



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

April 2021 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs



from President Diane -

Our April multi grade tournament was held at Tauranga clubrooms due to there not being enough room for the entries we expected at our own club. We ended up with 21 tables. The tournament was hard to organise being away from our home. I would like to thank Tauranga bridge club and a very big thank you to our director, Norm. It was very difficult asking members to come and help with morning tea and lunch, it was apparent non playing members didn't want to travel for such a short time. I asked our Monday night players for volunteers and a very big thank you goes to Emma, Phyllis, Jan and Mary.

I would also like to thank you all for your contributions towards morning tea and Sue Gibbons for overseeing the catering. We will be holding **Bay Pairs** 30th May at home, so we will be asking again for assistance please. We have our **Novice, Junior and Intermediate** tournament in July and

Restricted tournament in October, both will be in Tauranga Club rooms. Next year we will be in our lovely new club rooms with plenty of room. I encourage our Novice members to think about entering our Novice Tournament in July, it's a lovely way to be introduced to tournaments.

For all our new prospective directors, I have set up a session with Norm at Tauranga Bridge Club on Wednesday 12th May at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome. If anyone would like a ride please let me know.

It's very timely to have the two heat pumps installed just as winter is round the corner, we should be very cosy during the colder months. Enjoy your bridge and keep warm. **Diane**

DID YOU KNOW?

The most common hand pattern you can hold is 4-4-3-2 and occurs about 21.55% of the time.

The second most frequent pattern is
5-3-3-2 at 15.52% and
5-4-3-1 at 12.93% of the time

Club Captain Teri continuing with

Bridge Courtesy ...

Directors - News Flash

The Directors surname is PLEASE.

Please call the Director for any infringements (don't make a ruling amongst yourselves - there is no comeback). Please do not argue with any ruling made by the Director during play. A small discussion perhaps, then accept the ruling and move on. Approach the director again after the session if you want to and state your case. If it is still not sorted to your satisfaction then there is an appeals process you can follow. Where to sit - a toss of a token or coin should determine this - not your desire to rule the bridgemate or a better view of the outside - unless either side has sitting or moving rights. Even (especially) at a Club session.

Compa\$\$ - this financial software for our subs and session payments has been running for 6 months now.

It has taken a lot of effort mainly by our Treasurer Jane to get it running smoothly in the background (thank you Jane). Covid affected the way we viewed handling cash so Compa\$\$ has cut this back. It cancelled the massive reconciliations of vouchers and helped in tracking outstanding debts - all of which was done manually in the past. However, we do understand that there continues to be confusion and problems with the system. We did find a glitch this last month, so you may see some historical sessions taken off your account. All accounts are updated at the end of the month and emailed to you. If you don't get them and or have any questions - I am here to help. Cheers **Teri**

Due to the unfortunate death of the sponsor the Ezy Mix competitions, event names will be changed as follows

Thursdays July 1,8,15 will be renamed

Rialto Cinema Pairs

Fridays Aug 20,27 and Sept 3 will be renamed
Paper Plus Pairs

Wednesdays Oct 13, 27 and Nov 3,10 will be
renamed Countdown Pairs

Please amend your programme books accordingly.

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays pm Mar '21	Florence Shrimpton Memorial Pairs	1st Kay Burnie & Michele Larnder 2nd Jill Cotter & Michael Cotter 3rd Jude Brown & Bernaud Lamusse
Mondays Mar'21	AYC Handicap Pairs.	1st Pam Clotworthy & June Nightingale 2nd Chris Gibson & Kathy King 3rd Robyn Knight & Brian Cavit
Mondays April'21.	Papamoa Mitre10 Handicap Pairs.	1st Kay Wright & Margaret Wakelin 2nd Corinne Levy & Lynlie Edwards 3rd Margaret Burton & Marilyn Wallace
Wednesdays April'21	Papamoa Mitre10 Handicap Pairs	1st Bren Birss & Graham Stern 2nd Diane Blumson & Helen Moffatt 3rd Annette Dally & Phyllis Paul
Thursdays April'21	Harcourts Handicap Pairs	1st Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield 2nd Dixie Horne & Annette Dand
Fridays March'21	Pacific Coast Pairs	1st Marilyn Wallace & Hanny Hepburn 2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Kath Harvey 3rd Sue Gibbons & Carol Grant
Fridays March '21	Life Members Pairs	1st Diane Rodger & Annie Barry 2nd Shirley Knight & Hanny Hepburn 3rd Linley Hay & Rachel Olsen

From the bridge classroom . . .

