



## Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

August 2020 Newsletter @ level 2

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### from President Diane -

Hello to all our members

What strange times we find ourselves living in, I do hope you are all coping with level 2, because it's going to be with us until Sept 6th at least. We will not be opening the club rooms until we move down to level 1, in the meantime we have an abundance of online bridge,

Monday 31st Aug at 7.30pm is Speedball, Wednesday 26th Aug and Sept 2nd is pairs at 7.30pm, Friday 28th Aug and Sept 4th is also pairs at 2pm. These sessions are only for Mount and Tauranga bridge members. There is also Auckland Bridge Club most days at 1pm and 7 pm as well as Waikato Bays on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays at 7pm.

If anyone would like to play in the Mount/Tauranga sessions and you haven't played in them before please contact me and I will run you through the entry requirements.

Sadly the Tauranga Novice, Junior and intermediate tournament scheduled for 29 August has been cancelled.

If there is anything I can do for any one of you, please let me know, stay safe, warm and dry,

Diane  
President  
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### and ... Club Captain Teri ...

My job description as Bridge Captain reads that I should be tactful (*adjective: having or showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues. ie "they need a tactful word of advice"*) and available (*of a person: not otherwise occupied; free to do something*)

Well I am definitely available - so feel free to approach me, ring or email if you have any problems. Let's continue to make everyone feel at home and comfortable. Make the effort to welcome all visitors

(always providing they are allowed to travel).

Here's to more bridge in 2020!

### LIBRARIAN LOES requests ...

books that are borrowed for more than 6 weeks be reissued and that your details are PRINTED for clarity.

### Some tips on keeping your partner happy.

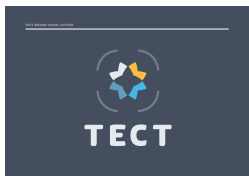
1. Treat your partner like your best friend. ...
2. Tolerate your partner's errors. ...
3. Keep a poker (well, Bridge) face. ...
4. Deal well with disaster. ...
5. Play conventions you both want to play. ...
6. Pick up the slack for a weaker player. ...
7. Own up to your own errors. ...
8. Offer words of encouragement.

A study in 2000 at the University of California, Berkeley, found strong evidence that an area in the **brain** used in playing **bridge** stimulates the immune system (combats Covid 19??).

Researchers suggest that is because players must use memory, visualization and sequencing.

(Seems a tenuous connection! but let's go for it!!

Ed.)



### TECT Charitable Trust

is delighted to have been able to assist with our air-conditioning by Payment of a Grant. TECT has awarded our club \$6217 from

their Community Development Reserve.

We are pleased to acknowledge their assistance to Mt Maunganui Bridge Club and their joint work in the community.

## CLUB RESULTS

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| Wednesdays July '20 | <b>Paul Nielson<br/>Memorial Singles</b>  | 1st Junior = Teri Logie<br>2nd Junior = Annette Dand<br>1st Senior = Caren Van Der Meys<br>2nd Senior = Julie Sheridan |
| Thursdays July '20  | <b>Esquires Coffee<br/>Handicap Pairs</b> | 1st Nora Pronk & Ben de Kleijnen<br>2nd Catherine King & Yvonne Madden<br>3rd Gloria Mouatt & Mac McCarthy             |
| Fridays July '20    | <b>Robertson's Menswear<br/>Pairs</b>     | 1st Annie Barry & Trish Kidd<br>2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Kath Harvey<br>3rd Carol Grant & Flo Nield                     |

### please **SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS - In a time of Covid**

As you will appreciate, businesses are struggling with a very new and difficult market situation. To stop club sponsorship etc, is probably the easiest decision a business can take in their efforts to reduce costs. Businesses which have supported us for years are reluctantly unable to do so for 2021. Despite this, I do have new opportunities for sponsorship next year. However we must redouble our efforts to show our appreciation for the support of our current sponsors. Mike recently visited The Great Spice restaurant, and have returned a sponsorship voucher to Carol's Hair Salon as their competition had passed by in lockdown. Your Ed recently used a Carol's Hair Salon voucher and was impressed by Kyla's service, Carol's marketing and the fact that the newest staff member had been there more than 2 years - the rest of the stable CHS team for many more years of happy hairdressing.

Please seek every opportunity to tell  
businesses you patronise how much Mt Manganui Bridge Club values them.

### **WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS**

Joanne Munro  
Bronac Winston Bayly  
Caroline Slade  
Claire Beard  
Elaine Genty Nott  
Janet Coleman  
Janne Hennah  
Jude Brown  
Philip Brown  
Rachel Fraser  
Sue Aitken

### **BLAST FROM THE PAST ...**

those players sitting West as dummy or waiting for "EW move please" will have noticed the name **PAT MASSEY** on several of our honour boards.

A recent chance meeting with Pat in Hastings jogged her memories of past membership of our Mt Maunganui Bridge Club in the nineties through to 2015.

She recalls playing at Tauranga, the Mt and TePuke clubs as well as social bridge. In those days she crossed the toll bridge to play with Alan Turner, remembered Dot Skousguard, Heather Melville, Hanny Hepburn, Mike Huymans, Pam Clotworthy, and Te Puke Life Member, Janet Burrett,

She advocates always opening with 11pts and psych bids were part of her arsenal.

Now at 88 years of age, Pat no longer plays bridge but enjoys 5 crown cards, croquet and playing the piano at Gracelands Retirement Village.

Player leads a low club and partner alerts. Opps ask about the alert. Reply "partner is leading a singleton." "How do you know", one opponent asks. "Because they led it with the left hand. If it were from a doubleton, it would be led it with the right hand."

