



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

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May 2021 Newsletter

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from President Diane . . .

What a sad week we all have experienced with the passing of Karen. Karen was a person who I thought would be around forever, she was so dependable, many of us relied on her for answers, explanations, assistance, and support.

Karen was responsible for setting up BBO during lockdown, she supported those who were unsure about online bridge and when directing, along with Kate, their sense of humour was so appreciated. She always included the Mount Bridge Club and was a member here. One of our members told me when she was learning bridge, Karen would go round to her house on a Sunday and along with three other learners, Karen would be there to teach. She even wrote notebooks for each of them with important bridge points. I thoroughly enjoyed my association with Karen during my short reign as President. Our thoughts go out to Julie Sheridan who was a frequent bridge partner with Karen for many years. There are no words to describe how much Karen will be missed. Our love goes out to Kate. Kia Kaha. RIP Karen. We have sent a lovely fruit basket to Kate from us all, and later, the committee will decide what further we do to keep Karen's memory with us all.

You will have noticed the old building has finally fallen, I'm pleased it went quickly and over the weekend. They now have to remove all the top soil before the foundations can start. The latest date for completion is the end of April 2022.

Congratulations to our winners at Te Puke tournament Jean Scott and Audrey Gardiner 1st, Gilda and Bren 3rd, Tina K and Tina D 6th, and Bay Pairs at Tauranga Bren and Bruce Inglis 2nd. You did the Mount proud.

Stay warm and well, **Diane**

Club Captain Teri responds . . .

Hello all

A sad time for us with the tragic loss of Karen. She will leave a huge gap in my life, so I can't even imagine the loss for those who knew her longer. My heart goes out to them.

"The Only Constant in Life Is Change."

- Heraclitus

However, some Bridge Etiquettes don't change. Slow play – this can seriously affect the players at the same table and those waiting. Bridge is a timed event and one should not inconvenience other players. Also avoid hesitations by being constantly deliberate in your bidding and play.

Remember that a hesitation followed by a "pass" places an extra burden on partner as any bids by them must be very clear cut.

Do not be upset if an opponent calls the director to monitor the auction in this situation as it is the proper thing to do.

Remember: Slow play is subject to penalty, and the penalties are well earned when slow pairs disrupt the normal progression of the game. Also avoid hesitations by being constantly deliberate in your bidding and play.

Lastly, don't pull a card out of your hand before your turn – for an experienced player trying to do a finesse, this is a huge giveaway that you don't have the card they could be looking for...

Happy bridging everyone.

and . . . getting to know your committee . . . **Brian Cavitt**

I have been playing bridge at the Mount club since 2013. That was the year the club did a big drive for new members and held lessons on the Monday night, thus starting the new session for novices and juniors. There were about 40 of us, and about half survived to become members. I love playing cards and have enjoyed being part of the club and as a committee member for my 3rd year.

I have a mixed working background. I started as an analytical chemist first in the dairy industry, and then in air pollution and environmental chemistry. In my mid thirties I answered the call of God to ministry, training to be a Presbyterian minister. In due course I moved from parish ministry to hospital chaplaincy. In this I majored in mental health, spending a significant part of my time at the Mason Clinic in Auckland. My wife Jacqui is also an ordained minister, and spent time as a hospital chaplain. After retiring to Papamoa in 2012, I again went to work for 5 years as a support worker.

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays May '21 **Jones & Company Teams**

1st **Golden Girls** Flo Nield - Trish Kidd - Carol Grant - Annie Barry

2nd **Majics** Sarah Stacey - Margaret Wakelin - Shirley Knight - John Laugesen

3rd **Kings & Queens** Linley Hay - Rachel Olsen - Brian Lomax - Kathy King

Mondays pm2021 **Seeka Novice & Junior Handicap Pairs**

1st **Novice Pair** Michele Larnder & Kay Burnie

2nd **Novice Pair** Alan McLean & Joanne McLean

1st **Novice/Junior Pair** Diane Beverage & Petrena Lovell

1st **Junoir/Junior Pair** Helene Paterson & Bernie Robinson

2nd **Junoir/Junior Pair** Judith Somerville & Liz Dive

Wednesdays April'21 **Force Automotive Handicap Pairs**

1st Diane Beverage & Diane King

2nd Jean Scott & Megan Richards

3rd Kerry Crosby & Sharyn Rudolph

Thursdays May '21 **Carol's Hair Salon Handicap Pairs**

1st Dianne Stevens & Roy Cooper

2nd Corinne Levy & Diane Moreland

3rd Margo Kirk & Diane King

Thursdays May '21 **Force Automotive Handicap Pairs**

1st Dixie Horne & Annette Dand

2nd Margo Kirk & Merle Halligan

3rd Sonia Norman & Brenda Bleakley

Fridays May '21 **Esquires Coffee Swiss Pairs**

1st Shirley Knight & Jean Scott

2nd Carol Grant & Flo Nield

3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland

Fridays April'21 **Andy @ Ray White Pairs**

1st Brenda Macfarlane & Shirley Knight

2nd Robyn Knight & Judith George

3rd Hanny Hepburn & Ronelle Middleton

*the last lesson report from Tutor **Bren***

We are now nearing the end of lessons with only two more lessons and some practice sessions.

