

SOUTH WAIRARAPA BRIDGE CLUB



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NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

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At our April Committee Meeting:-



- Ed Hudson resigned as President of SWBC because of ill health, but he has agreed to be co-opted on to the committee so he and his small sub-committee can continue to work on the lease.

Ed and a group of Featherston players taken at one of our recent club nights - Angie Smith, Rona Huggins, Agata Cruickshank, Perry Cameron and Val Rait

- Lizzie Catherall – fun loving sportswoman - has agreed to be our new president until the annual meeting next year.
- Jill Baker has agreed to take over the captancy of Ed's Interclub team.



- Alan Butler reported that the Tournament seemed to be a financial success, but as he was still waiting for some accounts to come in, he could not give us final figures = he looks happy counting the money!!



- The committee read the applications for seating rights on mobility issues and Kath Banks, our secretary has posted the relevant names on the notice board
 - The committee agreed to give X Club a trial (more details about X Club later in this newsletter)
 - There was also some discussion at the committee meeting on Psyche Bidding and coincidentally Greg had decided to write his article about Psyche bids this month. (see later in this newsletter) The committee has agreed that although physic bids are not illegal, their constant use may result in score adjustment
 - The old SWBC website has now been taken down because it was very out of date – now we only have one website <http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/>
 - Do you know that SWBC has a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=south%20wairarapa%20bridge%20club>
 - The committee had been asked to bring up the subject of hesitation at the bridge table. Andrew presented us some notes he had taken from the Director’s Manual –(more details on one aspect of hesitation later in this newsletter)
 - Next committee meeting Thursday 11th May
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Last week we were shocked to hear of the unexpected death of Jan Brunton Jan was on SWBC’s committee when the club bought the computer, bridge pads, and dealing machine.

This is a photo of Jan with her winning Emerald team at the Masterton Swiss Teams at the end of last year – Jan Brunton, Gail Freeman, Jill Baker and Annie McLeod



In 2011 Peter Francks said he would do one year as President and asked Jan if she would

be President after him, so they could work together – she agreed and when he resigned Jan took over the Presidency in 2012. Peter told me Jan was a great networker, kept meticulous records and made sure all the innovations that he had started at the club continued and flourished. She suffered a lot of pain at times because of her leg and when she had a chance to move to Wellington in 2014 and use facilities that would benefit her health she resigned. Her wide circle of friends said she loved being part of SWBC and stayed a member of our club, playing for one of our intermediate interclub teams until the end of last year. Just last Sunday we played against her in the Wellington Regional Intermediate teams tournament – as usual she was bright, happy and gracious - we had a great competitive game



Jan and Hamish at end of the year team barbeque



Greg' Monthly Tip "Psyche Bidding"

This subject has become topical since an apocalyptic moment at our recent tournament. I have on numerous occasions when Directing at the Club, seen players become very upset about an illegal "psyche bid" made by their opponents. On every occasion, I have been able to say that firstly, the bid was not a psyche, and secondly even if it was, it is not illegal. The situations I have had to deal with have been "bad" bids rather than an attempt to deceive.

So, what is a psyche bid? The best description I can offer is that it is a gross and deliberate misstatement of honour strength and/or suit length. Usually both.

Examples:-

- An opening of 1S with 2 spades and 12 hcps, or opening 1S with 5 spades and 3 hcps.
- Or (most frequently) an opening of 1S with say 2 spades and around 8 hcps.

Critical to the definition are the words "gross" and "deliberate".

A light opening of 1S with 4 spades and 9 hcps, although deliberate would not be regarded as a gross misrepresentation.

The rules that define our game do not dictate how we are to bid other than to say that partnerships must have an agreed system and that we must, when required, be able to fully disclose our agreement. Psyche bids are therefore not illegal. However New Zealand Bridge regulations place some restrictions on such calls. Persistent psyching is not permitted, and this is usually regarded as more than one, or perhaps two, psyches in any one session. The Manual defines some situations where psyches are forbidden e.g. an opening multi bid.

