



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

November 2019 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

**for the last time in 2019 and as our
Leader for 3 years**

President Anne writes ...

What a thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all at our Christmas Party and Prize-giving Luncheon on Sunday 24 November.

It was particularly pleasing to see so many of our Monday night members joining the festivities.

Thank you to all who those members who contributed in any way to the success of the occasion. Our chef Rochelle and helpers, Liz our tarnished angel director, Pauline our scorer, as well as all our loyal committee members who do so much to ensure enjoyment for all.

Early next year, the winners names will be added to the Honours boards. Please feel free to return your trophies to the club to be on display in the trophies cabinet (especially if you do not wish to have to keep them polished for the next year)

Meanwhile, enjoy your last few weeks of bridge for 2019 and remember to start organising some partners for next year.

Best wishes to all, for a happy festive season.

Anne

Club Captain Carol notes ...

Hard to believe another year has flown by. A year for some who have experienced sad losses of partners, I know we all send them heartfelt love and good wishes.

I have nothing but admiration for all the people who put so much time and effort into making this club run so smoothly. The committee decided to count the time we collectively spent in a month dealing with club business. 300 + hours, and this was a very average month. That doesn't include dealers, scorers, lessons, directors, Spadework, maintenance, gardening, tournament organising and the kitchen help required for regular sessions, tournaments and other special occasions. So a huge thank you to all, where would we be without you.

Well for me, I am hanging up my hat as Club Captain and the very capable Teri Logie will be taking over. I'd like to say how much I have enjoyed doing this job and thank you all for your support and the kindness you have shown me.

We have a great club and I know Teri will do nothing but good things to continue the legacy of being known as such a friendly club, but she needs everyone's support. Let's all get behind our incoming committee and new Club Captain. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. Look forward to seeing you for our bridge season 2020.

Carol.

Dates for the Diary:

Holiday bridge starts

Monday 6th Jan 2020 1pm

Normal Bridge programme starts

Monday 27th Jan 2020 1pm

REMINDER 2020 subs due now.

Members you will have your orange books so please

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS - to Westpac

Account: **03-0374-0045537-001**

With your name and comp number.

Foodbank Collection

It would be wonderful if you are able to donate an item or two to make someone's Christmas a little more special - something a little nicer than

Baked beans! maybe a box of chocolates, Christmas pudding, mince pies or maybe a nice tinned veg suitable to accompany a Christmas dinner. Please avoid anything that has sat in your cupboard for ages!

It would be great if we can give Foodbank lots of great items. A container is located on the table by the inner door. Thanks, **Bren**

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Nov '19	Mount Eliza Cheese Pairs	1st Brian Lomax & Julie Downs 2nd Kerry Crosby & Erika Schofield 3rd June Nightingale & Barry Crosby
Monday pms Oct '19	MN Downtown Pharmacy Pairs	1st Michele Larnder & Kay Burnie 2nd Margaret Bowditch & Gordon Cameron 3rd Kay Stannard & Lee Sinclair
Monday pms Nov '19	shoe&me Handicap Singles	1st Michele Larnder 2nd Joanne McLean 3rd Kay Burnie
Wednesdays Oct'19	Club Mt Maunganui Pairs	1st Barry Crosby & Graham Stern 2nd Bob Callcut & Mike Nicholson 3rd Linley Hay & Diane Rodger
Wednesdays 2019	Wednesday Night Singles	1st Bruce Inglis 2nd Shirley Knight 3rd Murray Knight
Thursdays Nov'19	Mount Eliza Cheese Handicap Pairs	1st Jenny Myhill & Maurine Roisieux 2nd Gloria Mouatt & Carol Cullen 3rd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield
Thursdays Nov'19	Downtown Pharmacy Handicap Pairs	1st Byrta Wagstaff & Dixie Horne 2nd Jenny Myhill & Maurine Roisieux 3rd Lesley Stephen & Merle Halligan
Fridays Nov '19	Friday Champs Pairs	1st Kath Harvey & Julie Downs 2nd Linley Hay & Flo Nield 3rd Carol Grant & Joy Holmes
Fridays Nov '19	Asset Relocations Pairs	1st Gloria Mouatt & Diane Rodger 2nd Kay Wright & Margaret Wakelin 3rd Margaret Jones & John Laugesen

SUMMER BRIDGE

MARK THESE DATES
in your new diaries!

