

SPADEWORK

September 2015 Newsletter

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... from our President ...

Greetings,

If you have never had the experience of being shot down in flames you should have been in my situation recently. An adverse reaction from some Monday players meant that Thursday players were never approached re the swapping of Thursday and Friday. Encouraging to note we had support from a non-committee Senior player in favour of the idea. After the last newsletter Barry Crosby completed a survey covering a nine week period showing an average of five Mount players each week attended Tauranga to play on a Friday.

The highlight of our month of August was the Junior Inter Club Team winning the competition held at Cambridge returning with a trophy which is being engraved. Congratulations to Pamela Pederson, Bren Birss, Carol Cullen and Mike Nicholson.

A big thank you to Ray Guy for cleaning guttering on the South side of the building. These non-prompted efforts are much appreciated.

Speaking of thank you's, we would like to thank members who partnered the Novices on our Voucher night. Everyone was welcoming and patient with the 12 Novices who attended.

A gentle reminder to playing Directors not to participate in the directing at their table when the Director is called. Leaving the table to discuss with the Director is one way or there is always the option of an appeals committee. If ever there is a need to play 30 boards then 2 playing Directors could officiate covering North and South of the room. 'Til next month -- Good bridging *June*

From much travelled Club Captain

Gloria ...

Hi everyone it is great to see members arrive early for sessions, makes life so much easier for the directors and scorers.

Please note Dummy's Rights and Wrongs below.

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During play Dummy's actions are significantly limited.

- 1. One right dummy does have is to attempt to prevent an irregularity from occurring. Dummy may ensure declarer leads from the correct hand. However, once the irregularity has occurred, dummy can no longer say anything - it is up to the defenders to point out the infraction.
- 2. Dummy may check that partner hasn't revoked when he fails to follow suit. "Having none?"

Some things Dummy might want to do but **cannot** include

- **tell** partner they have a trick pointed the wrong way after a lead has been made to the next trick
- **ask** a defender if they have revoked.
- express surprise at declarers choice of card from dummy
- **encourage** partner to play a card you know is good
- **play** a card before it is called for by declarer, even if it is a singleton
- **call** the director before anyone else has drawn attention to an infraction.

At the end of the hand, dummy now has the right to point out any infractions they noticed during play.



A **video** has been made available to Bridge players throughout NZ through YouTube. It's one hour long and is made possible by Jane Stearns efforts. It is a video with ideas of how to promote the game of Bridge. Committee Members will be attending but we would also like to invite interested Club Members.

Date 13th October at 7.30 pm at Mt Maunganui clubrooms

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Sept '15 **Zita Reid Pairs**

Mondays Sept '15 **Abel Tasman Handicap Pairs**

Wednesdays Aug '15 **Mt Evening Champs Pairs**

Thursdays Sept '15 **Malyon House Handicap Pairs**

Fridays Aug '15 **Tyreworks Pairs**

Fridays Sept '15 **Presidents Pairs**

1st Margaret Jones & Barry Crosby

2nd Carol Grant & Flo Nield

3rd Jose McDonald & Julie Downs

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1st Julie Sheridan & Karen Martelletti

2nd Tina Dudley & Helen Heuvel

3rd Mervyn Harris & Shirley Knight

1st Shirley Bates & Carol Cullen

2nd Rose Curtis & John Curtis

3rd Merle Halligan & Flo Nield

1st Brenda Macfarlane & Jean Scott

2nd Jan Andrews & John Andrews

3rd Anne Clarke & Sarah Stacey

1st Noelene Shrimpton & Julie Downs

2nd Ronelle Middleton & Carol Grant

3rd Jan Andrews & John Andrews

Tauranga Bridge Club Fund Raiser

for 7year old Austin was held 23 Sept. Play was preceded by 14 year old elder brother Thomas speaking expressively of Austin's need to fund raise for an op in USA. Austin then spoke eloquently to thank all his supporters. Feeling lots of warm fuzzies in the room, play commenced and Mount players Noelene S and Julie D won the morning session.

Overall winners were

Marion Kelly and Jo Simpson.

The succesful tournament run by Austin's grandmother Sandy raised -

\$1020 from entries

\$120 from Tauranga Club

\$690 from raffles

\$1000 donation

Great effort Tauranga

Welcome to two new members

Emma Barber

Marj Crawford

also summer member Audrey Gardiner returns to bridge in October



Important Rules

Rule of Eleven — the inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.

Eight Ever, Nine Never — the status quo whenever you raise 2 NT to 3 NT.

Second Hand Low — the easiest way to lose your aces on defense.

Leading Through Strength — a surefire way to make your queens disappear.

What "Karen Says" — tips that work on lesson deals, but never in real life.

Tips for Teams

- It's important to get into game when vulnerable
- Overcalls can keep opposition out of game
- Don't worry about overtricks - just make your game!
- Weak jump overcalls are disruptive - but be careful of vulnerability
- Bid competitively up to 2NT
- Keep bidding simple
- DON'T sacrifice
- bid slams

