was nicely done and worth 14 IMPs to Team Liu as the contract at the other table was 6♠ down three by E/W for a further +300.

Big Swing

Team Guy gained a huge swing on this deal from their Round 5 match-up with Team Sebesri.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|------------|
| ♠ K Q J 8 5 4 | ♠ A 9 3 | ♠ 10 7 6 2 |
| ♥ A 10 5 3 2 | ♥ 6 | ♥ K Q J |
| ♦ 5 4 | ♦ A K Q 8 2 | ♦ 7 3 |
| ♣ — | ♣ K 7 5 2 | ♣ Q 10 6 4 |

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ♠ — | ♠ — | ♠ — |
| ♥ 9 8 7 4 | ♥ 9 8 7 4 | ♥ 9 8 7 4 |
| ♦ J 10 9 6 | ♦ J 10 9 6 | ♦ J 10 9 6 |
| ♣ A J 9 8 3 | ♣ A J 9 8 3 | ♣ A J 9 8 3 |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|-------|------------------|----------|
| <i>Osborne</i> | | <i>Dravitzki</i> | |
| — | 1♦ | Pass | 3♦ |
| 4♠ | 5♦ | 5♠ | All Pass |

North opened with a natural 1♦ and South raised to 3♦. Now Rebecca Osborne overcalled 4♠, not worrying about the hearts when spades were both longer and stronger, and when North went on to 5♦ Pamela Dravitski saved in 5♠, which ended the auction.

Five Spades was permitted to make. I assume (my correspondent didn't have the details) that North led the singleton heart then tried to put partner in with a club to get a heart ruff upon winning the ace of spades, and now declarer could draw trumps and get rid of dummy's diamond losers on the hearts, later ruffing one diamond so just having one to lose. Anyway, +450 to Team Guy.

Double dummy, North can underlead twice in diamonds to get two ruffs for down three, Perhaps if North gets a ♦ J discard from South on the first spade he can then underlead to the nine, take his first ruff and underlead again to the ten to get a second. That would be nice defence.

At the other table:

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------------|------|------------|
| | <i>Gray</i> | | <i>Guy</i> |
| — | 1♣ | Pass | 1♦ |
| 2♠ | 3♦ | 3♠ | 4♦ |
| 4♠ | 5♦ | 5♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | Pass | 6♦ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

Steve Gray opened with a strong club and Lindsey Guy made a 1♦ negative response. West again treated the hand as a single-suiter, overcalling 2♠, and Steve introduced his diamonds. The auction wound its way to 6♦, doubled by East. The Precision auction had got the contract played

the right way up, so that West could not make a Lightner double to attract a club lead for the setting trick. Played by South, it required a heart underlead to put East in to give the ruff and, perhaps not surprisingly, West in practice led a spade. Lindsey could win the ♠ A, draw trumps and pick up the clubs for +1090 and 17 IMPs to Team Guy.

Team Sebrisi had the last laugh, however, as they sneaked a 1 IMP win overall.

Tim Proof by Tim Schumacher

Last century when Michael Prescott was living in Christchurch if he was in a cold contract, he would call it Tim Proof.

On the first board of the final of the Back To The Future Teams, playing with Susan Humphries, the contract was 4♠. I was rather hoping to impress my partner, this being the first time we had played together.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

| | | |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
| ♠ 10 4 3 | ♠ 2 | ♠ A K Q 9 7 6 5 |
| ♥ 8 7 6 | ♥ K 10 5 | ♥ J 4 |
| ♦ K Q 7 | ♦ J 9 6 3 | ♦ 10 4 2 |
| ♣ A 9 7 3 | ♣ Q 8 6 4 2 | ♣ 10 |

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ♠ J 8 | ♠ J 8 | ♠ J 8 |
| ♥ A Q 9 3 2 | ♥ A Q 9 3 2 | ♥ A Q 9 3 2 |
| ♦ A 8 5 | ♦ A 8 5 | ♦ A 8 5 |
| ♣ K J 5 | ♣ K J 5 | ♣ K J 5 |

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|-------|-------------------|----------|
| <i>Humphries</i> | | <i>Schumacher</i> | |
| — | Pass | 1♠ | 2♥ |
| 2♠ | 3♥ | 4♠ | All Pass |

Looking at this double dummy, it's hard to see how to lose four tricks, but I found a way with the help of Jerry Chen. At trick one, he led the five of diamonds! When I ducked this around to my ten and lost to the jack I was down one and scored 0%.

So the very first card I played with my new partner was a complete disaster – so much for impressing her.

Brainteaser 6

We have all heard of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, and many will have seen the recent 'Now You See Me' movies, whose central characters call themselves The Four Horsemen, but who were the Four Horsemen in the bridge world?

The Sub-Moysian

We all learn very early in our bridge lives that we should strive to find a trump fit of at least eight cards, with a four-four fit to be particularly cherished. Alphonse 'Sonny' Moyse was publisher and editor of the Bridge World from 1955 to 1966 but his name will always be remembered in bridge circles for his advocacy of the four-three fit, which has become known as the Moysian Fit. He did not advocate the four-two fit, but that would be known as a sub-Moysian, and one came up in Round 4 of the NZ Swiss qualifiers.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| ♠ 8 5 | ♠ 9 4 3 | ♠ Q 2 |
| ♥ K J | ♥ 10 9 4 3 | ♥ A Q 7 2 |
| ♦ A K 8 6 5 3 | ♦ Q 9 4 | ♦ 10 2 |
| ♣ K 10 5 | ♣ 7 6 2 | ♣ A Q J 9 3 |
| | ♠ A K J 10 7 6 | |
| | ♥ 8 6 5 | |
| | ♦ J 7 | |
| | ♣ 8 4 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|----------|---------------|-------|
| <i>S. Coutts</i> | | <i>Bailey</i> | |
| — | — | — | 2♦ |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

When South opened with a multi 2♦, Sam Coutts overcalled 3♦ and Sam Bailey tried 3♥. With nothing in spades, Coutts could see that was surely South's suit and raised to 4♥, thereby reaching the sub-Moysian fit.

The defence led three rounds of spades – a ruff and discard is often the best shot against a sub-Moysian, but Bailey could ruff with the jack, cash the ♥K and come to hand with a club to cash the ace and queen of hearts. The four-three split meant that he could now just play out his winners, North being able to ruff whenever she liked, but that would be the third and last trick for the defence.