If it is not illegal to psyche bid, why are there limits? Central to the concept of the psyche bid is that partner of the psyche bidder remains as confused as the opponents. Restricting the number of psyche bids that can be made lessens the possibility that the partner will recognise a psyche bid when it is made. Of course, partner must respond on the bases of the partnership agreement. If the bid is recognised it must be alerted.

Any psyche bid made is required to be announced by the bidder after the hand has been played. At SWBC, the club has a policy of recording these bids in a Register. Thankfully, in my opinion, given the very friendly nature of our Club, I would not expect the Register to be open very often.



Felicity's team ready for battle – before the game on Friday night!

Results of Round 3 Interclub Teams and present standings

Intermediate:-

- Jill's Team lost and is 11th
- Alice's team lost and is now 15th
- Upper Hutt defaulted to Lizzie's team – now 16th
- Felicity's team won and is now 18th

Junior

- Angie's team lost and is now 10th

Pianola

This month – in response to requests from some club members I’ll give you a short little lesson on how to use Pianola - I hope it helps

Pianola is free for everyone to use – and you do not have log on to it to see anything I have mentioned in this newsletter

After the game you will receive an email telling you your results for the night

<http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/results>
(And you do not need to log in to Pianola to see them)

YOUR RESULTS

Here are your results for the game "Featherston Pairs 2017" you played with Martin Connelly at South Wairarapa Bridge Club on 20 Apr 2017.

OVERALL RESULT			View full results
SCORE	POSITION	MASTERPOINTS	
61.14%	1st	40 C	

BREAKDOWN BY ROLE

Here's how you scored in each role:

AS DECLARER	AS DUMMY	AS DEFENDER ON LEAD	AS DEFENDER NOT ON LEAD
97.50%	61.25%	55.00%	55.00%

April 20 Featherston Pairs 2017

Ranking Travellers Scorecards Hands

You are probably familiar with this screen -- this is what you see when you open your email that arrives after you have finished your game.

The fun part is when you click on "View full results"

Note :- if you do not receive an email like this go to your "Spam" folder and you will probably find it there. For some strange reason I suddenly stopped getting the email for three weeks and that's where I found them

My results are definitely not always like this!!!

After clicking on View Full Results you go into a page that is headed by the name of the competition you have just played and the date. Underneath you have four headings, Ranking, Travellers, Scorecards and Hands. Ranking is underlined so that is the page that opens up and it will tell you results and ranking of everyone who played that night

Ranking Travellers Scorecards Hands

Log in to Pianola to access powerful analysis tools: see your bidding accuracy, card play ability, and replay hands with card-by-card guidance. [Learn more](#)

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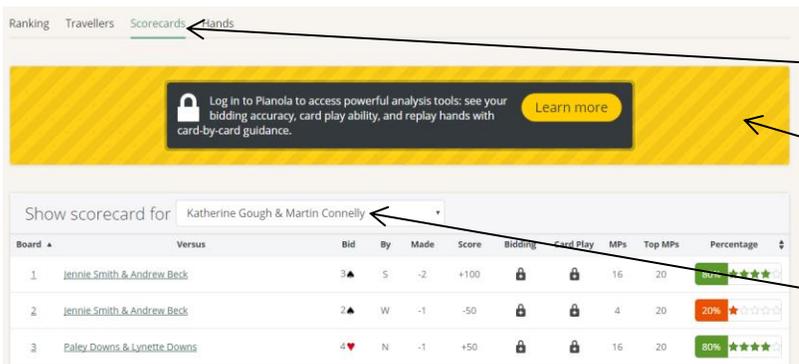
Board 1

Pairs		Contract			Scores		MPs	
NS	EW	Bid	By	Made	NS	EW	NS	EW
R.Bauckham & L.Gibbs	I.Parker & N.Catherall	2♠	N	8	110	-	20	0
M.Bell & I.Baker	B.Campbell & L.Marsh	2NT	E	-2	100	-	17	3

Replay this hand with card-by-card guidance

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▲ K J 7 5

By Clicking Travellers you will see all the boards you played on the night along the top. It opens up with Board 1 and you can see all the contracts, that were played, who played who, and the different scores that were played on Board 1- If we have played more than 24 boards click on the arrow at the top and it will continue with board 25. board 26 etc



The next heading you can click on is called Scorecards – actually this is my favourite heading

Ignore this advertising for Pianola Plus – I will tell you about that next month

Click on your partnership (all partnerships are listed on the left hand side) and it will appear in this box here -Scorecards will then tell you who you played each board against, the score and then rates your score with coloured boxes and stars – any shade of green is good – red is very bad!

