



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

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August 2023 Newsletter

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from President Michele -

As always, we complain of how fast time goes. We are almost into Spring and then look forward to planning Christmas events. For your calendar – our Christmas party/prize giving is on Saturday 2nd December.

This month has been a busy month for tournaments. We hosted the final session of the Bay Pairs with creditable results by several of our players. The following email from Ian Drysdale says it much better than I can.

"To the President, Committee and all of those who helped make this event so successful, Bobbi and I wish to thank you for the effort that went into Sunday's tournament. The day was most enjoyable with great company and beautiful food. It was a shame the numbers weren't higher but I am sure everyone who did attend would endorse this comment. That the numbers weren't higher was pretty well decided on the third day at Te Puke when all the BOP seniors were either at the South Island Teams or in Hong Kong, and therefore were no longer eligible for the Bay Pairs. Also having the online Provincial Teams last weekend didn't help. You will be looking forward to returning to your normal position on the calendar next year!"

Thanks again, Ian and Bobbi Drysdale

PS. Sunday was our first visit to your new clubrooms. They are simply magnificent".

Our open team contested the final of the Waikato Bays Interclub event and finished in 2nd place – a great result. The team was Bren Birss, Megan Richards, Alan Currie and Graham Stern.

Sponsors play an important role in providing prizes for our club competitions as well as our tournaments. Mike Nicholson did an amazing job over the last few years growing our sponsorship list and keeping in regular contact with our existing sponsors. Last year he retired from this role and it's not surprising that we have not found anyone to replace him. We are looking to share the tasks among the committee members, but we do need new sponsors. If you can help in any way, please contact me.

Michele

Yep, almost that time of year again - make your booking for our *Xmas and Prize Giving party Saturday 2nd December*



and ... Club Captain Teri ... Hi All



Spring is coming soon – I hope you all see new growth with your bridge Game. Talking of new seasons - the committee will be working shortly on the club programme book for the New Year – so if any member has a contact with a business whom they feel may be willing to sponsor a session or two please contact me. Any sponsorship makes a difference to our Club. A massive thank you to Mike Nicholson who left HUGE shoes to fill when it comes to organising our sponsorship – it's a case of one person leaving and now you find you need 3 people to do the work they were doing!

We have the Mt Maunganui Restricted Pairs coming up – Saturday 16 September. This means any combination of players except for Open with Open can play, and there will be prizes for the various combinations. We would love you to enter. There will be a raffle and a call for helpers so I will thank you all in advance for your help. We can't do it without you!

Teri

Red Alert

time to organise your partners now for our own

**Restricted Tournament
Saturday 16 Sept '23**

Sponsored by PMG, plenty of generous prizes on offer.

'Restricted' means **Restricted Tournament (8B)** – A Tournament open to all Players except those playing in Open-Open pairings. Open Players can compete as long as they are playing with an Intermediate or Junior Player.

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Aug'23. Pacific Coast Village Ruth Corbett Memorial Pairs Raw Result	1st Derek Webb & Pat Ware 2nd Hanny Hepburn & Pam Clotworthy 3rd Margaret Wakelin & Shirley Knight
Mondays Aug'23. Pacific Coast Village Ruth Corbett Memorial Pairs Handicap Result	1st Jane Larsen & Cindy Sims 2nd Bernie Robinson & Graeme Boyd 3rd Hanny Hepburn & Pam Clotworthy
Mondays 2023 Ultimate Motor Group Championship Singles Gross Result	1st Ross Petersen 2nd Frances Ball 3rd Flo Nield
Mondays 2023 Ultimate Motor Group Championship Singles Handicap Result	1st Ross Petersen 2nd Flo Nield 3rd Riet Jansen
Mondays pm July '23 Rialto Cinema Pairs Raw Result	1st Sue Werren & Mick Werren 2nd Alan McLean & Joanne McLean 3rd Lynette de Malmanche & Bev Dowling
Mondays pm July '23 Rialto Cinema Pairs Handicap Result	1st Mick Werren & Sue Werren 2nd Alan Withrington & Rebecca Bartlett 3rd Graham Burgess & Judith Somerville
Mondays pm Aug '23 Teekay Trust Pairs Handicap Result	1st Elaine Genty-Nott & Lynette Steele 2nd Graham Burgess & Alan Withrington 3rd Janne Hennah & Peter Boynton
Wednesdays July '23 PMG Handicap Pairs	1st Julie Hawkes & Patty Spencer 2nd Helen Heuvel & Steve Larnder 3rd Richard Roberts & Jenny Fraser
Thursdays Aug '23 Downtown Pharmacy Pairs Handicap Result	1st Margaret Nock & Hilary Warren 2nd Sue Martin & Jan Payne 3rd Dianne Stevens & Kay Burnie
Thursdays July '23 Harcourts Pairs Amended Handicap result - Recorded incorrectly July Spadework	1st Dianne Stevens & Kay Burnie 2nd Jan Wilbur-Smith & Emma Barber 3rd Linda Rae & Karen Musgrave
Fridays Aug'23 Presidents Pairs	1st Ross Petersen & Annie Barry 2nd Barbara Stimson & Trish Kidd 3rd Bren Birss & Jean Scott