True, 5♣ is rather more secure, but who could resist the sub-Moysian?

Altogether, eight pairs out of 110 played in 4♥, making either 10 or 11 tricks. Pride of place goes to the Morel v O'Shaughnessy match, in which both E/Ws played the heart game.

The Intra-finesse

Brazilian great, Gabriel Chagas is generally considered to be the inventor of the intra-finesse, though it may well have been around long before he first brought it to the world's attention. The intra-finesse reared its head during Round 3 of the NZ Teams Swiss qualifying stage.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| ♠ K J 3 | ♠ A 9 7 6 2 | ♠ 10 5 |
| ♥ 8 | ♥ 10 7 3 2 | ♥ Q 6 5 4 |
| ♦ A Q 10 8 7 | ♦ J | ♦ 6 5 3 2 |
| ♣ Q J 3 2 | ♣ A K 7 | ♣ 9 8 5 |
| | ♠ Q 8 4 | |
| | ♥ A K J 9 | |
| | ♦ K 9 4 | |
| | ♣ 10 6 4 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|---------------|----------|-------------|
| | <i>Wallis</i> | | <i>Nash</i> |
| 1♦ | 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

At the other table, declarer went down in 3♠, misguessing the position in both majors. Here, Jimmy Wallis made 4♠.

East led a diamond, which Jimmy ducked to the queen. West was a bit stuck now but switched to the queen of clubs and declarer won the ace. The king of spades was a strong favourite to be with West. One option was to cash the ace then duck the second spade, hoping to find the king doubleton. But there was an alternative – the intra-finesse, which would pick up a three-card holding, just so long as East held either the jack or the ten. Jimmy led a low spade and called for dummy's eight, the intra-finesse. That lost to the jack and West was again a bit stuck. He got out with a low club and, not at all sure of the club situation but knowing what he wanted to do in spades, declarer went up with the ♣K, crossed to the ace of hearts and led the queen of spades. Whether or not West covered there was no second defensive spade winner. Having drawn the outstanding trumps, it remained only to take the heart finesse to bring in 10 tricks and a big swing to the Nash team. etimes, different players value their hands

Judy McLeod would like to thank
the unknown benefactor who handed
in her lost ring.
Very greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

Flexible Hand Evaluation

differently so that, despite playing identical methods, they choose different ways to describe their hands. That is well understood, but Barry Jones, partnering the long-suffering Jenny Millington, showed that the same player could value a hand differently on this deal from Round 7 of the NZ Teams Swiss qualifying stage.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

| <p>♠ 6 5 4 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ Q 10 5 3 2 ♣ K 7</p> | | | |
|--|----------|-------|-------|
| <p>♠ A ♥ 10 6 5 4 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ J 8 6 4 3</p> | | | |
| <p>♠ K J 9 8 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ K 9 8 4 ♣ A 9</p> | | | |
| <p>♠ Q 10 7 3 ♥ A J 9 7 ♦ J ♣ Q 10 5 2</p> | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| Jenny | | Barry | |
| — | — | 1♦ | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| 3♦ | All Pass | | |

Barry opened the East hand with 1♦, quite normally, and when Jenny responded 1♥ judged to show his spades rather than rebid 1NT. Jenny might have given preference to 2♦ but chose to bid 1NT, and now Barry was tempted by the three-card heart support and bid out his shape with 2♥. Of course, the shape he had bid out should have been 4-3-5-1, and looking at four weak hearts Jenny converted to 3♦. The bad lie of the red suits meant that the best Barry could manage was down one for -50.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| Jenny | | Barry | |
| — | — | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

And then, some time later, the same board was brought back to the table and nobody noticed. This time Barry looked at his chunky intermediates and upgraded to a 1NT opening. Jenny used Stayman then jumped to 3NT. I would like to be able to tell you that the contract was played out but the sight of dummy woke up at least one of the players so no play was necessary.

I wonder, had Barry had a third opportunity to bid the hand, would he have opened 1♦ and rebid 1NT over 1♥, the winning choice?

The Only Ones

Ann and Colin Baker were the only pair to bid this deal to slam in the final of the Back to the Future Teams.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| <p>♠ Q 10 9 4 2 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 8 ♣ K Q 8 6 3</p> | | | |
| <p>♠ 5 ♥ K 10 8 7 5 4 2 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 8 7 4</p> | | | |
| <p>♠ A K J 7 ♥ A Q ♦ A K J 6 4 3 ♣ 5</p> | | | |
| <p>♠ 8 6 3 ♥ J 6 ♦ Q 10 9 7 2 ♣ A J 2</p> | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|-------|----------|
| Ann | | Colin | |
| — | — | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♥ | Pass | 6♥ | All Pass |

Colin opened with a strong and artificial 2♣ and Ann made the negative/waiting response of 2♦. When Colin first showed his diamonds then the spades, Ann bid and rebid her seven-card heart suit and Colin judged correctly that the ace and queen should be sufficient to offer prospects of hearts playing for no loser so raised to 6♥.

After a diamond lead, Ann won the ace, cashed the ace and queen of hearts and played ♦ K and ruffed a diamond. The bad diamond split meant that she needed the spade finesse for her twelfth trick but, when the queen proved to be where it needed to be, she had her contract and a 100% score on the board.

Colin also drew my attention to Board 17 of the final.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p>♠ K 8 ♥ K J ♦ Q 8 7 5 3 ♣ Q 10 8 2</p> | | | |
| <p>♠ Q 7 ♥ A 10 8 7 5 ♦ K 9 2 ♣ K 9 3</p> | | | |
| <p>♠ A 6 5 4 2 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ A 7</p> | | | |
| <p>♠ J 10 9 3 ♥ Q 3 2 ♦ J 4 ♣ J 6 5 4</p> | | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| <i>Ann</i> | | <i>Colin</i> | |
| — | 1♦ | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

At the table, North led a diamond and that picked up the suit without loss for declarer who simply ruffed the third club in the dummy and lost two hearts and a spade. However, suppose that North finds the best lead of a club?

