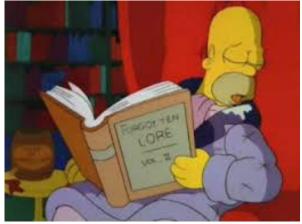
Bulletin 4, Monday 30 September



Novice Pairs NS winners Jacob Pilalis—Neil Sargisson— with Lesley Chubb

First Homer Award

The first hint of a Homer Award came before bridge started, when Rose Don called Richard frantically on Friday after finding that no one had seen fit to enter Michael Courtney and Australian visitor from the Top End Chris de Pasquale.



Fortunately, there was an odd number so the pair could be accommodated. Michael is probably unsuited to the role of booking and travel agent, and we hope that Chris is having a great time.

Last night the scorers were joking about a 7NT doubled contract that went eight





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Novice Pairs EW winners Ratilal Ranchhod—Kevin Griffin with Lesley Chubb

down for -2000. They didn't mention who the perpetrators were.

Much to my amazement it happened to be Congress Organiser Richard Solomon, in tandem with lan Berrington.

Here is how the drama unfolded, as told by Ian in the bar:

Semi final 2, Board 1, North deals, nil vulnerable

- ♠ 9 4 2
- ♥ J 9 6 5
- **9**8
- ♣J952
- **♠** 5
- ♥ Q 4 2
- A K Q J 10 4 2
- **♣** Q 7

- **♠** J 10
- A K 8 7 3
- **♦** 73
- ♣ K 10 8 3
- **▲** AKQ8763
- **v** 10
- **♦** 65
- ♣ A 6 4



"The bidding started normally enough - Pass by North, 1♥ by Richard and 4♠ by South.

I decided to try 4NT, hoping the bid would be interpreted by Richard as Key Card for hearts. After some inevitable squirming by Richard, a 54, 1 or 4 response appeared on the bidding pad.

Now I started to worry about the 5. bid. Surely it couldn't be that Richard has thought my bid was asking to choose a minor, could it?

I tried 5 ♦ to see what that would elicit. Sure enough, 5 ♥ (well, I do have the queen of hearts, so that would be his correct response, wouldn't it?

My confident 7NT bid followed, with the next two players passing, but my right hand opponent had the nerve to double. Then the slaughter began ..."

As can be seen, Richard did in fact take the 4NT bid as minors (they have sorted this out for the next time the same auction comes up (2035, maybe?), but Richard made the good point that in a Key Card scenario, surely over 5 •, he would have bid 6 • (4 Key Cards but no trump queen).

Not so expensive at pairs, but teammates probably wouldn't be too impressed at the result.

This approximation of events (some poetic licence applied) has had verbal approval for publication by both parties).

This was necessary, because Richard is still a little miffed with me for bolding the cutoff point for the semi final (78 pairs qualified), and his name happened to be 79th. Happy coincidence? Not polite in New Zealand? I would have thought that if yours was the top name in a field, you would be happy to wear the mantle.

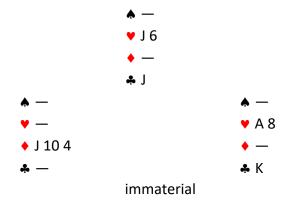
The same deal is also the subject of my next award, the best-played hand, reported by Moss Wylie.

Moss watched expert partner Ishmael Del'Monte bring home 5 ♥ in style after South cashed ♠A, ♣A, followed by ♠K. Ishmael ruffed low and cashed ♥Q, noting ♥10 from South. He played a

low heart and when
North split with ♥9, Ishmael won ♥K and crossed
back to dummy in diamonds. He cashed two
top diamonds, followed
by a third top diamond.
North discarded a spade
and Ishmael discarded a
club. Now came the coup



de grace. Ishmael still had one more trump than North, so it was necessary to shorten his trump holding to be sitting over North's ♥J at the crucial moment. He ruffed the next top diamond, and crossed back to dummy with ♣Q. This was the ending:



North was helpless. If he ruffed the next diamond, Ishmael only had winners. If he discarded, Ishmael would discard ♣K and be poised over North's ♥J-x at trick 12 and 13.

