

SPADEWORK

August/Sept 2017 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

from President Anne -

With our final Tournament for the year held last Saturday, we can feel proud to be a part of such a supportive club.

Our kitchen update, organised by Barry Crosby was completed just in time. Thank you Barry.

Thanks also to all our wonderful helpers: Sarah Stacey, tournament secretary, Pauline Taylor, scorer for the day, as well as our morning tea providers and Flo Nield for our lunch, along with the many others who helped set up the room on Friday or stayed after the completion of play on Saturday.

Your time and energy are really appreciated, especially our 'bar girls' and thank you too, Susan Horsley and Murray Knight for your generous raffle prizes and Patty Spencer, our very persuasive ticket seller

Our club was well represented in the **prize winners** as well:

1st Overall = John Laugesen & Bob Calcutt

2nd Overall = Sarah Stacey & Pamela Pedersen

Elaine Kingsford & Robyn Knight 1st Junior/Junior
Bren Birss & Justin Sims 1st Intermediate/Junior
June Nightingale & Judy Bartlett 2nd Intermediate/
Intermediate

Kath Harvey & Jean Scott 1st Open/Junior
Ruth Sweatman & Margaret Wakelin 1st Open/
Intermediate (after excluding top 3)
Carol Grant & Julie Downs 2nd Open/Intermediate
(after excluding top 3)

Congratulations to you all! *Anne*

Club Captain Carol writes ...

What a great year we are having.

Increasing membership, excellent numbers at our tournaments and so much positive feedback. This can only happen when all our members make our club a great welcoming place, so thank you everyone.

If you have been on NZ Bridge website recently you will have noticed a few differences. They have simplified their input systems for clubs which helps our hard working admin people and scorers. But of course everything has not gone completely to plan but be patient, everyone is working hard to iron out the glitches. The changes are making life so much easier at ground level. Very important!

Shirley Knight is preparing next year's program book at the moment and we need your correct details. There is a list circulating please check and confirm it is all A Ok.

Happy bridging everyone.

LAW CHANGES

There is a new 2017 law book out with several changes made to the 2017 laws. The major ones are specified in the red folder found with the new law book on the little table under the notice board near the timer clock. In the front of the red folder are explanations for **directors**: in the back are explanations for **players**.

I suggest you all have a look at

"PLAYERS' NOTES FOR LAW CHANGES 2017"

in the back of the red folder so you are well aware of how the changes could affect you.

The laws are available on line for those who want to know more

<http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/2017-laws-of-duplicate-bridge/>
cheers, **Helen.**

NEW FEATURE for the MT CLUB

"Bridge Player of the Month"



This month's winners are

Fred Clarke and Diane Moreland
for achieving 70.17% in a session of the Maylon House pairs.

Please give feedback in the coming months for likely candidate nominations to Club Captain Carol. It could be for really out of the box bidding or anything else amazing!

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays pm July '17	Velvet Steps Handicap Pairs	1st Michelle Rogers & Joan Liddle 2nd Gill West & Phil West 3rd Duncan McVicar & Bernie Robinson
Mondays pm Aug '17	Snowdon Electrical Handicap Pairs	1st Emma Barber & Joan Liddle 2nd Jeanette Beehre & Susan Horsley 3rd Stuart Pedersen & David Haxton
Mondays July '17	Dorothy Aitken Handicap Pairs	1st June Nightingale & Pam Clotworthy 2nd Marie Spence & Byrta Wagstaff 3rd Robyn Knight & Elaine Kingsford
Mondays Aug '17	Ruth Corbett Memorial Pairs	1st Carol Grant & Flo Nield 2nd Joy Holmes & Jose McDonald 3rd Hanny Hepburn & Shirley Knight
Wednesdays May '17	Mt Evening Champs Pairs	1st Julie Sheridan & Karen Martelletti 2nd Helen Heuvel & Tina Dudley 3rd Merv Harris & Shirley Knight
Thursdays Aug '17	Esquires Coffee Handicap Pairs	1st Betty Forbes & Charles Forbes 2nd Dorothy Harvey & Carol Cullen 3rd Lesley Stephen & Nan Seabourne
Thursdays 2017	Ultimate Motors Handicap Singles	1st Gloria Mouatt 2nd Diane King 3rd Joan Liddle
Thursdays Sept '17	Malyon House Handicap Pairs	1st Diane Moreland & Fred Clarke 2nd Joan Liddle & Lesley Stephen 3rd Rosemary Collins & Nan Seabourne
Fridays Aug '17	Robertson's Menwear Pairs	1st Carol Grant & Flo Nield 2nd Ronelle Middleton & Marilyn Wallace 3rd Hanny Hepburn & Mike Huymans
Fridays Aug '17	Tyremaster Pairs	1st Joan Heuvel & Sue Gibbons 2nd Hanny Hepburn & Shirley Knight 3rd Jean Scott & Judith Wilson
Fridays Sept '17	Craigs Investment Teams	1st Hanny Hepburn Mike Huymans Jose McDonald Joy Holmes 2nd Noelene Shrimpton Diane Moreland Dianne Brown Jean Scott 3rd Carol Grant Flo Nield Marilyn Wallace Margaret Jones

ACTIVE ETHICS

Be proactive in making sure your opponents understand your bidding explanations. Don't use jargon or convention names when explaining calls. If an opponent looks confused at your explanation, rephrase. Keep your explanations simple, direct and open.

It's not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones.

- ③ plan your second bid before making your first bid
- ③ a good bid is one that most resembles the cards held
- ③ the best available bid is often the least bad alternative

NO SURPRISE

Facebook's automated algorithm crunched database discovered friends who like bridge also like grandchildren.

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