Declarer wins the ace of clubs and ducks a heart to North's jack. Back comes a second club so she wins the king, ruffs the club loser and ducks a second heart. North wins and can get out with a club, but declarer ruffs and cashes the remaining trumps and North is down to three diamonds and two spades. Declarer plays three rounds of diamonds and North is endplayed to lead away from the king of spades at trick 12 to give the tenth trick.

Deja Vu

by Michael Courtney

This deal occurred too late to be included in the 2016 bulletins so here it is in 2017.

Certainly the best played hand of the 2016 final was this:

Dealer South

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|------------|
| ♠ A Q 9 5 | ♠ 7 3 2 | ♠ J 8 6 |
| ♥ — | ♥ A J 9 8 3 | ♥ 10 7 5 2 |
| ♦ Q 10 9 7 5 4 | ♦ J | ♦ 8 6 3 |
| ♣ Q 6 2 | ♣ J 8 4 3 | ♣ A 9 5 |
| | ♠ K 10 4 | |
| | ♥ K Q 6 4 | |
| | ♦ A K 2 | |
| | ♣ K 10 7 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| <i>Cornell</i> | <i>Courtney</i> | <i>Bach</i> | <i>Don</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♥ |
| Dble | 4♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass | | |

Various obvious questions arise. Why did West double again? Why didn't Rose Don redouble?

Dummy's jack of diamonds scored at trick one. Now all was well unless trumps were four-zero, as seemed likely on the auction.. Rose cashed the trump ace, then three more trumps ending in dummy. West should certainly have discarded the ♦ Q first, but Cornell chose to discard two low (encouraging) diamonds instead, then a low club and a low spade.

Declarer played a club to the ten and queen. Ashley won the club return with the ace and returned a diamond to try and tap dummy before the long club was established; +590

Very well played by Rose, of course, who foresaw that taking her diamond winners would lead to the loss of control and certainly the contract, but poor defence from Michael Cornell and more fool Ashley for trusting him.

A great many players congratulated Rose on her fine deceptive play. But is deception really involved? Losing trump control on purpose is a poor plan. All this strongly reminded me of another deal. It took me 24 hours to place it.

Again straightforward play was widely hailed as a masterpiece of deception (even by me!) Here is that *Deja Vu* deal:

Dealer South

| | | |
|-----------|-------------|------------|
| ♠ A Q 8 | ♠ 9 7 5 4 3 | ♠ K J 10 6 |
| ♥ 9 6 4 | ♥ K 10 7 3 | ♥ 5 |
| ♦ A 9 2 | ♦ 8 5 | ♦ K Q J 2 |
| ♣ J 8 6 2 | ♣ 7 3 | ♣ 10 9 5 4 |
| | ♠ 2 | |
| | ♥ A Q J 8 2 | |
| | ♦ 10 7 4 3 | |
| | ♣ A K Q | |

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Flint</i> | <i>Cummings</i> | <i>Reese</i> | <i>Seres</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♥ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

Four Hearts looked a certainty until West produced a trump lead. Now the problem is that declarer may no longer have time to ruff two diamonds in dummy.

How do you play?

The deal is from the 1964 Olympiad in New York. This hand appears in Dick Cummings' book on Australia the 1964 Bridge Olympiad and, as given, in the Daily Bulletins edited by R.L.Frey and A. Dormer. Also A. Truscott New York Times May 22nd 1964

Flint got off to the only lead that gives declarer any difficulty, a small trump. If the hearts break the hand is a cooler, but if they don't...

The obvious line is to win the heart in hand, cash the three high clubs, discarding a diamond, concede a diamond, win the marked heart continuation in hand, ruff a diamond -- and then declarer cannot get off dummy without telegraphing his entire hand: he'll eventually lose three diamonds and a spade.

Seres clearly owns no stock in Western Union. He went up with the heart king on the opening lead, then came off dummy with a small spade to Flint's eight. On the heart

return, East (Terence Reese) threw a small club. Seres now led a small diamond from hand and Reese overtook partner's nine to push a club through. That was the end of the defence. Seres now cashed the high clubs, pitching dummy's diamond and cross-ruffed for ten tricks."

The key point is that acute strength or weakness in the closed hand is often difficult for the enemy to visualise. Particularly where the bidding made no comment on such, the concealment must be maintained for as long as possible in the play. Here, from East's viewpoint the whole hand might pivot around the defence taking the club finesse. Hence he seized the lead to scuttle South's clubs. Conceal vivid strengths and weaknesses.

Tales of Table Two

by Richard Solomon

Well, it was the first round of the New Zealand Teams. So, anyone could be at table two. Indeed, it was not anyone but a pair who had an affinity to the number two as they had just finished second in the New Zealand Pairs. The other pair, from Sydney, was indeed the home team with Will Jenner O'Shea and Vanessa Brown sitting North/South, so, you could expect some reasonable quality bridge.

You do not always get what you expect!

The first board started quietly with Will scrambling home in 1NT. Then came Board 18:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--------------|
| <p> ♠ 2 ♥ A Q ♦ K Q J 10 8 5 ♣ 10 6 4 2 </p> | | | |
| <p> ♠ Q 8 7 5 3 ♥ 10 7 6 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ 8 7 </p> | <p> N W E S </p> | <p> ♠ J 10 9 6 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ 7 6 ♣ A K J 5 </p> | |
| <p> ♠ A K 4 ♥ J 9 5 3 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ Q 9 3 </p> | | | |
| West | North | East | South |
| — | — | 1NT | Dble |
| 2♥ | 2♠ | All Pass | |

Gary Chen, East, started proceedings with a weak 1NT. Vanessa, South, liked her hand and made a penalty double. Richard Solomon, West, with a hand similar to what he held throughout the semi-final of the Rubber, ran for whatever cover was on offer. He bid 2♥ showing both majors. Will, North, had ambitions of the no-trump game, and decided he would check out whether his partner had a spade hold by bidding 2♠.

All very logical so far? Gary passed and Vanessa who was thinking her powerful penalty double was not so powerful after all, settled for a quiet partscore in 2♠!

Gary led the ♣ K and after Will had thanked his partner for her very nice dummy, muttering something under his breath about forcing bids, switched to a trump. Rule Number one about playing a trump contract is, if no ruffing is needed, draw trumps. This applies equally when you have both more trumps than the opposition or considerably less! So, Will played ♠ K and then the four. Richard won the third round with the queen, played a second club and scored a club ruff before exiting a diamond.

