

2023 CONGRESS BULLETIN

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I asked the ladies sitting EW (from the Mount) how they could sit at the table dressed as glittering bumble bees and still look serious.

“We’re playing bridge!” exclaimed East, but then she smiled.

The parade before the start of play was a delight, and “B” was truly feted, although the South Australian team describing themselves as bridge players (B for bridge, get it?) were a little lame.

Quiz Night

I had a great time at Club Maunganui, where there was a big crowd vying to win the quiz, hosted by quiz king Dean Sole. A team from the winterless north took out the title, with Team Geo’s supporters, with their GeO, Ge-e-e-e Oh chorus unable to match their 57 point (out of 80) win.

Is there a junior pair going to the 2024 Gold Coast Congress who would like to play the teams with a Kaikoura pair?

Contact Lisa on 027 654 8517



Make the most descriptive bid

You hold ♠AQ2, ♥A52, ♦K753, ♣KJ3

You are fourth to speak. LHO and partner passes, and RHO weighs in with a 2♥ opening, alerted as showing hearts and a minor, weak.

Should you double? You don't have four spades, and you don't have a shapely hand. You would have opened a strong notrump (or described one), so in this position this is what you should do.

BOARD 7		
BD: 7	♠ K83 ♥ QJ983 ♦ AT96 ♣ 4	Dir: S Vul: All
♠ JT7 ♥ K7 ♦ 82 ♣ AT9652		♠ AQ2 ♥ A52 ♦ K753 ♣ KJ3
	♠ 9654 ♥ T64 ♦ QJ4 ♣ Q87	

When I watched this deal during the final of the Restricted Open Pairs, East doubled in fourth seat after the auction described and West bid 3♣. This was a Lebensohlic bid (showing values, somewhere in the range of 8-11 HCP), so East, with a maximum strong notrump owed West another bid.



Again, what are the choices?

You can bid 3♥, asking for a half stopper for notrumps or simply bid 3NT. Both actions lead to 3NT, which makes 12 tricks if you finesse South for ♣Q, almost certain to be the right move once North shows at least nine cards in hearts and diamonds.

There is another point here. When you are playing Lebensohl, where 2NT followed by a suit bid shows a hand weaker than 8 HCP, it is wise to alert the 3♣ bid. It is better to over alert than under alert, and here you are simply telling the opponents something you know that they do not.

Murray Wiggins, Chief Director



Murray learned to play bridge at the Wellington Club in 1982 and became interested in directing almost straight away. "I was interested in scoring, which was done manually then, and that sparked my interest in directing," said Murray.

He moved to Hastings in 1986, joining the Hastings club, then in 1990 he became a club director and a tournament director in 1993. He says he's been a director at congress since last century but he can't remember which was the first year. Most players are familiar with directors providing guidance and making rulings at the table, and that's a big part of directing."

There's also an organisational and technical side to directing which Murray particularly enjoys, "Organising things, getting things sorted in the background and and making sure things work smoothly."

Murray became Chief Director in 2014. One of his responsibilities is to select the directors for congress each year, although Murray says, "They

mostly select themselves. They have to be interested, available and qualified. In recent years our tournament directors have gone through the NZB training and assessment weekends, so we have a good feel about the strengths and disposition of each director.”

Murray’s home club is Hastings Bridge Club, and he’s also a member of Westport Bridge Club and three other clubs in Hawke’s Bay.

Outside of bridge, flying is one of Murray’s passions. He’s rated to fly single engine aircrafts and used to do a lot of flying around the country, even to bridge events, but not so much these days. He no longer owns his own plane, but plans to buy a new one when he wins Lotto. Murray and Caroline are active in their church that has a ministry to support the local homeless community. The church currently provide meals six days a week for over 80 homeless in the area. They also run a clinic which Murray is actively involved with, providing preventative health care, medical care, mental health care and addiction support.

Caroline Wiggins : Director



Caroline was brought up around bridge. “Mum (Doris Chapman) would be at home with the cards laid out and rope me into doing things,” said Caroline.

“Mum also took the lessons. The class had moved onto playing and always had three-quarters of a table, so I got roped into being the fourth. I had no idea what I was doing and the following year (1997) I did lessons at the Waikato club.”