And that endeth the lesson!!!

Some stats about Pianola - last Thursday there were 46 players and 40 went to Pianola for their results

Over 65's

Our top scorers at our club since the last newsletter are:-

Featherston Pairs 6 th April	- Sue Wright and Gloria Wong	- 67.05
Autumn Pairs 10 th April	- Paul Collins and Sue Whitten	- 68.36
Autumn Pairs 10 th April	- Andrew Beck and Ruth Burgess	- 65.56
Featherston Pairs 21 st April	- Rosie Bauckham and Linda Gibbs	- 68.96
Featherston Pairs 21 st April	- Margaret White and Sheridan Evans	- 65.05

Did you see the report about our Club in Wellington Regional New

<http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/latest-updates,listing,3143,wellington-regional-news-with-paul-maxwell.html>

Results –

<http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/TinyFileManager/resources/files/143///autumn%20pairs.pdf>

<http://www.southwairarapabridge.org.nz/TinyFileManager/resources/files/143///session.pdf>

Monday night Autumn Pairs

Congratulations to:- Two husband and wife duos were so close in this competition

Greg Whitten and Rosie Collins 60.62

Sue Whitten and Paul Collins 60.10

Brigitta Harper and Anna McDonald 58.26

Thursday night Featherston Pairs

Congratulations to:-

Linda Gibbs and Rosie Bauckham 61.58

Sheridan Evans and Margaret White 60.14

Jean Parker and Neil Catherall 57.19

Questionnaires

Thank you to the club members who have completed the questionnaires, at the time of writing this newsletter, over 40% have done so.

We would like to analyze these before our next committee meeting, which will be held on the second Thursday of May, so you have another week or so to get them back to us. You can pop them in the box beside the notice board, or give them to Lizzie or me at club night.

There are copies of the questionnaire at the club if you don't want to use your printer.

Visit from Masterton Club

On the 4th May Masterton Bridge Club (Our sister Club) is coming to visit.- we would love as many of you as possible to attend – although it is held on a Thursday night all club members are welcome – there will be no table money charged on the night.

Club members are asked to bring a plate

Starts at 5.30 -

You will need to have you own partner – if you want help to find a partner get in touch with our Thursday convenor Lizzie Catherall

We will have a return visit to Masterton on the 11th July

A comedy of errors, a chapter of accidents or not enough chocolate biscuits at supper time!

North (Dealer) V

♠ J 7
♥ A K 9 4 3
♦ 6
♣ A Q 10 9 2

West D NV East NV

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

South V

♠ 9 5
♥ Q 6 2
♦ A K J 10 7 5 2
♣ 8

HCPs

14
5 11
10

This hand, Board 12 from the second night of the Thursday Featherston Pairs could be a combination of all those things!

The bidding goes:-

W (Jean)	N (Katherine)	E (Neil)	S (Martin)
Pass	1H	1S	2D
2S	3C	3S	4H
Pass	Pass	4S	X
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

4 spades doubled is an unmake able contract and should have been a good board for us but.....

A opening lead out of turn, an error by the director, a revoke, another lead out of turn and then my throwing away the wrong card so that Neil makes his JH at the end turned this hand into a disaster, 4 spades doubled making 4. Another notable EW pair that night got into a 5S doubled contract and went 5 light and another pair were in 4S doubled going 3 light.

Oh wellas Mindy Wu says a bottom board is just a bottom board!

