

SPADEWORK

April 2018 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

from President Anne -

As many of you will already be aware, the committee is seeking a replacement treasurer for Roy Cooper who wishes to formally relinquish this role at the next AGM.

In his wisdom however, he has suggested that it would be more appropriate to have the new person working with him from October onwards, so that he/she is familiar with the collection of subscriptions, etc for 2019. We are aware of a number of members with the necessary expertise to carry on this role, so please let me know if you are willing to give some time to the club.

Also, Pauline Taylor is seeking more scorers.

We are very grateful for those people who have already committed to the task this year, but more are needed.

Pauline will happily guide you through the scoring process. Please consider if you could perhaps support your club in this way.

There are so many tasks that need to be done to keep the club running smoothly and the committee appreciates all the help it can get.

Meanwhile - happy bridging. *Anne*

Library

We have just purchased all the books in the **House of Cards Acol** series for our library. These are slim paperback books, easy to read and crammed with information.

Titles are:

The Bridge Book, Declarer Play, Defence, Slam Bidding, Stayman & Transfers, Competitive Bidding, Acol Flipper, Weak 2's and Beyond, No Trumps are Easy, Bridge Tips, Double without Trouble, Partnership Manual, Common Mistakes. Do have a look and if you wish to purchase any for yourself, they are available to buy from House of Cards for \$15 + p&p each.

Bren

Club Captain Carol reminds ...

Harcourts Rotational teams are scheduled for **Wednesday** evenings the 6th, 13th and 20th June.

Don't forget to qualify, a junior or novice player must be included in the team.

Jones and Company teams start 1pm

Mondays

11th June, then 18th, 25th June.

As usual entries will close off a week prior, so start putting your partners and teams in place.

Entry sheets are up on the notice board.

How long has it been since you made up a systems sheet. Compulsory for tournaments but they are also handy for new partners as well as being helpful for our directors. And could we all get in the habit of having personal score sheets, again helpful and well worth the effort.

Another couple of things to make life easier for the director and keep our games to time are to ensure you always lead a card face down and check with your partner that, in fact, it is your lead.

Also don't be hasty in folding up your cards at end of play until everyone has agreed to the count. A few extra seconds to confirm can save minutes in disputes. Finally if you have a problem with the director's ruling don't argue, a simple request for a review is all that is required. Happy bridging everyone.

'Skills Lessons'. **DON'T FORGET!**

You do NOT need a partner for these events - just come along to learn.

Next Improvers' Lesson with Karen Martilletti.

Tuesday 1 May

Mt Maunganui Clubrooms 1 p.m.

Subject will be **Checkback Stayman** which is a popularly used convention, probably not best suited to Novice players. (please note \$5 table money)

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays April '18

**AYC
Handicap Pairs**

1st Ronelle Middleton & Flo Nield
2nd Jean Scott & Colleen Ross
3rd Hanny Hepburn & Marilyn Wallace

Wednesdays Mar'18 **Papamoa Mitre 10
Pairs**

1st Anne Clarke & Bob Callcut
2nd Annette Dand & Joe Brown
3rd Linley Hay & Bruce Inglis

Thursdays Mar '18 **M H Rogers
Handicap Pairs**

1st Fred Clarke & Joan Heuvel
2nd Gloria Mouatt & Rosemary Collins
3rd Lesley Stephen & Lynlie Edwards

Thursdays April '18 **Harcourts
Handicap Pairs**

1st Colleen Ross & Carol Cullen
2nd Marie Spence & Miriam Heeney
3rd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield

Fridays April'18 **Dawson Insurance
Pairs**

1st Shirley Knight & Ronelle Middleton
2nd Joy Holmes & Carol Grant
3rd Helen Heuvel & Linley Hay

PAULINE'S PLEA

Scorer Pauline would love some more members to assist with daytime scoring. It's not complicated or time-consuming - all computer and bridgemate instructions are set out and easy to follow.

A club is led against a 7D contract and declarer has four clubs to the jack. His partner, the dummy, says: "I have some good and some bad news for you. The good news is that I am void in clubs, the bad news is that I am also void in diamonds."

Bridge Rules To Live By

***BID MORE ON THE FIRST ROUND. Whenever possible, "Get it out of your system on the first round of the bidding" while it's still safe to do so.

***GET IN AND OUT EARLY. If you don't find a fit, get out of the bidding.

***MAKE THE OPPONENTS MAKE THE LAST GUESS - NOT YOU. On highly competitive deals, bid as high as you are willing to go immediately, then get out and watch them deal with the problem.

***GIVE THE OPPONENTS A PROBLEM WHENEVER YOU CAN DO SO WITH RELATIVE SAFETY. If they have no problem, they will play well. If they have problems to cope with then, no matter how good they are, they won't be able to solve them all.

***DON'T SELL OUT AT THE 2-LEVEL WHEN THE OPPONENTS HAVE AN 8-CARD FIT. However, if you think that either side may have no 8-card fit it is correct to sell out at the 2-level.

***DON'T PLAY TO TRICK ONE UNTIL YOU HAVE A PLAN. Applies both to defenders and to declarer. If you don't know what you're playing for, don't play!

- Karen McCallum - World Grand Master

Bridge Lessons

Once again we are working with Tauranga and Te Puke Bridge Clubs with some people attending lessons at different clubs rather than missing lessons due to prior arrangements on particular evenings. This is working really well.

We have had between 4 and 6 tables each lesson and a wonderful group of junior club members helping.

We are now up to lesson 7, overcalls (May 3rd) and have takeout doubles (May 10th), pre empts (May 24th) and strong openings (May 31st) to come. Any club member is welcome to join us on any of the evenings - Thursdays at 7.10 - just turn up!

Bren Birss

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Gloria Le Comte
Judith George

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