

# 2023 CONGRESS BULLETIN

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Congratulations all for surviving the updated time (don't you love the technology that allows us not to worry about changing our watches, etc.) thus arriving at 9.30 for the start of play?

The room looked full but quiet when I arrived.



<b>Board 1</b>	♠ AQ7 ♥ Q72 ♦ K105 ♣ AJ84	<b>Dir: North</b> <b>Vul: Nil</b>
♠ J4 ♥ A9 ♦ AJ98 ♣ K9752		♠ K105 ♥ KJ10843 ♦ 732 ♣ 3
	♠ 98632 ♥ 65 ♦ Q64 ♣ Q106	

West	North	East	South
Kaplan	Grosvenor	Doecke	Lloyd
	INT	2♦ <sup>1</sup>	pass
2♥ <sup>2</sup>	all pass		
1.	One major		
2.	Pass or correct		

West	North	East	South
Kalma	Patterson	Solomon	Davies
	♣	2♥	pass
pass	dbl	pass	2♠
3♥	pass	pass	3♠
all pass			

Gone are days when you would see a travelling scoresheet featuring a row of identical contracts and results. Competition is much more fierce today. Witness the two auctions in the previous column.

At the table where US expert Adam Kaplan declared 2♥, he made eight tricks, the limit suggested by *Bridge Solver*.

This, however scored only 24 matchpoints EW, while Kate Davies scored 33 matchpoints for going two down in 3♠.



<b>Board 3</b>	♠ Q102 ♥ Q1092 ♦ Q5 ♣ 6432	<b>Dir: S</b> <b>Vul: EW</b>
♠ 8763 ♥ 765 ♦ KJ83 ♣ 95		♠ 54 ♥ AK43 ♦ A92 ♣ AK87
	♠ AKJ9 ♥ J8 ♦ 10764 ♣ QJ10	



Johnny Davidson

Young Te Puke player Marcus Dudley, in partnership here with Johnny Davidson made the normal action of overcalling 1NT, which ended the auction.

Lloyd led ♥J, perhaps not the normal choice from her hand. Grosvenor gave count with ♥2 and Dudley won with the ace. He tried a tricky low spade from hand.

Lloyd, not to be tricked, won with ♠9 and continued with sVintage Mayer

pades, cashing out the suit. A switch back to hearts put Dudley in, and now when he played Lloyd for ♦Q, Grosvenor was able to cash his heart tricks for one down.

Dudley only needs three diamond tricks for his contract, but got himself to a point where he could no longer afford to lose a diamond, whereas earlier in the play, when he still held a second heart stopper, it would have been safe to do so.



<b>Board 10</b>	♠ K732 ♥ 432 ♦ 1072 ♣ 985	<b>Dir: East</b> <b>Vul: all</b>
♠ AJ85 ♥ A1096 ♦ A95 ♣ K3		♠ 1064 ♥ KJ75 ♦ Q6 ♣ A764
	♠ Q9 ♥ Q8 ♦ KJ843 ♣ QJ102	

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
<i>Pelkman</i>	<i>Grosvenor</i>	<i>Mayer</i>	<i>Lloyd</i>
		pass	1♣
dbl	pass	2♥	pass
4♥	all pass		

Lloyd led ♣Q, and Malcolm Mayer, one of New Zealand's finest declarer players, fresh from representing New Zealand at Marrakesh, contemplated the play.

He won the lead in hand and played a low spade to the nine, jack and Grosvenor's king. Grosvenor switched to ♦2, and won Lloyd's jack with the ace.

Reading the situation perfectly, Mayer played a heart to the king in hand, followed by a heart to the queen and ace. ♠A, dropping Lloyd's queen, and a diamond to the 10 was followed by a club to the king and dummy's ♠8, on which Mayer threw ♦Q.

He now claimed 12 tricks on a high crossruff, leaving Grosvenor and Lloyd with zero matchpoints.



Malcolm Mayer

BD: 26	♠ K74	Dir: N
	♥ K1098	Vul: Nil
	♦ 8732	
	♣ K9	
♠ A53		♠ Q962
♥ 7		♥ A43
♦ KQ54		♦ AJ
♣ AJ832		♣ Q1054
	♠ J108	
	♥ QJ652	
	♦ 1096	
	♣ 76	



Rachelle Pelkman

### Just a thought

One of the gadgets a number of players have in their toolbox is the fragment-showing 3 major bid over a 1NT opening.