Some Interesting Website Stats

In the Month of April the Club's website was "Visited" 519 times. The number of visits was greatest in the week of the Club's two tournaments, possibly because any visitor who provided an email address also received a Pianola Results Email that invited them to look, in more detail, at their results on the webpage. And while the Results page is the most frequently viewed page on the site, over 100 people have taken a look at the Newsletter Page and a slightly smaller number viewed the page that has upcoming local and regional tournaments. Roughly half those visiting the site do so from a desktop computer while the rest use a tablet or smart phone. 55% of visitors to the site are men and 45% are women.

X Club - at the last committee meeting we agreed to Trial X Club.

What is X Club.

Every Club throughout New Zealand who is a member of X Club plays the same deals on the same night – if you are familiar with the Babich Pairs you will know the concept - e.g. on Thursday nights, at the moment, there are 11 clubs who belong to X Club – last Thursday night 126 pairs from 11 clubs played exactly the same boards

On Monday night there are 15 clubs and 295 pairs taking part.
The numbers of clubs joining X Club are growing all the time -

There will be absolutely no change to the way the results from our Club night will be produced - they will look exactly the same as they do now and will be in Pianola exactly the same as they are now

In addition

Our results are also sent to Mr X Club - Mike Neels at the Cambridge Club - after the games have finished on club night - he and his team process them and later that night (after 11 pm usually) you can see how you scored in a field of hundreds of pairs who played the same deals that night.

X Club will mean a change for Martin (scoring) and Jill (dealing) but both of them are really keen to give it a go. Martin has set up everything that is necessary on the computer, and as Jill has the cards dealt until the 4th May we will start X Club on Monday 10th May and will continue every Monday and Thursday club nights

If you want to look at the complete set of results you will need to join Pianola X Club - so you will belong to two Pianola clubs - SWBC Pianola and X Club Pianola. Once we start X Club you will be sent an email from X Club Pianola asking you to join. There is no absolutely pressure for you to join – but it will be fun to see how we measure up against everyone else.

Hesitation and Unauthorised information - do you know what they are?? Or what they mean?? Andrew has written this article to help us out.



Hesitation

One of the most difficult rules in bridge concerns hesitation in bidding or play. While bridge is supposed to be an enjoyable social occasion, there are a lot of hands to be played in an evening, and time is not unlimited.

The South Wairarapa Club adopts the fairly standard practice that 6 minutes is allocated per board and one minute to move tables. This means that there is not a lot of time allowed for thinking about what to do. You need to plan and execute your play so that the board is

completed within the allotted time. It is not just about finishing the evening before 11pm. If you take a very long time in deciding what to do next, you may find that the director is called for “undue hesitation”.

The rule about hesitation is concerned with providing additional information to your partner, or attempting to deceive the opposition. Rule 73A2 provides:

Calls and plays should be made without undue emphasis, mannerism or inflection, and without undue hesitation or haste.

Examples of things to avoid in bidding are:

- A long hesitation followed by a pass during the bidding.
- A long hesitation before supporting a suit, or changing suit.
- A long hesitation after a suit has been agreed, then bidding no trumps.

In each of these situations, you may be seen as giving your partner a clue as to what is in your hand, thereby providing unauthorised information. If the director considers this to be the case, then the director can alter the result if the non-offending side has been damaged.

Things to avoid in play are:

- A long hesitation although only one card is held in the suit.
- A long hesitation when you do not hold a key card.

In these cases, you may induce the opposition to make a particular play by creating a false impression. The director can adjust the result if damage is caused because of this.

The moral of the story is – do not hesitate unduly. Think about what you are going to do before you have to bid and then bid smoothly and directly. During play, play your cards smoothly and at an even tempo.

What do you do if your partner has hesitated unduly before bidding or passing? This does not mean you cannot bid. What you are not permitted to do is take advantage of the hesitation. If you clearly intended to bid anyway, then go ahead and bid. A good rule of thumb is to ask yourself whether 70% of better players would have made the bid. If you are not sure, the best course of action may be to pass – that way you cannot be accused of taking any advantage.



Bridge Golden Rule #2 – Eat more chocolate Biscuits at Supper time –Chocolate Improves Memory and Mood - Chocolate benefits for brain health in particular are widely accepted, so much so that chocolate is being called the latest “brain food

I would love your contributions to our club newsletter – you can email me goughgirl@gmail.com