



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

November 2024 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

for the last time in 2024

President Michele writes ...

Christmas is almost upon us which means another year is ending. This is a time to both reflect and look to the future.

On reflection:

The membership of the club is steadily increasing but at a sustainable level. There have been some very creditable tournament results from both our novice and open players. The inaugural 'Fun over the Bridge' teams event with Tauranga reflects the spirit of co-operation between the two largest club in the Waikato Bays Region.

We celebrated our 60 years as a club with a low key but successful day and this was well supported by current and former members. Our multi-grade tournament attracted many players and was over-subscribed - a testimony to the resurgence of face-to-face competition and the popularity of our club.

None of this happened without our wonderful committee and a large team of helpers – thank you to you all.

The future:

This requires us to attract new committee members, scorers, directors, dealers and general volunteers. What are your talents and how can you best use them to support the club?

Everyone has a part to play and now is the time to consider what you could do. Also look around your fellow members, if there is someone you think has skills that would benefit the club, suggest they get involved. Sometimes we just need a little nudge from someone else to act. It would be good to have male representation on our committee, so gentleman, time to think about taking an active role. The AGM is in February of next year and it would be great to welcome new people to the team.

Congratulations to all the prize-winners of 2024. Have a very merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Michele

Club Captain tired Teri salutes you all ...

The new Programme book will be in your hands shortly. Please support our sponsors throughout 2025, they are supporting us. Each little bit – no matter how small all helps the Club. You will see a number of events named after local streets, meaning these don't have a sponsor, so keep on the lookout for new sponsors in 2025.

Your local florist / pharmacy / takeaway may be prepared to give away vouchers for their business and be in our book for 2026. Thank you! Give yourselves a pat on the back – all of you who have helped in and around the club in 2024, no matter how small! Again thank you

Happy Bridge

Teri

REMINDER 2025

Members will be invoiced for subs in early January 2025, payable by 28 Feb 2025.

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 6th Jan 2025 1pm

Normal Bridge programme

commences Monday 27th Jan
2025 1pm

AGM Wed 5th February 6.15pm



FYI Tauranga Club is to host the National Pairs
21/22 June 2025

Sharpen your game and enter your partner!

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Nov '24	Paper Plus Pairs	1st Graham Stern & Barry Crosby 2nd Pat Ware & Derek Webb 3rd Sue Gibbons & Carol Grant
Mondays 2024	Stat Day Singles	1st Barbara Stimson 2nd Carol Grant 3rd Elaine Genty-Nott
Mondays Nov '24 pm	Cobb & Co. Handicap Pairs	1st Sandy Margolin & Lucy Hollister 2nd Liz Dive & Judith Somerville 3rd Dianne Beveridge & Isobel McIntyre
Mondays 2024 pm	Stat Day Handicap Singles	1st Judith Somerville 2nd Liz Dive 3rd Rebecca Bartlett
Wednesdays 2024	Championship Singles	1st Alan Parkes 2nd Barbara Stimson 3rd Megan Richards
Wednesdays 2024	Championship Handicap Singles	1st Barbara Stimson 2nd Judy Bartlett 3rd Teri Logie
Wednesdays Nov '24	Woolworths. Pairs	1st Helen Heuvel & Steve Larnder 2nd Alan Parkes & Frances Ball 3rd Bryden Lane & Joe Brown
Thursdays Nov'24	Teekay Trust Handicap Pairs	1st Judith Robinson & Lois O'Donnell 2nd Julie Downs & Flo Nield 3rd Graeme Boyd & Bernie Robinson
Fridays Nov '24	President's Pairs	1st Bren Birss & Graham Stern 2nd Kathy King & John Laugesen 3rd Ross Petersen & Barbara Stimson
Fridays Nov '24	Mayo Jewellery Pairs	1st Bren Birss & Barry Crosby 2nd Brenda Macfarlane & Hanny Hepburn 3rd Mike Nicholson & Carol Grant

SUMMER BRIDGE

MARK THESE DATES

in your new diaries or phone to remind yourself in 2025.

Mondays seated by 1245 please January 6, 13, 20

Wednesdays seated by 6.45 please

January 8, 15, 22 thanks

to Gloria Mouatt ph 5441834

who is partner

steward for SUMMER BRIDGE

Visitors welcome \$8

corrected CLUB RESULTS from October edition

Mondays Oct '24. pm	shoe&me Handicap Singles	1st Alan Goodhall 2nd Alan McLean 3rd Laurelle Breen
Wednesdays Oct'24	Cobb & Co Handicap Pairs	1st Bill Ridley & Bill Armstrong 2nd Bren Birss & Pamela Pedersen 3rd Brian Cavit & Dianne Gibson

Your club asks - what have you done about nominating your executive for 2025? It's your club and you can decide who you want to fill these positions.

AGM Wednesday 5 February 2025, plenty of weeks to take some action. Better still, if any of you or yourself feel it's time to do something for the club, please come forward and put your name on the list. The committee work is not too onerous. Nomination sheet is on the notice board.

Did we know - our own **Graham Stern** is a National Master



Spade & Birk

wishes all a Happy festive season and great bridge for 2025.

Sad to lose members -

Jan Payne

Margo Kirk

We will think of them as still playing bridge in our memories and hearts.

Also former Spadework editor 2005 - 2008,

Liz Bristow died last week.

An editorial from May 2005 is testament to Liz's character -

"It's difficult to be cheerful sometimes in the face of adversity. We become slightly inured to the tragedies of the world, daily dealt to us via the media. When it happens on our doorstep then we feel helpless against the forces of life. Nothing to be done except to accept life with all its good and bad. Most people are pretty resilient when it comes to coping with trouble and we realise that -

"No person is an island, entire of itself,
Everyone is a piece of the continent, a part of the
main . . .

Any person's death diminishes me
Because I am involved in mankind"

But Liz added, "what a joy and blessed relief to go and play bridge - to exchange greetings, smiles and lots of laughs with friends. It's such an absorbing game - what would we do without it?"

OUR SPONSORS

Cobb&Co have sponsored the Pav's for dessert for our Christmas lunch - please visit them when you're in Rotorua for their simple fresh menu and experience their robo waiters.



Digital Presentation

you will have noticed our superb
"notice board" below our "N"
orientation sign.



Created weekly, the screen shows the comp and sponsor for the session, etiquette tips and great bridge jokes and quips.

Thanks President Michele and 2 ic Teri for this innovative interaction for members. See example below advertising a recent happening.

and also the Christmas tree team, many thanks



Sunday 3rd November @ our Mt Club saw

4 Open

9 Intermediate

8 Junior

TEAMS competing again.



Junior Teams Lynette & Dianne vs Tauranga, Karyl & Joan



another Junior challenge - Rebecca & Joanne vs Tauranga's Rebecca & Kerri



Juniors concentrating - Carolyn & Lois battle Jeannie & Sally from Tauranga.



Senior challenge - Gilda & Bren looking to outwit Judy & Diana, reps from Tauranga.

Below - Seniors Julie S & Marion call Director Rebecca Osborne to adjudicate over Tony & Judy

Below - exhausted Intermediates from the Mount - the Dudleys



Footnote - sadly the FotB trophy went over the bridge and is just waiting to be re homed in 2025.

