

# MARCH NEWSLETTER - EASTER AT S.P.B.C.

We are planning to make Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April a special day to celebrate ~~Easter~~. Felicity Wilkes has kindly donated \$200 on behalf of the Pyjama Foundation for prizes on the day. The Pyjama Foundation is a group which reads to foster and disadvantaged children, and you can see Felicity for more information about this worthy Foundation. We will soon start selling tickets in the Easter Raffle, which will be full of goodies as usual. Thanks to the Members of the Management Committee for their donations of chocolates, and especial thanks to Dot O'Hara for her donation of the huge box of chocolates. The Easter Bunny has arrived early and has left enough eggs so that all players will get a little egg or two on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you all there. **FROM JAN PALM!**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT - PAT HOBSON.** A very special thank you to all the Members who rallied to the call and attended Ron Klinger's Lesson on Friday morning, the 24<sup>th</sup> February. It was a great success and very good for the Club. I would also like, on behalf of the Club, to congratulate Roy Roberts and John Glennie for winning their section of the Open Pairs at the Gold Coast Congress. Well done Roy and John!

## **FORTHCOMING MARCH COMPETITIONS.**

Wednesday - Graded Round Robin Teams (Green). - 14/3 and 21/3.  
Thursday - Red Eclectic 1 of 2; Restricted is also Red. - 15/3 and 22/3.  
Friday - Club Championship Graded Pairs 1 of 2 (SG). - 16/3 and 23/2.  
Monday - Red Point Teams - all day. - 19/3 sponsored by Zeppelin Travel.  
Wednesday - Bidet Red Pairs - all day + Club Chsp. Qual. - 28/3 sponsored by The Bidet Shop.  
Saturday - SPBC Novice Pairs Congress All Day (Red). - 31/3 sponsored by Roberts Law.

## **RESULTS FROM FEBRUARY COMPETITIONS AND ALL THE ECLECTICS.**

\*Decmbr. Eclectic - Kaye Donaldson 60.7%. \*Christmas Eclectic - Margaret Chesser 59.2%.  
\*Summer Eclectic - Beverlee Travers 60.6%. \*New Year Eclectic - Kaye Donaldson 58.69%.  
\*Monday Eclectic - S.Jury/J.Taverner 64%. \*January Eclectic - B.Borrell/P.Wallas 58.3%.  
\*Tuesday Eclectic - J.Cox/M.Goltz 60.4%. \*Tuesday Eclectic® - T.Koekenbier/M.McIlwraith 61.9%.  
\*Saturday Eclectic - J.Johnson/D.O'Hara 63.7%. \*Saturday Eclectic® - C.Gambett/L.O'Brien 56.8%.  
\*Monday Prs/blck - K.Donaldson/L.Jones 59.4%. \*Monday Prs/orange - N.Nishigami & T.Fletcher 62.4%.  
\*C.C. Butler Pairs - Graham Dawes/Kevin Dean \* Summer Pairs - J.Dawson/L.Jones 61.6%.  
\*Friday RR.Teams - The Shaw Team: R.Weathered, L.Jones, M.Taylor, J.Sault.  
\*Friday RR.Teams - The Red Team: B.Calcino, A.Cornell-Bray, D.Kennealy, M.Sly.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 70 PERCENTERS.**

Danny Osmund & Jan Varmo - Red Section 24/2/12 - 72%  
Gwenda Jewell & Marlene Bernau - Green " 24/2/12 - 71.9%  
Judith Owens & Lynn Gray - Orange " 23/2/12 - 71.8%  
Joan Dawson & Stephanie Chapman - Black " 13/2/12 - 70.9%  
Hannie Kellenberger & Judith Owens - Orange " 9/2/12 - 70.8%

## **PROMOTIONS : CONGRATULATIONS FROM BEVERLEE TRAVERS & NOELINE ROSSITER**

**Graduate:** Pam Craig. **Local:** Annette Grimsdale.  
**Club:** Helen Cunynghame **Bronze Life:** Janice Palm and Edda Strong.

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: FROM LINDSAY KUBLER (MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY).**

**Home Club:** Janet Pointon - phone 0414816486.  
Eileen Baker - " 5528 0865.  
**Home Club Elsewhere:** Neven Burica - phone 0738464565.  
Yvonne Kilvert - " 0738441034.

New Members for February 2012 - 4 Members;

Total Membership as at 13/2/12 - Home Club 540 (Inc. Life Members) + Non Affiliated Members 159 = 699.

