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New Zealand Teams Champions 2011

Martin Reid, Michael Ware, Ashley Bach, GeO Tislevoll, Mike Cornell and Peter Newell.

This represents a ninth title for each of Martin, Mike and Peter, a fifth for Ashley and a third for Michael. Only GeO is new to the podium.



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Late Breaking News



Mike Cornell has won everything worth winning in New Zealand bridge – the Pairs, the Teams, the Open Interprovincials and, of course, the “Even Homer Nods Award”.

In the semi-finals of this year’s Teams, Mike put in a late bid to gain a second Homer title

20	♠ KT9832	Dir: W
	♥ T962	Vul: Both
	♦ 9	
	♣ Q8	
♠ A4	♠ QJ	
♥ 7	♥ AK53	
♦ KJ84	♦ Q73	
♣ KT9652	♣ AJ73	
	♠ 765	
	♥ QJ84	
	♦ AT652	
	♣ 4	

Rod Dravitzki opened a Precision 2♣ as dealer. Mike passed and Blair Fisher responded 2♦. Rod rebid 3♣ and Blair went to 4♣ which in this sequence was RKCB. Rod responded to the enquiry with 4♠ and Mike stepped in with a double.

The precise reason for this is wrapped in mystery. One can only assume that it was an Alzheimer’s Lead Directing Double – to remind himself to lead a spade – since Mike was scheduled to be on lead against 6♣.

Now, however, Blair looked at this two losing spades and reluctantly signed off in 5♣. Had Mike left things well alone then he might well have had to find a lead against the slam. It is unlikely that, even prompted by himself, he would have led a spade which seems to make the probable course of the hand – diamond lead to South’s Ace and diamond back for Mike’s ruff and one off at trick 2.

And Mike said



Happy Ending

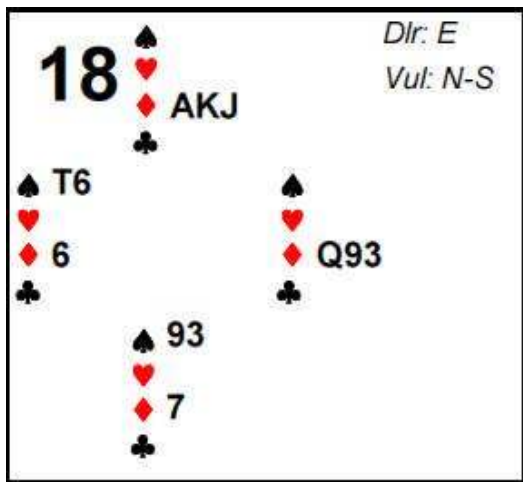
For the last play hand from this Congress we have a neat end position engineered by Cameron Benson

18	♠ Q	Dir: E
	♥ QT765	Vul: N-S
	♦ AKJT8	
	♣ Q2	
♠ KT86	♠ AJ54	
♥ AJ92	♥ K8	
♦ 6	♦ Q932	
♣ KJ98	♣ 654	
	♠ 9732	
	♥ 43	
	♦ 754	
	♣ AT73	

Cameron became declarer as West in a 2♣ contract. North led his singleton ♠Q which Cameron took in hand with the King. He played the two top hearts and then ruffed a heart in dummy with the Ace of trumps. He

played a club and finessed the Jack, losing to North's Queen. North continued clubs to South's Ace but South didn't give his partner a ruff, preferring to play the ♠7 which Cameron won with the 8.

He now ruffed a heart with dummy's ♠J and led a low club to South's 7 and his own 9. He cashed the Jack of clubs to produce:



Cameron played a diamond to North and the forced diamond return gave Cameron a finessed position against Souths' trumps.

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Winners Of the NZ Club Championships was the Palmerston North Club represented by Stuart Malcolm, Tammy Lynch, Sue Lynch, Andrew Brodie, Evelyn Hurley, Ross Quayle, Denise Servente, Margaret Whyte, Bob Hurley, Michael Hardman and Wayne Burrows

The final results were:

Palmerston North	272
Hutt	241
Rotorua	237
Otago	214
Auckland	202

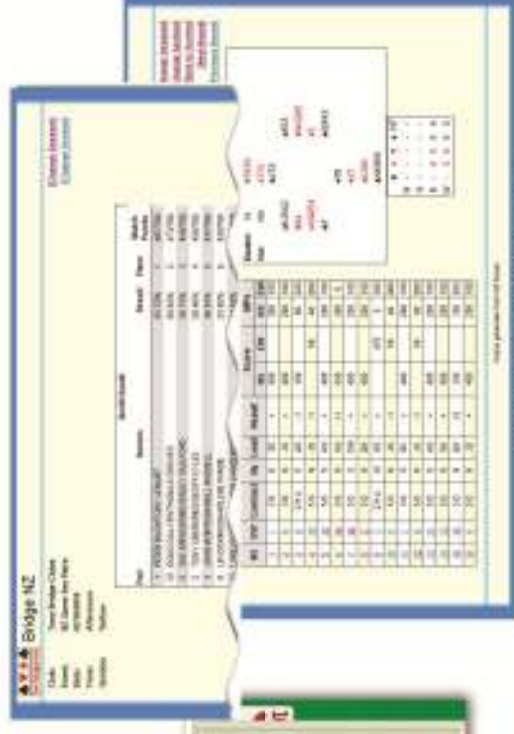
The Organising Committee hopes that all players have had an enjoyable Congress. We wish you a safe journey home and hope to see you all in 2012

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