



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club



February 2021 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

from President Diane -

Welcome to our new "home" for the next 12 months. I have had a lot of very positive feedback. There are a few issues to sort out still and one is A/C-heating, we will be getting two heat pumps fitted in the short term. A big thank you goes out to Gilda who co-ordinated the move, she did an amazing job and worked so hard. Gilda has also put equipment left in the club rooms on Trade me, hopefully, windows, kitchen benches, blinds etc. will find homes. Thank you to Julie S who set up the office and connected the computers and TV etc, a job so very well done. Thank you to Bernie for all your hard work in taking down all our shelving, honours boards etc.

We were very sorry to have to cancel the farewell lunch. This was a last minute decision, but Health & Safety dictates our decisions. A big thank you to all of you who offered to bring a plate and Sue Gibbons who co-ordinated the lunch. Thank you to Noelene and Mike who were going to speak about the history of the club rooms.

On Wednesday March 3rd we are going to have a wine and cheese evening along with bridge.

We did ask ladies to bring wine and men cheese and crackers but I think we will be a bit top heavy with wine so perhaps some ladies could also bring cheese and crackers instead of drinks. *Diane*

from Club Captain Teri ...

Hi all – just for your information, our newsletters are being sent out from a 'Google Group' to stop Google shutting us down as spam.

mtbridgeclubnews@gmail.com

Please let me know if you are not receiving them – thank you.

Great to be able to talk about Bridge items for a change.

Our club will be submitting a team to play in the Waikato Bays BOP Inter club Teams on Sunday 25 July 2021, and if we get through - again on Sun 22 August. We will be looking for 2 pairs for Open grade, 2 pairs for Intermediate grade and 2 pairs of Junior grade. A list will go up on the board if you would like to be considered and will be available to play both dates. Teams will be chosen by myself and two other committee members in May (so you have time to plan and practice).

Other events to note: our first event for this Club will be Mt Maunganui Multigrade Pairs on Saturday 17th April. Please note that this tournament will be held at Tauranga Club Rooms.

A change to note is that Bay Pairs is to be held on Sunday 30th May 2021 and not the date stated in your book (a week later) and don't forget NZ Bridge Congress in September being held here in Tauranga!

Happy playing **Teri**

Your committee for 2021

Diane *President*

Gilda *Secretary*

Teri *Club Captain*

Jane Dekker *Treasurer*

Committee members - Anne Clarke

Julie Sheridan

Mike Nicholson

Brian Cavit

Dawn Buxton

Isobel McIntyre

Michele Larnder

Please note - Directors' Seminar

Part 1: Scoring, Movements and Seeding

By Allan Joseph

Rotorua Bridge Club Sunday 21st March

This is the first part of a two-part seminar. The second part will be held in Matamata 27 June and will cover Rules and Regulations. This seminar is targeted at those who are interested in directing at their home club. Morning Tea from 9:30.

10:00 start.

Morning and Afternoon session, lunch is provided.

Contact Teri if you'd like to attend.

CLUB RESULTS

Thursdays Nov'20	Downtown Pharmacy Handicap Pairs	1st Margaret Carmichael & Linley Hay 2nd Diane King & Margo Kirk 3rd Gloria Mouatt & Lesley Stephen
Mondays Feb'21	Ray White Papamoa Pairs (best 2 of 3 - Covid interrupted)	1st Kay Wright Wright & John Laugesen 2nd Pam Clotworthy & Hanny Hepburn 3rd Kath Harvey & Brenda Macfarlane
Wednesdays Feb'21	Pacific Coast Handicap Pairs	1st Richard Roberts & Jenny Fraser 2nd Liz Dey & Teri Logie 3rd Judy Bartlett & June Nightingale
Thursdays Feb'21	Paper Plus Handicap Pairs	1st Nora Pronk & Ben de Kleijnen 2nd Dixie Horne & Annette Dand 3rd Margo Kirk & Diane King
Thursdays Feb'21	Event Cinemas Handicap Pairs	1st Merle Halligan & Margaret Carmichael 2nd Isobel McIntyre & Michele Larnder 3rd Margo Kirk & Diane King
Fridays Feb '21	Carol's Hair Salon Pairs	1st Shirley Knight & Sarah Stacey 2nd Marilyn Wallace & Joy Holmes 3rd Corrine Levy & Flo Nield

SUPPORT our SPONSORS

Sponsorship steward Mike Nicholson writes that one of the earliest completed competitions this year was Carol's Hair Salon (aka CHS) Pairs. This sponsor has supported our club for many years, and very generously!