What could Will do but play diamonds? Everyone followed to two rounds but on the third round, Richard was very eager to use his last trump. He was so eager that when Will led from the North hand, he, West, had his trump dangling ready to play....failing to notice that Gary was also ruffing the same trick. Both cards were exposed and Gary's ♠ 10 beat his partner's ♠ 8.

A fine way to draw two trumps at the same time when you have none yourself!

Gary cashed his high ♣ J but had to give the rest of the tricks to Will.

The defence had taken three club tricks along with three spade tricks. Maybe one should be entitled to two tricks when both defenders trump the same trick? We will seek a ruling from Murray Wiggins.

Naturally, the eagle-eyed scorers queried how North could have played 2♠. It is good to know they look after our best interests.

So, that's the calibre of bridge between two pairs who can usually do more than follow suit. It must be kind of comforting to see the level others may aspire to...perhaps!

Story of the Day

After suitable deliberation the committee, award the second **Story of the Day** prize to **Michael Courtney** for his article: 'Divorce Looms Large', which appeared on page 9 of Wednesday's Bulletin.

If Michael would like to come to the Bulletin Room, next door to the main office, he can collect his bottle of Babich fine wine.

Brainteaser Solution

A very successful American team formed in 1931 by P. Hal Sims. The other three players were Oswald Jacoby, Willard S. Karn and David Burnstine.



NZ Teams Swiss Round 6 – Coutts v Jarvis

At the midpoint in the qualifying Swiss of the New Zealand Teams, Team Coutts headed the table with Team Jarvis lying second. That meant that the two teams met in Round Six, the first match of Wednesday morning.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

| | | |
|---------------|---|------------|
| ♠ – | ♠ K 9 8 7 6 2 | ♠ Q 5 3 |
| ♥ J 8 7 5 3 2 | ♥ A 6 | ♥ K Q 4 |
| ♦ 6 5 4 | ♦ A Q 10 9 2 | ♦ 8 7 3 |
| ♣ 8 7 6 2 | ♣ – | ♣ A 10 4 3 |
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| | ♠ A J 10 4 | |
| | ♥ 10 8 | |
| | ♦ K J | |
| | ♣ K Q J 8 5 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|----------|----------|
| Westoby | Don | Jarvis | Courtney |
| – | 1♠ | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4♠ |
| Pass | 6♠ | All Pass | |

Rosie Don opened 1♠ and Michael Courtney responded 3♣, game-forcing spade raise. Four Clubs showed a club shortage and that did not suit Michael at all so he signed

off in 4♠. However, Rosie had an exceptionally distributional hand and went on to the small slam.

Grant Jarvis led the king of hearts and must have had some hopes of defeating the contract when Rosie won the ♥ A and led a spade to dummy's ace. However, it was not to be. Rosie continued with the king of spades followed by three rounds of diamonds to get rid of dummy's heart loser, and there was just a spade to be lost; +980.

At the other table, Kathy and Ken Yule, playing against Nick Jacob and James Coutts, also bid and made 6♠ for a flat board.

Five pairs reached the excellent grand slam, three making (two doubled) and two going down. What was a bit scary was that no fewer than seven people went down in the ice-cold small slam.

Board 2 was a dull game for E/W, then came the first swing on Board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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| ♠ J 5 3 | ♠ Q 6 2 | ♠ 10 8 7 4 |
| ♥ Q 3 | ♥ K 10 8 5 2 | ♥ J 4 |
| ♦ A J 8 5 | ♦ 7 3 2 | ♦ K 9 6 |
| ♣ A 10 5 3 | ♣ 8 7 | ♣ J 6 5 2 |
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| | ♠ A K 9 | |
| | ♥ A 9 7 6 | |
| | ♦ Q 10 4 | |
| | ♣ K Q 4 | |

| West | North | East | South |
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| Westoby | Don | Jarvis | Courtney |
| – | – | – | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1NT | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

Michael opened a four-card 1♠ and Rosie, despite having five-card support, responded with a non-forcing 1NT. The partnership plays an immediate heart raise as around 7-10 so this hand doesn't qualify. When Michael showed 18-19 balanced, Rosie jumped to the heart game.

Jonathan Westoby led a spade, which Michael won in hand with the ace. He drew trumps ending in dummy and led a club to the king and ace and back came the ten of clubs. Michael won the queen, ruffed his club loser and cashed the spades before leading a diamond to the ten. Had the ♦ J been onside, the elimination play would have left Jonathan endplayed to give the contract, but on the actual lay-out he could win the jack and play ace and another diamond for down one; –50.



Rosie Don

The Yules stopped in 3♥ in the other room for +140 and 5 IMPs to Team Jarvis.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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| ♠ 7 5 | ♠ K 7 4 3 | ♠ Q 9 6 2 |
| ♥ J 4 2 | ♥ 8 5 | ♥ A K Q 10 3 |
| ♦ 6 5 4 2 | ♦ A K J 10 | ♦ 9 7 |
| ♣ A 10 8 6 | ♣ K Q 3 | ♣ 7 5 |
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| | ♠ A J 8 | |
| | ♥ 9 7 6 | |
| | ♦ Q 8 3 | |
| | ♣ J 9 4 2 | |

| West | North | East | South |
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| <i>Westoby</i> | <i>Don</i> | <i>Jarvis</i> | <i>Courtney</i> |
| Pass | 1NT | All Pass | |

When Rosie opened a 15-17 no trump, Michael did not stretch in search of a thin game, preferring to play the percentages that, with his barren eight-count, game was heavily against the odds.

Grant led the king of hearts, asking for an unblock, and Jonathan duly obliged. Grant cashed the rest of the hearts and Rosie came down to all four diamonds and two cards in each black suit. She could win Grant's spade switch and knock out the club for seven tricks and +90.

