



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

July 2024 Newsletter

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from our President Michele ...

The winter solstice has now passed so we are looking forward to longer and warmer days.

Time to plan for all our upcoming events. If you haven't signed up for this weekend's

'Fun Over the Bridge'

you can take part when we host the reciprocal event on *Sunday 3rd November*.

Novice, Junior and Intermediate players, your special tournament is taking place on

Saturday 20th of July,

we hope to see many of you attending.

We have a significant birthday this year – it is our

Diamond Jubilee – 60 years young. Come

and join us in the festivities. Lunch is provided, together with entertainment, bubbles and

Bridge. Put

Saturday 19th of October

in your calendar now.

Happy Mataraki –looking forward to the future.

Michele

The gift of your presence:

Junior players - Would you be willing to play occasionally on a Monday night? It's so disappointing when we cannot find a partner to fill in when needed, so I am starting a list of those I can call on. Please contact Joanne McLean 021 792458

a space for another hilarious episode from our travelling bridge friend **Annie Barry** this time from **Riga**, capital of **Latvia**.

In the afternoon J.B and I came across the most incredible clothing shop. We weren't particularly looking for anything but as we entered I noticed racks and racks of one-off clothing and locals wandering around with shopping baskets over their arms, grabbing this and that and then throwing the garments on sets of scales. *How odd* I thought. J.B being the shopper he's not, said he'd wait outside while I in the meantime spotted a lovely jumper and asked the shop assistant the price. She put it in a basket on the scales and told me it was 2.50 euro (NZ\$4.40). Bloody hell, I couldn't believe it so I went outside, grabbed J.B and told him he'd better start looking at some men's stuff. The outcome was that we walked away from that store with a fabulous pair of striped pants (me), two jumpers (me) and a designer jacket for J.B all for the price of 21.00 euro (NZ\$37). Believe it or not everything in the store was priced by weight so J.B's jacket cost the princely some of 5.5 euros (NZ\$9.70). Honestly we could have spent a couple of hours there but time was short and we only just made it back to the ship in time. Bye, bye shop, but I know exactly where you are for next time, providing of course, there is a next time.

*Your bridge mates will be looking out for your **Rigawear** Annie.*

Club Captain Teri says "hi All" ...

Think of why we all play bridge – love the game, having an enjoyable session, catch up with friends, keep learning, helps our memory, meeting new friendly people. With that in mind, we have our new members starting in the main rooms so please, wear your name badges, even if you know your name ... some of us don't.



Remember to lift your eyes from the table and greet people. A smile goes a long way to welcome someone who may not be having such a great time.

Usual requests please -

- don't give advice at the table (to new players and also all the other players)
- no comments like "did you know that that 7D on the table was a winner" (obviously they didn't).
- Lastly don't keep berating yourself after a bad play, it dampens the enjoyment of the others at your tables. Only comment should be "Bad Luck, partner".

Happy Bridge - Teri

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

This month we thank realtor Nigel Martin from **Harcourts** for continuing support and sponsoring the recent Wednesday evening teams - Nigel emphasises that **Harcourts** in Tauranga is a local family-owned business with Harcourt offices in the greater Tauranga area specialising in property sales and property management.

Contact Nigel on
0272530247

nigelm@harcourts.co.nz



Well done -
NZ Bridge Rank Change -
Local Master to Provincial Master
Marcus Dudley

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays May/June'24 **Seeka**
pm **Champs Singles**

Thursdays June '24 **Van Dyk Handicap**
Pairs

Wednesdays June'24 **Harcourts Teams**

Novice 1st Nikki Baguley
2nd Jude Brown
3rd Alan Withrington

Junior 1st Brian Breen
2nd Joanne McLean
3rd Sharon Long

1st Jan Wilbur-Smith & Emma Barber
2nd Jan Moyes & Dee Drew
3rd Bev Smail & Elaine Kingsford
1st Double Trouble
2nd The Squirrels
3rd Marksmen

Bridge by the Stars -
CANCER

Those born under
this sign are
traditionalists. They
do not like change
for the sake of it.
Once you find a
system you are
happy with, you will
have the confidence
to do well.



A Warm Welcome to these new members from Lessons

Sherryl Anderson
Rachel Baucke
Lesley La Riviere
Coral Brander
Megan Levy
Binnie Brown.
Roger Dallas
Cheryl Anne Pilkinton
Sue Ranger

Steve Gatenby
Peter Judd
Dawn Judd
Ann Dorey
Veronique Brindley Richards
Susie Norton-Westwood
Ann MacLeod
Alison Thompson
Jacqui Shaw

and new member, Cynthia Burgess

Fred and Anne Clarke
feel the challenge of
settling into their new
Hamilton home and have
yet to unleash their skills
on the Tron bridge scene.

The dog is in doggie
daycare one day a week so
Fred (94 and with a stick)
and Anne are scoping the
local lunch and coffee
venues. Nice to be close to
family they say but still
waiting for Shirley and
Chris to visit.

Phone calls are easy
though!



