



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

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from President Michele -

This month I thought I would share a lovely bridge story passed on to me by NZ Bridge marketing manager Mel Auld.

The Resurgence of Bridge and Romance by Hayley Collins *Romance Rekindled in the Bridge Resurgence*

In a world where swiping left or right has become the norm for modern romance, there's an unexpected twist in the tale of love. Picture this: dimly lit rooms, the soft rustling of cards being dealt, and the subtle clinking of glasses - welcome to the resurgence of bridge, where love is dealt with a shuffle and a sigh.

Gone are the days when finding love meant decoding cryptic emojis or deciphering poorly lit profile pictures. Instead, enter the world of bridge clubs, where the only swiping involves cards on a table, and the only emojis are the expressions on your partner's face when you misread their signals.

Now, you might be wondering, why would anyone choose bridge over the convenience of online dating? Picture your typical first date scenario: nervous small talk, awkward silences, and the constant fear of running out of things to say. Now, contrast that with bridge - a game that demands communication, strategy, and teamwork. It's like a crash course in compatibility, with a side of competitive spirit.

Imagine this scene: two young hearts, fluttering nervously as they sit across the table from each other, their hands trembling not just from anticipation, but also from the sheer pressure of holding thirteen cards. The stakes are high, the tension palpable, and yet, amidst the chaos of bidding and bluffing, a connection begins to form—one that transcends mere attraction and delves into the realm of partnership.

And let's not forget the undeniable charm of the bridge community itself. Forget swiping through endless profiles; at your local bridge club, there's a range of characters; from the seasoned veterans, to the wide-eyed newcomers eager to learn the ropes. It's like a romantic comedy waiting to happen, with each table offering its own unique blend of drama, humour, and unexpected plot twists.

Of course, like any good love story, bridge isn't without its challenges. There will be moments of frustration, when your partner's lead feels more like a betrayal than a bid for victory. There will be nights when you curse the cards for their cruel twist of fate, and moments when you wonder if you'll ever master the intricacies of the game. But therein lies the beauty of bridge: it's not just about winning or losing, but about the journey you take together - the bonds you forge, the memories you create, and yes, the occasional argument over whether to finesse or play for the drop.

So, the next time you find yourself tempted to swipe right on yet another profile pic, why not take a chance on bridge? Who knows, you might just find that the real game of love is played not on a screen, but across a table, with a deck of cards and a twinkle in your eye.

Have fun at Bridge – may the romance be with you - Michele

and ... Club Captain Teri ...

Hope you are enjoying your bridge? Just a reminder to confirm with your partner (and not too far in advance) and double check that they are on the same page as you.

Another reminder that psychic bids were just not in our vocabulary and we have a written explanation on our notice board. A Psychic bid occurs when a player opens the bidding with a deliberate misrepresentation of his or her hand eg. less than 4 spades and only 3 or 4 points. This not only confuses your partner but also seriously disrupts the opponents' bidding. At Club levels these bids are discouraged.

The Committee has started to plan next year's programme, so if you have any suggestions, please can we have them soonest. We are still on the lookout for sponsors for sessions.

Happy Bridge Teri

- and a prompt from Teri and the committee - the best tournament venue in the BOP is =

Mt Maunganui Bridge Club.

the next event is our

Restricted Tournament, 21st September - that means any grade or combination can enter, guaranteed fun, food and fizzing and maybe a prize too.

GOOD NEWS

Two disability parks are to be relocated closer to our door. There will be no loss of carparks, but we will have a total 4 1/2 accessible car parks. Please don't park on the grass under the pohutukawa tree as it's damaging to the roots

More Good News - Diamond Jubilee

October 19th

Mt Maunganui Bridge Club
Bridge, bubbles, lunch & fun

11.30am – 4.00pm

Tickets \$25.00

On sale mid-September



CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Aug '24 **Ruth Corbett Memorial Pairs**