In the other room, Nick and James played in 2♥ down two on the E/W cards to lose -200; 3 IMPs to Team Jarvis.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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| ♠ A Q 9 | ♠ K J 10 8 7 4 | ♠ 6 3 |
| ♥ A Q 7 6 4 3 | ♥ 8 5 | ♥ 9 2 |
| ♦ J 2 | ♦ K 7 3 | ♦ 10 9 6 5 |
| ♣ 3 2 | ♣ K 10 | ♣ A 9 8 6 5 |
| | W N E | |
| | S | |
| | ♠ 5 2 | |
| | ♥ K J 10 | |
| | ♦ A Q 9 4 | |
| | ♣ Q J 7 4 | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Westoby</i> | <i>Don</i> | <i>Jarvis</i> | <i>Courtney</i> |
| — | 1♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| 3♥ | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Rosie judged the North hand to be too good for a weak two bid so opened at the one level and Michael responded with 2NT, a balanced game-force. It was clear from the later conversation that, when Rosie alerted, Jonathan just

assumed 2NT to be a game-forcing spade raise. Well, so might many of us, because that use of 2NT is so common. I think we need to two levels of alert, or for some bids to be announced rather than alerted. Here, a super-alert, to say not only is this bid alertable but it is worth asking about because it probably isn't what you think it is, would be a good idea. Anyway, there was no game on for N/S on this lie of the cards. Rosie rebid the long spades and Michael converted to 3NT.

Jonathan led a low heart to the nine and jack and Michael led a club to the king and ace. The heart return meant that Jonathan could cash five of those plus the ace of spades for down three and -300.

Had Michael guessed to play on spades rather than clubs, Jonathan might have had to guess which minor-suit ace his partner held, but he could solve this problem by ducking the spade play and seeing how declarer came back to hand to lead the next spade.

The contract in the other room was 3♥ down one by West for -50 – presumably North opened with a weak two bid and West's overcall was passed out. That was worth another 8 IMPs to Team Jarvis, who led by 16-0.

East now played three dull games and all three were as flat as they would have expected. Then Team Coutts finally got on the scoreboard.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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| ♠ 7 6 | ♠ 10 8 4 | ♠ K J |
| ♥ Q J 10 9 6 | ♥ A 7 | ♥ K 6 4 |
| ♦ K J 10 9 | ♦ 5 3 | ♦ A Q 8 2 |
| ♣ 8 4 | ♣ Q 10 9 6 3 2 | ♣ A K 7 5 |
| | W N E | |
| | S | |
| | ♠ A Q 9 5 3 2 | |
| | ♥ 5 3 2 | |
| | ♦ 7 6 4 | |
| | ♣ J | |

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Westoby</i> | <i>Don</i> | <i>Jarvis</i> | <i>Courtney</i> |
| — | Pass | 2♦ | 2♠ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 4♥ | All Pass | | |

Grant's 2♦ was either strong balanced or a very weak two bid in a major, maximum 7 HCP. Michael found a wafer-thin overcall and Jonathan passed in tempo. When Rosie raised to 3♠, it took Grant a moment or two to pass and now Jonathan bid 4♥ on the West cards. There was a certain amount of discussion about the legality of the 4♥ bid after partner's break in tempo and the TD was called.

Jonathan's argument was that his opponents had made not bid game and that if Grant had a weak two in hearts they had at least 26 HCP between them plus a heart shortage – it just didn't add up – so East should have the strong balanced type.

Anyway, whether you are convinced by that logic, which is pretty compelling against any but the weakest of opponents, any serious problems were avoided when 4♥ was defeated. Rosie led the ten of spades so Michael took the queen and ace then switched to his singleton club. When Rosie won the first heart she could give Michael a heart ruff and that was down one for -100.

Four Hearts was presumably reached at the other table also, as the final contract was 4♠ doubled by N/S and that was down two for -300 and 9 IMPs to Team Coutts. They picked up another IMP on the next deal and the two after that were flat partscores. Then the match was decided on the last two deals.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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| ♠ A 5 4 | ♠ J 10 9 7 6 3 2 | ♠ K 8 |
| ♥ K 10 9 3 | ♥ A 8 | ♥ 4 |
| ♦ Q | ♦ 5 | ♦ K 10 9 8 6 3 2 |
| ♣ A J 8 7 4 | ♣ Q 9 6 | ♣ 10 5 3 |
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| | ♠ Q | |
| | ♥ Q J 7 6 5 2 | |
| | ♦ A J 7 4 | |
| | ♣ K 2 | |

| West | North | East | South |
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| Westoby | Don | Jarvis | Courtney |
| — | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |



Grant Jarvis

The combination of a thin vulnerable pre-empt and optimistic raise got Rosie to a very poor 4♠ contract, against which Grant led his singleton heart.

Rosie put up the queen and Jonathan covered, presumably afraid that partner might have underled the ace on this auction. Rosie won the ace and led a low spade. Grant going in with the king and returning the ten of clubs, trying to make it clear that he was not interested in the club suit so must be looking for a heart ruff. Rosie covered with the king, losing to the ace, and Jonathan got it wrong, returning the queen of diamonds. Rosie led a club to the nine then played a spade. Jonathan won but was now powerless to defeat the contract; 10 tricks and +620.

The contract at the other table was only 2♠, and nine tricks were made for +140 but 10 IMPs to Team Coutts.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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| ♠ A 10 2 | ♠ K Q 5 4 3 | ♠ J 8 6 |
| ♥ K 9 5 | ♥ J 10 6 4 2 | ♥ Q 7 |
| ♦ K J 10 9 | ♦ 8 6 5 | ♦ Q 7 3 |
| ♣ 10 6 4 | ♣ — | ♣ Q 8 7 5 3 |
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| | ♠ 9 7 | |
| | ♥ A 8 3 | |
| | ♦ A 4 2 | |
| | ♣ A K J 9 2 | |

| West | North | East | South |
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| Westoby | Don | Jarvis | Courtney |
| — | — | Pass | 1♣ |
| 1♦ | Dble | 2♦ | 3NT |
| Pass | 4♦ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

Michael could have opened a 15-17 no trump but preferred 1♣, and Jonathan made a four-card 1♦ overcall. Rosie doubled for take-out and Grant made a simple diamond raise. Now Michael overbid with a jump to 3NT and that did not suit Rosie, who cuebid 4♦ to get her partner to pick a major.

Jonathan led a club against 4♥, Michael winning the queen with the ace while pitching a diamond from dummy and leading a spade up. Jonathan won the ace and led a second club so Michael won in hand, again throwing a diamond from dummy, and played ace and another heart. He had 10 tricks for +420 now.

Game was not reached at the other table, the Yules scoring +170 in 2♠, so Team Coutts gained 6 IMPs and had won the match by 26-16 IMPs, 12.97-7.03 VPs.