## **VALE:**

We mourn the loss of our friend and Club Member, Lorraine Shaw, who passed away on Saturday 18/2. Our sympathy to you Trevor, and we hope through Bridge we can help you through this sad period of your life.

## **“WHO AM I?”..... (GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BRIDGE MATES).**

I was born in Taumarunui, New Zealand in 1915 and when I was 3 years old the Wanganui River, which flowed through our property, claimed the life of my Father. After various ups and downs we found ourselves back in Wellington where my Mother, an academic, took a position teaching maths and science at her old University. My siblings and I attended a local school and my education culminated with my Economic Degree at Victoria College.

But I treasured my swimming blue and my hockey blue, achieved there. I represented Wellington as a junior swimmer but I was too small to get to the top, so I became interested in diving. There were no coaches, but a lot of people helped me just by describing the dives. They allowed me to dive in the men's baths at Tearo, the only high board in Wellington, after the men were out at 7pm. So I dived until it was too dark to see, but it was enough for me to become New Zealand's Women's Diving Champion 3 years running.

I first saw Australia from the deck of the 'Awatea' one beautiful sunny morning - Sydney Harbour in all its glory. *Shangri La* I thought, and I lived there for 50 years. I lived in Vaucluse and had three children. I started my Bridge Career aged 44 years, and remembering the auction bridge we played when I was nine in my Mother's big warm kitchen, with lessons from Don, the Director of Lindfield Bridge Club, it all fell into place. I feel so lucky to have found Bridge - it has made my life! (Who Am I? - See 'from the Editor').

## **GENERAL NEWS.**

\***Birgitt Bingham** will be away for the whole of March, so Betty Lever (5573 6753) will be the Partnership Arranger for the Open & Local and Below Groups.

\***Attendance Analysis:** January 2012 - 3344; January 2011 - 3711. (n.b. Club closed 25/1 & 27/1 - flooding).

\***Paul Brake and Patrick Wallis** (the Principal of All Saints) are in the process of beginning bridge lessons at the school. This is an idea from Phil Roberts, who is trying to attract younger players to the game. Birgitt Bingham is the Liaison Officer for our office.

## **FROM LARRY COHEN'S NEWSLETTER - “OPENING IN 4<sup>TH</sup> SEAT OPTIONS”.**

**Rule of 15:** In the 4<sup>th</sup> seat after 3 passes, the “book” rule is to add your HCP to your number of spades. If the total is 15 open the bidding, if less than 15 – pass it in.

**Fourth Seat Weak:** The normal range for a weak 2 bid is 6-10 HCP. The range for a 4<sup>th</sup> seat weak 2 opening after 3 passes should be about 10-14 HCP with a quality suit. Three level pre-empts in the 4<sup>th</sup> seat should also show close to opening points, and a quality seven card suit.

**Drury:** When a 4<sup>th</sup> seat opening is made it might be on the light side, and Drury can be used to avoid the partnership overbidding. If, say, Partner opens 1S using Drury, Responder can bid an artificial 2c (instead of 3S) to show a limit raise. Opener can rebid 2S to say he isn't interested in game and the contracts stops at a safe 2S. Other rebids by Opener show game interest.

## **“KATE'S RULES TO LIVE BY” - GUIDELINES FROM KATE MCCALLUM 22/2/08.**

Kate McCallum holds the highest available World Bridge Federation Title of **World Grand Master**.\* When asked how long it takes to learn bridge, Kate said she can teach the basics in 1 day, but it takes 5 years of instruction & practice to play well, & 25 years to be of international standard. So we haven't got time to lose! Each month, from the top, I'll pass on as many of her 46 guidelines as space allows.

**1. Bid more on the first round** - Whenever possible, get it out of your system while it's still safe to do so.

**2. Get in and get out early** - If you don't find a fit, get out of the bidding.

**3. When you have a raise, raise!** Whenever you can, raise your partner's suits. \*[www.amesburydbc.com](http://www.amesburydbc.com).

## **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE.**

Two shipwrecked Irishmen were sitting on a lone iceberg in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean, worrying if they were going to survive. Suddenly one of the men jumped up with glee – “We're saved! We're saved!” he shouted, as a ship named the Titanic sailed towards them.

## **FROM THE EDITOR – MERLE GOLTZ.**

Thanks to Peg Watkinson for her contribution to *Who Am I?* and as Peg was too humble to mention that she has attained the Bridge Ranking of Grand Master, I'll do it for her! Contributions to *Who Am I?* are always welcome, as are your email addresses (book near the kitchen). To all who went to the Congress, I hope that win or lose you enjoyed yourselves, and it will be good to have you back. It's been too quiet! Cheers, Merle.