



# Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

July 2021 Newsletter

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### from our President ...

I attended the party/graduation for our new members on Thursday evening. As we were giving out certificates one of the members made a little speech saying how impressed she is with the friendliness and support she has had throughout the lessons. Bren needs to be congratulated for running these lessons and creating such a friendly and welcoming culture.

We also have "helpers" who come every week to assist Bren. Graeme Stern, Annette Dand, Linley Hay, Kay Burnie, Megan Richards, Helen Heuvel and Phil West. I was honoured to attend and witness the great work going on behind the scenes. Thank you Bren and your helpers.

The committee unanimously agreed to call the Wednesday evening championship singles the "**Karen Martelletti Memorial**" singles. We will have a trophy for this and will be part of the prize giving at the end of the year.



Our Intermediate, Junior and Novice tournament is on at Tauranga Bridge Club on the **17th July**, please think about entering this especially our Novice members, this is a great way to be introduced to tournaments.

Hope your all enjoying your bridge,  
Keep safe,

**Diane**

### Club Captain Teri says "hello" ...

Playing bridge – suddenly your partner or an opponent (never you of course) leads out of turn, bids out turn or makes an insufficient bid – the only answer is, call the Director Please. For example, a insufficient bid, is not as simple as the player correcting it to the cheapest bid. No, not simple, it's covered by Law 27 and the Director will explain all the options (too many to note down here).

Also on that note – thank you to all the Directors, past, present and those members who have put their hands up to learn. Well done all. Thanks to all the volunteers, without whom we would not be able to enjoy our bridge. They all donate their time to dealing, scoring, cleaning up after tea, plates of food for tournaments, on the committee, shopping, cleaning equipment, putting out rubbish. THANK YOU all.

Lastly could all members who are playing in our novice, junior and intermediate tournament in

Tauranga on 17th July – please stay afterwards and help us clear up – it would be greatly appreciated.

**Happy Bridge - Teri**

In a novice game declarer calls director over to the table and tells them they are playing a slam contract and has won the opening lead and played the ace and ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, and ruffed a diamond. The director, impressed, asks why he has been called over. The declarer tells them that the contract is 6NT.



### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

This month we thank realtor Nigel Martin from **Harcourts** for continued support.

Nigel emphasises that **Harcourts** in Tauranga is a local family-owned business with six Harcourt offices in the greater Tauranga area, specialising in property sales and property management.



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## CLUB RESULTS

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Mondays June'21        | <b>Pacific Coast Pairs</b>    | 1st Alan Currie & Julia Gardiner<br>2nd Carol Grant & Margaret Jones<br>3rd Mike Nicholson & Annie Barry  |
| Mondays pm may/June'21 | <b>Seeka Champs Singles</b>   | <b>Novice</b> 1st Joanne McLean<br>2nd Alan McLean<br>3rd Margaret Bowditch<br><b>Junior</b> 1st Peter Boynton<br>2nd Vivian Mead<br>3rd Laurelle Breen |
| Thursdays June '21     | <b>Van Dyk Handicap Pairs</b> | 1st Margo Kirk & Ann Cooney<br>2nd Ben de Kleijnen & Nora Pronk<br>3rd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield  |

**A Warm Welcome to these new members . . .**

**Alan Currie**

**Jeanne Bruning**

**Pene Buchanan**

**Wendy Norwood**



## Brookies.....

Bren reports that the lessons have now finished and the participants will join Monday evenings from 28th June.

There have been wonderful helpers week after week - Annette Dand, Graham Stern, Kay Burnie, Linley Hay, Phil West and Megan Ritchie, with Judy Bartlett and a couple of other generous club members coming in to help some weeks. A big thank you to you all. Also thanks to Helen Heuvel for doing the printing of the lesson material and a special mention to Annette Dand for dealing the hands.

*This month we are pleased to bring you some inside info on one of our most treasured committee members -*

**Teri Logie.** In her own words .....

I was born in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe). I grew up in a Christian home with my brother and sister on cotton and tobacco farms in the north of Zimbabwe. I had a happy childhood, developed a life love of reading, went hunting snakes, fishing, bird watching, camping and long-distance boarding school from an early age.

I have lived in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Zambia, Illinois USA, England, France, Malta and now New Zealand. I have spent holidays in Canada, Mozambique, Austria.

I started my working career in a laboratory – eventually working at various times on aids, leukaemia and rabies research (that involved working around rabid jackals). I had an interesting job once as a maid/cook on a barge running tourists up and down the canals in Southern France. My hubby loved the bush, and guided tourists in the major African game reserves where they came to see the Big Five. So I helped with the catering, logistics and housekeeping in the camps. Someone paid us to work in Ruckomechi Camp in Mana Pools on the Zambezi River. The best excuse for why we could not get to work - was a pride of lions sleeping on our doorstep between us and the vehicle! I helped him build, train staff and then run 3 camps in Hwange National Park, again catering for top end tourists wanting to walk and drive amongst the animals. Luckily, I liked camping; we were in a tent for 3 years during the building stages in the middle of a national park. We also worked together for the UN in Lusaka, Zambia for a time sharing our experience of the tourist industry.

My late husband Colin, two small children, my parents-in-law and myself immigrated to New Zealand in 2003 and put down roots in the Bay of Plenty. Found a great church, super schools for the children, made lifelong friends, and finally started playing bridge! I have been blessed with good jobs here and great people to work with. I now work for Cobb & Co restaurants doing accounts and payroll.

This is the longest I have ever lived in one place in my life and my family and I do know how lucky we are to have settled here.

*Michele Larnder, Monday night correspondent, reports on current happenings -*  
**Welcome, New Brookies.**

On Mon 28th June our 2021 Brookies will join us for the first time, playing separately at the end of the room. As usual, we will have a special supper to celebrate the occasion and allow the new players to mix and mingle with you all.

**Wednesday Afternoon**

A group of keen players meets at the club every Wednesday afternoon for an informal session of Bridge. We use the boards from Monday night in order to get the experience of a wide range of hands. We have spirited discussions about both the bidding and play. This session is a great way to learn from others. During formal bridge sessions, there is no time or opportunity to discuss successes and failures. If you want to improve your bridge and have some fun, join us from 1.00 pm -4.00 pm at the Bridge Club.

**Improvers Lessons**

Helen Heuvel has offered to take a series of lessons for those interested in extending their skills. A number of players have commented on how useful the more challenging skills sessions have been this year and this has given some of us a taste for learning more.



The second of four of the **Bay Pairs** was held in our adopted clubrooms Sunday 30 May. As usual, club members did us proud with a sumptuous morning tea and restaurant quality soups for lunch.

Thanks to catering manager Sue G who also, with helper Dianne Beveridge, stood in as emergency players when one pair dns 'did not show'.

Above (L) are winners Murray Wood and Rachelle Pelkman.

Above (R) (non-open player winners), Ross Peterson and Rosalind Phillips both shown here with our esteemed President Diane Rodger.

**COMPASS ALERT!!**

Apologies for the Error! Compa\$\$ is not **LIVE**, just **AVAILABLE** on the website. You will still get statements at the end of the month. However, updates only happen manually. Debits usually on a weekly basis and credits, prizes and skill nights debits on a monthly basis.