Lessons continue to go well with a mix of lesson repeats, club members and new participants.

We had 5 tables last week but numbers vary weekly. They are a lovely group!

I have run some informal Sunday sessions for people to replay the hands.

These seem popular with up to 4 tables of people turning up.

I was saying to one table how Bridge is great for helping to keep the brain active.

I told the group "Gym for the body, bridge for the brain"

One lady enthusiastically said "ooh, I'm all in favour of that. I love a glass of gin!"

Bren

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Ross Petersen
Brian Simonsen
Carol Etherington

BIDDING

the **opponent's** suit usually means one or more of the following

1. I have a good hand, possibly a lot stronger than I've been able to show so far.
2. I have no other (forcing) bid that would describe my hand
3. I need more information about your hand partner (e.g. extra strength), stoppers in opponent's suit, length in an unbid suit).

What is **doesn't** show is that you want to play in an opponent's suit.

- Leslie Shafer www.acbl.

ATTENTION WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS

Harcourts Teams event beginning 2nd June Wednesday night. These are NOT rotational. To qualify Teams should have 2 senior players and 2 junior players. Seniors play against Seniors and Juniors play against Juniors.

Supporting our Sponsors

Unlike last year when completed competitions, and sponsors prizes seemed well, problematical to say the least, this year is moving ahead nicely. We have several new sponsors one of which is somewhat different from the norm. They are PMG, who are fund managers, and differ not only in that respect, but because they have sponsored our just completed, multi grade tournament, and will also be generously sponsoring our intermediate/junior tournament in July!

Whilst I realise that you do not invest your savings with the same alacrity as you would do the weekly shopping, it prompts me to say that in terms of all our generous sponsors, that when considering some expense, it is perhaps incumbent on all of us to consider firstly whether our sponsoring companies can fulfil our needs. - Mike N

*PMG, founded in 1992, offers choice, affordable entry levels and diverse risk levels with their 5 unlisted commercial property funds. If having a slice of a commercial property interests you, check their website
www.pmgfunds.co.nz or ph07 5783494*

Michele Larnder informs the Monday nighters the correct procedure with
1Club and 1NoTrump Opening Declarations

and it's a reminder for us all . . .

There are a number of different bidding methods, conventions & variations used when playing bridge.

If/when you play at other session times or bridge clubs, you will encounter partnerships who may use a variety of opening or playing methods and different conventions.

It is IMPORTANT for us to form the habit of declaring the value of our '1Club' & '1NoTrump' Opening bids as follows:

1Club opening, must declare: "4 or more" or "4+" and

1NoTrump opening,must declare: "12-14" (HCP's, balanced).

Note-1: The Opener's Partner has the job of "declaring" - which must be done immediately after the bid is written, and before the opposition Defender next bids.

Note-1a: If the Opening Partner forgets to declare, the next Defender can (and should) ask before they bid!

We are lucky to have Michele Larnder keeping Monday nighters well-informed and also Michele is one of our new committee members. Here she gives us some background to her life and bridge experiences -

In December of 2017, I retired from my position as Deputy Principal of Westlake Girls High School in Auckland and moved to Papamoa with my husband Stephen. During 2018 I worked as a consultant to secondary schools, helping teachers with strategies to strengthen student writing techniques. Currently, I have a minor role with the National Educational Qualifications Authority.

In the late 70's and early 80's my husband Stephen was actively involved with the Akarana Bridge club. Many a night I would pick him up after a tournament and was subsequently bored witless with unintelligible conversations about finesses, putting cold contracts on the floor, end plays and much other rubbish. After one long tournament, while sleeping he kept yelling "trump it, trump it". I thought he said "thump it", so I duly thumped him and told him to go back to sleep.

I attended lessons at the Mount in 2019 and now I am learning to play this addictive game, I am starting to understand how a session of playing Bridge just gets into one's head, and my dreams (or nightmares) are invaded by hands I either misbid or misplayed.



At last - some slow progress!

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 look at the bidding pad . . ."

and finally, best results from our recent April Mt Maunganui 2021 Multigrade tournament . . .

1st Junior/Junior pair

1st intermediate/Junior pair Tina Dudley and Marcus Dudley

2nd intermediate/Junior pair Teri Logie and Michele Rogers

2nd intermediate/Intermediate pair Carol Cullen and Julie Downs

3rd intermediate/Intermediate pair Pamela Pedersen and Bren Birss

Top Mt Maunganui Pair Marion Kelly and Julie Sheridan