“Mum was also a director, and they had a lot of trouble getting directors on a senior night. So she had me sit with the director for a three-week series and then it was ‘you’ll be right’, you can direct the

next event. So definitely thrown in at the deep end! Every session I directed at the club, I’d read the law book, and the next week I’d start from where I’d left off or go back over a few things. So I was largely self taught until I became a qualified club director in 1999/2000.”

Caroline’s first time directing at congress came out of the blue. “I hadn’t ever thought about being a tournament director. I was a caddy at the interprovincials when they were prior to congress. And for reasons unknown to me I got a phone call saying, ‘Ari Geursen would like you to come and direct for the second half of Congress’ and I said yes.”

On Cloud 9



NZ Women’s Team representative Pam Livingston from Taranaki has reason to be on Cloud 9 this year. She is a new grandmother, she is recently returned from Marrakech where she and Jan Alabaster represented NZ in the Venice Cup (they didn’t finish in a top spot but they did finish one higher than Australia!), and she and son Frey, 25 have a fledgling company called Tokaora Diagnostics.

Frey is the brains behind the ongoing development of a RAT test for the early detection of facial eczema, while Pam is the business brain and managing director. Facial eczema is a problem largely associated with sheep and cattle in the North Island, although there are now cases to be found in the South Island as well.

Frey always wanted to excel as a scientist and had this idea that registering a patent would be the coolest thing! Frey has an outstanding academic career, including a Master of Science – Biotechnology at Victoria University.

Frey and Pam hope that the prototype for a new RAT test may be ready by early next year, with field studies to be undertaken in 2024.

When Pam is not managing the development of Tokaora Diagnostics, she can be found tending to her animals on her farm at Omata, coaching at Riding for the Disabled or teaching bridge online to

Please explain

Alan Dick from Rotorua reports an amusing hand from the semi finals of the NZ Open Pairs.

He held ♠---, ♥AKQ10542, ♦A7632, ♣10 in the East seat.

His LHO opened 1♠, partner doubled, North bid 2♣ and Alan bid 4♥. South bid 4♠ and partner doubled.

North passed and Alan had to decide what to do. His thoughts went something along these lines: “Partner must have a 4-4-4-1 shape with a singleton heart and a good hand. He intended to bid notrumps over any heart bid by me.

That means 6♦ should be a good contract”, so that was Alan’s next bid.

Was he right?

Not so much. Here’s the full hand:

BOARD 7		
BD: 7	♠ 74 ♥ 3 ♦ K108 ♣ AJ96542	Dir: S Vul: All
♠ K10653 ♥ 7 ♦ QJ4 ♣ Q873		♠ --- ♥ AKQ10542 ♦ A7632 ♣ 10
	♠ AQJ982 ♥ J986 ♦ 95 ♣ K	



Award winning Ballerinas

Kevin Barnes – Floor Manager

Seeing a bridge ad in the local paper ignited recently-retired Kevin's desire to learn to play bridge. "I'd always played 500," said Kevin.



"I'd heard of bridge and it became obvious that it was a game that was slightly more than something you could learn in a weekend."

Kevin learned alongside his wife, Karen, in 2019 from Brian Gallagher at the Waikato Bridge Club. Kevin says, "I'm still very much a beginner learner. Mind you, people tell me they played for 30 years, and they still feel that way!" He learnt to play basic Acol plus transfers. "The beginners have to go pretty much straight into an intermediate level club night, so we needed a little more than the basics," said Kevin.

Being an accountant, it didn't take long (two years) for Kevin to have his arm twisted into being Club Treasurer. "Lesley Chub was the Secretary of our club. So last year, Lesley pulled me in to help with Congress set up then quietly twisted my arm this year and said, "Can you be our floor manager?"

Kevin says the role is about effectively connecting. "It's about doing a lot of the backroom setup, connecting the dealer to the directors, bringing the cards out and doing what the directors are asking us to do. We brought a truck over from Lesley's place last week with half a million cards in the back. The best compliment will be if people can say they never knew we were there. Your boards arrive and the rubbish gets cleared away."

Kevin and Karen have four sons. One of them is based in Australia and plays bridge regularly at MCI and Kevin's brother joined the Papatoetoe Club after seeing how much Kevin enjoyed the game.



