



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

July 2024 Newsletter

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from our President Michele ...

It has been a busy time for the club over the last month. On Sunday 30th June, Tauranga hosted the inaugural 'Fun Over the Bridge' teams event between our two clubs.

It was a very pleasant afternoon of Bridge and the atmosphere was one of true enjoyment of the game. The Mt Club was the winner on the day and the new trophy has pride of place in front of the offices. We will host a similar event later in the year and I hope to see many of you take part.

A sold-out tournament - truly amazing. This event went off without a hitch on the 20th of July due to the incredible organisational talents of our terrific trio - Julie Sheridan, Teri Logie and Gilda Rowland. The wonderful committee worked closely with them organising front of house and the kitchen. I also saw Carol Cullen and Bernie Robinson doing a sterling kitchen job for much of the morning. We were concerned that due to the number of players coming we might not be able to provide enough morning tea for everyone. Not only did we provide morning tea, but lunch and afternoon tea. Thank you to the club members who provided such wonderful goodies - you did us proud. Have a look at NZ Bridge as they have recently featured our Tournament. They congratulated us on our success, particularly of attracting such a large junior and novice field. These players are the future of our game and our clubs. Our club was very well represented in these grades and they looked to be having a lot of fun.

The spirit of co-operation and willingness to help in our club is impressive. All I can say is - thank you and happy Bridge.

Michele

Club Captain Teri writes ... Hi All

Heard at the bridge table - a novice was partnered with the club champ. First board, (sweaty hands) she decides *I know this I know this 13 and balanced 1No Trump!* The bidding continues - and as her hand is going down as dummy, she realised that she had not counted HCP - but just actually counted 13 cards.... Just a reminder - Please let everyone at the table have a chance to view results. If sitting East, confirm your result and then put the Bridgemate in the middle of the table. I am sure it will be appreciated.

Congress is fast approaching!

28th Sept to 5th Oct.

This will be the last year it is held here in Tauranga, so an ideal time to enter! But also looking for standby players from our members.

A cheap way to play in congress and maybe earn A points! Let me know! Also looking for caddies

Enjoyable Bridge everyone.

NZ Bridge Rank Promotions

Certificate of Proficiency to Club Master - Laurelle Breen
Novice to Certificate of Proficiency - Alan Withrington
Club Master to Local Master - Jeannie Bruning
Gill West
Judith George

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ROBERTSON'S MENSWEAR

@168 MAUNGANUI RD downtown the Mount.
Yes, from the ex-farmer to the executive, there's underwear, outerwear, casualwear, suits and nightshirts.

Please say 'hello' to the staff who are celebrating nearly 45 yrs of menswear retail at the Mount and who have been supporting our club for many of those years, latterly a Friday pairs event.

ph 5754274.

Skills night Monday 29th July 7.00pm Partners not required.

BROOKIES : Stayman

This lesson will introduce a new bid in response to your partner opening 1NT. This is when you have a 4-card major and would like to know if partner has a fit with you.

JUNIORS : Transfers

This lesson will teach you how to respond to partner with a 5 or 6 card major. When you have a long major, you want your partner to know - which one, how long and how many HCP. Transfers allow you to do this economically.

All levels are very welcome at these sessions

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays June '24 **Monday Teams** 1st The Bridge Mates **Monday Teams** 1st Dynamos
2nd The Double Ewes. **Handicap.** 2nd Fraser
3rd Musical Misfits 3rd Phil & Co

Mondays July '24 **Ocean Rd Pairs**

1st Derek Webb & Julie Downs
2nd Margaret Wakelin & Pam Clotworthy
3rd Athol Ryan & Ronnie Ryan

Mondays 2024 **Monday Championship
Singles**

1st Julie Downs
2nd Julie Sheridan
3rd Carol Grant

Mondays 2024 **Monday Championship
Handicap Singles**

1st Lynette Steele
2nd Carol Grant
3rd Julie Downs

Mondays July '24 **Belfast Lough
Handicap Singles**
pm

1st Mick Werren
2nd Joanne McLean
3rd Judith Somerville

Wednesdays July '24 **Belfast Lough
Pairs**

1st Alan Parkes & Bruce Inglis
2nd Patty Spencer & Caren Van Der Meys
3rd Tina Dudley & Steve Larnder

Thursdays July '24 **Harcourts
Handicap Pairs**

1st Cindy Sims & Gloria Mouatt
2nd Pat Verran & Jenni Calderwood
3rd Carolyn Toy & Isobel McIntyre

Fridays June '24 **Championship Singles**

1st Julie Downs by a whisker.
2nd Flo Nield
3rd Ross Petersen

*Bridge by the
Stars . . . Leo*
Confident and
ambitious, you
will have to
slow down your
play a little and
give careful
thought to your
defence and
adopt a more
cautious
declarer play.



Masterpoint reports
have been updated
as at 30 June '24,
available on NZB.
good luck finding
your details!
Strangely, top men
and top women are
listed separately, but
featuring from Mt
Club are Silver
Grand Master
Rachelle Pelkman
and National Master
Graham Stern



the end of June saw a flurry of bridge activity and
hiring out of our rooms - a local mahjong club
rattled their tiles over Matariki weekend - as
Secretary Barbara noted, a pack of cards is much
lighter to transport than a box of tiles!

