



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

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from President Michele -

Welcome to our April newsletter. Our 1st tournament of the year "Multigrade Pairs" attracted a great field of 22 tables. The winners list can be seen on our website and a good number of our club members featured. The National Party have been utilizing our club rooms to hold their monthly public information sessions. A team of hard-working volunteers headed by Gilda Rowland, Teri Logie and Isobel McIntyre provide a substantial morning tea for the visitors. This monthly event is providing a good source of revenue for the club.

Our Monday night **skills sessions** are aimed at improvers and are for any member of the club who would like to attend. We have 5 more sessions this year:

Monday 2nd May – Doubles.

Monday 19th June – Play techniques.

Monday 24th July – Slam bidding

Monday 21st August – No Trump play

Monday 23rd October – Declarer Play suit contracts.

Rachelle's discussion sessions on Wednesday evenings, prior to play, are proving to be a great success. We congratulate Murray and Rachelle on the birth of their granddaughter.

Please continue to enjoy your Bridge, we play for the competition and the companionship, and we all have a part to play in maintaining a pleasant environment.

All the best in Bridge

Cheers

Michele

"Hello all" from our esteemed Club Captain Teri -

We have fun in spades. We play with all our hearts. We treat our members like diamonds. Our facilities are outstanding at our club. I certainly appreciate being able to come and play bridge – always hopeful of bidding and making 7NT.

Remember to be kind, considerate and look for ways to make each session an enjoyable one for all. Be of Good Cheer! Happy Bridge -Teri

another tool for your bridge arsenal - The Bridge Zone

The Bridge Zone is a radio show and podcast encouraging fellow Bridge players to share the passion that enthusiasts have in playing this challenging game. This programme is sponsored by NZ Bridge and also supported by the Hamilton Bridge Club. Find weekly broadcasts on free FM 89.0

HUGE CONGRATS on attaining: Rank changes

Elaine Genty-Nott *Certificate of Proficiency*
Carol Jones *Local Master*
Cathy Parker *Club Master*



well deserved by our team of members who have agreed to host and cater monthly meetings for **Blue National Party Members.**

This fundraiser entails providing morning tea for up to 100 participants in our rooms and the last two events have netted a thousand dollars. This effort will help us all by keeping subs down and the lift operating. Helpers have been able to hear speakers Shane Reti and Mark Mitchell whilst doing the dishes.



PLEA

does anyone have a surplus office chair for the admin office to replace a well-worn model. Thanks

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andrea Cawley Margaret Nock
Hillary Warren. Carol Duncan
Val Clarke Lorraine Murrie

Rejoined: Roy Cooper

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Mar '23	AYC Handicap Pairs	1st Kay Wright & Derek Webb 2nd Judy Bartlett & Judith Robinson 3rd Patty Spencer & Tim Torr
Mondays April '23	Papamoa Mitre10 Pairs	1st Noelene Shrimpton & Shirley Knight 117.99 2nd Pat Ware & Derek Webb 117.95 3rd Diane Moreland & Barry Crosby 117.56
Wednesdays April'23	Teekay Trust Pairs	1st Marion Kelly & Julie Sheridan 2nd Carol Cullen & Audrey Gardiner 3rd Jane Furnish & Peter Furnish
Thursdays Mar '23	Ultimate Motors Handicap Singles	1st Jenny Bronte 2nd Barbara Hennessey 3rd Vivienne Peters
Fridays Mar '23	Life Members' Pairs	1st Nancye Ward (Life Member) & Carol Cullen 2nd John Laugesen & Annie Barry 3rd Jose McDonald & Liz Gilbert

BOOK REVIEW by Pamela Pedersen.

How to Play Winning Bridge by David Bird

This book has huge loads of very good and quite varied content. I have read a lot of it but there's more just waiting in fact reviewing it now for Spadework, I'm losing myself in it all over again. The books (there are two in our library) are almost certainly the biggest we have, are framed in green, have bridge photos and 'BRIDGE' emblazoned in red on the front cover. They're unmissable.

David covers the basics of bridge right through to quite advanced play of the game, looking at many different strategies and conventions in a well presented and easy to read style. Each strategy or convention has its own 'double page spread' and he gives lots of illustrated examples. So it's very handy and accessible if you want to look up for example, 'Take-out Doubles and Responses' or something more advanced such as 'Splinter Bids'.

But wait there's much more! David also looks at the history of bridge and profiles some great players of the game, noting some often very interesting quirks. He also gives examples of their wily play in actual illustrated hands. Throughout the book there are many interspersed outlined boxes; full of tips, pieces of wisdom and amusing anecdotes.