Jill Church - Rhondda Sweetman, NS take on
Bridget Hannaway - Tony Quinlivan in the
Restricted Open Pairs

NZ Teams Round of 16

Place	Team	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	Imps	VPs
1	CORNELL	86	19	-10	34	13	-1	17	46	204	116.83
2	COUTTS	36	30	10	22	14	20	20	-4	148	116.78
3	TISLEVOLL	37	-30	40	2	-6	18	23	27	111	105.45
4	BROWN	-2	10	25	-2	40	1	0	30	102	103.64
5	JARVIS	11	5	12	-4	35	-4	8	22	85	101.6
6	SHEPHERD	22	48	25	27	49	-20	-17	-27	107	100.63
7	DIVE	29	19	-26	34	-3	31	-1	4	87	100.36
8	LLOYD	-1	1	-20	45	10	6	4	57	102	99.84
9	FISHER	34	-29	24	-34	9	29	-4	45	74	96.44
10	BOUGHEY	37	-39	20	36	3	5	-8	11	65	96.26
11	YOUNG	6	10	-15	34	-35	11	12	29	52	94.1
12	SOLOMON	-22	-1	33	33	22	4	0	-11	58	92.7
13	GIBBONS	42	-30	29	4	19	43	-20	-30	57	91.29
14	BERRINGTON	2	20	15	-22	12	-6	18	1	40	91.24
15	PALMER	4	-10	25	-36	29	-39	23	87	83	91.05
16	CAMP	41	39	26	-27	-14	30	1	-46	50	90.98

Going into the last round, the teams, CAMP survived a -46 drubbing by CORNELL to be in by the skin of their teeth, while PALMER scored a massive 87 to rise from 29th place to 15th.



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Schedule

Saturday Competition	10am start 6pm finish
Saturday Dinner	6:30pm RSVP by 15th October
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Sunday Prizegiving	4.30pm approx
Sunday Airport Run	Leaving AKBC about 5-5.30pm Volunteer drivers

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Saturday includes morning tea, canapés & a complimentary drink

Sunday includes morning tea, Prizegiving platter & a complimentary drink

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set menu

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NZ Open Teams Qualifying (September 2023)

Results after 8 of 8 matches		Match Imps								Totals	
Place	Team	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	Imps	VPs
17	RUSSELL (6)	22	-48	-8	11	26	13	11	-1	26	90.17
18	SOMERVILLE (26)	-3	-10	-16	29	-9	53	-10	32	66	89.92
19	CARTER (14)	14	25	40	-16	-13	-18	-12	29	49	88.99
20	DAVIES (36)	46	30	-26	-34	-10	69	20	-22	73	88.74
21	GAO BI (1)	-41	-18	3	24	-12	32	9	41	38	88.72
22	HAMILTON (39)	-16	13	15	-20	-26	43	19	10	38	88.64
23	KER (11)	1	12	-25	22	58	-30	-18	25	45	87.58
24	ROGGEVEEN (42)	3	-20	-8	9	12	-3	-3	32	22	84.86
25	JACOB (45)	28	-7	-12	23	-12	39	-23	-10	26	82.92
26	YUAN (27)	-50	37	20	35	6	-5	-20	-29	-6	79.75
27	MCLEOD (32)	-9	26	-14	-23	12	34	12	-45	-7	79.47
28	PELKMAN (16)	16	45	26	16	-49	-43	10	-57	-36	79.03
29	INGLIS (8)	-18	-13	45	-17	-12	24	-9	9	9	78.32
30	TEMPLE (51)	18	-45	8	-22	-23	27	-23	53	-7	77.24
31	CRAIG (23)	-42	21	8	-34	23	-36	11	12	-37	76.27
32	BIRD (41)	50	-19	14	-4	-40	36	-11	-32	-6	76.02
33	WATSON (56)	-4	8	5	20	-22	-29	30	-29	-21	75.62
34	HANGARTNER (4)	31	29	-25	4	-19	-13	3	-25	-15	75.12
35	RUDELLE (29)	13	-25	-25	18	13	-11	-30	12	-35	73.08
36	DOWNWARD (5)	-28	38	-5	17	-20	-69	-11	30	-48	73.06
37	HAJMASI (43)	-28	9	16	-23	20	3	-19	-9	-31	73.02
38	PURVES (3)	-13	17	-24	-45	28	-24	39	-12	-34	71.41
39	BARTOLI (47)	-22	1	-30	-24	-4	10	-10	57	-22	70.32
40	HEALY (52)	24	7	-40	23	20	-31	-12	-87	-96	70.22
41	GORDON (28)	-37	7	-33	2	10	0	36	-41	-56	69.64
42	FRASER-HOSKIN (49)	-36	-7	-3	37	-29	-27	0	22	-43	69.23
43	TOPLIS (46)	-31	24	-20	-9	3	-43	10	8	-58	68.49
44	TIBBLE (48)	-11	-26	17	25	-58	5	9	-32	-71	68.19
45	GRAY (7)	-34	-24	-20	-26	-22	22	20	28	-56	66.68
46	CURNOW (53)	-86	-37	4	26	-10	-7	9	-8	-109	64.76
47	MCMILLAN (12)	28	-19	-29	-11	-3	0	-9	-12	-55	64.39
48	GODFREY (22)	-24	-9	-17	-2	-28	-22	7	38	-57	63.91
49	SCOTT (15)	-6	-8	30	-33	-20	-32	-20	19	-70	62.44
50	SPENCER (20)	-1	-1	-15	-25	-20	7	0	-30	-85	58.8
51	BOND (24)	-37	18	33	-35	-13	-53	20	-53	-120	58.59
52	DICK (2)	-46	-21	20	-18	23	-5	-36	-22	-105	56.57
53	MURRAY-WHITE (33)	1	-12	-33	-37	4	7	-9	-28	-107	55.33
54	SUTTON (55)	-14	-17	-45	-29	22	-7	-7	-19	-116	51.82
55	GLASS (9)	-29	-38	-4	29	20	-34	-39	-57	-152	49.89
56	SHERIDAN (25)	9	-5	-40	-29	-23	-10	-20	-38	-156	43.59

