



## Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

August 2021 Newsletter @ level 4

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### from President Diane -

Hello to all our Mount members,

I do hope you are all well and coping with this lockdown. If you live on your own or need anything done please let myself or Jean Scott know, we are here to help and to make sure all our members are coping and have the support we all deserve.

A call out for trophies to be returned please, I know this is not possible while we are in lockdown but if you can let me know if you have a trophy and if lockdown continues I will make arrangements to have them collected.

You will all be familiar with our protocol for playing bridge at the club rooms while we are in lockdown, we will remain closed until we get down to level 1. When that happens we will send out notification.

The TECT Anniversary at Bay Park has been postponed, so thank you to you all who were going to help, especially our steering committee. We will let you know when we have another date.

The committee has been discussing how we can make Thursday bridge more attractive so we get more tables playing. Some of the suggestions are as follows,

1. Start bridge at 12.30pm, for those who would like to bring lunch, this can happen at 12 midday
2. Every month have a mini tournament.
3. Make it more social with a glass of wine at end of play.
4. Any other suggestions please.

We really want to hear from you all, if you could let Isobel or Michele know your ideas please I would very much appreciate that. We would like to get this sorted before our 2022 book goes to print.

You will no doubt know that unfortunately the Tauranga Tournament this weekend 28th has been cancelled, and we will be making a decision on the weekend of the 4th whether we will have to cancel our 18th September restricted tournament. We will let you know the outcome.

I was going to encourage you all to consider playing in the Congress this year, especially as it will be at Bay Park, but now, I'm not even sure if the event will go ahead, that would be such a shame to have it cancelled two years in a row, it's such a fun tournament to be involved in. NZB will make a decision on 13th September as to whether Congress will proceed.

Finally, I do hope you've all remembered how to get on-line and play BBO, it's the next best thing and it keeps us up to date with bridge. Remember if you want to play but don't have a partner, contact Teri, she is the partnership steward. Thank you to Kate for organising this, remember sessions are Monday 7.30pm, Speedball, Tues and Fri at 2pm and Wed 7.30pm. Waikato Bays is also very good, check on-line for day and time. So there is plenty to keep us occupied. Finally, I hope you are all staying well and if there is anything I can do please let me know, Stay safe **Diane**

### and ... Club Captain Teri ...

Hello All

When are cards deemed to have been played? Some instances are - (from Law 45)

\*If your partner *could* have seen a card in your hand it becomes a penalty card.

\*Declarer is deemed to have played a card from his hand if it is held face up, touching or nearly touching the table or maintained in such a position as to indicate it has been played.

\*If a card is touched in dummy by declarer it is deemed played.

**Dummy** - don't let your fingers hover over the table, wait for declarer to nominate a card.

**Opposition** - don't touch or draw a card out of your hand until it's your turn - this could be a huge giveaway if declarer is trying a finesse.

Call the **Director** - be polite, and if you don't agree, approach the director afterwards.

**Compa\$\$** - Thanks to Jane for all her work behind the scenes. A request. You know how many sessions you play/played in a month. Before the end of the month, could you ensure that you deposit money into your account and cover these sessions. A little more besides to ensure that you are always in credit would be appreciated.

Thank you and Happy on-line Bridge

Teri

**Members**, please be advised of a change of competition name and sponsor - Monday afternoons November 1st and 8th - from Asset Relocations Pairs to **Monday Esquires Coffee Pairs.**

## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Aug'21.	<b>Ruth Corbett Memorial Pairs Raw Result</b>	1st Marion Kelly & Julie Sheridan 2nd Hanny Hepburn & Shirley Knight 3rd Chris Gibson & Anne Clarke
Mondays Aug'21.	<b>Ruth Corbett Memorial Pairs Handicap Result</b>	1st Wendy Norwood & June Nightingale 2nd Gloria Mouatt & Sybil Anderson 3rd Patty Spencer & Sue Gibbons
Mondays pm July '21	<b>Rialto. Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Vivian Mead & Isobel McIntyre 2nd Pamela Jones & Phyllis Leech 3rd Alan McLean & Joanne McLean
Wednesdays July '21	<b>Paul Nielson Memorial Singles.</b>	1st Novice = Joanne McLean 1st Junior = Marcus Dudley 2nd Junior = Michele Rogers 1st Senior = Julie Sheridan 2nd Senior = Tina Dudley
Thursdays July '21	<b>Esquires Coffee Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Diane Moreland & Corinne Levy 2nd Dianne Stevens & Gloria Mouatt 3rd Carol Etherington & Brenda Bleakley
Thursdays July '21	<b>Ultimate Motors Handicap Singles</b>	1st Merle Halligan 2nd Roy Cooper 3rd Diane King
Fridays July '21	<b>Presidents Pairs</b>	1st Anne Clarke & Sarah Stacey 2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Bren Birss 3rd Annie Barry & Flo Nield

Here is the final contribution from "Getting to know your Committee Members"

### THIS MONTH IT'S YOUR CLUB TREASURER : **JANE DEKKER**

In between several long stints hiking around Europe in the late 70's and 80's, I managed to complete a Social Science degree at Waikato University then went on to qualify as a Chartered Accountant at Victoria University in Wellington. I initially trained for 6-7 years in accounting roles including Chartered Accounting with KPMG. Then I moved on to work in a mix of corporate finance roles before ending up as a self-employed IT project manager in many large corporations in Auckland. My professional work has taken me to projects in England and the Philippines.

For the past twelve years, I have lived in Tauranga and embraced that opportunity by becoming a lecturer in accounting related papers at the Toi-ohomai Institute of Technology until I retired in 2019.

In addition to my role as Treasurer for the club, I am an active volunteer for Business Mentors NZ. This role has been very rewarding in terms of helping our small business community when COVID-19 first hit us last year. I've also loved helping start-ups to prepare business plans and look at the feasibility of their business ideas (some of which are really inspiring).

I recently moved to Omokoroa with my cat, Mervyn. It has been a dream come true and I count my blessings that I found this home perched on a hill in our lovely, warm region with expansive views of the harbours around me. Here, I can enjoy the sunsets, sunrises, birds, walking, cycling and gardening.



## SPONSORS

Although it might appear unseemly to be thinking of sponsorship for 2022, life moves on and we need to consider our 2022 programme book. As always, sponsors drift away each year for perfectly valid reasons and we need to replace them with new ones. I do not have a monopoly on good ideas for sponsorship, and it is quite likely that there are good ideas amongst our members. Perhaps you could give the subject a moment's thought and if you have any ideas please let me know. Thanks Mike N.



**WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS**

Lorraine Varga  
Jan Hartree  
Frances Ball  
Ruth Pepper

**SUPPORTING OUR SPONSORS**

One of the bridge club's long-term sponsors is the kiwifruit produce company **SEEKA**.  
Based in Te Puke, Seeka grow, pick, pack and market kiwis.

Of course, Covid or not, they have a lot of fruit on their hands at the moment.

Seeka is an essential service provider under alert level 4 restrictions. They provide a safe work environment, whether it's on the orchard or in the packhouse. They have strict cleaning protocols and operating processes in place to keep the business safe for all employees.



You can support this sponsor by eating lots of kiwifruit - no hard task, or try making kiwifruit and ginger jam. Delicious! No recipe needed, lots of kiwifruit, crystallised ginger and minimum sugar.

FROM NZB . . .

The TOPS Lockdown Teams event is running at the moment. Nationwide, on-line, there are 77 teams competing in 11 grades with seven teams in each grade. The A Grade includes many of New Zealand's top players while the K Grade, at the other end of the scale, features many players who have only learnt the game this year.

Participants are encouraged to donate \$20 to the TOPS region. At least half the funds raised will go to the Westport Bridge Club flood relief fund to support bridge players affected by the recent Buller flooding disaster.

Familiar names from our region are C Graders -

Bruce Inglis  
Stephen Franks  
Mike Newton  
Melanie Rex

And also, new Mt Maunganui member Frances Ball who is part of an Auckland team.

(your ed can't find what TOPS stands for ?? the political party ?? teams of promise . . . suggestions please)