



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club



February 2020 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

from President Diane -

This is my first newsletter to start my term as President. My apologies for not being present at the AGM but illness dictated this. A big thank you to Anne for the last three years as President, you have left big shoes to fill Anne.

With Carol and Elaine retiring from the committee, we have filled their vacancies with Sue Gibbons and Dawn Buxton, a big welcome to you both as well as the rest of our wonderful committee. It's great to have Dawn on the committee from our Monday night sessions.

It was great to see Noelene Shrimpton presented as a life member, a truly deserved accolade.

I do hope you're all surviving the heat, we are trying to keep the clubrooms as cool as possible, and a big thank you to Liz Dey and Judy Bartlett who come in early to turn on the air conditioning, it is making a big difference. We are aware of the heat generated by the lights and are hoping to be in a position to do something about this in the near future.

Please remember Subs are due by 28th Feb, refer to p5 of your programme book for bank account details.

A reminder to ensure your cars are locked while at Bridge, a bowling club member had their car broken into recently.

I hope you are all enjoying your bridge at our friendly club and if there is anything I can do, I would love to

hear from you. *Diane*

Your committee for 2020

Diane *President* Gilda *Secretary*

Teri *Club Captain*

Sue Gibbons *Vice President*

Jane Dekker *Treasurer*

Committee members - Julie Sheridan

Robyn Knight

Mike Nicholson

Brian Cavit

Patty Spencer

Bernie Robinson

Dawn Buxton

Introducing Club Captain Teri ...

Welcome to 2020. Firstly a HUGE thanks to Carol Cullen who after many hard working years has stepped away from being Club Captain, these will be big shoes to fill. However, I am confident that I can call on her (or the Committee) for any advice needed. And those times will come!

Just a quick reminder to be seated on time, at least a quarter of an hour before play starts. We would hate to have to turn anyone away but it's not fair on the Director, the scorers (who are also playing) and the other players.

Also if you are able to help in any way – even if it is coming in early to turn on the air conditioner or help set up the kitchen – all help is really appreciated. Please don't wait to be asked, if you see a need and you can help ...

I hope you have a really good year for Bridge
My contact number is 021 033 2400 or
keezim@gmail.com – I am here to help.

Teri

Congratulations to our members who had Grade changes this year.

Intermediate:

Trish Kidd

Tina Kennedy

Denis Smith

Helen Charteris.

Phil West.

Tim Torr

Jill Stewart

Gabrielle Harris

Open:

Bob Callcutt

Ruth Sweatman

Lyn Bailie

Also congrats to our special .

Karen Martelletti

On her December '19 appointment to

Silver Grand Master

Nb. Programme Book Corrections

correct phone number for Graeme McLean

07 9259251

Also note correction to Page 1 of Programme Book. Whakatane 26 April is INCORRECT and should be Sunday 29 March.

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Feb'20 Countdown Graded Pairs

1st Senior/Junior Pair.

Thursdays Feb'20 Paper Plus Handicap Pairs

Fridays Feb '20 Carol's Hair Salon Pairs

1st Margaret Wakelin & Shirley Knight

2nd Chris Gibson & Sarah Stacey

3rd Julie Downs & Carol Cullen

Bev Lawson & Diane King

1st Ann Cooney & Margo Kirk

2nd Keith Gilbert & Brian Schofield

3rd Gloria Mouatt & Marilyn Wallace

1st Graeme McLean & Julie Downs

2nd Shirley Knight & Sarah Stacey

3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Audrey Gardiner

SUPPORT our SPONSORS COUNTDOWN BAYFAIR

Is our sponsor for our Monday Feb competition.
Please keep shopping there - we all know the location and don't forget 5% discount for gold card holders on Tuesdays!

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

Monday and Wednesday night sessions start at 7pm, all seated by 6.45 please.

X-Club Handicapping System.

An in-depth explanation of this computerised system is on the front noticeboard. In a nutshell – our manually calculated handicaps for each session will no longer exist and all handicaps will be calculated electronically and applied to each handicapped club session. Your handicap will alter slightly with every session you play.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Dianne Beverage (fm Howick club)

Marion Kelly

Hank Kleyn

Belinda Ford

Welcome back to Petrena Lovell.

Farewell to John and Jo De Bono who are off to Dunedin.

NOELENE SHRIMPTON as LIFE MEMBER of the MOUNT MAUNGANUI BRIDGE CLUB

At our recent AGM, the committee endorsed a proposal that Noelene Shrimpton be granted Life Membership of the Mt Club in recognition of her as a founding member, her many years playing, and service as secretary.

Noelene and husband Brian joined the bridge club 44 years ago in 1975 when play was in members' homes. She served as secretary for eight years from 1979 to 1987. She was commended then as being 'another legend of the club'.

The Florence Shrimpton Memorial trophy originally awarded to promote Junior play, was given by Brian Shrimpton in 1982 in memory of his mother Florence. The trophy has variously been contested by Juniors and on Wednesdays, but now again is awarded annually by Noelene to Monday Novice/Junior players.

We all know Noelene for her continuing sharp play at 92 years of age, as well as her caring, positive and cheerful personality. We all agree that In 2020 Noelene continues to be 'a legend of the club'

Lessons 2020

The lessons started on Thursday 13th February with 21 enthusiastic participants. We are hoping for a few more this week. Many are friends of existing players and also the sign outside has been most successful. Annette Dand is kindly dealing the hands and Helen Heuvel is kindly printing the handouts. We have several amazing helpers coming each week. Thanks - you amazing people!

If you know of someone who is keen to learn but has missed the start, do encourage them to come, we can catch them up to about lesson 3. **Bren Birss**