



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

June 2019 Newsletter

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## from President Anne -

A big welcome to our wonderful group of 'Brookies' for 2019.

Having met most of you on your final Thursday evening, I feel very positive about the enjoyment you all appeared to be experiencing from your lessons with Bren and her helpers. We hope you continue to enjoy learning at your Monday evening sessions with Judy and Helen. The club appreciates the dedication and support given by so many, to enhance both the lessons as well as the Monday night play.

With the fourth and final round of the Bay Pairs to be held at Te Puke on Sunday 8th July, we are so pleased to report that Julie Sheridan and her partner Shirley Knight are the current leaders.

We wish them good luck for the last round.

Our biggest tournament for the year is to be held on Saturday 20th of July, generously sponsored by Bob Owens Village.

This is the two session Intermediate/Junior tournament and afternoon single session, Novice tournament.

An opportunity for our own members to join in, even if you don't usually play in many tournaments, think about playing on the 20th when you'll be playing amongst familiar faces and at a venue where you feel comfortable.

## 'Brookies'..... Report from Judy .....

Welcome to our 2019 Brookies.

It was so exciting to see 23 Brookies on our first night, the largest group we have ever had since we began this programme in 2013. Their enthusiasm for learning this remarkable but quite complex game is heartwarming and we love them for that. Welcome too, to our helpers: Dixie Horne, Annette Dand, and Mike Nicholson. Thank you for giving your time and expertise, without you there would be no Brookies group.

The boards we played last Monday were quite difficult to bid, with so many misfits between partners and so many of the hands with singletons. Well done to you all for tackling them as well as you did.

## Club Captain Carol is calling . . .

for entries to the 20th July tournament and adds -

if you haven't attempted a tournament before, give it a go. You'll find it great fun and not as scary as you think.

The club handicaps are shortly to be adjusted and you may like to check if yours has been altered. We take your last 15 scores of that particular days play and the computer does the rest. Of course on Fridays, handicaps don't apply. If you have less than 15 scores a certain amount of guesswork goes into the process, so if you feel the need to query your handicap, feel free to speak to me.

The lessons this year were a huge success and we now have a further 15 new members.

A list of their phone numbers is available as they won't be in the programme book - just ask a committee member.

Good and happy bridging everyone.

## *another gem from Wikipedia on cheating . . .*

A player may not perform extraneous or overt actions with the express purpose of frustrating or distracting a player. Some unscrupulous players use various emotional hooks, snapping cards, drumming fingers on table, inducing FUD: Fear-Uncertainty-Doubt, false flattery, sarcasm, embarrassment, greed, etc. Such misdeeds include making improper remarks, gestures, hesitations or the like, with the intention to confuse or mislead opponents.

After numerous deliberate opponent hesitations, **Charles Goren** advised a perpetrator, "Madam, that second hesitation certainly was an overbid!" Similarly, **George Kaufman** once retorted to his opponents, "Let's have a review of the bidding again, with all the inflections."

## CLUB RESULTS

Monday May '19 **Jones & Company Teams**

1st Carol Grant, Mary Girvin, Flo Nield, Joy Holmes  
2nd Mike Huymans, Hanny Hepburn, Margaret Jones  
Marilyn Wallace, Kay Wells.  
3rd Sarah Stacey, Shirley Knight, Margaret Wakelin,  
Bev Walker, Heather Slee.

Mondays May'19 **Novice & Junior Champs Pairs**

**Novice Winners** Sue Werren & Mick Werren  
**Junior Winners** Warren Coventry & Sharyn Rudolph

Thursdays May '19 **Furniture Gallery Handicap Pairs**

1st Jean McCulloch & Margaret Carmichael  
2nd Ann Cooney & Margo Kirk  
3rd Margaret Guy & Ray Guy

Fridays May'19 **Travelcom Pairs**

1st Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland  
2nd Linley Hay & Kathy Abel  
3rd Diane Rodger & Shirley Knight

## Some NZ Bridge stats . . .



Summary of GROWTH in Registered Bridge Members for last year

\*\*\*Player numbers across NZ have increased by **1.74%** - NZ Bridge has not grown by over 0.7% since the turn of the millennium and Player numbers have not been this high since 2012.

\*\*\*Player numbers in clubs receiving RBM support have increased by 5.38%

\*\*\*85% increase in new students at RBM focus clubs

\*\*\*120% increase in new students joining club after lessons at RBM focus clubs

\*\*\*125% increase in retention rates from lessons at clubs with an RBM

\*\*\*918 more tables playing at RBM focus clubs in 2018 compared to 2017 – 7.8% rise

\*\*\*3.5% increase in tournament attendance – 24,292 to 25,164 – increase of 872 players

**Woohoo Bridge!!**

### Lesson: "Double Trouble" with Karen Martelletti

This lesson is not really for beginners, it is more suited to advanced Juniors (or Intermediates). The double is an underrated bid and often is not used when it should be. Come along to the Improver class to learn how to effectively use the double as a takeout or after interference

When: **Tues 2nd July, at: 1pm - 3:30pm.**

Where: **Mt Maunganui Bridge Club**

Cost: **\$5 table money.**

### Imaginative Names??

**Bridge Ferns Bridge Blacks  
Mixed Blacks Bridge Masters**

These are our international NZ teams that have been competing in Singapore with the Bridge Blacks coming 2nd.



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