



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

November 2020 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

**for the last time in 2020  
President Diane writes ...**

Great to see so many of our members at the Christmas Party on Sunday. It was a fun day and seemed to be enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all our prize recipients. For those who were awarded trophies you have the option of leaving them in the cabinet at the club. A very big thank you to our wonderful committee for all their hard work in making it a success, especially Teri, Gilda and Sue for their catering skills. Well done all.

The new building committee are still in negotiations with the surf club and I believe they are close to sealing the deal. As soon as they have some concrete information it will be made available to all our members. We are meeting with the council on the 9th Dec to look at alternatives for us for next year and once we have some definite plans we will make that available to all our members also. A reminder regarding privacy - all phone numbers in the program book are for bridge members only and not to be given out to anyone apart from our members.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our charity week. Just a couple of dates to remember, Wed night 2nd Dec is Hawaiian night, pizza and wine at supper time, come dressed in a Hawaiian theme. Wed 8th Dec ladies a chicken plate please and gentlemen a bottle of ? Come at 6.30pm for dinner and a drink before we start play.

Please check your bridge grade on the NZB site, as there are big changes next year. For those Open grade players you need 50 A pts to stay in the open grade. There is going to be a huge increase in intermediate players, so to play in Intermediate tournaments you will need to register early.

We still need 3 committee members please, please see nomination forms in the foyer. Happy Christmas everyone, hoping 2021 will be a better year for us all.

Diane

**Club Captain Teri notes ...**

*I would like to thank the Committee and all those who worked so hard to put up the Christmas Decorations and those who produced all the food, punch, drinks and entertainment for the Lunch. We certainly have a good Team - definition of that is "Come together to achieve a common goal"*

*We certainly did that!*

*In these last few weeks, please take time to consider those less fortunate and keep adding to the Food bank basket. Enjoy the last few hands of bridge and I for one am looking forward to 2021.*

*Cheers Teri*

**REMINDER 2021**

Members will be invoiced for Subs in early January 2021, payable by end of Feb 2021.

Invoices will be emailed to all who have email addresses.

Home member \$60 pa. Associate \$37 pa.  
Bank account (no change) will be on the invoice and in the front of the program book, plus more details such as half year charges etc

Programme Books available soon!

## Dates for the Diary:

### Holiday bridge starts

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 1pm

### Normal Bridge programme

**starts** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021  
1pm

**AGM Wed** 27<sup>th</sup> January 6.15pm



## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Nov '20	<b>Mount Eliza Cheese Pairs</b>	1st Joe Brown & Barry Crosby 2nd Carolyn Parker & Sarah Stacey 3rd Gilda Rowland & Jane Dekker
Mondays Nov '20	<b>Asset Relocations Pairs</b>	1st Linley Hay & Flo Nield 2nd Pam Clotworthy & Margaret Jones 3rd Kerry Crosby & Hanny Hepburn
Monday pm Oct '20	<b>Seeka &amp; Belfast Lough Novice Singles</b>	1st Lee Sinclair 2nd Joanne McLean 3rd Kay Burnie
Monday pm Oct '20	<b>Seeka &amp; Belfast Lough Junior Singles</b>	1st Annette Dally 2nd Peter Boynton 3rd Shayn Rudolph
Wednesdays Oct'20	<b>Club Mt Maunganui Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Joe Brown & Rachel Olsen 2nd Bren Birss & Linley Hay 3rd Mac McCarthy & Marcus Dudley
Thursdays Nov'20	<b>Mount Eliza Cheese Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Nora Pronk & Ben de Kleijnen 2nd Lesley Stephen & Joan Heuvel 3rd Margo Kirk & Yvonne Madden
Fridays Nov '20	<b>Mount Hot Pools Pairs</b>	1st Bob Callcut & Barry Crosby 2nd Diane Rodger & Julie Downs 3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Anne Clarke

## SUMMER BRIDGE

MARK THESE DATES  
in your new diaries  
or however you  
remind yourself in  
2021.