NZ Intermediate Teams (September 2023)

Results after 8 of 8 matches

Place	Team									Totals	
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	Imps	VPs
1	HILTON (10)	37	68	-1	6	51	27	4	-15	177	112.78
2	COLEMAN (14)	4	18	37	-6	9	14	52	4	132	109.9
3	SIMPSON (12)	46	27	1	29	-9	6	-4	1	97	101.05
4	CAMERON (24)	16	-10	1	-22	5	17	41	15	63	95.06
5	HEARN (2)	14	-7	-1	-4	-7	35	8	28	66	94.96
6	PEDERSEN (8)	8	-20	35	31	-51	20	23	-1	45	93.36
7	PENNY (7)	8	20	5	8	33	-27	4	-4	47	92.66
8	CLIFFIN (19)	-4	18	13	-8	17	5	-4	3	40	90.76
9	GUNN (22)	-12	-3	27	22	-4	-5	-13	45	57	90.16
10	CHRISTENSEN (21)	-8	16	12	1	25	-6	-23	17	34	88.92
11	GRUNDY (5)	27	10	-5	-1	10	-14	-8	16	35	88.6
12	BAILIE (18)	-8	-16	25	-14	1	51	13	-3	49	88.03
13	ORTON (29)	40	-68	-35	-6	2	4	29	36	2	85.5
14	VELING (11)	-42	6	-25	14	26	-35	34	35	13	84.98
15	GRUNDS-TURNER (26)	28	1	18	-29	-17	7	21	-28	1	81.28
16	POWELL (9)	8	5	-13	25	-25	-7	-11	20	2	80.17
17	FITZGERALD (3)	12	7	-18	-25	-1	2	53	-17	13	80.01
18	CRAWSHAW (23)	-8	-18	34	4	9	25	-52	-16	-22	76.47
19	LEE (13)	-40	32	19	-31	-13	-2	11	-7	-31	73.49
20	CURREEN (17)	42	-27	-12	4	13	-20	0	-36	-36	70.45
21	SARGISSON (6)	-28	5	23	41	-33	-9	0	-45	-46	70.06
22	STIMSON (4)	36	-1	-37	14	-3	9	-41	-35	-58	68.94
23	CORSON (25)	-37	-32	54	30	13	-25	-21	-20	-38	68.28
24	ROBINSON (30)	-46	-6	-54	-20	23	-14	16	26	-75	66.65
25	HONEYBONE (28)	-36	-5	-34	20	32	-17	-29	7	-62	66.12
26	MOIR (27)	-6	-18	7	-30	-2	14	-53	7	-81	64.12
27	MURRAY (15)	-16	-3	-27	-14	-23	4	10	-7	-76	60.34
28	JONES (1)	6	-5	-19	-41	-32	-4	-16	20	-91	58.92
29	SIGNAL (16)	-14	3	-23	-4	-26	-4	-10	-26	-104	52.87
30	HARGREAVES (20)	-27	3	-7	6	1	-51	-34	-20	-129	52.01