So 1NT 3♥ shows a 1354 or 1345 shape with game values, and 1NT 3♠ shows a 3154 or 3145 shape. You can play it the other way where bidding 3 major shows a shortage but the same minors message.

Easy to diagnose that 3NT may not be the best place to play after a 1NT 3♠ start to the auction on the hand above.



Guess the hands. The owner of these hands with their colour-coded perfection is sporting her very first professionally manicured nails

## National Congress Novice Pairs (23-Sep-23)

Place	Result	%	Pair Name
1	153	69.5	JENNIFER BEECROFT - CHRISTINA HYDE (11)
2	137	62.2	ALAN WITHRINGTON - REBECCA BARTLETT (7)
2	137	62.2	GUOCHENG ZHONG - YVONNE ZHANG (8)
4	134	60.9	DAVID FORNUSEK - MARK WARDILL (6)
5	126	57.2	HOWARD NORTH - ALISON NORTH (1)
6	120	54.5	SUZANNE KEATING - ELSIE COCHRANE (12)
7	104	47.2	NIKKI BAGULEY - JANET COLEMAN (3)
8	101	45.9	TRENT ROSE - KATE WADE (2)
9	90	40.9	LEITH COMER - STEVE CHADWICK (10)
10	89	0.4	CAROL PATTERSON - PAM DALE (4)
11	68	30.9	JOANNE SIMSON - FIONA GROUBE (5)
12	61	27.7	GRACE WANG - TONY MCCARTHY (9)



## Honorary Life Membership – Richard Solomon and Jenny Wilkinson

The Board of New Zealand Bridge has great pleasure in proposing Richard Solomon and Jenny Wilkinson for Honorary Life Membership of NZ Bridge Incorporated.

### Richard Solomon

Richard has been involved in NZ Bridge administration for 38 years. He started on the Editorial Committee of NZ Bridge Magazine, and he retired from his full-time role at NZ Bridge on 31 December 2022.

Richard is a Gold Grand Master, and has represented NZ in the Open Team, but his major contribution to NZ Bridge has been as a key driver in a number of initiatives, Committees and events including: -

- Congress Committee (from early 1990s)
- NZ Bridge Magazine (Editorial Committee / June 1984 & Editor from Feb 1991)
- Major Events including NZ Wide Pairs (from

1998) and coordinating the national Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge competition.

- Youth & Teaching Committees including organising the annual Youth Weekend.
- Many Club and Regional Committees including the Auckland region, Akarana, Franklin and currently Te Aroha.
- International Representative and NPC

Even since retirement at the end of 2022, Richard has continued to contribute to the Congress Committee, has organised the Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs and writes for the Bridge Playing Community a daily column on hands and notable events.

Richard continues to give his time to assist Clubs in teaching and Improver Sessions around the country. He has taken Beginner Lessons in Morrinsville, Improver Sessions in Thames and delivered Zoom & *Realbridge* training to the Balclutha Club.

Richard will say that he has been lucky to be paid to do something he is passionate about and will continue to be an integral part of the NZ Bridge Community.

**NZ Bridge would like to thank Richard Solomon for his service to Bridge in New Zealand through recognition and nomination as an Honorary Life Member of New Zealand Bridge.**

### **Jenny Wilkinson**

Jenny comes from a card playing family, and joined the Christchurch Bridge Club on 21 August 1974 after friends introduced her to Bridge. Although her four children were very young at the time she joined this did not stop her playing twice a week at the club and in as many tournaments as was possible. Her love for bridge became more of a passion.

Jenny is a Silver Grand Master and has represented New Zealand in the NZ Women's Team 28 times from 1985 until 2021, playing firstly with Tina McVeigh and for 21-one years with Shirley Newton.

Jenny spent several years on the Christchurch Bridge Club Committee, as a member and as Vice President. She started teaching Beginner and

Improver Bridge Lessons in the 1980's and taught for around thirty years. Her enthusiasm for Bridge has always been obvious and something she has always attempted to pass onto others. She was made a Life Member of the Christchurch Bridge Club in 2021.

Jenny served as a member of the Canterbury Bridge Centre (now the Canterbury Regional Committee) for eight or nine years. She also served on the NZCBA Management Committee (replaced in 2008 by the NZ Bridge Board) for two terms of three years, chairing the International Subcommittee during that time.

Jenny was part of the NZ Bridge Teaching Subcommittee during the ten years it was active and contributed to developing the Beginner and Improver Lesson Material that is currently on the Website. She has continued to teach and supervise beginners in a range of settings until recently.

Jenny has acted as the Recorder, both at the Christchurch Bridge Club and for the Canterbury Region for some twenty years.