2020

Mondays 1pm
January 6, 13, 20

Wednesdays 7 pm
January 8, 15, 22
thanks

to Gloria Mouatt
ph 5441834
who is partner
steward for

SUMMER BRIDGE



*Merry Xmas and
good luck for Bridge
in 2020*

CONGRESS
October 2019
held in
HAMITON
was a great
success with
record numbers -
735 players.

On the Friday
there were 135
tables which
presented some
logistical
problems.

Nevertheless,
everyone
appeared to have
a good time. The
introduction of a
further open
restricted event
proved to be very
popular.

Equally popular
were junior and
intermediate
events.

So mark October
2020 in your
diary to join in
CONGRESS in
Hamilton next
year.

Xmas Laugh Lucky Thirteen from Shirley K

It was the Club's Xmas party and needless to say - The Punch and the season had made us quite gay
Now we're just raw novices, my partner and me - We've only been playing six months you see
When I checked our positions, I went dry in the mouth - We'd been assigned table one - North and South
With two grand masters sitting East and West - All that we'd learned would be put to the test
We took our positions and said not a word - But I'm certain our heartbeats could surely be heard
We'd been to some lessons, so although I was green - I knew that to open you had to have thirteen
I sorted my hand and counted but alas - With only ten points - I had to pass
And frankly - I thought this a shame - As I'd never before had 13 Spades in a game!
My left hand opponent, a big name in the city - Opened two clubs and I thought what a pity
My partner, South, who was trembling with fear - Bid two hearts in print very clear
My righthand opponent sat straight in his chair - 3 Diamonds he chose to declare
Now I had a fair suit, but alas - With no help in her suit I had to pass
My left hand opponent now bid three spades - You can imagine how much I was amazed
South bid four hearts and now I feared - That I can't play her suit if I end up on lead
My right hand opponent studied his hand and soon six No Trumps was his command
It was my turn to bid - and just to save face- the next three bids were pass, pass, pass
I was ready to lead a spade but alas - my partner got it wrong and led the heart king
A lead out of turn - what a terrible thing!
The director was called and I can still hear his voice - as he told the declarer he make his own choice
A Heart lead you see, as I'm sure you'd understand would help set up my partner's hand
So declarer turned to me looking ever so smart, Lead any suit - but not a heart!
So of course, I lead my fourth spade - I guess this was a reasonable lead that I made
Because from thereon in I didn't lose the lead - and our opponents had to concede
Thirty five hundred - which seemed like a lot - Later we found this score was a top!





NEEDED : SCORERS

Each session needs to be self-sufficient for Scorers. There is always a need for new volunteers to step up.

It's easy to learn, step by step instructions, and you will not be alone, but paired with an experienced scorer. It will not be every week, and the more scorers the less you will do.

It doesn't take up a lot of time before or after a session.

A BIG THANK YOU to Pauline and all the scorers who have kept our sessions going this year.

Every session all year has had two members stay behind and score.

That's an estimated 43 weeks, 5 sessions each week with 2 people = 430 volunteers!

STOP PRESS

Yeh! Our bridge club entrance and foyer is to become a construction site from 16 December while this area is reconfigured for easier access.

Work will be completed by Xmas, but if you must enter the rooms at this time, please use the kitchen entrance at the rear of the building.

We are all looking forward to seeing our new look entranceway for 2020.

Lessons 2020

The majority of our lesson participants come through word of mouth from our members. The next biggest group is from our sign curbside. Lessons next year will *start a month earlier* than usual, to work in with the Tauranga Club - they will start in

February and will be on *Thursday evenings*. We have been told that Te Puke will not be running lessons in 2020.