Top marks to the four declarers who succeeded in making 11 tricks; it requires insight into the endings required; many players can divine that the trumps won't be breaking, but not that many will realise that they need to shorten their trumps until too late.





Patrick Carter reported himself for an inferior play that he managed to recover from.

Semi final 1, Board 18, East deals, NS vulnerable

- **♦**874
- A 10 5 3 2
- ♦ A 6
- **4** 10 9 7
- **↑** 10 3 2
- **9**8
- 1098532
- **4** 4 3

- **♠**Q96
- ♥ J764
- 7 4
- ♣ A 8 6 2
- ♠ AKJ5
- ♥ K Q
- ♦ KQJ
- ♣ KQJ5

Patrick was at the helm in 6NT from the South seat.
West led ◆10, which Patrick won in hand. He cashed
▼K,Q then decided to cash ♠A in case there was a singleton queen lurking somewhere.



No luck. Now he went about forcing out ♣A. East, in with the ace now put Patrick to the test by returning a spade. Patrick realised he had misplayed the hand by cashing ♠A. He had not tested to see whether hearts were breaking, so now was crunch time.

He thought about the opponents' signalling when he played the two top hearts. If they were telling the truth, hearts weren't breaking (who tells the truth when defending a slam, though?) Patrick banked upon honest opponents, and inserted \$\delta J\$, breathing a sigh of relief when it held, and he could now claim 12 tricks.

Thanks for your honesty, Patrick, but next time write it down, please!

Patrick also retaliated to Ross Crichton's slur on the Kiwi accent:

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NZ Pairs Final

Well done to James Coutts—Shane Harrison, who averaged 60.66% to come out winners of the 2019 NZ Pairs, a repeat performance for Shane, who won in 2018 with Liam Milne.

Sydney visitor Julian Foster reported two boards featuring effective cardplay from Shane:

Final 1, Board 21, North deals, NS vulnerable

- **∧** K
- ♥ KQ843
- **10**
- ♣ KJ10742
- **▲** J 10 9 7 5
- **9** 6 5
- Q8542
- **.** 9

- **♠** A 4
- A 10 7 2
- ♦ A J 7
- ♣ Q865
- ♠ Q8632
- **♥** J 9
- ♦ K963
- **♣** A 3

Shane, North opened 1♥, and Jenna Gibbons overcalled 1NT. Julian bid 2♦, diamonds and a major, and Shane bid 3♣. This was converted to 3♥ by James and passed out.

Jenna led ♠A, cashed ◆A then shifted to a second spade. Shane rose king and played ♥J. Jenna won and exited a diamond to the king.

Shane now cashed ♥K and ♥Q before running ♣J, winning. He played a club to the ace before ruffing a diamond to hand, stripping Jenna of exits. Now a heart to Jenna's 10 and she was end-

played into leading into Shane's club tenace at trick 12.



Final 1, Board 21, East deals, EW vulnerable

- **♠** A Q 7 3
- **9** 9 6 3 2
- **102**
- ***** 864
- ♠ KJ842
- Q874
- 964
- **.** 7

- **▲** 10 5
- ♥ KJ105
- ♦ J 8 7
- ♣ QJ103
- **♠** 9 6
- **♥** A
- ♦ AKQ53
- ♣ A K 9 5 2

Shane this time played 3NT from North on a spade lead (I had overcalled 1♠ over 1♠).

Shane led \$8, and when Jenna played low smoothly he ran it! This meant he only lost one club trick to make 490.



Queen of the Underlead

Jane and John Skipper are regular NZB Congress participants, and I fondly remember making the final with them a few years ago in partnership with lovely Christchurch friend Jane Lennon, who has had great success lately, representing NZ in the Mixed Teams at Wuhan, China.

Jane and Jane are an established Christchurch women's pair, and Jane S is no slouch, having first represented NZ in the women's arena in 1980 (from memory).

Plate Round 1, Board 23, South deals, all vulnerable

- **♠** A 3
- ♥ Q 6
- ♦ A K 4 3
- ♣ K8642
- **♠** 65
- ♥ J 9 8 7 5
- ♦ Q65
- **4** 10 7 3

- ♠KJ2
- A K 10 3 2
- J
- ♣ A Q J 5
- ♠ Q 10 9 8 7 4
- **y** 4
- 109872
- **.** 9

After John had opened 2♠, spades and a minor, EW got uncomfortably high. East played 5♥ on ◆10 lead to Jane's king. She wasted no time in switching to s3!