It is a great book to borrow or even own.



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 • here's something interesting and an idea for bridge •
 • socialites ? •
 • An article appeared in a 1988 edition of New Zealand •
 • Bridge (yes, the paper edition) entitled •
 • **'CLUB CRAWL'** •
 • Members from the Papatoetoe Club took a •
 • **'Land Bridge Cruise'** or **'Club to Club Visitation'** •
 • This entailed 12 members travelling to and playing •
 • bridge in New Plymouth, Wanganui (no 'h' then), •
 • Waitomo, Te Awamutu, Cambridge and Matamata. •
 • Car pooling, motel stays and entries cost \$400 per •
 • member. Any volunteer organisers for a 2024 •
 • edition? •
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You may have already heard that
Rachelle Pelkman (Grand Master)
 is very generously sharing some of her knowledge
 with us every Wednesday evening 6.30pm start for
 15 - 20 minutes prior to the commencement of play.
 Check out the noticeboard for the comprehensive list
 of topics Rachelle intends to cover. Please be sure to
 take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!
 (and already junior players are quoting loser count is
 superior to distribution assessment . . .)



Our Mt Maunganui **Multi Grade tournament** was held Saturday 1st April and encompassed Drama! Protests! Judicial hearing! Ruling upheld!, no dismissal!
Anyway, players were welcomed by ex-Committee member Mike who welcomed players on behalf of sponsors **PACIFIC COAST VILLAGE** which is already home to several of our members.

Not involved in any protest were Richard Soloman and Tim Rigter (Te Aroha) who won the overall Multi Grade tournament. Well done.

Of note were our members turning out to support the club and those who did well in their 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.

Another of our members welcomed to the 2023 committee is **Dianne Stevens**.

Dianne's mother was **Ruth Corbett** and in 1993 Dianne presented four silver sweet dishes in memory of her mother who had enjoyed many good times at our Club in 1989-1991 whilst still in good health. This annual event still occurs on Monday afternoons.

Here Dianne shares her Bridge Journey with us.

Bridge was almost like a religion in my childhood home. My parents, Ruth and Ted Corbett, lived on the family farm in Wairoa Rd just out of Tauranga. Two aunts and uncles lived nearby. These Corbett, Friis and Wilson families played lots of bridge in the 50s and 60s.

Bridge evenings began with one of the houses being chosen for these ruthless competitions. My sister Suzanne and I would love these evenings as it meant a night with my five cousins. While the adults played bridge into the night and early mornings, us kids were bundled up in bed in the same room trying to sleep with the constant bridge revellry and roistering around the table. As we got older, we all learned to play 500 and there were lots of serious card battles. I remember that Dad always wanted the kitty even if it resulted in him going out the back door.

After attending Baradene boarding school for 11 years, I toured the Greek Islands, Europe and the UK with my parents. I have memories of them playing bridge on the ship as we travelled.

I then attended teachers college in Dunedin and worked in Australia for a few years when I returned to Te Aroha to stay with another aunty and uncle. They found me a job at the Waitoa dairy factory packing milk powder which is where I met Nicholas. We were married in 1968 and have two children, Karen and Craig.

Then to Auckland where Mum organised for Nick and I to have bridge lessons with Remuera Club Grand Master Ailsa Hollis at my parent's house. Shortly after, Nick and I moved to Poriti near Whangarei to run a hotel Dad had bought and then to Mangatainoka when Nick was promoted to the position as head brewer at the Tui Brewery. My daughter Karen has fond memories of us playing golf and bridge in Mangatainoka where all the kids were looked after by the same babysitter while we were at golf and then played bridge into the night.

I worked at Pahiatua and Holyoake kindergartens which is where I met Pauline Donald, my best friend and bridge partner. The bridge club met at the Pahiatua Gentlemen's Club and I made many life long friends. Interestingly, this clubhouse was moved to the Matangi Dairy Factory in the Waikato to be preserved by the Mowbray family.

We moved to the Mount in 1985 and when Pauline and her husband Kevin moved to Omokoroa in the early 90s, I joined the Tauranga and Mount Bridge Clubs and often played in Omokoroa with Pauline. I took a break from Bridge after Pauline passed away 9 years ago.

Bridge has always been a constant in my life and since coming back after my break, I have been welcomed back and am enjoying rekindling old friendships, making new friends and finally, the competition and challenge that Bridge provides.

↘↘↘**We had a partnership misunderstanding.**
My partner assumed I knew what I was
doing.↘↘↘