*Te Puke, Sunday 23 June saw the completion of the four session **Bay Pairs***

Whilst congrats go to Tauranga Club's Di and Hugh McAllister, winners of the overall competition,
kudos to Julie Sheridan and Marion Kelly, 3rd overall.

Also to

Diane Rodger & Lyn Bailie - best overall Intermediate Pair followed closely by
Barbara Stimson & Ross Petersen.



Unacknowledged on the day, in an open field, well done too to Intermediate players -

1st EW Flo Nield & Julie Downs morning session

and

1st NS afternoon session, Barbara Stimson & Ross Petersen.

Clair Coles from **Cambridge Bridge Club** ccbc144t@gmail.com has made contact to remind
us it's that time of year to plan your **Sixes team(s)** for
Saturday 10 August 2024.

Enter a team of six bridge players: team consists of 2 junior, 2 intermediate and 2 open players - ideally with a
sense of fun - to join forces. Next job is to choose a team name along with dress up theme based on a country; the
Olympics should provide plenty of inspiration. If you need help forming a team or finding somewhere to stay in
Cambridge, please do get in touch by replying to the above email. Further contact details are on the poster on our
club's noticeboard.

We look forward to welcoming teams at the fabulous Lake Karapiro Don Rowlands Centre at around 9am ready to
kick off at 9.30am If you cannot make up a full team, please contact us. We have players on hand to fill any gaps.

Entry: \$50 per person Please pay your team's entry fee of \$300 online in advance. Includes morning tea and
lunch. Enter on the NZBridge website under "Tournaments" Enquiries: Vicki Jacobsen: 021 226 6981

Changes to Incorporated Societies – change in Legislation that affects OUR CLUB

Summary: In 2022 a new Incorporated Societies Act was passed by the government, updating the previous act from 1908!! In Oct/Nov 2023 all the details around the new Act became agreed, and quantities of information on requirements can be accessed through the Incorporated Societies Website.

Existing societies (like the Mt Bridge Club) will need to re-register under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 before **April 2026** if they want to remain as an incorporated society.

Our constitution needs some changes in order to comply with the above. These amendments / changes need to be ready for the AGM in Feb 2025 for discussion/ objections to give us as much time as possible. Then we need to start with the re-registration which may have setbacks if we have not covered all the bases. So, we need to make a start now.

The Committee plans to take us all on a journey, step by step. It will not be in email form, rather in writing on a designated board in the teaching room. But will be happy to send info or answer questions by emails. All interaction will be welcome. Watch that space.

Thank you, Teri

CHIPPACKET PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting chip packets. We have now collected and passed on six big bagfuls. The website for information is

<https://www.chippacketproject.org>

It is really helpful if you

- 1) open the top as normal
 - 2) cut down one side only and peel the bottom apart. The glue is important.
 - 3) give a quick rinse in warm soapy water.
- thank you so much,

Bren

Allan Morris, Chair of NZBridge reports on NZ membership -

It is pleasing to see players returning to the game. Slowly our numbers are improving so a special shout out to the work clubs are doing. The focus of the teaching and learning committee is retention. Several clubs deserve a bouquet increasing their membership in the last month - Franklin 22, Warkworth 24, Hokowhitu 11, Levin 11, Oamaru 19, Hutt 14, Kapi Mana 25, Paraparaumu 16, Ashburton 22, Christchurch 15, Crockfords 11, Cambridge 41, Nelson 24. We look forward to recording other successes as learners' classes are completed.

AND yes **21** from our club

FAST APPROACHING - CONGRESS

you should be arranging partners and team mates for the last Tauranga Bridge Congress at Bay Park
28 Sept - 5 Oct 2024.

There's extra teams events, fun stuff and events for all levels.

www.nzbridge.co.nz/congress for entries and info, or see the poster on our notice board. As Teri says, this is the last time you'll have free accommodation (your own!) Teri is once again Floor Manager, so you will always see a friendly face and experience harmonious, well-run playing sessions.

Discounted entry \$\$\$ before the end of August.

NEW INITIATIVE - SUPPORTED ONLINE PRACTICE GAMES FOR NEW PLAYERS

ARE YOU A NEW BRIDGE PLAYER LOOKING TO PRACTICE AND IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE GAME?

THESE ONLINE PRACTICE GAMES ARE MADE FOR YOU.

WHEN Starting on Sunday, 7th July at 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

WHERE Online <https://www.playbridge.co.nz/realbridge/>

CONTACT For more details, visit our website www.playbridge.co.nz COST Free of charge, thanks to NZ Bridge!

or email us at: sonya.adams@nzbridge.co.nz

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Registration is not required

Log in by 3.45 pm on Sundays. Games start at 4 pm

We recommend that you play on a computer/laptop. Players will need a registered NZB number to play – temporary numbers may be available on request from sonya.adams@nzbridge.co.nz

You can do a test login to check your video and microphone at:

<https://play.realbridge.online/dt.html?p=231120127003&q=RealBridgeClinic>

This is a space for new players who want to practice their game

Each session will be 90 minutes.

Mt Players - if you wish to use this facility, check in with your Monday night convener - Joanne McLean and our notice board.