Declarer looked at this and inserted ♠J. One down and 77% to the Skippers.



NZ Pairs winners since 1950					
1950	Bruce Bell	Rex.Evans	1986	Stephen Blackstock	Peter Newell
1955	May Petry	Maud Stott	1987	Stephen Blackstock	Peter Newell
1956	May Petry	Maud Stott	1988	Stephen Blackstock	Peter Newell
1957	Bruce Bell	John Martin	1989	Stephen Blackstock	Peter Newell
1958	Bruce Bell	Rex Evans	1990	Malcolm Mayer	Lionel Wright
1959	Jock Hutchinson	Jean Hutchinson	1991	Malcolm Mayer	Lionel Wright
1960	Wes Dodd	John Martin	1992	David Appleton	Murray Green
1961	E.Dalton	T Kun	1993	Nong Li	Lawrence Looi
1962	Mrs T.Armstrong	Val Bell	1994	Brian Mace	Richard Solomon
1963	John Martin	Wes Dodd	1995	Rodney Dravitzki	Charles Ker
1964	Frank Lu	John Wignall	1996	Rodney Dravitzki	Charles Ker
1965	Frank Lu	John Wignall	1997	David Ackerley	Scott Smith
1966	Bruce Bell	Rex Evans	1998	David Ackerley	Scott Smith
1967	Bert Pickering	Doug Thomson	1999	Stephen Burgess Ishmael Del'Monte	Paul Marston 1=
1968	Bert.Pickering	Doug Thomson	2000	Ishmael Del'monte	•
1969	Frances Ewington	Marion Hill	2001	Scott Smith	Debbie Moir
1970	Frank Lu	John Wignall	2002	Denis Humprhies	Jonathan Westoby
1971	Frank Lu	John Wignall	2003	Seamus Browne	Carol Rothfield
1972	Bert Pickering	Doug Thomson	2004	Colin Baker	Keiran Crowe-Mai
1973	Frank Lu	John Wignall	2005	Jeff Miller	Graeme Stout
1974	John Wignall	Roy Kerr	2006	Ashley Bach	Ishmael Del'Monte
1975	Bill Haughie	Ron Scott	2007	Alan Grant	Anthony Ker
1976	John Wignall	Roy Kerr	2008	Ashley Bach	Ishmael Del'Monte
1977	Bruce Mason	Kevin Rotherham	2009	Ashley Bach	Ishmael Del'Monte
1978	Malcolm Mayer	Lionel Wright	2010	Alan Turner	Denis Humphries
1979	Bill Haughie	Alan Turner	2011	Patrick Carter	Tom Jacob
1980	Stephen Burgess	Roy Kerr	2012	Liam Milne	Michael Whibley
1981	Mike Cornell	Malcolm Mayer	2013	Peter Newell	Martin Reid
1982	Malcolm Mayer	Lionel Wright	2014	Peter Gill	Martin Bloom
1983	Roger Minchin	Carol Minchin	2015	Tom Jacob	Brian Mace
1984	Chris Ackerley	Michael Johnstone	2016	Pete Hollands	Tony Nunn
1985	Malcolm Mayer	Lionel Wright			

Ed: Note to archivist—no entries for 2017 or 2018, and I took those discriminatory (Aus) additions off that started creeping in after 1992 when David Appleton and Murray Green took out our trophy.