Tauranga Bridge Club held their **Ladies Tournament** 26 July

and 2nd overall were **Frances Ball & Rachelle Pelkman**. Congrats you two.

And on **Sat 26 Aug** @ their **Novice, Junior and Intermediate tournament,**

our sister club was, as always, supported by Mt Maunganui members and among placings on the day were - Ross Petersen & Barbara Stimson, and Riet Jansen & Julie D. Also a commendable first session place for Rachel Olsen and Kathy King. Rosemary Wilkie and Tina Dudley also scored 1st in a session. Well done all.

Also **BOP Pairs** held in our rooms 13 Aug displayed the calibre of our members! Over 2 sessions on the day

Bob Callcut & John Laugesen = 1st

Julie Sheridan & Marion Kelly = 4th

Barbara Stimson & Ross Petersen = 5th

And overall, after FOUR contested tournaments, Barbara Stimson & Ross Petersen came 2nd
Julie Sheridan & Marion Kelly achieved 4th.

SUPPORTING OUR SPONSORS

oh gosh, hope our members don't have occasion to call this sponsor -

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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

to help secure a **\$500** windfall - the NZ club which scores the highest attendance from any one club @ **CONGRESS** wins the \$500

Attendance Prize. This has to be a sitter for our club, based so close to the Baypark Congress venue! Huge savings if booked before 31 August!

CONGRATS TO MEMBERS ON RANK CHANGES

Allan Goodhall = Certificate of Proficiency
Jenny Lynam = Local Master

Invitation to Junior, Intermediate and Novice players.

We hope many Junior and Intermediate players will come and enjoy the **Congress** experience. We believe **Congress**, while competitive, is also a very friendly and social place to be. We want you all to experience that, whether you come for just one day of Junior or Intermediate bridge or all eight days. As an Intermediate or Junior player, you can play in any event though there are several exclusively for you and not for Open players.

National Congress is just around the corner and virtually on your doorstep, this is a great opportunity for all our players, but management would like to extend an invitation to our Junior, Intermediate and Novice Players

There is a one session event for the **Novice** players on Saturday 23rd of September.

Ask for assistance from one of our established members for more information detailing available events and help to enter if required.

DON'T FORGET - massive savings if booked before 31 August!

HOUSEKEEPING REQUEST -

call out for water glasses, if you have spares in the cupboard, donate for the thirsty at bridge please.

It's been a year since moving to our great rooms . . . remember this?



A True Story from Bren Birss -

Some years ago I met a man in UK who had recently moved house to a town where he knew nobody. He was a keen Bridge player and golfer. He immediately joined the local golf club, and whilst looking at the noticeboard he spotted a notice wanting members to join the Bridge committee. He thought about it and decided on the spot that it would be the ideal opportunity to meet fellow Bridge players. Great idea! He immediately put his name down. When he went along to the next meeting he discovered that they were building a bridge over an area of the golf course!

RUFFING IT IN RARO

6th to 13th August saw 50-odd participants arrive in Rarotonga for a week of 'Playing in Paradise'

with bridge tuition, play and socialising. Clubs diverse as Ashburton, Kaikoura, Akaroa, Howick, Queenstown and more were represented as well as our Mt Maunganui, Te Puke and Tauranga clubs. Tutor was Kate Terry, assisted with dealing, directing and bridgemate scoring by Jan Spaans.

Topics covered Competitive Bidding, 'D' is for Defence, The Power of Shape, Slam Bidding and Splinters.

Whales cavorting in the warm Rarotonga waters topped the agenda along with swimming and snorkelling, bussing the island and eating out.

Worst thing that happened was losing the Ace of Hearts from a dealt board down the slatted floor of the Umu bure, also one player attending the police station for a motor scooter learner's licence and bombing off in the police carpark - bruises, scrapes, damaged pride, \$500 claims excess and no licence!



Kathy and Rachel



Julie D, Kath and Jan



Kay, Mike Bailie and Lyn