



# Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

## July 2023 Newsletter Julie Downs



### from our President Michele...

It is lovely to see our Brookies (our new members from this year's lessons) attending sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to all the members who are making them welcome and are more than supportive. These players are the future of our club, nurturing them during the transition stage from learning to playing is all important. A special thanks to Judy Bartlett who every year comes in to work with our Brookies. Her experience with learner players is much appreciated and she provides excellent support and guidance for the Monday night skills sessions.

Our Novice, Junior and Intermediate tournament held on the 15th of July had a very good field of 26 tables. There is a great deal of work that is needed in preparation to ensure that the tournament runs smoothly. The successful organisation of our tournament is due to the skills of our Club Captain Teri Logie. Teri co-ordinates all aspects from the technical formatting and dealing of boards, organising key personnel to direct and score, to the catering, ensuring that all attendees have refreshments throughout the day. One of our new committee members also needs a mention. Dianne Stevens was at the club at the start of the day selling raffle tickets and was still there at the end of the day, having worked the whole day in the kitchen. Many other members helped with a multitude of tasks that needed doing and we owe them a vote of gratitude.

Last Sunday our club participated in the Waikato Bays Inter Club tournament held at Rotorua. It was a very enjoyable day and the Rotorua club was an excellent host. There was very spirited competition and our Open Team of Rachelle Pelkman, Murray Wood, Bren Birss & Graham Stern finished in a very creditable 2nd place.

Results from both our tournament and the teams' event are included in this newsletter.

Thank you for all the support that Stephen and I have received over the last few months- it has been much appreciated.

**Happy Bridge.**

### Club Captain Teri writes ...Hi All

Hope you have had a productive half year with your bridge? New players have joined our club so play nice and wear your name badges – thanks. A big thank you to all those members who helped out in so many ways with the Intermediate/Junior tournament. I really enjoyed my day as all these people stepped up so I could play! Unfortunately there were not enough entries for the Novice section – next year?.



We have two more tournaments to host this year – Bay Pairs on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August and Mt Maunganui Restricted Pairs on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. Looking forward to seeing your entries.

**Happy Bridge everyone Teri**

### OPPORTUNITY!!

#### *Bridge Congress Sept 2023*

**Thurs 28th Sept - Start time 9.30am WALK IN PAIRS, \$10!!**

**NO NEED TO BOOK :) But put in your diary NOW**

**Also needed for Congress - Special Volunteer for card turning. Usual rates for Caddies apply. An Intermediate player has a frozen shoulder and needs help. Could suit an experienced player wanting to watch/kibbutz. Volunteer for as little as you want, just a morning or afternoon. Or a full day.**

**All Days required are - September,**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> , Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Friday 29<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> afternoon only,**

**Contact Congress Manager Teri Logie direct -**

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Thank you for your timely payments to the Club, we do appreciate it.

For your information and our convenience our bank account is **03 0374 0045537 - 01**  
**Particulars** should be your name.

**Analysis Code** should be your NZ Bridge No.  
**Reference** Table Money

## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays July '23	<b>Pacific Coast Pairs</b>	1st Derek Webb & Margaret Jones 2nd Kay Wright & Jill Stewart 3rd Graham Stern & Megan Richards
Mondays pm July '23	<b>PMG Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Vivian Mead & Isobel McIntyre 2nd Rebecca Bartlett & Alan Withrington 3rd Peter Boynton & Janne Hennah
Wednesdays July '23	<b>Belfast Lough Pairs</b>	1st Graham Stern & Julie Sheridan 2nd Rosemary Wilkie & Helen Charteris 3rd Ross Petersen & Marcus Dudley
Thursdays July '23	<b>Harcourts Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Barbara Hennessey & Jan Linwood 2nd Jenni Calderwood & Pat Verran 3rd Dianne Stevens & Kay Burnie
Fridays June '23	<b>Friday Champs Singles</b>	1st Annie Barry 2nd Linley Hay 3rd Noelene Shrimpton
Fridays July '23	<b>Robertson's Menswear Pairs</b>	1st Bob Callcut & Anne Clarke 2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Bren Birss 3rd Annie Barry & Ross Petersen

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also congrats to  
winning  
partnerships  
recently @ the  
Tauranga Club's  
5 July Charity  
tournament  
3rd = Pam  
Clotworthy & June  
Nightingale  
5th = Carol Grant  
& Flo Nield.  
Presentation of  
prizes saw Pam and  
June fighting for  
possession of one  
big blue teddy bear  
donated by  
Plunket. lol

### BROOKIES PARTY GOES WITH A BANG!!

On Monday 26th June, the Club held the 'Welcome to the Brookies' evening. The bridge lessons were now over, and our new members were invited to play with the regular Monday night players. There were some nervous looking people but they settled in to playing and learning about the routine of moving from table to table and calling the Director.

