

SPADEWORK

April 2015 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs



... from our President ...

Here goes for yet another newsletter contribution. Time flies by!

We seem to be chugging along quite nicely in spite of a few irritations that come our way - namely the sound system which now seems to be functioning adequately at the time of Press.

Karen Martelletti's improvers lessons are underway with good attendance. Feel free to come along even if your name is not on the list - \$4 charge is the lesson fee - the same as the remainder of lessons to be held in Tauranga. I believe even experienced players have learned something!

Our Junior and Novice nights on Monday of each week is well established and well attended, some participants achieving scores last week of 76.85% and 73.44% Whew!!! - scores many of us will never achieve in a life-time.

Congratulations to Brenda MacFarlane and partner Elaine Kingsford and Carolyn Toy and partner Helen Tomson.

The success of these nights is due to the efforts of Director Helen Heuvel, and Convenors Brenda MacFarlane, Jean Scott and Judy Bartlett. Thank you ladies.

Unattractive long-life bulbs have been covered with new shades. Improved look to our foyer.

Keep well when the winter days arrive and good bridging .

June

Club Captain Gloria

Each year in February on Monday afternoons we have a three week competition "Vets Individual Aggregate"

As we have so few players under 70 it has been suggested we change this competition to a three week handicap singles with a different partner each week. Please consider this and I will put round a sheet for comments and your choice of competition. *Gloria*

Attn: Players !!

Ever wanted a chance to replay hands that you have done badly on?

It is now possible for Players to download pbn (portable bridge notation) files from the BridgeNZ web result hosting site which also has information on suitable software.

When the user looks up their results on Bridgenz result hosting, on the page where the scores are displayed on the right is the option to download the pbn file.

The player will need to have the appropriate software to open the file to play the hand and if they don't have this already they can contact Pat (details below) who will be happy to discuss their requirements.

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'Looking for a partner' trial

The Club is trialling an automated partnering page on our website. See 'Partnering' on the top line. If you are looking for a partner you may place an ad on the page or see if anyone else is looking for a partner. To use the service you need to create a profile and then log in. Choose the session you need a partner for and fill in your details or contact the person who is looking for a partner. The actual date of the session should be included in the message. Any feedback would be appreciated. Please send comments to Julie Sheridan at jjas@ihug.co.nz.



CLUB RESULTS

Mondays March '15 **Spotless Spouting Pairs**

Monday pm April '15 **MoleMedic Singles**

Wednesday March '15 **Ultimate Motors Handicap Singles**

Thursdays March '15 **M H Rogers Pairs Handicap**

Thursdays April '15 **Harcourts Handicap Pairs**

Fridays April '15 **Esquires Coffee Swiss Pairs**

Fridays April '15 **Dawson Insurance Pairs**

1st Noelene Shrimpton & Shirley Knight
2nd Joy Holmes & Henk Van Der Beek
3rd Carol Grant & Ronelle Middleton

1st Gill West
2nd Glenys Westlake
3rd Susan Treadgold

1st Martin Van Der Meys
2nd Joe Brown
3rd Kerry Crosby

1st Colleen Ross & Flo Nield
2nd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield
3rd Gloria Mouatt & Rosemary Collins

1st Heather Winch & Margaret Guy
2nd Carol Cullen & Jo Small
3rd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield

1st Jan Andrews & John Andrews
2nd Audrey Gardiner & Pat Hunter
3rd Shirley Knight & Byrta Wagstaff

1st Jan Andrews & John Andrews
2nd Nancye Ward & Shirley Knight
3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland

Welfare Officer Rosemary Collins
conveys club members' good wishes to
Lyn Gilchrist, Pat Sherrell and Jo Small

more ADDITIONS for your Programme books:

New Associate Members, welcome to

Jan Payne

Pamela Halls

Barbara Stimson



Phone Number Alterations & Additions

Flo Nield

Carol Grant

Our Sponsors

Have you seen the business cards that are in the Bridge room to advertise our sponsors? These will help everyone know our sponsors so please support businesses that support us.

Staying Socially engaged -

playing bridge into one's golden years keeps us socially engaged and cognitively challenged.

In the '30's in America, bridge trumped most leisure activities. In the 30's everyone played - badly, but they played. Bridge was front page news. During the depression no one had anything to do but play bridge. A chief reason is the game's rich social component. For decades, friends and family frequently gathered over cocktails, dinner and a spirited game of bridge which was derived from the 17th-century English card game of whist.

Bridge diminished in popularity from its halcyon days in the the 1930's and 40's.

In the 1960's sweeping changes in social and leisure habits began fuelling the game's decline.

Today poker is all the rage; bridge, to young people, is a vestige of a bygone era. The average age of today's competitive US bridge player is 71. from:

A Bridge to Brain Power

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What time?

"I can see that you learnt to play today but could you tell me what time today?"

MISPLACED - A fellow had made a bad bid and gone for 1400. "I'm sorry," he said to his partner, "I had a card misplaced." Asked his partner innocently, "Only one card?"