

# SPADEWORK

FEBRUARY 2016 Newsletter

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## from President June's keyboard ...

As we welcome a New Year of Bridge and new Club Captain Carol Cullen, we must also pay tribute to the outstanding service Gloria extended to the Club over a number of years.

The year commences full of hope for increased table numbers and continued support from our members.

At times there is a clash of ideas or feeling of being undermined but please remember that each and every one of us have the best interest of our great Club at heart.

Since the last Newsletter members enjoyed our Christmas party and the Charity Week which followed. Roy Cooper and I presented \$1,000 to the Waipuna Hospice on Thursday 11th February with a representative from Heartland Bank unable to be present. The cheque was gratefully received. Roy and I were escorted around the new wing.

Hospice is certainly a worthy cause.

Our mixed Grade Tournament is set down for 19th March with planning well under way. Lessons begin in Tauranga from 1st March to end of June at a cost of \$70 - see details elsewhere in Spadework.

How to survive this humidity. Our Air Conditioning Unit doesn't appear to be operating efficiently. We have servicing booked just in case the vents are not working to the maximum.

Good Bridging, keep well. **JUNE**

## Club Captain Carol writes ...

A big thank you to all who have eased my way into my new role. Lots of helpful suggestions, please keep them coming.

We have, as I know you've all noticed, struggled with the air conditioning unit this hot summer. We do have a serviceman booked to have another look but they are behind in their work so we are trying to correct the situation.

To make sure the same messages are read out at all our sessions, and to help some members who may not hear so well, I have introduced an

Information Sharing Clipboard. It will stay on the front table for members to read if required.



## IMPORTANT

your new committee for 2016

**PRESIDENT** June Nightingale

**VICE-PRESIDENT** Anne Clarke

**CLUB CAPTAIN** Carol Cullen

**SECRETARY** Pamela Pedersen

**TREASURER** Roy Cooper

**COMMITTEE** Julie Sheridan

Dorothy Harvey

Elaine Kingsford

Barry Crosby

Erika Schofield

**TOURNAMENT SEC** Sarah Stacey

## NEW LIFE MEMBER

At our recent AGM Judy and Brenda's motion to recognise **Jean Scott** for outstanding service to the club was carried unanimously.

Congratulations Jean - members will be happy to see your portrait deservedly added to our photo line up of outstanding club life members.

## 19th March tournament - book your partner now!

for this mixed grade event - open to players of all grades and partnership combinations playing in one competition.

Entries to tourney sec. **Sarah**

## CLUB RESULTS

**Mondays pm Nov '15 Novice Champs  
Singles**

1st Teri Logie  
2nd Phil West  
3rd Lynette Viertel

**Wednesdays Feb '16 Travelcom  
Pairs**

1st Tina Dudley & Linley Hay  
2nd Helen Heuvel & June Nightingale  
3rd Shirley Knight & John Laugesen

**Thursdays Feb '16 Paper Plus  
Pairs**

1st Carol Cullen & Joan Heuvel  
2nd Marie Spence & Miriam Heeney  
3rd Margaret Carmichael & Lesley Stephens

Welcome to the following new members to our club and hope they enjoy playing with us. Please cut out to add their names and phone numbers to the back of your book.

Helen Charteris  
Tim Torr  
Kate Terry  
Barbara Steele  
James Steele  
John Carling  
Edna Nicholson  
Jennifer Davies  
Annette Dand

It was great to see so many summer visitors, some have now gone home and wish to thank all the members for making them so welcome.

Congratulations to the following members who achieved an improvement in their ranking:

Jennifer Davies	Club
David Munro	Local
Kaye Robertshaw	Master
Michele Rogers	Certificate of Proficiency
Brian Schofield	Club
Liz Simpson	Local
Martin Van Der Mays	Local
Marilyn Wallace	Local
Judith Wilson	Local



Also, congratulations to these members who have gone up in their NZ Bridge Grading:

Bren Birss	Intermediate
Jan Kirk	Intermediate
Pamela Pedersen	Intermediate
Kay Wright	Open

### Bridge Lessons from 1st March

Once again we are partnering up with the Tauranga Bridge Club to jointly offer beginners' lessons. The lessons start on **Tuesday 1st March, 7.15 - 9.30pm.** They continue till 28th June, cost is only \$70 for the whole course including notes which is amazing value. They will be held at Tauranga Club and will include membership to both clubs till the end of 2016. Again backup lessons will be available on many Sunday afternoons at the Mount Club to help reinforce the previous lesson and replay the hands.

If each member can think of one or two people who may wish to attend it would be wonderful. Details and enrollment forms can be found at [www.taurangabridge.co.nz](http://www.taurangabridge.co.nz) or further info from Tauranga club office on ph 576 5022

Fliers are available in our club. **Bren Birss**

### **DID YOU SEE THIS ...**

Add aging Western bridge players to the list of desperadoes in Thailand's seaside resort of Pattaya, a sin-city rife with prostitution, corruption and foreign and home-grown gangsters.

A Kiwi was among the mostly British players busted by a task force of soldiers, police and local officials as they played cards at eight tables in an apartment above a restaurant. Law enforcement agents were acting on a tip that illegal gambling was taking place there.

Those arrested Wednesday afternoon, including an 84-year-old Dutch woman, according to the Pattaya One news website, were released on bail of 5000 baht (\$140) each in the wee hours of Thursday morning. They would not be charged with gambling, but might be charged under a law limiting individuals to possession of 120 unregistered playing cards.

- from NZ Herald World News 5 February 2016.