Mondays Aug '24 **Ruth Corbett Memorial Handicap Pairs**

Mondays Aug '24 pm **Teekay Trust Handicap Pairs**

Wednesdays July '24 **Crane St Handicap Pairs**

Thursdays Aug '24 **Downtown Pharmacy Handicap Pairs**

Fridays July '24 **Robertsons Menswear Pairs**

Fridays Aug '24 **(replacing Teams) Pairs.**

1st Noelene Shrimpton & Megan Richards
2nd Pat Ware & Derek Webb
3rd Kay Wright & Margaret Wakelin
1st Erika Schofield & Judy Bartlett
2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Megan Richards
3rd Merle Halligan & Dianne Stevens
1st Nikki Baguley & Sharon Long
2nd Peter Boynton & Janne Hennah
3rd Rebecca Bartlett & Alan Withrington
1st Fay Irwin & Tina Dudley
2nd Marcus Dudley & Alan Parkes
3rd Eddie Paterson & Grant Rowell
1st Vivienne Peters & Judy Duncan
2nd Margo Kirk & Rae Holmes
3rd Marlene Grant & Helen Bourne
1st Ross Petersen & Julie Downs
2nd Brenda Macfarlane & Flo Nield
3rd Nelson Hodgetts & Carol Grant
1st Mike Nicholson & Carol Cullen
2nd Ross Petersen & Barbara Stimson
3rd Shirley Knight & Bob Callcut

Bridge by the Stars Virgo

You do love accuracy, a neat and tidy approach to all bridge problems. Getting all steamed up about those bidding disagreements with partner will not help your blood pressure!



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Waikato Bays Grade Trophy Final: Open: Result For Round 3

Club: Bays of Bridge Club
Date: 2024-08-25

Hand record PBN Tees: Finesse Setups and Analysis Help

R1 R2 R3

Rank	Team	Name	Wns	Grns	Loss	Net PPs	IMP	SPW	Net VP	Total	PPs
1	1	W. PL. McMichael	3	0	0	-20	-53.0	29.57	15	44.97	
2	4	R. WILKINS	2	0	1	-10	-44.0	29.15	14.10	39.23	
3	3	R. HODGETTS	1	0	2	-10	-5.0	11.27	3.02	27.09	
4	2	R. TAYLOR	0	0	3	-20	-105.0	3.15	5	67.1	

NOTE:

- To see the members of a team, place the cursor above the team name and the member names will appear in the highlight.
- For round details for the team, please click on team's name

Fabulous result above from our **Open Team** winning all their rounds to clinch the

Waikato Bays Grade Trophy Final

held last Sunday 25 August.

Winning pairings - *Rachelle Pelkman and Murray Wood, Pamela Pedersen and Alan Parkes*

local humour - after Friday Bridge . . .

Judy B is describing two skimpy dress-up outfits commissioned for two of our younger members.

Pipes up Ross P, "I'm really interested in medieval dress . . ."

and **home drama** Joanne McLean hugs hubby Alan - says he, "What's that for?" She - "We've just adopted a puppy . . ."

International traveller Joe Brown, back from 6 weeks in Rarotonga says, "Mosquitos love sweet things - they attacked Judy and left me alone!"

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

NZ Bridge Rank Promotions Club Master to Local Master

Dianne Stevens. Cathy Parker

PAM CLOTWORTHY

is leaving us to join family in Auckland. A member of our club for many years, Pam was President 2011, has conducted lessons and presided as a respected director. A close neighbour to the old, the temporary and the new clubrooms, Pam and husband Harold tended the property and met rubbish collection days.

Pam once asked for size 16++ bras - for you Pam? No, after living in Fiji in times past, she and Harold regularly revisited and supported less privileged families in Fiji, collecting and taking clothing and support items to improve others' lives there.

Thanks and all the best Pam.

Last gasp in July saw our best descending on Rotorua for the first '24 BOP teams challenge . . .

Ross Petersen reports the sun was out and Lake Rotorua gleaming as our teams breasted the last hill and rolled into the carpark at the Rotorua Bridge Club for a day of serious competition on the last Sunday of July.

Serious competition, yet warm hellos as we greeted the delegates from our local cluster of BOP clubs over a cup of coffee and a generous offering of scones and sausage rolls.