NZ Pairs Championship Ladder

Results after 27 rounds

Nesuit	nesults after 27 fourius			
Place	Result	%	Pair Name	
1	865.4	59.43%	SHANE HARRISON - JAMES COUTTS (5)	
2	834.2	58.52%	CHARLES KER - ANTHONY KER (7)	
3	829.3	57.18%	WILLIAM ZHANG - PAUL DALLEY (26)	
4	827.2	57.40%	KARL HAYES - NIGEL KEARNEY (20)	
5	822.3	55.63%	MALCOLM MAYER - RACHELLE PELKMAN (11)	
6	794.6	54.53%	PATRICK D'ARCY - GRAEME NORMAN (10)	
7	789.4	54.48%	HERMAN YUAN - ANDREW LIU (6)	
8	783.4	53.47%	SCOTT SMITH - DAVID ACKERLEY (16)	
9	771.1	53.06%	JULIE ATKINSON - PATRICK CARTER (15)	
10	754.2	53.59%	TANIA LLOYD - HUGH GROSVENOR (8)	
11	745.7	51.60%	JOHN WANG - GARY CHEN (25)	
12	743.5	51.44%	MARTIN LOFGREN - CALLE RAGNARSSON (9)	
13	737.6	50.05%	JOHN DAVIDSON - FRASER REW (22)	
14	731.8	47.65%	PAUL HANGARTNER - MARK HANGARTNER (28)	
15	724.6	51.59%	ISHMAEL DELMONTE - MOSS WYLIE (19)	
16	715.9	50.25%	JOHN PATTERSON - KATE DAVIES (14)	
17	713.1	49.37%	JULIAN FOSTER - JENNA GIBBONS (17)	
18	704.8	50.20%	PETER NEWELL - MICHAEL WARE (3)	
19	700.6	48.48%	BARRY PALMER - NEIL STUCKEY (1)	
20	656.6	45.91%	ALAN GRANT - JANE LENNON (18)	
21	649.2	44.44%	LEO LIN - CLAIR MIAO (4)	
22	649.1	45.17%	PAULA MCLEISH - DAVID MCLEISH (23)	
23	645.4	43.02%	KATE TERRY - JUDY PAWSON (27)	
24	639.1	44.70%	BARRY JONES - JENNY MILLINGTON (2)	
25	636.0	43.16%	JEAN-OLIVIER BEGOUIN - BRAD JOHNSTON (21)	
26	622.0	43.66%	JUDY BUTLER - RICHARD FLETCHER (13)	
27	612.6	43.34%	ANNETTE MALUISH - ANDREW MILL (24)	
28	572.9	39.42%	JEANNETTE COLLINS - PETER KAHLER (12)	



Celebrating their best intermediate title in the Restricted Pairs, Cantabrians Stuart Grant and Tony Quinlivan sample the rugby World Cup beers festooned with names of the representative countries.

