



# SPADEWORK

April 2022

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## from President Diane's i-pad

Hi everyone,

Hoping you all had a lovely Easter and Anzac break, it's such a lovely time of the year.

The new building is on track for mid-June opening.

The signage is currently being made, it will take about 3 weeks to get it ready to put up on the wall facing the car park. We have requested for some signage to be facing Golf Rd, but not sure at this stage if that will go ahead. Once the signage is completed and I'm informed of the events being planned for the building prior to the opening, I will pass that on to you all.

A reminder for Thursday 5th May at 12.45, a guest speaker from Westpac Bank talking about the latest scams before the afternoon's bridge.

Graham Stern is currently away on bereavement leave following the death of his son in Australia. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Graham and his family. Pamela Pederson and Megan Richards willingly stepped into Graham's shoes and have continued with the lessons. Thank you Pamela and Megan.

Bay Pairs are scheduled for Tauranga Club on 22nd May and here at the Mount on 29th May. Hoping the cards are treating you all well, take care and stay well.

**Diane**

## "Hello all" from our esteemed Club Captain Teri -

The Club is humming along. 13 tables in some sessions, 5 sessions a week. 25 members and guests came along for skills night last Monday night, Thursday night going great for lessons – and its all thanks to you members! Give yourselves a big pat on the back.

Bay Pairs is being hosted by our club on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Bay Pairs has a long and unique history, starting back in the 1950's when a Mr Thulin from Rotorua had to work hard to get it recognised as an 'A' Point Tournament, even though it was restricted to the Bay of Plenty area. It was always the intention from inception, that this was to be an event where players of all grades would be welcomed and encouraged to play and be introduced to the enjoyment of tournament bridge in a non-threatening way. So whatever your grade – sign up to play – you won't regret it! Will it be held in the new rooms? wait and see

Happy Bridge

Teri

## You've probably heard this one . . .

A contestant in a tournament suddenly slumped down in their chair, victim of what seemed like a seizure or fit of some kind. A doctor was hastily summoned. He took the stricken player's pulse and noted that it was steady and firm. Obviously it was no heart attack. From the victim's white face and clammy hands the doctor surmised that this was a case of shock. A bridge player himself, he picked up the victim's cards and studied them. He then turned to the others at the table. "Now let me have a review of the bidding," he requested.

## HUGE CONGRATS on attaining:

*Certificate of Proficiency -*

Dee Drew

Alan Lawton

Bernard Lamusse

Mary Keane - *Club Master*

Carol Cullen - *Local Master 3\*\*\**

Dixie Horne - *Local Master 1\**



## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Mar '22	<b>AYC Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Bill Armstrong & Bill Ridley 2nd Graeme McLean & Joe Brown 3rd Carol Grant & Audrey Gardiner
Mondays April '22	<b>Papamoa Mitre10 Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Erika Schofield & Jean Scott 2nd Bill Armstrong & Fred Clarke 3rd Bryden Lane & Phil West
Thursdays April '22	<b>Ultimate Motors Handicap Singles</b>	1st Julie Hawkes 2nd Dixie Horne 3rd Jan Payne
Fridays Mar '22	<b>Life Members' Pairs</b>	1st Brenda Macfarlane & Shirley Knight 2nd Anne Clarke & Bob Callcut 3rd Bill Armstrong & Annie Barry

Some have probably never thought about how results, handicaps, X Club, accounts and up-to-date tournament results are generated but here's a reminder of all that runs behind the scenes. While we're sleeping, **Bob Fearn**, a Kiwi living close to Seattle USA, keeps all **COMPASS** programmes running smoothly so that you and I, mere players get all the timely info we need.

If anything goes wrong Bob takes pride that he's on to it straight away. What most probably don't realise are all the things he does in the background every week to keep Compass right up to the mark. and well-oiled. Thank you **Bob**.

. . . from Alan Morris, Chairman, NZ Bridge . . . April '22

Over the last 2 years bridge has been bolstered by online bridge. It has allowed club sessions and tournaments to take place. Even though we have seen a relaxation in Covid-19 controls **we have a cohort of players who are now committed to playing online and are unlikely to return to face-to-face bridge. We equally have a large cohort who will only play face-to-face.** The challenge is how we avoid a conflict between face-to-face and online bridge and how best to devise a process where these forms of the game can be played concurrently. This might involve clubs running different sessions- say a session on a given day where players meet face-to-face and on another day, where play is arranged online. An opportunity may also exist for a hybrid solution where some players play face-to-face, and others play online with the results scored across the fields. (This is happening at the Tauranga Bridge Club now. ed.)

Beyond playing club sessions we need to consider how tournaments are going to be played in the future. Again, there is a wish for events to be played face-to-face and another call for more to be played online. There are conflicting interests, so we need to find a solution that supports local clubs and meets the demand of players.

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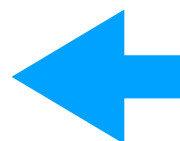
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Our Mt Maunganui **Multi Grade tournament** was held Saturday 2nd April. Although a modest turnout of partnerships attended, all complied with our 'mask wearing policy' and happily tackled the task of competing at bridge. Now most clubs are offering tournaments held dually (face-to-face and on-line) - of course for those tournaments, bridge players can team up virtually with partners world wide and at tournaments anywhere in the country. What is the future of face-to-face tournaments such as our Multi Grade tournament?

Anyway, players were welcomed by Committee member Mike who warned players that we were sharing our venue with the Toy Library and as expected, we had to concentrate with 'little future bridge players' enjoying themselves next door.

Noise didn't upset Rachelle Pelkman and Murray Wood who won the overall Multi Grade tournament. Well done. Of note were members Cathy and Graham Burgess turning out to support our club and who won the Junior/Junior section. Full results are on the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club web site.

Thanks to members, our committee, Norm and Teri who made the day a success with ample morning tea and festivities that followed.

### **Support our Sponsors**

Sponsor for the 2nd April tournament was **Pacific Coast Village** which is already home to several of our members. Pacific Coast rep Josie Calcott addressed players and spoke of new build apartments ready now for more residents. A generous \$300 contribution was spread around 10 place getters - thank you **Pacific Coast Village**



ABOVE: winners Rachelle Pelkman and Murray Wood, tournament lunchtime, Junior winners Cathy and Graham Burgess