



## Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

August 2025 Newsletter

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### from our President Michele . . .

Something to cheer you during the dreary winter weather.

The lyrics to this song hit my inbox earlier this month.

They resonated with me - hope you enjoy?

#### LYRICS--Bridge Blues:

*I'm giving up bridge – tonight's my last night*

*It's amen to Stayman, I give up the fight.*

*The insults and muddles are giving me troubles.*

*I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.*

*My cards are all rotten*

*And I have forgotten*

*Who has played what and what is trump*

*Sitting for hours with a sore rump*

*So it's all over tonight – I'm off to the backwoods*

*I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwoods.*

*I can't stand the hassle,*

*I can't stand the pain*

*I'm getting those bad cards again and again.*

*Bridge makes me cheer, then tear out my hair,*

*One moment I'm soaring, the next in despair.*

*I swear I should quit — or give it one more go...*

*Another bad night*

*Nothing's gone right.*

*My partner's a dope*

*I'm losing all hope.*

*When opponents say "double"*

*I know we're in trouble.*

*My points are not high,*

*and I'm wondering why*

*She kept on bidding right up to the sky.*

*We're in seven spades,*

*I doubt she makes*

*When surprise, surprise,*

*all tricks she takes*

*The defenders feel sick*

*My partner's really slick.*

*All of a sudden,*

*gone is my sorrow*

*And yes, I'll play again tomorrow!*

### Club Captain Teri Logie types ... Hi All

Volunteers – we could not run the club without you.

Dealers – who deal around 250 boards a week! Not

including any dealing for Tournaments. No session is

without a scorer and director – also the convenor(s)

who turn on everything. Buying the kitchen supplies

and our biscuits. Restocking the bathrooms. The

repair work that needs doing around the club.

Those who help set up the cups, tea and then help

with the clear up. Bleach those cups on a weekend.

There are members who stay behind at the end to

tidy up, turn off appliances, lights, ensure that no

one is left alone to finish scoring. Washing the tea

towels. Emptying the rubbish and recycling bins

weekly. Keeping our website on target. Restocking

the blue tubs with pens and bidding pads. Do the

banking. Organise and run and help at Wednesday

afternoon sessions. Update the Compa\$\$

programme. Organise and run our tournaments.

Checking all results, scores and prizes. Keep the

database and membership up to date. Publishing

Spadework. The hire of our club rooms always has a

myriad of members working to make it a financial

success for us. Thank you all

Each of the above is a moment of someone's free

time, possibly even hours of their time ... doing it so

we can sit and play bridge.

So, you too can help by checking with your partner

in advance, arriving on time, making sure that you

do thank the directors, scorers.

(and all the others mentioned above)

Finally, a huge thank you to our president Michele

Larnder who with more volunteers – too numerous

to mention - has spent the past 6 months working

on our Beginners, lesson preparation, organisation,

printing, mentoring and has had a great result of

new members! And this is still continuing

– Thank you Michele

### FOR MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE PLAYERS

Next Monday 1st Sept is

**'Partner a Brookie'**

No need to have a partner, as these will be drawn.

There will be **Bridge Bingo** with prizes based on Bingo cards. (Normal ranking points also apply)  
To the class of 2025 - you are doing so well. Next Monday is a celebration of truly being part of the Mt  
Bridge club family.

Welcome and hope to see you all there.



## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Aug '25.      **Ruth Corbett  
Memorial Pairs**

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Mondays July '25      **Tweed St Pairs**  
pm

Wednesdays July '25      **Harcourts Teams**  
(2 seniors + 2 Junior or Novice)

Thursdays July '25      **Kupe Ave  
Handicap Pairs**

Fridays Aug '25      **Pilot Bay Singles  
Pairs**

1st Julie Sheridan & Julie Downs  
2nd Annie Barry & Helene Paterson  
3rd Barbara Stimson & Mike Nicholson

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2nd Jane Larsen & Cindy Sims  
3rd Barry Crosby & Diane Moreland

1st Coral Brander & Lucy Hollister  
2nd Rebecca Bartlett & Alan Withrington  
3rd Dianne Beveridge & Phyllis Paul

1st **Fireballs** Dianne Stevens-Isobel McIntyre-Bren  
Birss-Frances Ball-Judith Somerville  
2nd **Warriors** Rosemary Wilkey-Tina Dudley-Brian  
Breen-Laurelle Breen  
3rd **Awesome Foursome** Marcus Dudley-Alan Parkes  
Rebecca Bartlett-Alan Withrington-Philippa Edwards  
Isobel McIntyre

1st Jane Larsen  
2nd Elaine Genty-Nott  
3rd Ngaire Short

1st Mike Nicholson  
2nd Julie Downs  
3rd Carol Grant

In house humour -  
to New Friday partner - if you say sorry, that's 1 wine.  
New Friday partner - oooh I bought 2 bottles . . .

and admiring East's new wig, West and South agreeing  
they don't need one, North **Ross Petersen**  
comments ....

What did the wig say to the head?  
"I got you covered!"

What do you call it when a blonde woman puts on a  
wig?

*Congratulations* to these members for recent  
Rank Changes

Certificate of Proficiency to **Club Master**  
**Rebecca Bartlett**  
**Chris Fowke**

did you see **7 Sharp**, Friday 8th August?  
Featured was 102yr old Jill McKenzie, still playing bridge  
at the Kaikoura Bridge Club.  
Still in her own home, driving her Suzuki, doing the  
garden . . .

No where near a century old but great to welcome back  
to play  
*Linley Hay*  
*Riet Jansen*

In a beginner's class there was a learner who  
when playing a hand was afraid to lead any suit  
that didn't have the ace. Finally, they had to  
lead up to a KJ combination and were petrified.  
It was explained that if they thought the ace was  
to the left to play the king and if they thought  
the ace was to the right to play the jack. Finally,  
finally they lead up to the KJ and are afraid to  
play either one. The teacher said: "Play  
whichever one you want, but just tell me what  
you are hoping for." "O.K I'll play the king."  
Great, and what are you hoping for? "I'm hoping  
they make a mistake."

### SUPPORTING our SPONSORS

As we move towards Bridge in 2026, we ask members to be  
mindful of the great contribution sponsors make to our  
bottom line and tournament success.

For many, we all know, it's extremely difficult business-  
wise.

The list of sponsors at the back of our **2020** programme  
book totalled **35**

Our current book has **21**

So please note our television screen that asks you to  
'support our sponsors' and use their services please.



As lauded in July Spadework, the above Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams bought home the Annual BOP Interclub Teams event trophy, held Rotorua Sunday July 27th..Our club won the **Shield**, best across 3 ranks.  
Team members-

**Junior** - Lynette Steele, Elaine Genty-Nott, Jenny Fraser, Richard Roberts

**Intermediate** - Tina Dudley, Rosemary Wilkie, Ross Petersen, Barbara Stimson

**Open** - Bren Birss, Alan Parkes, Alan Currie, Graham Stern  
Missing from the photo shoot Barbi and Alan C.



Left - Bridge club ladies were invited to celebrate  
**Flo Nield's** 87th birthday 14th August  
before she escaped on a cruise to warmer climes with  
fellow player Chris Gibson.  
Fab green cake made by Ronnie Ryan.



Daffodil Day charity event @ Te Puke Sun 24 August. This event was well-supported by your club members ....



And on the day, Mt Club Life Member Julie Sheridan & partner Marion Kelly, winners NS, ponder the prize table, assisted by Te Puke Club Life Member Cecily Munro. John Laugesen in the background looking on, wonders how he's going to get home with a car flat battery.