	Matchpoint Swiss F	Pairs after 6 of 6 rounds	
Place	Pair Names	Matchpoints	Percentage
1	PETER MCCASKILL / JEFF THOMPSON (115)	4,063.4	61.3%
2	SAMUEL COUTTS / LAKSHMI SUNDERASAN (82)	4,022.8	60.7%
3	MEHBOOB CHIBA / RICHARD LAPTHORNE (52)	3,990.4	60.2%
4	JEREMY FRASER-HOSKIN / RYAN SONG (59)	3,922.9	59.2%
5	ANDREW TARBUTT / ALISTER STUCK (117)	3,907.8	59.0%
6	ANT HOPKINS / MICHAEL CURRY (8)	3,861.8	58.3%
7	ANNE M MCGREGOR / ROSS SHERWOOD (20)	3,846.6	58.1%
8	ELIZABETH FISHER / KAREN HARRIS (1)	3,834.6	57.9%
9	ELIZABETH HAVAS / DEE HARLEY (112)	3,809.0	57.5%
10	PAULA GREGORY / MICHAEL JOHNSTONE (46)	3,808.0	57.5%
11	MARILYN JACKSON / LORRAINE OLIVER (36)	3,804.7	57.4%
12	FUXIA WEN / DEREK EVENNETT (15)	3,755.8	56.7%
13	EILEEN HORSMAN / BOB GROVER (139)	3,726.4	56.3%
14	MURAT GENC / MINDY WU (11)	3,721.6	56.2%
15	BRUCE BATCHELOR / GEORGE LO (133)	3,707.0	56.0%
16	MARGARET PERLEY / PAUL FREELAND (57)	3,674.1	55.5%
17	SUE SPENCER / BEV HENTON (70)	3,674.1	55.5%
18	DAN LULU / JOHN MCINTOSH (136)	3,665.3	55.3%
19	JAN CORMACK / GRANT JARVIS (101)	3,659.4	55.2%
20	MACIEJ SZCZESNY / MARIUSZ TUMILOWICZ (110	,	55.2%
21	MICHAEL KEFFORD / MARGARET KEFFORD (78)	3,650.4	55.1%
22	IAN BERRINGTON / RICHARD SOLOMON (80)	3,637.7	54.9%
23	DAVID MAY / SANDY MCKIRDY (79)	3,637.0	54.9%
24	PETER BENHAM / BRIAN CLEAVER (104)	3,633.9	54.9%
25	CHERYL WINSOR / FAISAL ALAM (85)	3,633.0	54.9%
26	ADRIAN ABRAHAM / TONY OBERDRIES (119)	3,615.0	54.6%
27	NIKOLAS MOORE / RACHEL LANGDON (33)	3,578.6	54.0%
28	MURRAY PERRIN / NEVILLE FRANCIS (128)	3,548.1	53.6%
29	GARY FOIDL / CAROL DE LUCA (64)	3,543.5	53.5%
30	JULIA ZHU / TONY JIANG (93)	3,540.3	53.5%
31	MALCOLM SMITH / LUCIE ARMSTRONG (126)	3,538.7	53.4%
32	JOY WATKINSON / NICKY BOWERS (76)	3,524.2	53.2%
33	GREG BUZZARD / HARRY SHEPHERD (122)	3,518.3	53.1%
34	CHRISTINE WILSON / GLENIS PALMER (109)	3,507.5	53.0%
35	STUART GRANT / TONY QUINLIVAN (94)	3,497.0	52.8%
36	KEVIN HILL / WAYNE MCCOY (108)	3,489.8	52.7%
37	DOUGLAS RUSSELL / TRACEY LEWIS (3)	3,479.4	52.5%
38	ALLAN MORRIS / ANISIA SHAMI (123)	3,478.2	52.5%
39	MICHAEL WILCOX / LIZ WILCOX (106)	3,477.0	52.5%
40	SUE BURNS / JANE MORRIS (116)	3,473.2	52.4%
41	MARY PENINGTON / BEV GAY (130)	3,430.9	51.8%
42	GINA HSU / JACKY LO (34)	3,429.6	51.8%
43	MARY BUCKLAND / TRISH DOWNWARD (16)	3,427.4	51.7%
44	LYNDA RIGLER / PETER DELAHUNTY (65)	3,426.2	51.7%
45	GEORGE SUN / ALICE YOUNG (66)	3,425.8	51.7%
46	CHRIS ACKERLEY / MIKE PEMBERTON (107)	3,425.1	51.7%
40 47	ERNIE SUTTON / FRANCES SHEEHY (7)	3,419.7	51.6%
48	MARGE SCOTT / JANE JORDAN (62)	3,417.3	51.6%
46 49	PAM TIBBLE / SARAH GARLAND (67)	3,414.1	51.5%
		3,409.6	51.5%
50	SHIRLEY LATTIMORE / JAN STUPPLES (17)	3,409.0	J1.J70