This was the Inter club Teams event, the winners to go forward to the Waikato Bays Final at Matamata on August 25th. Our teams were:

Open - *Rachelle Pelkman and Murray Wood, Pamela Pedersen and Alan Parkes.* (ultimate winners)

Intermediate - *Martin and Caren van Der Meys, Barbara Stimson, Ross Petersen.*

Junior - *Alan McLean, Joanne McLean, Rebecca Bartlett and Joanne Bruce.*

At the end of the day, after five tough sessions of 10 boards, the victors emerged -

Mt Maunganui in the Open,
Tauranga in the Intermediate and
Taupo in the Junior section.

Rachelle reports -"The Interclub event at Rotorua last weekend was very well run and it is wonderful that Rotorua Club hosts this event. I really enjoy playing events where teams from the BOP can get together and I always enjoy catching up with old friends as Rotorua was my home club – BC (before children).

It is also great that our junior and intermediate players can play competitive bridge in a more relaxed environment outside the formal tournament environment. It allows them to ask our open players questions as we all played the same boards.

So great to see our players taking part in this event and also great to see all the other clubs in the region fielding teams in all categories.

And of course many thanks to our teammates who were outstanding.

All in all a very enjoyable day's bridge and if you get the opportunity to play in this event in the future, don't hesitate it's a fun event."

Pamela adds and we all concur - "it was an honour to represent our amazing club in this prestigious tournament and a thrill to be swept along in our Open Team's win!"

Alan McLean reports "Mt Maunganui Juniors had three wins and two losses but ended up 4th as we competed closely with two other teams for 2nd place. Just two or three poor hands made the difference. It was an enjoyable and great learning time for our pawsome juniors who looked resplendent in their animal print-themed attire".



HISS-TERICAL - SPOTTED FOR SUCCESS -
Junior team reps from Mt Maunganui Bridge Club -
Left to Right: *Rebecca Bartlett Alan McLean,
Joanne McLean, and Joanne Bruce.*

more happy times . . . Wednesday **11th September**
@ 1730hr join Forsyth Barr speaker for drinks and pizza.
@1830hr join Rachelle Pelkman for bridge instruction
@ 1900hr play bridge!

A recent complaint to the New Zealand Bridge Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee

The Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee recently dealt with a complaint of discourteous conduct contrary to Law 74 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. The complaint has been resolved in a way acceptable to the parties – by sincere apologies.

The committee considers that it may be useful for other players to know how the committee applies Law 74 and accordingly it has issued this statement.

Law 74 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 says: A. Proper Attitude

1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

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That is reinforced by the Code of Conduct of the New Zealand Bridge Manual:

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to foster a high standard of both social and ethical behaviour at Tournaments, in addition to and without limiting the requirements of conduct and etiquette as per Law 74.

These standards are relevant to Contestants, spectators and officials.

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- The complaint to the committee arose out of a match in a recent open teams tournament. The complainant and their partner used a distinctive bidding system, albeit one allowed under the regulations for the tournament. Both sides are very experienced players.
- During the match one of the opposition complained after one game about the bidding, saying words to the effect that its purpose was to cause opponents to have misunderstandings. The other opponent commented that it was unbelievably rude to play the system. During the match further comments followed that it was improper to use that bidding system. At the end of the match the other opponent addressed the complainant and their partner. While acknowledging that the complainant and their partner were within the rules, it was unfair and rude to play the system. "Unbelievably rude" was repeated. They finished by telling the complainant, "So now p... off".

The committee found that both players breached Law 74.

NZ BRIDGE CONGRESS

28TH SEPTEMBER – 5TH OCTOBER

STANDBY PLAYERS NEEDED

ANY SESSION, OR JUST A MORNING OR AFTERNOON

A FUN, CHEAP WAY TO PLAY OR SEE WHAT ITS ALL ABOUT

CADDIES NEEDED –

THIS COULD BE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN (12-15YR)

OR AS A FUND RAISER FOR YOUR CLUB. GET A GROUP TOGETHER BUT BE QUICK

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Earlybird
discounts for
Congress this
year but
everyone who
has fully paid by
31st August will
go into a draw
and four people
will win their
entire entrance
payments back.
good luck