

SPADEWORK

April 2016 Newsletter

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from President June's keyboard

There has been a buzz in the atmosphere lately with members competing and doing well in outside tournaments and also an increase in numbers attending Monday and Wednesday nights.

Monday evening has become a firmly established section of our Club with more players moving to the Wednesday night sessions.

Along with the general running of the Club there are always computer problems which raises its head. At the moment Windows 10 is trying to be a controlling factor. In spite of having a Computer Technician work on the problem it still reappears . Efforts are still being made to halt the downloads which are not useful to our needs.

We have accepted a comprehensive Quote for the removal of the cracked coating in the ceiling and paint the affected areas. The remedial work will be undertaken over a two day period yet to be arranged .

It would be appreciated if members who are not completely 'au fait' with operating the dishwasher follow the instructions step by step.

Once again the machine had been heated instead of switched off when the phantom pair had been requested to 'finish off' in the kitchen.

Enjoy the lovely Autumn weather and please treat each other with respect. **JUNE**

Club Captain Carol writes ...

Great work by our members who have been entering recent tournaments around the area. They have had great results both in session placing and overall results, well done to you all. This will give lots of encouragement to our newer players to give it a go I'm sure.

For those of you who haven't yet explored our website, just enter Mt Maunganui bridge into your computer. I would really encourage you to do so. Under "articles" you'll find so much information. For myself I was having a few problems with negative doubles and there just so happens to be a lesson on just that, it was great. All the upcoming Tournaments are there as well as all the club results, minutes and much more, Julie Sheridan and Pamela Pedersen are constantly updating all the information so do make the most of it.

Good bridging everyone.

DISREPECTFUL GAME ...

When a domestic applying for a new position was asked why they left their last position, the reply was the wages were good but it was a most disrespectful place.

They played a game called bridge and often there were a lot of people there. When I took in refreshments I heard a man say

"Lay down and let's see what you've got" and a man said to a lady

"Take your hands off my trick"

And a lady answered

"You forced me, you jumped me twice when you didn't have the strength for one raise"

And another lady talked about

"protecting her honour"

and finally

"well, I guess we'll go home now, this is the last rubber"

Congratulations to these members who improved their ranking last quarter:



Lyn Bailie	Club Master 0*
Joe Brown	Club Master 0*
Julie Downs	Local Master 1*
Suzanne Lugton	Club Master 0*
Tim Torr	Club Master 0*

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays April '16	Jones & Company Teams	1st Team 5 Sarah Stacey Shirley Knight Kaye Robertshaw Jan Andrews
Mondays April '16 pm	MoleMedic Singles Handicap	1st Yvonne Best 2nd Jo Rodley 3rd Gill West
Wednesdays March '16	Ultimate Motors Handicap Singles	1st Julie Sheridan 2nd Alan Papesch 3rd Shirley Knight
Thursdays April '16	Harcourts Pairs	1st Colleen Ross & Flo Nield 2nd Catherine King & Jo-an White 3rd Fred Clarke & Joan Heuvel
Thursdays March '16	M H Rogers Handicap Pairs	1st Brenda Bleakley & Carol Cullen 2nd Sue Wotton & Fred Clarke 3rd Jo-an White & Jo Small

Bridge tip from Ron Klinger....

Opening in fourth seat - there is no urgency to open in fourth seat with a modest hand. With 14 HCP or more, definitely open. With fewer points use the **Rule of 15**: *Add your HCP to the number of spades you have. If the answer is 15 or more, open. If not, pass.*

As partner is a passed hand and you have below 14 points, it figures to be a part-score hand and the side that owns the spade suit is better placed competitively.

Missing the action

Still missing some of our regulars, and hope

Barbara Boyce and Miriam Heeney
will be back with us soon



In Support of our Sponsors

Once again we are grateful for MoleMedic's very generous sponsorship of our Monday night singles competition.

The lucky winner will have the opportunity to have a skin check and this, as we all know, is essential for us in our New Zealand climate.

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If you call in, do let them know you are from the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club.

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