51	DONG GAO BI / ALAN CURRIE (53)	3,403.6	51.4%
52	PAMELA DRAVITZKI / SHEILA BEGGS (95)	3,402.8	51.4%
53	KEVIN WHYTE / KATE MCFADYEN (96)	3,395.4	51.3%
54	MICHAEL NEELS / ELLA GRAY (114)	3,394.5	51.3%
55	GLENYS DEAN / KEN CARMICHAEL (38)	3,394.2	51.2%
56	VERNA BROOKES / KEN DAWSON (99)	3,381.7	51.1%
57	BRIAN ASHWELL / OLIVER HOFFMANN (132)	3,370.2	50.9%
58	PETER BALL / NEIL HEARN (113)	3,358.8	50.7%
59	LES GOULD / GARY DUNCAN (121)	3,357.8	50.7%
60	ALAN DICK / HEINI LUX (48)	3,347.3	50.5%
61	NOEL GRIGG / DAVID MACDONALD (86)	3,345.1	50.5%
62	ANNE BARROWCLOUGH / DEBORAH TANGNEY (61)	3,340.4	50.4%
63	CAROLYN YEOMANS / JAN WHYTE (47)	3,339.2	50.4%
64	MARK ROBERTSON / SYLVESTER RIDDELL (28)	3,336.9	50.4%
65	NAOMI HANNAH-BROWN / PRISCILLA BLOY (5)	3,330.8	50.3%
66	ELIZABETH SCHUCK / DOUGAL WATSON (13)	3,330.5	50.3%
67	BRETT GLASS / ALISTER BUCHANAN (63)	3,313.8	50.0%
68	KAREN SMITH / CANDICE DOYLE (45)	3,312.2	50.0%
69	BEVAN RUSSELL / VICKI RUSSELL (49)	3,305.6	49.9%
70	JOHN CRAIG / KEVIN HU (129)	3,302.4	49.9%
71	JULIAN HERBERT / JANE O'BRIEN (12)	3,292.9	49.7%
72	STEPHEN BROOKES / ADRIENNE KELLY (29)	3,289.7	49.7%
73	MIRIAM LEWIN / ADRIENNE DALE (103)	3,281.7	49.5%
74	DARRYL DOWTHWAITE / DEBORAH MATTHEWS (74)	3,278.9	49.5%
75	HILDA BURGESS / SANDY CONNON (25)	3,278.3	49.5%
76	BOB ATLEY / TONY WINTERS (89)	3,277.3	49.5%
77	NEIL RUDDELL / TANIA BROWN (135)	3,274.9	49.4%
78	RONA DRISCOLL / JOHN DRISCOLL (118)	3,274.0	49.4%
79	JENNY DELANY / SUSAN LAURENSON (9)	3,273.0	49.4%
80	MICHAEL STUCKEY / MARTIN REISS (32)	3,269.6	49.4%
81	LUKE KELLY / CHRIS BOLLAND (87)	3,261.8	49.2%
82	BRIAN GALLAHER / BRIAN SULLIVAN (134)	3,252.4	49.1%
83	RHONDA GRAHAM / NICK EDGINTON (50)	3,250.2	49.1%
84	BRAD TATTERSFIELD / JAN BORREN (124)	3,248.0	49.0%
85	LYNN HALL / ANITA THIRTLE (56)	3,247.2	49.0%
86	STEVE GRAY / LINDSEY GUY (30)	3,238.4	48.9%
87	CATHERINE GLYDE / BRIDGET HANNAWAY-WILLCOX (84)	3,234.4	48.8%
88	GAIL TIPPETT / PAUL MAXWELL (40)	3,223.5	48.7%
89	BETTY HOPLEY / BETTY KENNY (39)	3,217.5	48.6%
90	WARREN JOHNSON / DEAN SOLE (44)	3,208.5	48.4%
91	KEVIN TURNER / JAN SPAANS (68)	3,198.2	48.3%
92	MARGARET ORSBORN / HAROLD ORSBORN (97)	3,194.8	48.2%
93	LYNLEY MARWICK / ROBYN HELLIER (81)	3,184.4	48.1%
94	CHRISTINE YUKICH / SUE GIBBONS (18)	3,184.1	48.1%
95	IAN BRASH / CHRIS TURNER (55)	3,184.1	48.1%
96	SPRING LIN / KEVIN FAN (140)	3,179.6	48.0%
97	CAROL MINCHIN / SITA MONAGHAN (41)	3,178.6	48.0%
98	MEREANA CULLEN / VERA VERHAEGH (88)	3,164.4	47.8%
99	MICHAEL CHAPMAN-SMITH / CHRIS TROWER (2)	3,159.4	47.7%
100	BILL NASH / JIM WALLIS (102)	3,154.0	47.6%
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101	MARK THOMSON / RICHARD HOOPER (21)	3,151.8	47.6%
102	IAN CLAYTON / NOEL WOODHALL (6)	3,143.9	47.5%
103	LESLEY ANDREW / KAY NICHOLAS (24)	3,128.6	47.2%
104	ALAN PARKES / GRAHAM STERN (100)	3,124.0	47.2%
105	WAYNE SMITH / EDWARD ROGGEVEEN (60)	3,112.5	47.0%
106	SALLY YEOMAN / HAMISH BROWN (37)	3,096.0	46.7%