Information for New Arrivals

Our Congress Organisers and Staff

The Organisers, the Directors, all those involved in the running of this Congress are listed in the inside back cover of your Players' Booklet. (I hope you have collected your booklet from Nola and Gwyn at the "Front Desk", which in true Kiwi style is at the "rear" entrance to the hotel. We are such logical people!). You will be well served by a group of enthusiastic caddies.

I have already mentioned Nola and Gwyn. They are there to help you, the players, with any problems you may have, whether it is finding partners or teammates, entering events, needing a friendly face to talk to, paying out prize money for all except the major prizes, taking any unpaid entry fees, Victory Dinner vouchers...anything, almost anything!

You can enter events on-line until a few hours before events start. You can also enter yourselves on a laptop provided, close to Nola and Gwyn's office, or if you prefer, they will handle your entry themselves. For those of you who still have to pay, eftpos and credit card facilities (Master-Card and Visa only) will be available at Nola and Gwyn's office.

Please see Nola and Gwyn if you think you are entitled to prize-money. It is easier for you to see them than for them to chase you.

Session Times

They are in your Score Books, on the website, on TV screens around the hotel. Please arrive and be seated early. You can meet and talk to opponents, all part of the social side of being at such a Congress.

New Zealand Rules

You may understand our local regulations. They may be a little less clear for our overseas visitors. Every pair needs to have a completed system card at the table. Please observe that. "Completed" for a 5A or lesser event means the outer two pages only but for any 10A or above event, of which there are several at this Congress, you need all four pages completed.

Please remember to use "Stop" Cards when you are making a jump bid...and that means giving your opponent 10 seconds to think about their next bid. Please alert your opponents to bids that they may not understand from their bridge knowledge, whether the bids are natural or not. The exceptions are bids above 3NT or self-alerting bids like doubles. These self-alerting bids should be alerted by the declaring side at the end of the auction.

The range of the opening 1NT bid needs to be "announced" by the partner of the opener. Another bid to be "announced" in this manner is 1♣, no matter the meaning or length.

Psyching is allowed but not persistent psyching. A partnership is only allowed one psyche per session. The player who psyches is responsible for completing a psyche

form and handing in to the directing staff.

Also, please, please turn your cell-phone off during any session.

Programme Changes

Note that the various Swiss Pairs events start on Friday evening, which is not mentioned in your Players' Scoring Books.

Appeals Advisors, Appeals Committees and Congress Recorders

If you are unsure about whether you would like to review a decision made at the table by a director, we have a series of experienced and friendly players, whom you could approach to get advice. Although there is one from each region, you can approach any of them. As well as one per region, we have Jim Wallis acting on behalf of Australian players while with an ever growing number of Mandarin speaking players taking part, we have Gary Chen who can advise that group in their own language. A full list of Appeals Advisors is listed on page 7 of your Players' Score Booklets.

All rulings which players wish to take to appeal will be subject to a Chief Director's Review first. We have two Appeals Committees under the chairmanship of Patrick Carter and Julie Atkinson who will hear those rulings referred to them by the Chief Director.

However, you may feel uncomfortable about something that happened at the bridge table but not really an incident involving the Appeals process. That is where our Congress Recorders can assist. They will happy to discuss such matters with you and can advise on such tricky or delicate incidents that invariably do occur. The Congress Recorders are Malcolm Smith and Christine Wilson.

Score Queries during Pairs Events

There will be a desk manned usually by Judy Butler, where scores on any board can be queried. If you have a query, please see Judy within the time-limit stipulated for score corrections. A score correction has to be agreed by both pairs involved. The desk will be in the main bar area.

Prize-Giving Dinner, Saturday October 7th

Many of you paid the extra \$10 when you paid for the Congress. This entitles you to have the dinner, though the system for drinks will be different this year and will require all players to collect their dinner tickets from Nola or Gwyn even if you have prepaid. The ticket will entitle you to the meal and a free beer, wine or soft drink from the bar. You will need to have a ticket.

Even if you did not prepay for the dinner, you can buy tickets during the week from Nola or Gwyn. Please try not to leave this until the last minute. The price for those who have paid the full Congress registration fee is \$10.00 per player. For others, it is \$45.00 per player.



Chough!

by Arthur Bennett

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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You've heard of Michaels, and Cro-Michaels. Well, now meet Chough!

The chough is a member of the crow family that lives among rocks on mountains and sea-cliffs. It is a rock crow or our mnemonic for ROC-CRO, our peculiar version of Michaels devised by yours truly to maximise the number of instances when we can get to play in a major at the two level.

The three bids are always: cuebid of their suit, 2NT and 3♣. These show ROC over a minor and CRO over a major.

The chough is also a bird like the raven, which will bite its trainer's eyes out at the drop of a hat. Gillian hates it and invariably gets it wrong, so much so that I am thinking of changing to reverse ROC-CRO, which she will get wrong and thus inadvertently, correct.

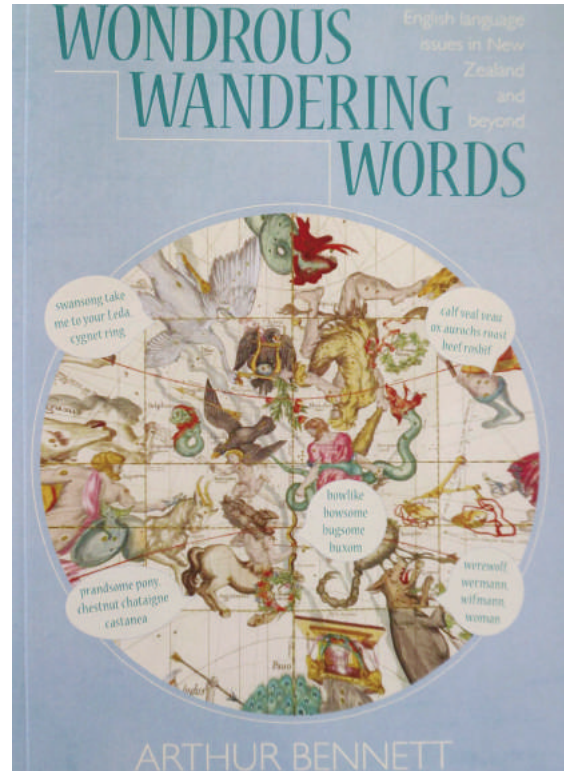
Board 19 of NZ Teams Swiss Round 7 came along. Deal Sole opened 1♦ and I bid 2♦. West passed. Gillian frowned with concentration and eventually wrote 3♣! Everybody, especially West, gazed at this bid and Dean asked what my 2♦ meant. Without batting an eyelid, Gillian said that it indicated two suits of the same Rank. A slight look of dismay may have flickered across her features when she glanced again at her cards. Dean now bid 3♦ and everybody passed.