At about 8pm plates of food were put out and Judy Bartlett lined up the wine glasses. Then there was a flash and a bang as the power failed. There was complete silence for a few seconds and then the emergency lights came on - reassuring when you are in a Rescue Centre!  
Once we had confirmed that the doors were not locked, we made the decision to abandon card play and start the party.

The food was moved to the lovely big table in the lobby and in the dim light around 55 people mingled and chatted, drank wine and ate the nibbles. It was like a pub on Saturday night when I was 20! No nervous faces anymore, only people having a good time. There is nothing like a crisis to bring people together - it must be the most fun I've had at a bridge club.

Thank you to the regular players who were so friendly (a comment I heard many times) and for those who helped to clear up in the semi darkness. **Annette Dand**

Ltd *Success* for Mt Maunganui Bridge Club at the recent Bay of Plenty **Interclub Teams** challenge. Here, participant **Ross Petersen** describes the day . . .

It was a classic Rotorua winter day, sunny with an invigorating chill to the air, providing the kind of breath you need to take when you are trying to get your bridge brain to maximum alert.

So the Mt Maunganui contingent converged on the Rotorua clubrooms to meet five other regional teams under director Norm - Taupo, Tauranga, Whakatane, Te Puke and of course the host club, Rotorua.

60 boards, 5 sessions and 8 hours later results were at hand -

Tauranga 1st, Mt Maunganui 2nd, Rotorua 3rd.

Tired but elated, the Mount team headed for home in the dark.

Many thanks to the Rotorua Club for the warm hospitality shown and the chance to meet our cousins from the region and enjoy a day of sibling rivalry. For Kay Burnie represented the Mount Juniors, sister Janice Simpson was a late ring-in for the Mount Intermediate team, and brother Eric competed for Whakatane!

Continuing our series '**Getting to know your Fellow Players**', this month we hear from fashionista **Judy Duncan** . . .

Born and educated in Auckland, Judy attended St Heliers Bay primary school and then Selwyn College. First Job was with the Auckland Building Society, 'I had a blue Vespa motor scooter that I rode around the waterfront to get to work.

The rest of the family moved to Matamata where my grandparents were Te Poi farmers where my brother learned farming. I used to ride my scooter all the way down to Matamata for visits. During these visits I met dairy farmer Dick and ended up marrying'.

Farming was very hard work - each year I would rear about 200 calves - those 4 o'clock starts on a frosty morning weren't much fun. I remember my great Fergie tractor well, then race home to prepare my three children for school - a three mile drive down the road to catch the school bus. During those years I seemed to be racing around the clock, fitting in weekend tennis and then squash.

Years later I opened *Herbie Frog* - two fashion businesses - for about 8 years, which included dashing up to Auckland to do the buying. Judy's next adventure was ten years in Real Estate. We had sold the farm at this stage and then purchased a 36 foot Cavalier yacht called Foxy Lady. Entered and raced to Suva, cruised around all the islands and then headed for the Solomon Islands.

Dick and I moved to live on Marine Parade and had 14 or so lovely years there . . . Unfortunately Dick passed on and so did I - now living happily in Maungatapu.

*Judy tells us briefly how and where she learned to play bridge . . .*

'Seems a long time ago now! I don't really have a card brain but had my arm twisted to take lessons with Joyce Catchpole at the Matamata club - Joyce taught us 5 card majors and to this day I remember her saying 'never under lead an ace in a suit contract'

Players are doing this quite a bit I notice . . . have the rules changed? Anyway four other Matamata girls were learning at same time. We played home bridge most weeks. Well what fun it was, we thought it was serious stuff at the time. Around 4 o'clock the corks popped. Sadly, I used to have 8 very beautiful glasses as a table setting and now I have 5 left - 3 were dedicated to lots of hand expression during course of play! I'd rather be short 3 glasses - the fun we had far exceeded losing the glasses.

Now I'm very glad I learned - it's marvellous to be able to sit in a room full of like minded people, get to know them and just listen to their stories - I truly believe that every one has a book in them too!

### **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS - ULTIMATE MOTOR GROUP**

*who generously sponsored our 15th July Intermediate/Junior/Novice Tournament featuring 18 Junior pairs and 29 Intermediates.*

\$ prizes were awarded in each division right down to 8th in the Juniors, to 10th in the Intermediate Section, and Novice section too. Lovely surprise for some dejected players who thought they never had a dog's show at a prize. Photos of some happy prize winners below with club President Michele Larnder.

**AND** of course any tournament does not run smoothly without all those willing helpers donating food, kitchen helpers, the bar, the dealers, the furniture movers, and later, cleaners.

### **ULTIMATE MOTOR GROUP**

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Novice Winners  
Rebecca Bartlett & (absent) Alan Withrington



Junior prize winners -  
6th Liz Dive and Judith Somerville

8th Vivian Read and Isobel McIntyre



3rd Intermediate  
Julie Downs and Deidre Gunn (Tauranga)



Intermediate prize winners  
6th Annie Barry and Flo Nield

8th Lyn Bailie & Kay Wright