107	ANNA KALMA / CLARE COLES (138)	3,073.9	46.4%
108	MIKE DUNN / OWEN CAMP (69)	3,070.3	46.4%
109	REBECCA OSBORNE / JANA BOTT (111)	3,064.4	46.3%
110	DOT RAPLEY / JENNY COOPER (92)	3,061.5	46.2%
111	TERESA PHILLIPS / DAVID SPENCER (137)	3,039.0	45.9%
112	JENNI BORREN / MARGIE ROBBIE (54)	3,032.4	45.8%
113	BARBARA FITZGERALD / ROSALEEN KOCH (120)	3,015.8	45.5%
114	DEBBIE COOPER / ALAN GEARE (19)	3,010.0	45.4%
115	HAFIZUR KHAN / PREM SOUNDRA (73)	3,009.5	45.4%
116	BARBARA HUTTON / LORRAINE PEACOCK (58)	3,007.5	45.4%
117	LYNNE FEGAN / DAVID BREWER (72)	3,007.3	45.4%
118	JULIA GARDINER / ROBIN WEBCKE (71)	2,997.7	45.3%
119	SUSAN ROWE / JOEY CHANG (10)	2,993.9	45.2%
120	JANET KAHLER / MARGARET YUILL (91)	2,991.3	45.2%
121	SUE COHEN / MING HIGH (51)	2,958.8	44.7%
122	DAVE GARRETT / WAYNE GYDE (131)	2,952.8	44.6%
123	DON HAYWARD / RICHARD PARKINSON (35)	2,940.4	44.4%
124	ROGER MITA / N RUSSELL THOMSON (90)	2,938.6	44.4%
125	LORRAINE MCARTHUR / ELEANOR MOREL (43)	2,931.6	44.3%
126	MORGAN BOOKER / GAYLE LEADER (83)	2,931.4	44.3%
127	ROBIN YOUNG / CAROLYN WOOD (127)	2,923.0	44.1%
128	WENDY ASHTON / ANDREW PEAKE (4)	2,919.5	44.1%
129	PHIL RUTHERFORD / RAY CURNOW (75)	2,902.7	43.8%
130	MALCOLM KIRKBY / EUNICE ECCLES (26)	2,886.9	43.6%
131	HELEN CLIMO / MURRAY CLIMO (23)	2,866.0	43.3%
132	ROGER JOHNSON / KEVIN GRUNDY (77)	2,855.2	43.1%
133	JULIA WATSON / PETER WATSON (125)	2,834.5	42.8%
134	TAKAYO YANAGISAWA / SANDRA PEARCE (105)	2,832.6	42.8%
135	CHRIS SUTTON / BEE CAMPBELL (31)	2,801.7	42.3%
136	NICOLETTE BARTOLI / WENDY MCENTEGART (27)	2,793.0	42.2%
137	CHRISTINE DARVELL / CATH PREEN (22)	2,774.1	41.9%
138	GILL PHILLIPPO / MING SHU YANG (42)	2,754.7	41.6%
139	PAM HANCOX / NANCY BARTRUM (14)	2,682.1	40.5%
140	SUE BROWN / BOB BROWN (98)	2,680.8	40.5%

Aussie Lingo Test Can You Speak Australian Slang? 1.) G'day A.) A Silly Person 2.) Mate B.) Barbeque 3.) Dinkum C.) Excellent 4.) Ocker D.) Aussie Soldier 5.) Yonks E.) A Talk 6.) Noggin F.) Swimwear 7.) Drongo G.) Afternoon 8.) Furphy H.) Rumour 9.) Chinwag I.) Goodbye 10.) Barbie J.) A Long Time 11.) Gander K.) Suspicious 12.) Digger L.) Have A Look 13.) Nuddy M.) A Real Aussie 14.) Bloke N.) Woman 15.) Arvo O.) Head R D 16.) Sheila P.) Nude 17.) Togs Q.) Hello 18.) Iffy R.) Man 19.) Bonzer S.) Friend 20.) Hooroo T.) True lán oale com

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Judging from the comments I heard from the corridor outside my lonely office at 10.30 pm after my publishing program had crashed and I had lost two pages of work, the winners of the 2019 Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge Competition were Jo and Sam Simpson from Tauranga. I overheard Jo say "That's the only money I will ever win!"

Well done to both pairs, and commiserations to Johnny Davidson and Susan Laurensen from Wellington. Fortunately, I managed to snap both pairs before going into battle tonight.

