

Meet Our Members - Lindsay Reid

(Another story on a club member from our roving reporter, Phil Thompson)

Riddle (for the Bingo players): How can one slim man be two fat ladies?

Answer: When it is Lindsay Reid - 88 years old on 31st March 2019 and Bridge Life Master (415 A points)



Lindsay is one of our older members, and a real gentleman. He has been the partner steward for Wednesday nights for the last three or four years and does an outstanding job of making sure that all the events are fully supported.

Lindsay did his building apprenticeship in Te Aroha, learned bridge there in 1951, and was a foundation member of the Te Aroha Bridge Club in 1953. In 1958 he was living in Thames, but still travelled to Te Aroha for bridge, as there was no bridge club in Thames at the time. In 1961 he moved to Auckland and played bridge at the Papakura and Auckland Bridge clubs. Then his job took him to New Plymouth in 1966, where he ultimately became President of the New Plymouth Bridge Club in 1973-74. He moved to Hamilton in 1974 and has been a member of Hamilton Bridge Club ever since.

Lindsay was a rugby referee for 10 years in Thames, Counties and New Plymouth, until somebody threw a set of golf clubs at him in 1968, and he never looked back. He was heavily involved in golf administration for many years, with three golf life memberships to his credit. He was president of the New Zealand Junior Golf Society for eight years and is currently in his 33rd year as Patron of the Waikato Junior Golf Society. Despite his busy life Lindsay still had time for bridge, captaining the Waikato-Bays team to the Interprovincial knockout title, beating Canterbury in the final, in 1975.



Playing in the Central Districts provincial pairs 1973

He was also a member of the winning 1976 National Teams competition.

Lindsay is the real club man. When he is not playing in a tournament, he is always there in support of other club members - a keen kibitzer. He is always at Congress supporting our club players.

Lindsay still plays an excellent game at the table, and is one of my favourite partners, as we both enjoy playing a "big club" system. Recently I checked our x-club results, and I played with Lindsay 11 times in the last 12 months for an average score of 56.77%, with Lindsay's average score as declarer 62.04%! No wonder I love playing with him! And he trusts his partner: my favourite game was when Lindsay opened 3C, I bid 4NT (key-card) and he replied 5S. Holding spade AKQJ10xxxx I bid 6S, and Lindsay made 7S with a S void! No other slam was available.

(Editor: Lindsay also supplies the Bridge Challenges published in each issue of this newsletter)