Please can you encourage friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues to come along and enjoy our wonderful game and our special club. The \$70 for lessons would make a great Christmas present.

Anyone who is unsure if they wish to do the lessons is welcome to come along on the first night without payment, so they can see if it is for them.

No pressure!

Bren

Brookies . . .

There were 14 tables last Monday for the last session of the shoe&me Handicap Singles. How great to see 13 Brookies playing in that competition.

Congratulations to Kay Burnie, Michele Larnder, & Joan McLean who were at the top of the Ladder on Handicap, after three sessions.

The Monday night Coaching group is now defunct as this year's Brookies are enjoying the challenge of playing in Helen's group. Good on you all.

Monday Volunteers

Our Monday night sessions would not exist or survive without our kind-hearted volunteers!!

It takes a full team of people to set up and smoothly run our sessions.

Whether you do a little or a lot, for a short or a long time - you are all valued and always appreciated! We are thankful for your help, but are always keen to have more people to help spread the load and relieve when necessary.

Previously unacknowledged helpers with this group are Mike Nicholson, Annette Dand, Pauline Taylor

Sharyn Rudolph - Monday night correspondent

another big thank you to

DEALERS

through the year.

On average 43 weeks, 5 sessions each week with approximately 30 boards per session dealt - that computes to around 6430 boards dealt.

All byamazing members of the club. Thanks



Charity Week starts Monday 7th Dec

After our Bridge programme finishes at the end of November, the club runs another full week of Bridge sessions. This is our **Charity Week**.

The table money will be **\$5** which will be donated this year to supporting

Riding for the Disabled

Please come along as usual to play Bridge for another week and support this worthy cause. The choice of charity this year was one close to home for secretary Gilda whose husband Derek has assisted with this project for many years. More info on the white board.



Sponsorship 2020

It is a well known marketing adage it is 10 times easier to keep an existing customer than to find a new one! The same applies to our bridge sponsors. It is also fair to assume we - the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club - is well down their radar. As we enter the New Year with a series of new and existing sponsors, could I appeal to all club members to take any available opportunity to personally thank them for their sponsorship. If you are a competition winner and using a voucher, be sure to show the Club's appreciation and emphasise the role of sponsors to make us a thriving, happy and growing organisation. Also



remember there is a list of sponsors in the back of your programme book and if possible, utilise one of our sponsors' services. It is highly likely we will lose some of our sponsors for 2021 so please think about any possible business or organisation which may be willing to support the club from 2021. Please approach

Mike Nicholson, Sponsorship Steward

with any suggestions. In the meantime, good luck in picking up one of these sponsorship prizes in 2020!

2019 lament

I'm giving up bridge

Tonight's my last night.

It's Amen to Staymen ... I give up the fight.
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles and I can't sleep at night for thinking about doubles.
My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten who's played and what's trump and what's gone on my right!

So for now it's all over I'm off to the backwood.
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwood.
I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain.
I'm getting those bad cards again and again.



LOVE OUR SPONSORS

Manager Jackie from **Rialto Cinema Tauranga** Invites members to enjoy a great movie in their air-conditioned premises with a glass of wine or cooling drink on these hot summer days.

Lost for a Xmas gift idea? Rialto has a promo gift voucher at \$60 which includes a free double pass for the donor to use!

Check their movie schedules on-line

rialtotauranga.co.nz or phone 07 5770445
Located in mid Devonport Rd - good idea to get there via by free OAP bus pass!

Best idea is to register for emailed movie showings so not to miss a thing!

You will see



has expanded to 4 pages for the last issue of 2019!

This is in part because there are so many reports of great members in our club that do unbidden works to help us all and contribute to the success we are.

Included must be **Flo Nield** and **Keith Reddaway** who both went the extra mile to make your Christmas Party Luncheon last Sunday the success it was. Flo for an emergency dash to the supermarket and Keith for a mercy mission to deliver replacement plates when the paper ones wouldn't hold your loads of food! Thank you both.