

SPADEWORK

August 2018 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

from President Anne -

With club numbers up to 295 now and just 10 'in-active' members, we are really appreciative of the effort that so many of you make towards encouraging and welcoming new people to our club. This does of course, mean that we will have greater numbers volunteering for all those tasks that must be done to ensure the club runs smoothly.

With prize-giving and our Christmas Party looming on Saturday 24 November, it is time to ask for trophies to be returned so that we can have them engraved ready for presentation.

Many of our members have been concerned about Betty and Charles Forbes.

Our latest news is that Betty had recovered from the virus that made her unwell for so long, to be then involved in a car accident which has put poor Betty in hospital. Charles assures us she is recovering slowly and that they have received plenty of family support.

We do wish them better health come springtime.

Anne Clarke

"Well done" to Tina Dudley who directed Monday pm, standing in for Helen who was unwell. 'Thanks Tina!' - we understand it was your debut 'solo night' in the director's chair! Apparently everything went smoothly, thanks to the Juniors and Novices who were quiet and well behaved.

A doctor, concerned about the physical condition of one of his bridge-playing patients, during a regular check-up asked, "Do you get much exercise?"

"Only when I sit East/West" was the reply

Club Captain Carol's catch up

A warm welcome back, from her holiday, to our Editor of Spadework, Julie Downs. Julie has produced our monthly newsletter for 4 years now and what a great job she does.

This weekend we have the final of the Waikato Bays teams event being held in Cambridge. The two teams who qualified and will represent our club are:

Open: Linley Hay, Bruce Inglis and Carolyn Parker, Nick Comber.

Junior: Robyn Knight, Judith George and Phil West, Gill West.

Best of luck teams.

Don't forget on the

Saturday 22nd Sept '18

we have our restricted tournament coming up. So please start organising your partners. It's bring your own lunch but we will still be needing help in the kitchen for morning tea and lunch, so if you are not planning on playing, your help would be appreciated. The sheet will be going up soon. It's hard to believe but here we are 3/4 of the way through another year and your committee is looking at next year's programme. We have unfortunately lost at least 5 of our sponsors of our club and Tournament events and urgently need suggestions as to who to fill these gaps.

Please can we have suggestions.

Another priority for next year is bringing on board new faces to our committee. New ideas and fresh points of view are always healthy for any club. Some of our male members would be especially welcome. If you are thinking you could give the club a little of your time please have a chat with any of your committee members.

Good bridging everyone.

'Improver Lesson' September 4th

Karen Martelletti, (Grand Master) and wonderfully kind instructor, offers these 'Improver Lessons'. They are suitable for **Juniors and Intermediates** who want to improve their partnerships or learn more conventions.

(They are not recommended for Novice players.)

Escaping from 1NTx (doubled)

When: **Tuesday 4th September**, at: **1pm - 3:30pm**. Where: **Mt Maunganui Bridge Club**

Topic: **'One of the difficulties players have is not knowing what to do when doubled in 1NT. It is never pretty, so finding an escape may help you'** Cost: **\$5 table money.**

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays June '18 Jones & Company Teams

1st Carol Grant Joy Holmes Tina Dudley
Flo Nield
2nd Sarah Stacey Shirley Knight Bev Walker
Margaret Wakelin
3rd Lois Taylor Kay Wright Liz Simpson
Ruth Sweatman Karen Martelletti

Mondays Aug '18 Ruth Corbett Handicap Pairs

1st Marilyn Wallace & Mike Huymans
2nd Linley Hay & Lyn Bailie
3rd Gilda Rowland & Carol Cullen

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Mondays pm June '18 Novice & Junior Champs Singles

1st Wendy Bowden
2nd Vivian Mead
3rd Cathy Burgess
4th Judith Somerville

Wednesdays July '18 Dawson Insurance Pairs

1st Diane Blumsom & Helen Moffatt
2nd Justin Sims & Frazer Smith
3rd Barry Crosby & Martin Van Der Meys

Thursdays July '18 Spotless Spouting Handicap Pairs

1st Ann Cooney & Margo Kirk
2nd Diane King & Dora Wickham
3rd Dixie Horne & Merle Halligan

Thursdays Aug '18 Esquires Coffee Handicap Pairs

1st Graham Burgess & Cathy Burgess
2nd Linley Hay & Dianne Gibson
3rd Gloria Mouatt & Diane Rodger

Fridays July '18 Championship Singles

1st Carol Grant
2nd Hanny Hepburn
3rd Flo Nield

Fridays Aug '18 Robertson's Menswear Pairs

1st Mike Huymans & Hanny Hepburn
2nd Linley Hay & Bob Callcut
3rd Margaret Y Guy & Erika Schofield

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Nick Reynolds
Petrena Lovell
Keith Reddaway
Trish Kidd
Gabrielle Harris
Jane Dewar
Dianne Rodger
Jan Moyes
and welcome back to
Annie Barry
and
Graeme McLean
(formerly played at Katikati).



Monday Nights update from correspondent Sharyn Rudolph ...

Last Monday 4 Brookies continued practising the skills they have learnt. We were pleased to welcome Jackie Kelly into our group. Next Monday the Brookies will join together with the main group, to learn about bidding and playing slams at the Skills Night. 'Gerber(4C)' is the topic for next Monday's Skills Night. This lesson is suitable for Beginners, Novices and Juniors alike, so please come along! To help reinforce this lesson, we will also bid and play corresponding pre-dealt hands afterwards. Kind helpers will also be available for those who may need assistance. You **don't** need to arrange a partner for the night, although you may choose to play with your regular partner if you have one. These Skills Nights are fun, popular and a great opportunity for all to add to your repertoire of bridge skills.

Congratulations!!...to those who played in the recent Mt Maunganui Tournament, hosted last Saturday 22nd July. Congratulations Novices!... to those who took on the challenge - we hoped you enjoyed the afternoon!
A special applaud to **Jenny Coventry & Warren Coventry** who came first place in the Novice section - Well Done!
Another applaud to the following Juniors in our group, some who placed well in their section:
Teri Logie & Michele Rogers (6th) Phil West & Gill West (14th)
Annette Dally & Helen Tomson (18th) Isobel McIntyre & Vivian Mead (19th)