**Mondays** seated by  
1245 please  
January 4, 11, 18  
**Wednesdays**  
seated by 6.45  
please  
January 6, 13, 20  
thanks  
to Gloria Mouatt  
ph 5441834  
who is partner  
steward for  
**SUMMER BRIDGE**  
Visitors welcome -  
\$6.50 table money



## Xmas Lunch 2020

Well if you missed it, you missed a treat.  
Bubbles, prize giving, then a scrumptious lunch and  
dessert.

Music teacher **Ruth Sweatman** led her 'kids' in  
Christmas singing, action songs and light after-lunch  
activity.

Next **Mike Nicholson** introduced his spoof on the  
panto **Cinderella**.

Writer, producer, director, narrator, prompter and MC,  
Mike coaxed his actors through the skit.

Brian Cavit as Prince Charming, Anne Clarke as  
Cinderella, Patty, Teri and buxom Gilda as ugly sisters  
and our Diane as Fairy Godmother. Of course there was  
a happy ending except for Mike who turned into a frog  
and was only able to play bridge again if kissed by  
Prince Charming. Luckily, another happy ending.

**Spadework**

*Wishes you Merry Xmas and good luck  
for Bridge in 2021*

*Sorry to say goodbye to members*

Bruce and Barbara Woolley  
Liz Simpson  
Brenda McCabe

## Brookies . . . and Novices . . .

There are 14 - 16 tables on most Monday evenings. How great to see so many players attending  
post-covid.

### Monday Volunteers

Our Monday night sessions would not exist or survive without our kind-hearted volunteers and the club  
thanks them all.

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

Hope to see you all back refreshed after the break.

. . . from on-line committee minutes if you haven't seen it . . .

**Old Building/New Building:** Julie S reported on behalf of the steering committee which met again recently. Negotiations are proceeding and an updated floor plan will be posted to the website shortly. Diane has been in contact with TCC and they are meeting our Committee representatives at the Omanu Bowling Club on Wednesday 9 December to consider those premises as our interim clubrooms. Council owns the bowling club building and has tentatively put aside 18 months for it to be our temporary premises during construction of the new building.

**Committee Roles for 2021:** The Club requires three new members to stand for nomination for 2021.

One of the retiring committee members is  
**Robyn Knight,**

Originally from Ngahinepouri near Hamilton, Robyn worked at the Inland Revenue then married and built a house in Te Awamutu. She has 3 children, 2 daughters and a son and now has 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Her main interest was riding horses.

When her children went to school she retired from horse riding and took up golf playing off an 8 handicap.

She spent 40 years on golf club committees with 10 as secretary, 10 as club captain and 4 as president of clubs in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty.

Four friends decided to learn bridge to try and keep minds busy and Robyn started attending the Mount Bridge club in 2014.

She has been on our committee 3 years and deserves a rest from admin, thanks for your work Robyn.

Another retiring committee member is  
**Patty Spencer**

Married to Neil for 54 years, Patty worked 8 years at National Bank, then on to the ex pat circuit with her husband to the Philippines.

They then had 19 years with their own Importing and Distributing business in ribbons and gift wrap, selling their interest in 2007.

A great sportswoman, Patty was an Auckland squash rep as well as Rowing, Cricket, Golf, Netball then in later years on to Bridge and Bowls.

To Neil's disgust, together they have built 6 houses and had about 24 moves. Patty's last move is off the Mt Bridge club committee where she assisted the club treasurer for three years - always a calm collector of our table money. Hope Patty doesn't feel she's been usurped by Compa\$\$\$. Thank you Patty.

### OUR SPONSORS

As we move towards Bridge in 2021, I would like to remind members of two things.

Firstly, for many sponsors 2020 has been an extremely difficult year, business-wise.

Secondly, if you look through the list of sponsors at the back of our 2021 programme book, you will see that many businesses are directly or indirectly connected to members of our club. Could we therefore make 2021 a year when we really do what our competition television screen says, and 'support our sponsors'.

*The following were generous sponsors of raffle prizes for our 2020 Xmas Party*

