



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

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from President Diane's i-pad

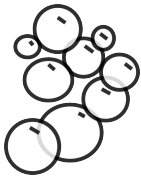
I hope you are all safe and well in your bubbles. I sent out a rather lengthy newsletter last week which will have covered a lot of questions you may have. Your guess is as good as mine as to when we will be able to open our club, but I don't think it will be anytime soon. We will be guided by the

MOH and NZ Bridge. In the meantime I urge you if you haven't already, to take the plunge and get on line to play bridge, it's fun and very easy. All information is in my latest email.

Unfortunately, we will be cancelling our 7 June Bay Pairs which was scheduled to be held at our Mt Maunganui club..

Please take care and stay safe, I'm really looking forward to seeing you all back at bridge

Diane



Warm Clothes Please

In these strange times I guess many of you may have been sorting out your wardrobe and getting ready to take some surplus clothes to the op shop.

Many of the **kiwi fruit workers** who have come from the islands are struggling with the cold and a lack of warm clothing. They are especially cold at night so blankets would also be welcomed. Obviously the op shops have been closed for a month now and cheap clothing is hard for them to buy at present.

If you have any suitable warm clothing you no longer require, I would love to hear from you. I'm sure we will be able to work out a way for me to collect it and I can easily get it to the kiwifruit workers.

Thanks and keep safe

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Jean Scott is a Life member of our Club, and I would like you to get to know her in a small way - Bridge brings together people from all walks of life.

Who knew, for instance, that life member Jean Scott worked as a hairdresser for nearly 50 years and in her spare time ran marathons. (Though her always immaculate hairstyle may have been a clue).

Jean was born in New South Wales but moved to New Zealand at the end of WW2 because her mother missed the land of her own birth. Jean attended Stratford Technical College, where she played both basketball and tennis - an early indication of her athletic prowess.

Against her parents' wishes, she decided to start a hairdressing apprenticeship, launching a career that included clients both notable and interesting. After a stint in Wellington, the travel bug bit and she moved to Sydney, where she especially enjoyed working with theatre stars including Rex Harrison and Kay Kendall in an acclaimed run of *My Fair Lady*.

She returned to New Zealand during the Cuban Missile Crisis and married husband Philip in 1962. As well as raising four daughters, Jean became involved in charity work, notably Save the Children and Meals on Wheels.

She took up marathon running aged 37 and competed in dozens of events, training in the mornings before work no matter what the weather. Later, she decided a new challenge was in order and was introduced to bridge by some of her clients and has enjoyed watching the game involve from the days of players smoking at the tables to the use of dealing machines and computer communication. Jean joined the Mount Club in 2004 and says being granted life membership is a definite highlight for her. When not tackling bridge hands, she belongs to a book club, enjoys strolling along the beach and riding her electric bike.

Jean was Club Captain in 2007, then elected President for 2009 and is now our Welfare officer for the club - especially appreciated in this time of Covid 19.

She has eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and loves socialising with her many friends, especially those at the club where she is a valuable and popular member. - **Teri Logie**

The club received the following (edited) correspondence please watch for an update once we are back to playing, hopefully for the 2021 season.

My name is Judith Howard and I am the sponsor for the new **Judith Howard League**. I played in the Intermediate League last year and the year before and absolutely loved the bridge and the many friendships that I formed with my fellow players. I am now an open player and I looked at the opportunities for new open players and found that these were very limited. A large part of the bridge playing community are either high Intermediate or lower ranked Open players.

I approached the Waikato Bays Committee and over the space of several months to discuss a structure for a new competition.

It has been agreed anyone with the rank of Provisional Master or below as at the 1st January 2020 is eligible for this new league as long as they are members of a club in the Waikato Bays Region.

The league would have been played as part of seven existing tournaments and points towards the league allocated according to the rules set out in the Waikato Bays Website.

As well as \$1000 in prizes for placegetters at the conclusion of the league, I have also sponsored 1st 2nd and 3rd for eligible players at each individual event within the league.

I am asking each club to please promote this league among their players and ask if there are any members who would be interested in keeping in touch with me to help get this league established and hopefully to grow it into a regular fixture in the calendar

I am the teacher and Club Captain at the Matamata Club and we currently have a good group of juniors that will eventually be in the same position as many of us. I would very much like to be part of putting in place something at this level for the future of these players and bridge in general, as I am quite passionate about growing the game in my club, the Waikato area and in New Zealand as a whole.

A man in the middle of a hand of bridge looks across to his partner and says "do you play acol?"
Surprised she answered "yes of course". He said "when?"

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