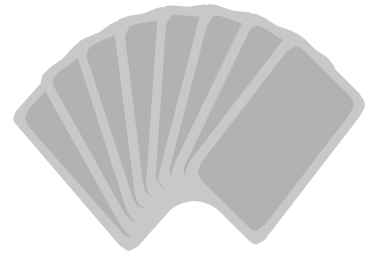


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Hello Everyone

CONGRATULATIONS:

Kelly Piirse Tounament

The Kelly Peirse Memorial Teams Tournament, held on Saturday, was very successful. There were 24 tables and a very strong field, with players from 22 different clubs around the North Island entered!

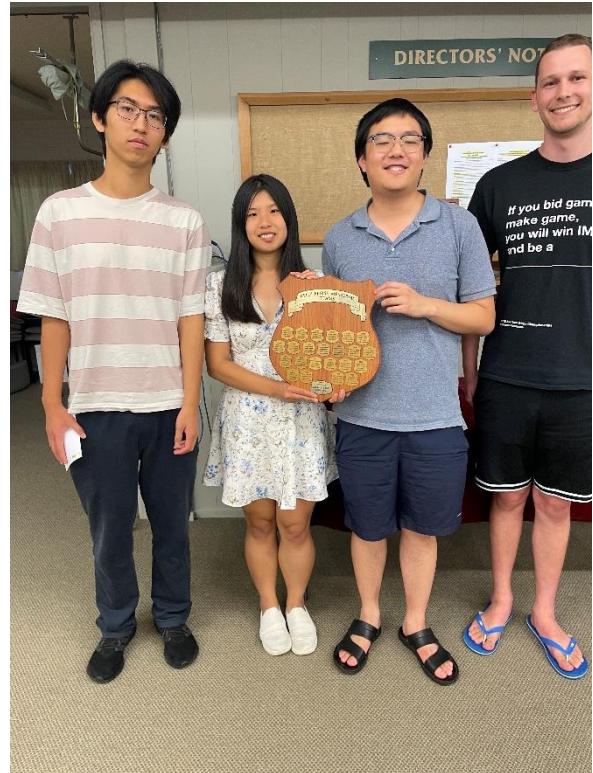
Congratulations to the winners, the team of Lysandra Zheng, Tim Pan, Zachary Yan and Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin from the Howick, Akarana and Auckland clubs. Runners-up were the team of Herman Yuan, Yuzhong Chen, Murray Wood and Rachelle Pelkman.

The handicap winners (and **top Rotorua team**) were **Suellyn Caudwell, Elspeth Goodrick, Cathy Ward and Wendy Blackman.**

Thank you to everyone who helped, participated and brought food. Special thanks must go to Wendy Fraser who worked so hard and efficiently in the kitchen, as she so often does, and also made some delicious nibbles. Thanks also to her helpers and our caddie Grace, our fill-in team who were called up at the last minute, scorer Jan Spaans and director Phillippa Gardiner, who all contributed to a smooth-running and enjoyable day for everybody.



Handicap winners Suellyn Caudwell, Elspeth Goodrick, Cathy Ward and Wendy Blackman.



The 2025 Kelly Peirse winners, Zachary Yan, Lysandra Zheng, Tim Pan and Jeremy Fraser-Hoskin

Library Bridge Promotion

Thank you to all the members who helped spread the word regarding our lessons by playing Bridge at the Library. Whether you came once or several times, we are very grateful and are looking forward to excellent numbers turning up next week. I know a number of you also found the opportunity to play and discuss the hands beneficial. I hope you will put your hands up again next year. Many thanks especially to Cathy, Roger and Margie who all came several times and were on hand to offer guidance and answer the questions of the less experienced players – *from Val Honeyfield*

BEGINNER CLASSES

Beginner classes will be run on Wednesday 7pm and/or Sunday afternoon 2.30pm.

Commencing Wednesday 2nd April and Sunday 6th April 2.30-5pm. Classes run for 12 weeks. Please keep spreading the word about these upcoming lessons.

Request for Help at Beginner Lessons

Val and Margie are looking for expressions of interest in helping with this year's Beginners classes. The lessons will end mid-July with the Welcome Dinner on 23 July. If you are available for a few, some, or all lessons, please text or email Val val.honeyfield@xtra.co.nz

Val and Margie will be grateful to anyone who can commit to most of either Wednesdays or Sundays but also those, they can call on at short notice.

IMPROVER LESSONS

Who For: Players who feel they have the basics of Bridge under their belts, are playing regularly and want to start developing systems or conventions, they can use to help the bidding and playing process. These lessons will aid the understanding of what each of you are telling your partner about your hand or how to ask a question about your partner's hand and how to respond.

By whom: Hilary and Kathryn are running a new series of Improver Lessons at the club. No table money is required.

When: Already started and well attended. There are 2 more sessions Monday 31 March and Monday 7 April. Doesn't matter if you missed the first 2 lessons, you can still attend the last 2. 7pm start for a 40/50-minute instruction/discussion and then play a few hands to practise what you have learnt. Hilary says, "Thank you to all those who have attended so far. It is lovely to see".

The sessions so far have been inspiring and covered: *Bidding to Slam, Transfers after a 1NT opening.*

To be covered: *All the rest about 1NT, All about the Double - X – XX. Extra information about playing techniques, scoring, which contract is best to play in - NT/Suit, signals and discards.* Handouts are available. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary on 027 482 0699 or email hildale@xtra.co.nz

TOURNAMENTS

Remember to check both the club noticeboard and New Zealand Bridge website www.nzbridge.co.nz for all details of upcoming tournaments.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Saturday 5 April Mt Maunganui MultiGrade 3A Pairs
Sunday 6 April 8B Hamilton Restricted Pairs - closing date 4 April
Saturday 12 April Matamata Open 8B Pairs – closing date midday 11 April
Sunday 13 April Whakatane Bay Pairs 1
Saturday 19 April Tauranga Open 5A Pairs
Sunday 20 April Putaruru Rubber Ducky Day Out

Online Tournament Fundraiser – Easter Friday – 18 April

The Real Bridge 5A Open Swiss Pairs and 8B Intermediate/Junior Swiss Pairs will take place online, Good Friday to support the NZ Open Team's fundraising to play in the APBF in May. There is also a Give a Little page for those who may not be able to play at the event and wish to donate directly to the NZ Bridge Foundation to support the team. Check out the NZ Bridge website for further details.

Play With A Pro Auction

An auction is also being held until March 31st for the chance to play with one of these talented players. This is a great opportunity to support our younger players. The APBF is likely to have very little funding this year and so a majority of these costs will end up being fronted by the players- this is made especially tough when half the team are still students. [Check Rotorua Bridge Club - Members Group](#) for further information on the auction.

PARTNERSHIP STEWARDS

Please remember to contact your Partner before each event starts. This will ensure you are not left without someone to play with and having to go home.

Monday Afternoon: Regina van der Sluis.....020 4161 7772

Wednesday Evening: Hilary Williams.....027 482 0699

Thursday Evening: Marie Milsum.....027 427 5727

Friday Afternoon: Bobbie Fluker.....027 427 151

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Please make use of our Sponsors' services if you can and let them know that you belong to the Bridge Club and appreciate their sponsorship.

Please send any suggestions or contributions (especially tournament results) to me at

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Happy Bridging

Cheers

Bobbie Fluker