Never one to seek the limelight, Jenny has been a tireless advocate and supporter of Bridge for almost fifty years and has contributed admirably to the various Bridge Committees she has served on.

**NZ Bridge would like to thank Jenny Wilkinson for her service to Bridge in New Zealand through recognition and nomination as an Honorary Life Member of New Zealand Bridge.**



## NZ Open Pairs Semi Final - Overall \*

Place	Pair Names	Carry Fwd	Session	Total
1	MICHAEL CORNELL - ASHLEY BACH	2.3	822	1609.3
2	KATHY KER - ANTHONY KER	83.6	729	1558.6
3	TOM JACOB - BRIAN MACE	100.6	669	1534.6
4	IAN BERRINGTON - GRAEME TUFFNELL	16.7	660	1528.7
5	MIKE DOECKE - ADAM KAPLAN	29.4	668	1506.4
6	JAMES COUTTS - LIAM MILNE	69.4	647	1505.4
7	MICHAEL JOHNSTONE - PAULA GREGORY	114.3	648	1486.3
8	MALCOLM MAYER - RACHELLE PELKMAN	87.3	644	1485.3
9	GEO TISLEVOLL - LEON MEIER	166.5	630	1478.5
10	BLAIR FISHER - GEORGE MASTERS	31	831	1474
11	COLIN CARRYER - SANDRA CALVERT	40.8	682	1454.8
12	JOHN PATTERSON - KATE DAVIES	113.1	688	1445.1
13	JO SIMPSON - SAM SIMPSON	76.5	730	1443.5
14	BARRY JONES - JENNY MILLINGTON	1.5	707	1427.5
15	KATHY YULE - ELIZABETH FISHER	47.4	759	1417.4
16	BOB HURLEY - KAREN HARRIS	76.7	666	1414.7
17	JEFF TRAVIS - JON HUNT	15.7	659	1401.7
18	SAMUEL COUTTS - BRAD JOHNSTON	48.4	698	1401.4
19	XIAO LIU - SHI ZENG	36	626	1369
20	ALAN GRANT - ANNE-MARIE RUSSELL	94.3	742	1368.3
21	PAMELA MARSLAND - MIKE DUNN	53	677	1361
22	WILL WATSON - GEESKE JOEL	12.7	680	1359.7
23	STEVE GRAY - LINDSEY GUY	23.6	672	1358.6
24	KATE TERRY - JUDY PAWSON	56.7	678	1355.7
25	JANE LENNON - MAX MORRISON	13.5	707	1354.5
26	SIMON HINGE - MICHAEL WARE	12.4	677	1352.4
27	RUSSELL WILSON - RUSSELL DIVE	106.7	639	1345.7
28	GARY CHEN - JOHN WANG	60.2	668	1342.2
29	GWYNETH MACE - STEPH JACOB		711	1342
30	HERMAN YUAN - JEFFREY CHANG	32.4	684	1320.4
31	NEIL STUCKEY - BARRY PALMER	46.2	609	1320.2
32	MARCUS DUDLEY - JOHN DAVIDSON	15.4	624	1317.4
33	HUGH GROSVENOR - TANIA LLOYD	65.8	626	1299.8
34	BRIAN SENIOR - NIGEL BIRD	86.6	636	1297.6
35	RICHARD SOLOMON - ANNA KALMA	35.9	627	1295.9
36	FIONA TEMPLE - JOHN KRUIINIGER	26.6	605	1295.6
37	GRANT JARVIS - JAN CORMACK	33	576	1287
38	GEORGE SUN - ALICE YOUNG	10.1	661	1284.1
39	JUNE LEI - JETER LIU	41.7	638	1277.7
40	PETER MCCASKILL - JEFF THOMPSON	75	575	1269
41	JAN WHYTE - ANNE GORDON	10.6	589	1264.6
42	PREM SOUNDNANAYAGAM - JEREMY F'HOSKIN	56.6	558	1252.6
43	BRETT GLASS - GARY FOIDL	18.2	678	1238.2
44	PATRICK D'ARCY - GRAEME NORMAN	9.9	522	1224.9
45	LINDSAY GLOVER - MOSS WYLIE	15.1	656	1189.1
46	IAN SOUTHEN - KELVIN TIBBLE	28	649	1175
47	JOHN BUCKLETON - DOUGLAS RUSSELL	3.5	609	1159.5
47	DEBBIE MCLEOD - BRIAN CLEAVER	9.4	590	1159.4
49	JOHANNA PERFECT - HAMISH BROWN	44	496	1150
50	TOBY GORDON - EDWARD ROGGEVEEN	6.6	509	1143.6
51	KATHRYN TENNANT - HAYDEN SEAL	23.7	537	1132.7
52	BRUCE INGLIS - ALAN CURRIE	32.8	532	1080.8

