



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

July 2023 Newsletter

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President Michele ...

is unable to complete her column this month, priority is caring for husband Steve. However, she can share with us the names of players selected to represent Mt Maunganui Bridge Club in the BOP Interclub Teams to be held at Rotorua 23rd July.

Senior Team - Rachelle Pelkman & Murray Wood
Bren Birss & Graham Stern

Intermediate - Barbara Stimson & Ross Petersen
Team. Frances Ball & Julie Downs

Junior Team - Michele Larnder & Kay Burnie
Judith Somerville & Liz Dive

Additionally Michele would acknowledge the passing of long term club member Di Brown, always a quiet presence at daytime bridge.

Many of our newer players missed the chance to know the late, great Karen Martelletti, who died May 2021 and who did so much for Bridge, both locally and nationally. As we look back, Bren Birss shares this anecdote -

I remember Karen telling me of an occasion when she was helping newer players who had recently completed lessons. One player approached her to ask about their hand, which they had just played. The hand included a 7 card club suit and 4 points. Player asked Karen whether they should have pre-empted 3 clubs? Karen looked at the hand and said the hand was too weak for that. The player gave a big sigh of relief. Then said happily, they too had decided that, so had just opened 2 clubs instead.

Club Captain Teri shares her big shoutout to GILDA ROWLAND.

The middle week of June, club secretary Gilda went shopping for the Bridge Club fund-raiser National Party morning tea. It probably took her more than two hours to do that, including travelling. Then she spent some of her weekend making 120 delicious potato/bacon/pastry scrolls for the morning tea. On Monday morning she carried said groceries and baking to the Club to meet up with the team. Chopped, sliced, diced, warmed the baking, served tea to 82 guests, from 8:30 until 11.30 am. The team then tidied, washed up, put stuff away and had a break. Gilda then played the afternoon session, which included helping set up the afternoon tea, convenor duties, assisted the director and hopefully had a successful time. She stayed on as it was too far to go home and back and tutored a very successful and well subscribed Skills Session on the Monday evening. A very long day on behalf of the Bridge Club. So I think you will agree that she deserves a big thank you. To the NP Tea Team – Thank you too



Happy Bridge - Teri

footnote: Gilda too is caring for husband Derek and we wish 2 husbands a speedy recovery

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

Paul O'Driscoll from NZ owned **FORSYTH BARR** has addressed several sessions to tell us he can arrange a tailored approach to managing the wealth we have left over after the rise in COL. Highly qualified in Economics and Finance, Paul traded exotic and vanilla options for Westpac in Sydney, managed \$Au and \$NZ in Canada, traded derivatives in London, then returned to NZ to share his expertise with Mt Bridge Club members.

If you have a sizeable or small sum to grow, contact Paul for an Investment Strategy meeting. Check out his promo page in your programme book.

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Why is the person who invests all your money called a broker?

Luck determines the distribution of cards.
Skill determines their destiny.

and exhibiting such skill is **MICK WERREN**, recently achieving Rank Promotion to **CLUB MASTER**.



CLUB RESULTS

Mondays June'23 **Dorothy Aitkin Handicap Pairs** 1st. Bryden Lane & Pauline Taylor
2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Jean Scott
3rd Marilyn Rangihika & Julie Hawkes

Mondays pm May/June'23 **Seeka Champs Singles** **Novice** 1st Rebecca Bartlett
2nd John Rae
3rd Jude Brown

Junior 1st Mick Werren
2nd Lee Sinclair
3rd Michele Larnder

Wednesdays June'23 **Paul Nielson Memorial Singles** **Senior plays each session with Junior**
1st Senior Julie Sheridan
1st Junior Richard Roberts

Thursdays June '23 **Van Dyk Handicap Pairs** 1st Lois O'Donnell & Judith Robinson
2nd Pam Adlam & Jenny Bronte
3rd Jan Moyes & Dee Drew

Success again for our members at the last of four **Bay Pairs** held at Te Puke 18th June.

2nd Graham Stern & Bren Birss
4th Marcus Dudley & Bob Callcut
5th Barbara Stimson & Ross Petersen
6th Julie Sheridan & Marion Kelly



A Warm Welcome to these Lesson Graduates - our newest members . . .

