



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

60th Jubilee

SPADEWORK SPECIAL EDITION

19 OCTOBER 2024

CHEERS TO 60 YEARS

2024 President **Michele Larnder** opened proceedings for the celebration of our Diamond Jubilee and lauded the many predecessors who moulded our club over 60 years to the success it is today. She mentioned our previous playing premises, our vitality and camaraderie, and the friendship and ethos of inclusion that makes the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club special today.

Michele acknowledged the hardworking sub-committee who organised the day and all the others who assisted, and wished all a happy day of celebration.



apologies were received from . . .

Margaret Burton
Pat Hunter
Catherine King
Byrta Wagstaff
Sarah Stacey
Diane Moreland
Corinne Levy
Joan Smith
Dorothy Harvey
Pam Clotworthy
Shirley Knight
Anne and Fred Clarke.

Special committee who organised the day - past president **Diane King**, foundation event planner and MC for the day. Diane contacted many past members to include them in the day, and it was nice to see Lesley Stephen, Lynlie Edwards and Joy Holmes present.

Carol Cullen, mastermind behind the celebratory decorations and many balloons and '60' reminders.

Diane Stephens raffle organiser
Gilda Rowland organised our fun entertainment

Teri Logie always helping.



Gilda Rowland
keeping us safe
with
H&S
and Fire
evacuation
procedures.

Throughout the day a slide show compiled by **Michele Larnder** from our archives reminded us of good times past, friends present and past and our journey from nothing, to old, to temporary, to new clubrooms.

. . . after bubbles and preliminaries, entertainment followed,
MC'ed by **Mike, Mike Nicholson** and his two thespians

Teri Logie and Frazer Smith

the idea was the cast would enact a few lines from a famous
movie, teams of 10 were to guess the name of the film.

Some were easy - My Fair Lady

Some obscure - Around the World in 80 Days

Some puzzling - True Grit

Some funny - Life of Brian

Some scary - King Kong

Some immoral - The Graduate

Some festive - A Christmas Carol

Some wet - Jaws (some said Titanic)

Some western - Butch Cassidy

Some classic - The Importance of Being Ernest.

Some animated - Snow White

Some important - Schindler's List

. . . and many more, sorry if the genre is incorrect . . .

Winning team of ten at right >>>



at a point in proceedings, Life member and most senior attendee **Noelene Shrimpton** contributed a few special moments from our Club's history.

Drama at the Bridge Club . . .

- * 37 years ago (1987) there was an earthquake at Edgumbe. Roads were uplifted and broken, houses and shops in that small village torn apart. At our bridge club the lights were swinging from side to side. It was a Monday and my partner was playing 6NT. She didn't stop playing!
- * Another day I was playing with Millie Fitzgerald and we were doing so well. The tea lady arrived, shortly after she died, and we all went home, bridge was cancelled for the day.
- * 15 years ago in 2009 shortly after 11am hail rained down for about 40 minutes. Large hail was confined to Oceanbeach Rd and the beach. It was accompanied by thunder and hundreds of lightening strikes. It blocked between Girven Rd and Concord Rd and looked like a glacier. It was a Monday and bridge players told us how they had to travel inland to get to bridge. The road was cleared and left with ice built up to a foot on each side.

Lunch followed, ample platters sourced from New World with added committee style and refinements, followed by a 'significant event' cake baked by **Judy Duncan**



Tauranga Bridge Club sent the following tribute -

On behalf of your friends across the bridge at the Tauranga Bridge Club I wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate your club and members as you celebrate your 60 year anniversary!

60 years is a very long time filled with much wonderful and interesting history including the most recent changes with your beautiful new clubrooms.

I hope you all have a fabulous celebration this weekend and that our two clubs continue to operate in mutual cooperation for many decades to come! It has been a pleasure to work closely with Michele and Teri on everything from lessons to scoring software to directing, but especially the **Fun over the Bridge** event that the two clubs came together to organise this year. Enjoy the festivities!

Mike Newton
Tauranga Bridge Club President



70% ers Teri and Julie S sampling Judy's cake.



to the occasional sound of exploding balloons, partners were drawn to fill 22 tables once the room had been rearranged after lunch. Prizes for all . . .



60TH JUBILEE RESULTS

NS Handicap Pairs.

- 1st Joy Holmes & Sue Gibbons
- 2nd Bernie Robinson & Margaret Wakelin
- 3rd Sheryl Tree & Alan Currie
- 4th Bob Callcut & Merle Halligan
- 5th Kay Wright & Gloria Mouatt

EW Handicap Pairs

- 1st Alison Thompson & Julie Hawkes
- 2nd Lynne Corbett-Foy & Michele Larnder
- 3rd Brian Cavitt & Ngaire Short
- 4th Bren Birss & Judy Bartlett
- 5th Julie Sheridan & Liz Dey



Sue & Joy



Brian - Ngaire



Kay advised on healthy
option



Julie H



Judy & Bren



Lynne & Michele



Liz & Julie S

At the end of the day, all that remained was to draw the **'Diamond Jubilee' themed raffle.**

Lucky 1st prize winner = Margaret Carmichael, a diamond drop necklace

2nd, pair of diamond earrings = Megan Richards

3rd, pair of diamond studs = Nola Darvill