We are regularly getting 4 or 5 tables, a mix of new players and repeats.

We are hopeful that they will join Monday evenings from June 21st.

We have had wonderful helpers week after week - Annette Dand, Graham Stern, Kay Burnie,

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*Top notch service, expertise and people

*Excellent workmanship and service! Ive taken my RX8 there a few times now and always impressed with the results :)



WELCOME to NEW MEMBER

Sonia Norman



Please note: new requirements for . . . **The big 2C opener . . .**

The **Manual** states that a Game Force bid should be

- 23+ HCP balanced, or
- 20+ HCP unbalanced (plus distribution, ie. 1 HCP for every card more than 9 in two suits, eg.

HAND A

AKxxx

KQxx

A = can't open 2C

Kxx

= 19 HCP

9 in the longest 2 suits

= 0 adjustment

HAND B

AKxxx

KQ

A = 2C opener ok

Kxxxx

= 19 HCP

10 in the longest 2 suits

= + 1 HCP = 20



Tributes to Karen

From Gilda - Karen was unfailing in her support of us. Only last week I asked her for a copy of the Code of Conduct document she had drawn up (and very kindly reproduced for our use using the Mt Club logo) and within five minutes it had popped into my inbox.

We cannot imagine Tauranga Christmas parties ever being quite the same without Karen at the helm with her outrageous costumes and good humour.

Carol Cullen writes - "When I was struggling with my new role as Club Captain, Karen was my guiding light, always available, reassuring, warm and kind no matter how dumb the question, such a special person. Sadly missed.
Carol.

and from the Tauranga Club . . . There would not be one member who has not been impacted in some way by and received support from Karen in some form. Be it a quick lesson over the bridge table if you were lucky enough to be her partner, encouragement to enter tournaments and always saying you were good enough or the numerous hours she has given in taking beginner lessons, improver classes and private lessons – you only had to ask.

- **Karen's contribution -**
- **in part, extracted from Richard Solomon on NZB**

Karen learned bridge at Matamata. Tauranga became her home and the Tauranga Bridge Club a second home. She loved the game of bridge and put heaps back into the game she loved. She commented: "When some friends first suggested I might like bridge and persuaded me to have lessons, I never imagined how it would transform my life." Those friends did so many such a great favour. As well as having been club captain for the past seventeen years, she was President for two years, has been club Webmaster and facilitator for improver classes at the club and others in her region. Naturally and significantly, she was awarded Tauranga Club Life Membership.

Karen joined the Board of New Zealand Bridge some six years ago. Recently, she stood for a third term of three years for the Board. There was some relief around Board circles that Karen had only served for two terms as 9 years without a break is the maximum. Karen's belief for bridge as "A firm believer that if you want to get something from an activity you love, you must be prepared to give something back."

Karen gave everything, certainly once she had retired from a lengthy spell, some 37 years, in her job with Livestock Improvement Co. When Karen commits, that's what she does whether it is work, her hobby and passion, anything. "I am committed to this philosophy and have given freely of my time to Bridge for over 30 years."

She chaired the Regional Committee for six years, was on the Regional Committee for 10+ years and provided clubs not just in her region but beyond, with technical advice and support. It was no surprise when, retired from work, she sought to join the Board of New Zealand Bridge where she has contributed hugely in the technical area. In more recent years, she became Chair of the Teaching Committee and has contributed to and overseen the completion of Beginners, Improvers and Intermediate level modules on NZB website, completed within the last two weeks. Karen also attended in past years to our Mt Maunganui Club to conduct upskilling classes. She served as a Trustee of NZ Bridge Foundation. She has also been a very able member of the National Congress Committee and Karen helped find and secure the Bay Park 2021 venue for New Zealand Bridge Congress.

Away from bridge, she and Kate could be found motor caravanning or cycling. She was also a fine bridge player, a Silver Grand Master and a delight to have as your partner. She was a member of a Tauranga based team which lifted the Cormack Cup with pride (top Women's team in NZ Teams) and played in one of the NZ Women's teams at the 2008 PABF Congress on the Gold Coast.

She has been chef de mission and more recently a playing member of the successful Waikato Bays Women's Team in our Inter-Provincial competitions. She was to have represented her region once again in 2021.

Karen has brought a rare combination of technical and strategic skill and ability and personal warmth to whatever task to which she turned. She also had the utmost patience and the nicest manner which made the most elementary question she was asked seem absolutely real and relevant: she put people at ease and never made them feel small or their question insignificant.