Although Gillian had both bid honestly and described my 2♦ bid accurately, she somehow thought it would be now unethical to bid 3♥ with our known ten-card heart fit.

I led my singleton club. Declarer ducked and Gillian's jack won. She returned a spade to the queen, and of spades and then a ruff for Gillian, ace of hearts and then a

club for me to ruff. We had taken the first six tricks and declarer was two down vulnerable for –200 versus the +140 we would have made in hearts or the more likely –50 for one down in 4♥.

So get yourselves a good pair of protective gloves and add Chough to your system.



Don't forget Arthur's book, available at Richard's bookstall.

Calling a Revoke

Congratulations to **Joanna Perfect** for her active ethics on Board 27 of Round 9, NZ Swiss qualifying stage. Joanna and her partner, Hamish Brown, had doubled their opponents in 3♣, which had made nine tricks for +470. However, despite no doubt feeling less than happy with life at this point, Joanna called a revoke which the opposition had not noticed on her own side so the contract actually made with an overtrick for +570. The result in the other room was +100 to Joanna's team so the extra trick made 1 IMP difference, with them losing 10 instead of 9 IMPs on the board. You could say that this was a case of **Perfect ethics**.

New Zealand Teams – Final Swiss Rankings

| Place | Cat | Team (click here to show names) | Imps | VPs | W-D-L |
|-------|-----|---------------------------------|------|--------|--------|
| 1 | | COUTTS (29) | 333 | 168.00 | 10-0-0 |
| 2 | | THOMPSON (83) | 285 | 161.13 | 9-0-1 |
| 3 | | FISHER (51) | 139 | 130.47 | 7-0-3 |
| 4 | | JONES (81) | 174 | 130.32 | 7-0-3 |
| 5 | | JOHNSTON (104) | 174 | 129.94 | 6-0-4 |
| 6 | | JARVIS (53) | 88 | 128.49 | 8-0-2 |
| 7 | | GROVER (8) | 130 | 127.44 | 8-0-2 |
| 8 | | BACH (34) | 133 | 125.17 | 6-1-3 |
| 9 | | LEI (25) | 105 | 124.66 | 7-0-3 |
| 10 | | COLES (36) | 111 | 123.15 | 7-0-3 |
| 11 | | DOLBEL (86) | 71 | 121.95 | 7-0-3 |
| 12 | | LIU (89) | 101 | 121.18 | 5-2-3 |
| 13 | | SEBESFI (99) | 81 | 121.13 | 8-0-2 |
| 14 | | STUCK (32) | 145 | 120.87 | 6-0-4 |
| 15 | | GRANT (45) | 88 | 120.66 | 7-0-3 |
| 16 | | MIAO (46) | 92 | 119.81 | 6-0-4 |
| 17 | | GLASS (7) | 94 | 119.74 | 6-0-4 |
| 18 | | BAKER (98) | 119 | 119.30 | 6-0-4 |
| 19 | | STOUT (12) | 86 | 119.08 | 6-0-4 |
| 20 | | SUN (77) | 121 | 118.79 | 6-1-3 |
| 21 | | PAWSON (85) | 70 | 115.92 | 6-0-4 |
| 22 | | JANISZ (22) | 113 | 115.59 | 5-0-5 |
| 23 | | KER (79) | 88 | 115.47 | 5-0-5 |
| 24 | | GUY (60) | 77 | 115.46 | 6-0-4 |
| 25 | | CARRYER (90) | 61 | 115.15 | 6-0-4 |
| 26 | | CLEAVER (71) | 55 | 114.93 | 6-0-4 |
| 27 | | MCGRATH (103) | 68 | 114.41 | 6-0-4 |
| 28 | | PELLEGRINI (97) | 67 | 114.35 | 6-0-4 |
| 29 | | MUNTZ (2) | 56 | 113.34 | 6-0-4 |
| 30 | | HANGARTNER (17) | 54 | 112.31 | 6-0-4 |
| 31 | | SOMERVILLE (27) | 57 | 111.55 | 6-1-3 |
| 32 | | PALMER (41) | 53 | 110.53 | 6-0-4 |
| 33 | | MARR (76) | 69 | 109.02 | 5-0-5 |
| 34 | | EMMS (1) | 50 | 108.86 | 5-0-5 |
| 35 | | BRAITHWAITE (21) | 48 | 108.33 | 6-0-4 |
| 36 | | GUILFORD (105) | 50 | 108.26 | 5-0-5 |
| 37 | | BOLLAND (67) | 15 | 107.90 | 6-0-4 |
| 38 | | MCGREGOR (24) | 16 | 107.53 | 6-0-4 |
| 39 | | TEMPLE (3) | 30 | 107.48 | 6-0-4 |
| 40 | | WOOD (65) | 27 | 107.11 | 6-0-4 |
| 41 | | DORMER (19) | 17 | 107.06 | 6-0-4 |
| 42 | | BECK (57) | 31 | 105.95 | 5-0-5 |
| 43 | | HUTTON (6) | 29 | 105.08 | 6-0-4 |
| 44 | | NIGHTINGALE (69) | 14 | 104.49 | 7-0-3 |
| 45 | | NORMAN (58) | 12 | 104.17 | 6-0-4 |
| 46 | | INGLIS (72) | 39 | 103.58 | 4-0-6 |
| 47 | | MORRISON (30) | 15 | 103.28 | 5-0-5 |
| 48 | | BUCHANAN (91) | 17 | 102.44 | 5-0-5 |
| 49 | | PARKER (38) | 19 | 102.20 | 5-0-5 |
| 50 | | BUZZARD (75) | -4 | 100.77 | 6-0-4 |
| 51 | | BROOKES (5) | 17 | 100.66 | 5-0-5 |
| 52 | | PRICE (13) | -9 | 100.52 | 5-0-5 |
| 53 | | HAMILTON (80) | 4 | 100.37 | 5-0-5 |
| 54 | | MOREL (37) | 12 | 100.03 | 5-0-5 |