Place	Pair Names Carry Fwd	Session 1	Session 2	Total
1	TASH LUNDIN - MARK WILSON	62.59	59.55	122.14
2	GUOCHENG ZHONG - MONICA CHENG	58.89	61.82	120.71
3	CINDY WANG - YVONNE ZHANG	52.96	59.32	112.28
4	KEITH GLASS - BERYL BROWN	57.04	55.23	112.26
5	JENNIFER BEECROFT - CHRISTINA HYDE	49.63	60.23	109.86
6	RHODA MCDONALD - JANET DOBBIE	59.07	48.18	107.26
7	KAREN WOOD - CHRIS WOOD	52.96	52.73	105.69
8	AENGUS MOORE - ZARIAS WERDER	53.33	50.45	103.79
9	HELEN KINSEY - STEVE KINSEY	53.7	48.64	102.34
10	PAUL BURROWS - MARYANN BURROWS	54.63	47.27	101.9
11	KERRI FRIAR - CATHY PARKER	53.89	47.73	101.62
12	ANNA LI - SHIRLEY XU	52.04	49.09	101.13
13	GORDON WEBSTER - HEATHER JERRAM	45.19	52.27	97.46
14	JO GOING - WENDY WILSON	47.04	49.09	96.13
15	CAROL FULLER - KEVIN BARNES	42.22	53.86	96.09
16	SHELLEY CORDES - GRANT JAMES	49.81	45.68	95.5
17	RICHARD WHITELAW - DIANNE WHITELAW	44.44	49.32	93.76
18	CHRISTINE DE VRIES - HILARY WILLIAMS	45.74	42.27	88.01
19	KARYL ANDERSON - DESRAI KARL	41.85	45.68	87.53
20	ROGER HOSKINS - FIONA GROUBE	49.07	37.27	86.35
21	RACHEL YOUNG - HEATHER DICKIE	33.15	46.59	79.74
22	KAY BURNIE - MICHELE LARNDER	40.74	37.73	78.47

Place	Result	%	Pair Name
1	426.2	0.5657	Dorothy Bain - Jim Burford (28)
2	397.2	0.5881	BARBARA IMLACH - SUE COHEN (23)
3	394.7	0.5529	Hamish McDonald - Jos Van Hees (5)
4	382.6	0.5417	Lysandra Zheng - Tim Pan (8)
5	382.4	0.5769	Beth Burdett - Lori Godden (6)
6	381.6	0.5641	Pam Whitehead - Stuart Grant (12)
7	374.3	0.5288	Rhonda Graham - Nick Edginton (3)
8	367.6	0.524	K.c. Lee - Bigi Cameron (15)
9	354.4	0.5561	Graham Young - Shirley Bain (22)
10	352.8	0.484	Bruce K Anderson - Jennifer O'Leary (9)
11	352.8	0.5625	CATHY CARROLL - FELICITY HANNAY (14)
12	346.3	0.4487	Ruth Brucker - Nan Wehipeihana (17)
13	344.1	0.5433	Gayle Leader - Margaret Somers (24)
14	330.3	0.4984	Carol Bearsley - Jacinda Manconi (27)
15	330.2	0.4439	Andrew Hudson - Lee McDonald (11)
16	327.3	0.4311	Kevin Whyte - Clare Coles (25)
17	321.4	0.4936	Elaine Ford - Laurie Hinchcliff (19)
18	320	0.5128	Jan Bennett - Heather Robertson (1)
19	314.2	0.492	Emma Russell - John Craig (18)
20	310.8	0.4279	Vicki Taylor - Ann McCombe (7)
21	309.1	0.4455	Pamela Pedersen - Bren Birss (2)
22	307.8	0.492	Daniel Chua - Bill Morgan (10)
23	303	0.4615	Rhondda Sweetman - Jill Church (16)
24	302.9	0.4808	Raewyn Taylor - Barbara Gordon (20)
25	296	0.4744	BRIDGET HANNAWAY - Tony Quinlivan (13)
26	294	0.4583	Alan Parkes - Megan Richards (26)
27	292.9	0.4679	Jeff Veling - Sandra Veling (4)
28	267.9	0.383	Gail Tippett - Paul Maxwell (21)