NZ Junior Teams

Place	Team	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	Imps	VPs
1	LUNDIN (9)	43	19	47	-12	42	18	36	32	225	128.27
2	MCDONALD (7)	26	40	3	21	21	12	10	-32	101	105.79
3	ZHANG (1)	16	23	26	-21	-42	-4	20	68	86	96.52
4	BRANTON (8)	-1	22	-3	12	48	-56	30	-7	45	92.01
5	WILLIAMS (10)	-16	18	-3	-7	13	12	-10	7	14	83.69
6	COLEMAN (3)	1	-23	3	26	-21	-18	15	18	1	80.56
7	YOUNG (4)	-26	-19	-4	7	15	56	-20	-18	-9	73.51
8	ARDERN (2)	-43	-18	4	10	-48	4	-15	-9	-115	55.74
9	KARL (5)	-11	-22	-26	-26	-13	-12	-36	9	-137	45.95
10	SOMERVILLE (6)	11	-40	-47	-10	-15	-12	-30	-68	-211	37.96

NZ Restricted Teams

Place	Team	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	Imps	VPs
1	QUINLIVAN (25)	57	-2	32	15	-16	11	17	24	138	110.35
2	KEAY (5)	28	1	14	18	16	-9	26	-4	90	102.67
3	YOUNG (11)	62	2	-9	-3	4	29	7	4	96	98.58
4	HODGE (20)	18	13	-32	77	1	9	-8	11	89	95.06
5	CHUA (24)	32	-1	-6	47	38	-11	-7	-11	81	93.87
6	WHITEHEAD (17)	-26	-13	9	1	24	18	3	14	30	88.75
7	PAN (9)	26	20	9	-15	-1	-26	28	-5	36	88.59
8	EDGINTON (23)	21	-13	6	10	18	-12	-3	5	32	88.56
8=	BALL (3)	-8	5	15	-1	29	12	-26	5	31	88.56
10	MAXWELL (6)	-32	9	36	1	17	26	-17	-5	35	88.41
11	O'BRIEN (14)	13	24	-13	3	-18	36	8	-24	29	86.47
12	K ANDERSON (8)	-4	35	-14	78	-38	-29	1	21	50	83.27
13	FITZSIMONS (21)	13	-24	-30	-6	-24	58	8	36	31	83.1
14	WEEDN (1)	-18	-9	-14	31	-6	22	-1	2	7	79.79
15	HOUSE (26)	-27	13	20	-78	-1	-3	40	-2	-38	78.88
16	SCOTT (22)	4	-5	-8	-77	17	10	-8	23	-44	78.28
17	KALMA (12)	-21	9	-20	6	8	10	8	-14	-14	77.75
18	BOWERS (18)	-14	-10	14	39	-17	-36	-8	19	-13	75.39
19	BORREN (4)	-13	10	-15	-1	-8	3	22	-21	-23	73.46
20	WALKER (15)	14	-22	30	-47	6	-10	-22	10	-41	72.37
21	BAKER (13)	-13	-35	22	-39	19	-10	-20	28	-48	69.43
22	YANAGISAWA (7)	14	22	13	-18	-4	-18	-28	-36	-55	67.73
23	TAYLOR (2)	27	-20	8	-10	-29	-22	9	-28	-65	64.21
24	BENNETT (16)	-28	-9	-9	-1	1	-29	20	-10	-65	63.27
25	CHRISTENSEN (19)	-62	-18	-22	-31	-17	29	-9	-19	-149	46.77
26	HOLLINGWORTH (10)	-57	18	-36	1	-19	-58	-40	-23	-214	37.95