



### President's Welcome

Welcome All

Have you ever been on a cruise liner? No, I haven't. But I am imagining I am. Things have been going swimmingly until! HOLY XXXXXX! I have been asked to the captain's table. Six wise men (and women) sit around the table performing all sorts of rituals completely foreign and expect me to come up with equally wise chatter.

That goes sort of OK, then I am invited to have a look round the ship. The Gorgeous Captain who explains that she (yes she is one of the shes) is about to take some shore leave and takes me to the engine room. Well! I tell you - there are people there all running round doing odd tasks all sort of independent of each other and looking so happy as they do these chores. I find it exciting, fascinating and a little humbling that I have been a passenger for so long. I meet a sort of purser who seems to have twenty fingers in as many pies and she - yes another she - seems to want to help me up the steps and ladders which is all very nice.

So that's how cruise ships stay going around the world. All most inspiring.

Nice to be writing to you Guys - in my first language rather than that rather bastardised ACOL I have been forced to learn on the seas.

With love and looking forward.....

**Martin Carryer**  
President

### Results

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|---|--|-----------------|
| <b>Levin Junior</b>                           | Maree Roberts<br>John Redmayne                                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| <b>Levin Intermediate</b>                     | Rohan Wewala<br>Allan Mudford  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| <b>Hawkes Bay Congress Open Pairs</b>         | Bob Hurley<br>Russell Wilson   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| <b>Hawkes Bay Congress Open Teams</b>         | Lorraine Stachurski<br>Sarah Green<br>Mariusz Tumilowicz<br>Mindy Wu | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|   | Bob Hurley<br>Russell Wilson<br>George Masters<br>John Pitts         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| <b>Victoria Swiss Pairs</b>                   | Debbie Marcroft<br>Steve Baron                                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| <b>Hutt Open</b>                              | Jan Whyte<br>Ken Bateman   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| <b>Wellington Congress Swiss Pairs</b>        | Liz Burrows<br>Anne Gordon   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| <b>Wellington Congress Intermediate Teams</b> | Garry Hodge<br>Grant Elliott<br>Malcolm Loudon<br>Maxine Keay        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| <b>Auckland Northland Provincial Teams</b>    | Wayne Burrows<br>Clair Miao<br>Steph Jacob<br>Glenn Coutts           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| <b>Paraparaumu Intermediate</b>               | Julie Bunnell<br>Michael Hardman                                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| <b>Dannevirke Open Pairs</b>                  | Jan Whyte<br>Ken Bateman   | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|   | Bob Hurley<br>Anne Gordon  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| <b>Waipukurau Intermediate/Junior</b>         | Garry Hodge<br>Paul Orsborn  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |

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| <b>Central Districts<br/>Interprovincial Trials<br/>Intermediate</b> | Julie Bunnell<br>Michael Hardman<br>Gayle Leader<br>Hans van Bunnik | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| <b>Central Districts<br/>Interprovincial Trials<br/>Senior</b>       | Pat Oyston<br>Martin Oyston<br>Claire Woodhall<br>Noel Woodhall     | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| <b>Central Districts<br/>Interprovincial Trials<br/>Open</b>         | Bob Hurley<br>Jack James<br>Pamela Livingston<br>Russell Wilson     | 1 <sup>st</sup> |

The 70% club:

John Redmayne, Suzanne Carpenter - 77.98%

Zheng Zhang, Peter Wiles – 74.40%

Denise Servante, Tony Clear - 70%

Maxine Keay, Jono Naylor - 70%

### Gayle Leader

Our usual newsletter editor, Ray Kemp, is away on a well-deserved holiday this month and so our President, Martin Carryer, spotlights a couple of interesting distributional hands from recent Club sessions.

### Trump Body Slams

I have always been excited by the more extremely unbalanced hands that crop up from time to time. I had the opportunity to discuss a couple that turned up one Friday recently.

|             |                 |               |  |  |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|--|--|
| South Deals | ♠ K Q 10 6 5 4  |               |  |  |
| N/S Vul     | ♥ K Q J 7 6 4 3 |               |  |  |
|             | ♦               |               |  |  |
|             | ♣               |               |  |  |
| ♠ 3         |                 | ♠ 7 2         |  |  |
| ♥ 10 9 5 2  |                 | ♥ A           |  |  |
| ♦ Q J 10 4  |                 | ♦ A 9 8 7     |  |  |
| ♣ K 10 6 2  |                 | ♣ A Q J 9 7 3 |  |  |
|             | ♠ A J 9 8       |               |  |  |
|             | ♥ 8             |               |  |  |
|             | ♦ K 6 5 3 2     |               |  |  |
|             | ♣ 8 5 4         |               |  |  |

This North hand is an absolute beauty. East's hand has merits too, but North is Dealer and can set the pace. My bet is to open 2C (game force) and the bidding might go 2C, pass, 2D, pass, 2H, pass, 2S, pass... Then what? If South has aces in C and D they are no use to a spade or heart contract and how do we find whether partner holds AH or AS?

Keep it safe and bid 4S. Well, my advice is totally off the mark. Talking to a venerable senior player in the room at the end of the play this lowly would-be adviser was given the perfect bid.