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| 55 | SHAMI (92) | 13 | 99.79 | 4-0-6 |
| 56 | NICHOLAS (40) | 1 | 99.42 | 5-0-5 |
| 57 | WILSON (39) | -16 | 99.35 | 6-0-4 |
| 58 | MORRIS (42) | -12 | 99.27 | 7-0-3 |
| 59 | WANG (88) | -25 | 98.53 | 5-0-5 |
| 60 | DAGG (74) | 6 | 98.51 | 5-0-5 |
| 61 | WOODHEAD (100) | -32 | 98.47 | 6-0-4 |
| 62 | KALMA (43) | -10 | 96.63 | 5-0-5 |
| 63 | MCRAE (28) | -25 | 96.04 | 5-0-5 |
| 64 | CARR (61) | -8 | 95.90 | 4-0-6 |
| 65 | HANNA (35) | -22 | 95.80 | 5-0-5 |
| 66 | HUMPHREY (54) | -13 | 95.63 | 4-0-6 |
| 67 | MICHL (68) | -1 | 95.12 | 2-1-7 |
| 68 | GALLIE (94) | 8 | 94.78 | 4-0-6 |
| 69 | BENNETT (87) | -10 | 94.23 | 4-0-6 |
| 70 | NASH (44) | -15 | 93.64 | 4-0-6 |
| 71 | BARNARD (18) | -30 | 92.99 | 4-0-6 |
| 72 | WINSOR (50) | -62 | 92.83 | 5-0-5 |
| 73 | MINCHIN (64) | -27 | 92.76 | 5-0-5 |
| 74 | DODDRIDGE (95) | -73 | 91.03 | 5-0-5 |
| 75 | COOK (10) | -46 | 90.81 | 5-0-5 |
| 76 | PARKES (49) | -50 | 90.58 | 4-0-6 |
| 77 | ABRAHAM (59) | -51 | 89.40 | 3-0-7 |
| 78 | MACKAY (15) | -51 | 89.05 | 4-0-6 |
| 79 | BOULTON (31) | -46 | 88.43 | 3-0-7 |
| 80 | KHAN (55) | -31 | 87.25 | 3-1-6 |
| 81 | CRAIG (9) | -97 | 86.83 | 6-0-4 |
| 82 | GEARE (4) | -73 | 85.89 | 5-0-5 |
| 83 | DEAN (106) | -105 | 84.40 | 5-0-5 |
| 84 | HEMMES (16) | -76 | 83.84 | 4-0-6 |
| 84= | STACEY (26) | -92 | 83.84 | 5-0-5 |
| 86 | CURRIE (82) | -67 | 83.77 | 3-0-7 |
| 87 | WALTERS (23) | -38 | 83.53 | 2-0-8 |
| 88 | TURNER (78) | -123 | 83.50 | 4-0-6 |
| 89 | A HOUSE (110) | -76 | 82.82 | 4-0-6 |
| 90 | A BURDETT (109) | -64 | 82.41 | 3-0-7 |
| 91 | DAVIS (33) | -86 | 81.63 | 4-0-6 |
| 92 | O'SHAUGHNESSY (11) | -75 | 81.21 | 3-1-6 |
| 93 | NICOL (52) | -117 | 81.11 | 3-0-7 |
| 94 | DENT (93) | -94 | 80.88 | 4-0-6 |
| 95 | HANNAH BROWN (48) | -110 | 80.65 | 4-0-6 |
| 96 | MELVILLE (66) | -91 | 79.81 | 4-0-6 |
| 97 | BROWN (56) | -101 | 79.25 | 3-1-6 |
| 98 | BREWER (14) | -107 | 78.21 | 3-1-6 |
| 99 | HAYWARD (63) | -128 | 76.46 | 4-0-6 |
| 100 | A TURNER (107) | -119 | 76.12 | 3-0-7 |
| 101 | BARROWCLOUGH (70) | -108 | 75.05 | 3-0-7 |
| 102 | ASHWELL (84) | -160 | 74.54 | 4-1-5 |
| 103 | WEBBER (101) | -97 | 73.93 | 2-0-8 |
| 104 | DICK (62) | -133 | 73.35 | 3-0-7 |
| 105 | A GORDON (108) | -114 | 73.21 | 2-1-7 |
| 106 | SPENCER (47) | -104 | 73.10 | 2-1-7 |
| 107 | CHOWCHUVECH (73) | -121 | 71.18 | 2-0-8 |
| 108 | PATTISON (102) | -173 | 66.98 | 1-2-7 |
| 109 | BLACKIE (96) | -232 | 50.95 | 2-0-8 |
| 110 | SMITH (20) | -263 | 50.81 | 1-0-9 |



12th, 13th & 14th January 2018

At the Civic Centre, Cnr Mary and Queens Streets, Thames.

| Date | Time | Event | Per event fee |
|--|---------|--|---------------|
| Friday 12 th Jan | 7:30 pm | Walk In Pairs (session 1) - 3A | \$25 pp |
| Saturday 13 th Jan | 9:30 am | John Eldridge Teams - 5A 6 x 10 boards qualifying | \$45 pp |
| | 7:30 pm | Walk In Pairs (session 2) - 3A John Eldridge Teams Final 2 x 12 boards | |
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| Sunday 14 th Jan | 9:30 am | Barclay Swiss Pairs - 5A 6 x 10 boards matches | \$40 pp |
| Weekend Entry – \$85 pp (includes Walk In Pairs) | | | |

Barclay Swiss Pairs & John Eldridge Teams

For Junior, Intermediate and Open Players

Prizes for highest pairs & teams with <50 A's, 51-100 A's, 101-150 A's, 151-200 A's, 201-400 A's per 1 Jan 2018, as well as the top 4.

Catering: continuous tea/coffee. **Lunch is included on both days .**

To enter: <http://www.waikatobays.bridge-club.org/entries> you may be linked to the NZB web site when their tournament entry module is up and running.

To pay: preferred method is WBBR account: 02-0316-0391351-001 with your name and event in the Reference fields.

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