

SPADEWORK

February 2018 Newsletter

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from President Anne -

With the 2018 Bridge year well underway, it has been our pleasure once again to welcome the many visitors to the club from around New Zealand as well as overseas. Many familiar faces are appearing and we welcome you all to our bridge sessions.

It is unfortunate that we are having so much difficulty in maintaining a temperature in the clubroom that is appropriate to the current humidity we are experiencing. We apologise for this, but everything possible is being done to alleviate the problem.

2017 ended on a real high with our December Charity Week in support of



which raised \$1600 and the following members were the lucky recipients of the wonderful raffle prizes organised for us by Margaret Wham.

1st Carol Grant \$100

2nd Carol Cullen \$50

3rd Wendy Bowden Cobb & Co vouchers and hampers were won by

4th Pamela Pedersen

5th Sarah Stacey

6th Brenda Bleakley

7th Janet Dunn

8th Pauline Taylor

Our first tournament for the year is on 3 March and we encourage members to join in the spirit of what tournaments are all about - enjoying the company of like-minded people from around the region while we attempt to work out just how we should have bid and played some of those challenging hands!

Anne

PARTNERSHIPS!

there's an old friend who says
"I met all my husbands playing bridge"
please tell - What NZ club was that??

Club Captain Carol writes ...

Welcome back to a new bridge year and congratulations to the following members on their new NZ Bridge gradings -

Lyn Bailie

Kath Harvey

Suzanne Lugton

Patty Spencer

Mac McCarthy

are now INTERMEDIATES and

Pamela Pederson

Brenda Birss

Carol Cullen

are now OPEN players.

WELL DONE

New club handicaps for all members have been assigned and are posted on the top notice board. If you have any queries see me. We are trying to keep members as informed as possible with the workings of the club, so will be displaying a list of 'go to' people on the board on the left. If you need to know who to contact and it's not in your programme book this is where to look.

Happy bridging everyone.

"Bridge Players of the Month"

Lesley Stephen & Joan Heuvel

grossed 71.03%

in Thursday play 15 Feb



Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well

- Josh Billings



CLUB RESULTS

2017

Mondays Nov '17	Tyreworks Pairs	1st Margaret Wakelin & Carolyn Parker 2nd Nancye Ward & Daphne Ansell 3rd Shirley Knight & Sarah Stacey
Mondays pm Nov '17	shoe&me Singles	1st Barbara Kelly 2nd Bernie Robinson 3rd Gerda van Dijk
Thursdays Nov '17	Downtown Pharmacy Handicap Pairs	1st Raewyn Wright & Catherine King 2nd Barbara Ferguson & Margaret Carmicheal 3rd Gloria Mouatt & Yvonne Madden
Fridays Nov '17	Mayo Jewellery Pairs	1st Jean Scott & Shirley Knight 2nd Barry Crosby & Mike Nicholson 3rd Terry Kerse & Judy Bartlett

2018

Thursdays Feb '18	Paper Plus Handicap Pairs	1st Joan Liddle & Barbara Ferguson 2nd Colleen Ross & Fred Clarke 3rd Gloria Mouatt & Rosemary Collins
Fridays Feb '18	Carol's Hair Salon Pairs	1st Hanny Hepburn & Shirley Knight 2nd Ronelle Middleton & Joy Holmes 3rd Judith Wilson & Jean Scott

from the **BRIDGE BURROW**

"There was an interesting hand this afternoon" related Bunny as the wine was being poured.

"Would you like to hear about it?" "Yes of course" Rabbit replied. "Was it something unusual?"

"Not really, just an ordinary 3NT contract." Bunny explained as she poured her second glass.

Yes, Bunny at South had made her game by ducking the opening lead, but, Rabbit gathered, no other South had done so. Bunny had earned her third glass.

Bunny went to the club the following evening as usual and drew South again. On the fifth board, with considerable surprise, Bunny saw this was the exact hand dealt the previous day. Bunny realised that somehow or other this board had been put into play again. What, Bunny wondered, should she do? Should she call the director and point out what had happened? That seemed the obvious thing to do, but as Bunny considered the matter, the opposition 'No Bid'

Once again Bunny thought, she could get top % all to herself and so bid to 3NT.

Bunny ducked the opening lead. But on trick four, the opposition K diamonds won and the first suit was led again, taking Bunny down one.

Something's wrong thought Bunny. She could swear K diamonds wasn't in that hand yesterday! Someone's played a low down trick on her. How had K diamonds got into the wrong hand? Bunny had been robbed, she felt she had been cheated!

East accepted Bridgmate 0% as all other Souths had made the stone cold contract.

"Silly goose" observed the foxy opposition. "You shouldn't have ducked the opening lead."

--adapted from NZ Bridge April 1989

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Jill Cotter
Lindy Bennett
Sue Finlayson
Phyllis Paul
Tracey Anderson
and **Associate Members**
Lois Taylor
Jenny Henley
also welcome back to Mac & Barbara and
Audrey

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2017 Xmas party.

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