4NT opening! Yes, this is a convention and is a specific ace ask. Look at the hand again. With the AS or AH, this is a pretty sure slam. Now the bidding goes 4NT, pass, 5S(showing AS), pass, 6S, pass, pass, pass.

Look at the hand again and imagine someone opening 4H or 4S. This is a clue to East of a hand with length but not overall strength and s/he might be tempted to bid 5C. Infact, should be tempted (counting 11 tricks in C).

Of course another sequence could have gone: 2C, X, pass, 5C, ??? Here the double of a conventional bid says "I have that suit and want a C lead, at least". Clubs becomes a good contract and a good sacrifice even at 7CX.

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|-------------|------------|------------------|--|
| East Deals  | ♠ 7 3 2    |                  |  |
| N/S Vul     | ♥ Q 10 3 2 |                  |  |
|             | ♦ K 8 7 4  |                  |  |
|             | ♣ Q 8      |                  |  |
| ♠ J 9 5     |            | ♠                |  |
| ♥ A K 7 5   |            | ♥ J 8            |  |
| ♦ 5         |            | ♦ J 10 9 6 3 2   |  |
| ♣ K J 6 5 4 |            | ♣ A 10 9 7 2     |  |
|             |            | ♠ A K Q 10 8 6 4 |  |
|             |            | ♥ 9 6 4          |  |
|             |            | ♦ A Q            |  |
|             |            | ♣ 3              |  |

An acquaintance (a bit of a Blowhard) got talking about this little number. First to bid as East, BH thinks "Not vulnerable, beautifully short suited. I bet South will have a long major, and knowing him/her, he/she will jump to game. Will partner understand that 4NT over 4H or 4S is for minors? Whatever!"

The bidding goes 1D, 4S, pass, pass, 5C, pass, pass, pass. Making! Blowhard was BLOWING.

Good or bad? Well, Blowhard's partner may have had the majors and bid on for great things having been rather misled by the opening 1D. I am a slow learner but have come to recognise that unbalanced hands are worth bidding and are usually matched by similar shortages in the opposition's hands. Defending may prove hopeless yet bidding and sacrificing may bear fruit. My acquaintance certainly agrees. Do choose your acquaintances carefully.

Casting the net about I asked Bob Hurley what may have turned up at the recent Hawkes Bay congress. I guess he was still fizzing. Having been beaten into second place by a team including our very own Chief Director. However, one hand certainly helped even the result when, in Bob's words, "I held

A K J x x  
A x x x x  
Void  
A x x

Playing precision, I opened 1C (16+ HCP, any shape) and partner bid 1NT (balanced with 9+ HCP). I bid 2S and partner bid 3S. For us that shows extra values (we would jump to 4 with a minimum) so I bid 6S.

Partner held.....Q x x x  
x x  
A K x x  
x x x

I had overlooked that my partner was a passed hand but he obviously liked his 9 HCP. The play was simple with spades breaking 2/2 and hearts breaking 3/3."

Thanks, Bob.

**Your Humble Servant.**

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### Tips and Conventions

The learner's class are being taught to bid to the four level if they have a ten card fit. This is an early introduction to sacrifice bidding. If you have favourable vulnerability high card points are largely irrelevant.

So, always bid as high as you are prepared to bid immediately. Don't bid 1S (X) 3S and when the opponents bid 4H, the 3S bidder now bid 4S. This makes it easier for opponents to judge whether to double or bid 5H. Bid 4S at your first bid. At favourable vulnerability your opponents will be reluctant to double, often bidding 5H. Hopefully that will be one light but if not, it should be an average result.

Say you have opened 1S with 11HCP and six spades and the bidding proceeds (X) 3S weak from partner, pass to you. Bid 4S with no expectation of making at favourable vulnerability.

To make sensible decisions you have to know how many trumps your partnership has. I still see players bidding 1H – 2H with the 2H bidder having five hearts. If playing 5 card majors I would expect only three hearts.

Here is hand where I recently made a poor decision. As dealer, and at favourable vulnerability, I held:

xxxx  
x  
xx  
AKQxxx.

I passed and the opponents bid 1NT – 3NT. Of course, it made on a non-club lead. On reflection I think opening 3C is best (2C if playing Precision). If you open 1C and defend 3NT, partner may not lead from a singleton or doubleton club. Over a 3C opening bid if partner has a good hand and bids, say, 3H, you can now bid 3S.

### A convention:

You open 1S and partner bids 4NT keycard but opponent bids 5D. What now? Many players use DOPI & ROPI. This gives you two extra steps to answer your partner's question. DOPI means Double for first step, Pass for second step. So playing 4130 responses with one or four keycards double, with none or three pass and with two keycards and no Q bid 5H etc. If opponents Double the keycard bid you use ROPI, Redouble is the first step, Pass the second step etc.

### Bob Hurley

Note – many thanks to Bob and his team for managing our Improvers sessions on the 2nd Friday of each month. In June, Bob gave us hints and tips to maximise the possibility of catching tricks from different combinations.

Please note that the scheduled Improvers session (booked in the programme for 14th July) coincides with Matariki so, with regret, we will cancel it. The next Juniors/Improvers session will be on 11<sup>th</sup> August.