Nikki Baguley	Glenn Parker
Michelle Paul.	Jo Craig
Alfie Peslalz	Lucy Hollister
Max Jeffrey	Carol Martin-Page
Kiri Prentice.	Sharon Long
Don Richards	Sandy Margolin
Jo Shanks	Sue Oakley
Kavita Suri-Clark.	Alison Underwood



welcome to our friendly club

Support our sister Tauranga Club for these upcoming events -

Plunket Restricted Charity Pairs

8B Tournament **Wednesday 5th July 2023**
Morning tea 9:30 am for 10am start. \$25 pp – BYO lunch.
Tauranga Clubrooms, 252 Ngatai Road Enter asap.
Entries in all Grade combinations EXCEPT Open-Open
Please register online:
www.nzbridge.co.nz/tournaments
or phone 07 5765022 or email: tgacbc@xtra.co.nz
Please support Plunket - we all know their good works.

Sunday Bridge

Tauranga Bridge Club, address above, has begun their regular Sunday supervised play sessions, please be seated by 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start. These are scheduled to run every Sunday until 20th August and are intended for all players keen for a casual atmosphere with a helping hand available to call on if needed! Pre-arranged partner not necessary.

OPPORTUNITY - Allan Joseph has kindly agreed to run **Free** training programmes (primarily online) for those people wishing to up skill as a **club director**. There are two courses -

A Certificate of Achievement to train and encourage candidates in basic directing skills and very importantly, to develop confidence to direct sessions at their home club.

The second course is aimed at those people wishing to direct at their own club and also an extended course for preparing candidates for the NZ Bridge Club directors exams 14th and 15th October (2 online papers).



These courses started 24th June @ 0930 for 2 to 3 hours but all zoom lessons and notes are available for anyone wishing to join and catch up.

For more info or to register please contact Allan Joseph

Email foodmaidnz@gmail.com Telephone - 027 4688 972

Preferably please email with your name, postal address, mobile contact, NZ Bridge number and club. or consult Teri's help desk.

Looking back again . . .

This time at Liz Bristow's February 2006 Spadework and to Jan Kirk's president's message when Byrta Wagstaff was Vice-President, Corinne Levy Treasurer and Pam Clotworthy took the lessons.

"The year is well underway, 23 tables, keep it up, with a little less noise thank you". Anyway, do you remember the large card display that featured in the front window of the old clubrooms? Reading between the lines of the Feb 2006 newsletter, it appears these large items had gone missing.

Jan wrote "We have gained some magic publicity from the news media for our missing cards, first the Jack of Clubs and who thought after 3 months, the Ace of Spades would turn up? What a surprise! Our faith in mankind has been restored, some honest person returned the Ace Spade, valued at \$500, we don't know who or why."



Junior and Intermediate players!!!

Events have been added to the

NZ Bridge Congress

at Mt Maunganui in 2023 especially for you.

And if you are attending for the first time and entering two or more Junior/Intermediate events - you are eligible for 10% discount (as well as the early bird discount if you enter and pay before the end of August).

Check out this poster to the right or again, consult Congress manager Teri's help desk.



23-30 September 2023
MOUNT MAUNGANUI

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE

EVENT DAYS

Novice: Sat 23rd (afternoon)

Junior/Int congress pairs: Sun 24th

Junior/Int NZ Teams: Tues 26th /Wed 27th

Junior/Int NZ Pairs: Thurs 28th/Friday 29th am

Junior/Int Swiss Pairs: Friday 29th pm/Saturday 30

Extra events!

01

More socialising

No evening play
Quiz nights

02

Education

Seminars with our experts
Q&A after play

03



*10% off Early bird registration ends 31 August and TAKE ANOTHER 10% off if you are first time to Congress and you play two or more Junior or Intermediate events!

to register for the discount email Bridget@nzbridge.co.nz or www.nzbridge.co.nz/congress

another regular monthly feature . . . **BOOK REVIEW**

this time from Bren Birss

Play of the Hand in the 21st Century

Library numbers 120, 121 & 184

This is a great book if you are relatively new to Bridge. I suggest you read it cover to cover as it has a logical progression.

It is part of a series from the American Contract Bridge League but is on card play, not American bidding, so that's no issue. Just ignore the very small bidding content if you play Acol. This book has nine chapters, including

- Making a Plan
- Developing Tricks
- Finesses
- Eliminating Losers
- Watching out for Entries
- Watching out for the Opponents
- Managing the Trump Suit
- Putting it all Together
- and Jacoby Transfers.

Definitely one of the best books in our library, give it a go! Find this in our library, no longer date stamped and overdue fine applied, but facilitated by member Chris Gibson.