



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

July 2020 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs



from our President ...

Thank-you to everyone who helped make our Intermediate/Junior and Novice tournament such a success, it was also great to see so many clubs from Waikato/Bays attending, it is hoped we can reciprocate when their tournaments come up.

Tauranga are holding their tournament 29th August.

To all our novice members, it's a great way to experience tournaments and I urge you to give it a go. We had a wonderful celebration on Wed evening the 15th July when we recognised all the voluntary work

Julie Sheridan does for our club who was voted volunteer of the month by NZB. This was a very special evening and nice to let Julie know she is very much valued. Thank you to the committee who helped make this evening possible, especially Gilda who liaised with NZB to get the certificate and gift and also Karen Martillett, as a member of NZB board, who came specially to present the certificate to Julie.

We are going to be providing pens on lanyards with Mount Bridge printed on the pens. This should go some way to solving the problem of people leaving their pens behind. Dianne Gibson has taken on this project, thanks Dianne. We will be selling them for \$5 each, I will let you know when they are available.

Can I ask that we as members continue with our hand sanitizer and all the good practice we have established in preventing the spread of Covid-19.

There is still a global pandemic and according to reports from MOH, influenza numbers are well down this winter also, so it is working.

We now have the new air conditioner up and going, and from the feedback I have received, members are pleased with the result. Summer months will be the test, but so far so good. We have identified we need to do some maintenance on the outside wall.

Keep safe and stay warm. **Diane**

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

Especially *Pacific Coast Village*

who stepped in with only 3 weeks notice to sponsor our Junior and Intermediate tournament and came along to present the prizes.

The best recommendation for Pacific Coast Village comes from some of our members who enjoy living there - check it out.

Club Captain Teri writes ...

Firstly, a big thank you for all those who helped at the Tournament on July 18th. 14 members bought beautiful plates for morning tea, 4 helpers in the kitchen serving teas and coffees at morning tea and lunch Committee and other members helped set up the room, run the tournament, and then at the end of a long day, tidied up and vacuumed. There was the raffle, the bar and our stand-in pairs.

Again, we cannot do this without all of you, too numerous to mention, unthinkable. if I forgot a name out of so many of you who helped – there are many un-sung heroes in our midst. Please consider this your song.

Just some pointers for play: -

Be seated on time and quieten down for the announcements.

Make sure the director knows if you do not have a full table.

Do not discuss the hands – others can hear you.

The correct way to call the Director is "Director, please"

Make each hand enjoyable for yourself, partner, and opponents.

Enjoy and keep coming back.



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Congratulations

to members selected to represent Mt Maunganui Club in Rotorua Teams
26 July

Junior

Jaco van Dijk 49616 and Gerda van Dijk 49615
Rachel Olsen 32961 and Kathy King 41302

Intermediate:

Caren Van der Meys 24382 and Martin Van der Meys 24385
Annie Barry 45564 and Diane Rodger 45973

Senior:

Bruce Inglis 5111 and Shirley Knight. 31613
Graham Stern 24573 and Bren Birss 31270

Listen to announcements this week hear how they fared

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays July '20

**Dorothy Aitken
Handicap Pairs**

1st Fred Clarke & Marilyn Wallace
2nd Jose McDonald & Bill Armstrong
3rd Kay Wright & Lyn Bailie

Thursdays July '20 **Awatira Kowhai Cottage
Handicap Pairs**

1st Jean McCulloch & Margaret Carmichael
2nd Gloria Mouatt & Lesley Stephen
3rd Merle Halligan & Fred Clarke

Fridays June '20 **Friday Post-Lockdown
Singles**

winner = Carol Cullen

A couple of things from the Committee meeting:

TECT - We acknowledge the contribution TECT made by paying half our new aircon unit. Thanks to Teri and Jane for completing all the Grant Application paperwork.

COVID - Please don't become too complacent. Committee encourages everyone to STERILISE and HANDWASH frequently please to keep ourselves and each other as safe as possible.

Beginners' Lessons

These resumed after the Covid lockdown and about two thirds of the group opted to continue, most of the others deciding to restart in 2021. We are regularly getting 14 players each Thursday and the group are very enthusiastic. We have been running Sunday afternoon sessions to allow them to come along and practise informally and we regularly have two tables of keen learners.

The lessons are scheduled to finish on August 20th and we hope these players will then come each Monday night, where they can play informally, assisted by Judy Bartlett and her team until they feel confident to join the competitive group.

A good result considering the unprecedented times! **Bren Birss**

GEOGRAPHY LESSON during lockdown and playing bridge on BBO opponents encountered were registered in

Angola
Burkina Faso
India
Canada/USA
Malta
Turkey And NZ!

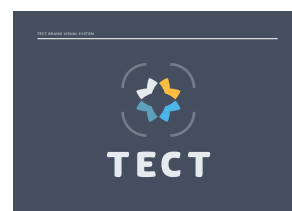
BREAKING NEWS

Congress 2020 is all set to proceed with only one condition- that Government does not impose/reinstate COVID 19 controls.

Congress 2020

Sir Don Rowlands Centre, Karapiro
26 September 2020 to 3 October 2020

A great location with on-site catering.
CHECK OUR NOTICE BOARD FOR ALL THE DETAILS.



Welcome to new members

Liane Sorrenson
Jan Wilbur-Smith
Marcus Dudley

AND farewell to Justin Sims who has moved away from the area. We wish him the best.

From Treasurer Jane -

We received \$60 on 15 July in the Club's bank account. The person who deposited it did not provide any details so we don't know who deposited it and what it is for. Members please - check whether you made this payment and to contact me by sending an email to:

mtbridgeclub@gmail.com. Also a reminder to members to always provide reference details, especially their name and what they are paying eg. subs, tournament, badge, vouchers etc.