Congress 2024

is all set to proceed - suggestion - check the NZB
website >CONGRESS>summary of events. There
you'll find all the many categories listed to fathom
your comps and the dates, cost and times. Enter from
the same tab.
Remember - discounts for entries before August 31.

Extra-Curricular Events @ CONGRESS

Some extra events are to be held alongside Bridge Playing.
Wednesday 2nd October is **fancy dress** day. Theme this
year is "R".

Last year Mt Club sported the All Black Ballerinas.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning will have
educational seminars given by some of our more
experienced players.

Also a Quiz night, Thursday 3rd October at Club Mt
Maunganui 45 Kawaka St, open also each night to all
players for dinner and socializing.

Breaking news . . . NZ Bridge is pleased to announce
that **Marcus Dudley** from Te Puke (and the Mt Cub!) has
been appointed **Youth Bridge Coordinator**, coordinating
youth weekends and activities. Marcus brings to the table a
great deal of enthusiasm and unique style of dress.

Well done Marcus.



End of June featured a huge celebration honouring new nonagenarian
Bob Callcut.

Bob, for ever 7NT with the ladies, was venerated with a special
'card cake' baked and decorated by Ronnie Ryan with a 90th tribute
edible cards too.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Bob



Bob Bob

and

Matariki Sunday saw the much anticipated **FUN OVER THE BRIDGE**, currently a biannual event contested by **Mt Maunganui Club** and **Tauranga Club**.

What a mission to stage this inaugural event held in the Tauranga rooms. It was decided a teams event was an appropriate format, and so, each club formed teams in 3 divisions - junior, intermediate and open with the victorious club having the most wins.

This meant 3 comps were running concurrently so 3 servers were needed for the Bridgemates - thanks Norm for faultless scoring and Rebecca Osborne for faultless directing.

It was widely felt that Tauranga Club would scoop the newly purchased trophy.

2 Open teams 3 Junior teams and 4 Intermediate teams put on their best show and yes, Mt Maunganui Club was the winner on the day.

Our Junior team - Kay Burnie & Diane Beveridge, Liz Dive & Elaine Genty-Nott came **2nd**
Our Intermediate team - Barbara Stimson & Julie Downs, Diane Rodger & Carol Cullen came **1st**
Our Open team - Graham Stern & Alan Parkes, Pamela Pedersen & Megan Richards came **1st**.

OUTCOME: Mt Maunganui Club won the challenge on the day.



Left - "7 of clubs is good Marion ..." - dummy Julie S

Right - Got to out do the McAllisters!!
... think Open players Megan and Pamela

Below - winning Intermediate team - Barbi, Carol, Diane, Julie D.



Left - Liz and Dianne outwit the Tauranga players.

Right - Rebecca & Nikki finding a fit.

Below - winning Open team Graham, Megan, Pamela and Alan.



and finally

Mt Maunganui Bridge Club President Michele Larnder and Club Captain Teri Logie accept the Trophy for the inaugural **FUN OVER THE BRIDGE** contest from their Tauranga club counterparts, Hugh McAllister and Mike Newton.
Return challenge 3rd November!



- - STOP PRESS - -

- firstly thx again to Gilda, Teri and Julie S and of course all the other bakers and sandwich makers and helpers who made NZB headlines for staging a successful over subscribed Novice, Junior and Intermediate Tournament Saturday 20th July.
- Participants from 17 clubs vied for success, but on the day, though tough competition, members from our club were called to the photo shoot.



Left -
Novices not
taking things
seriously!

And **Right -**
Novice 2nd
place getters
Jo and Jo
with
President
Michele



Junior tournament
place getters -

Left - 8th spot Karyl
Anderson and Desrai
Karl

Right - at 10th,
Jeannie Bruning and
Mike Bailie



Intermediate tournament - above **Left**, in 10th position - Hillary McKenna and Kay Wright with Michele.
above **Right** - photobombed 4th place getters, Flo and Julie D

'Daily Bridge in New Zealand' sent to inboxes Tuesday 23 July featured Richard Soloman's accolade for Mt Maunganui Club's 20 July successful tournament.

Richard singles out a board which proved too hard for all, bar one pair in the Intermediate and Junior events. (Board 12 morning session if you want to look).

The first problem came in what to open the West hand with 21pts (singleton K). East had 9pts, 2 Aces.

Some pairs missed their spade fit and played in no-trumps. If West had opened 2NT (a possibility), East should bid 3♦ transfer and then 3♠ over the 3♥ response. The spade fit should still be found.

6 pairs found 6NT impossible to make (only 10 tricks in that contract) while 3 more were unsuccessful in 6♠. Most of the rest played in 4♠ or 3NT but only one pair made 12 tricks in spades.

However, top of the pack were local "Mount" pair **Dianne Beveridge** and **Michele Rogers** who bid and made 6♠ after receiving a diamond lead ... and they were in the Junior event.

Good bidding and good play from that pair and all up a good and encouraging day for one of our more proactive clubs.