"I have to say that, were I to win the competition, the voucher for hair "DO's" would present a serious personal challenge, given my dearth of hair. However there are, I am sure, many ladies who could profitably support this Mt Maunganui located hair salon". But wait - CHS stocks many products that men could redeem for prize vouchers - perhaps Mike could find something to combat his follicle problem.

In the meantime we await the winners,
Shirley Knight and Sarah Stacy,
bedecked in purple and pink rinses!

Carol's Hair Salon,
aka **CHS Hairdressing**
salon@chsnewzealand.co.nz

Ph 07 5740206

206a Maunganui Rd, free parking at the rear.

Lessons 2021

Beginner lessons start on Thursday March 11th, 7.00 to 9.30. The cost is \$70. Please encourage friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues to come and learn our wonderful game.

Any club members are welcome at no charge to attend any lessons. And yes, lessons will be held at our new temporary premises. Please ring for further information.

07 5752474 or 0272560774

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Our Monday night

correspondent has changed with **Michelle Lardner** now wielding her keyboard to inform/update/educate/encourage our novices and brookies who attend Monday night sessions.

Michele notes that Holiday Bridge was well attended by Monday night players who have gained from the experience of playing against opposition with more advanced skills. We would all like to thank **Sharyn Rudolf** for her seven years of sterling work keeping Monday night players informed and organising partners when required.

And space for something lighter . . .

Teaching a class on counting losers and how to get rid of them, a learner is asked how many losers they have. Correctly replied, "three". "And what are you going to do with them?" "Lose them right away so I don't have to worry about them any longer."

Welcome to New and Returning Members

David Barber
Julia Gardiner
Jean Sales
Jane Dewar
Bernard Lamusse
Dianne Stephens
Barbara Chew
Jackie Blue
Jim Kaye
Glenys Kaye
Justin Sims

and farewell to these members and others resigning -
Jan Kirk - resigning due to ill health. Jan was a member for 28 years, committee member, Vice President and then President in 2006.

also,
Byrta Wagstaff
Cath King
Lesley Stephen
Lois Taylor

Sad to say
A final farewell and RIP to our special
Helen Walker
Marie Spence
Fred Chaud



Above: 1st day of play in our new temporary premises 22 Feb 2021

**a BIG bouquet to our
committee members**

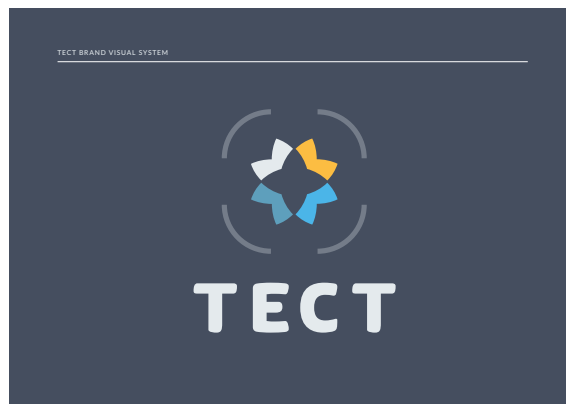
who planned and facilitated the move from the old clubrooms to our comfortable and airy temporary home. In particular **Gilda** for liaising with the council and tradespersons, **Julie S.** for transferring our old electronic systems to the new and finding a space for absolutely everything, **Diane R** for hanging our familiar curtains, **Robyn** who manicured the front garden, **Bernie** for keeping all our noticeboards, signage and other transportables in one piece and other members who assisted too. Successful planning meant the first day of play went seamlessly with bridge mates, scoring and emailing all connecting as expected. The only late arrival was the hot water urn meaning a cold drink at break time rather than hot on our first day.



You will all have received an email from Karen M about the annual **New Zealand Bridge National Congress** coming to town (and hopefully here to stay!). This is the thirty-sixth year this event is to be held.

It starts on the **25th September** and finished on the **2nd October 2021**
Please read this email and volunteer if you can and contact Karen.

Don't forget the following lovely sponsors who provided super raffle prizes last year. Also TECT who helped us with expenses and also our move to our new temporary premises and also for assistance to our new lovely premises.

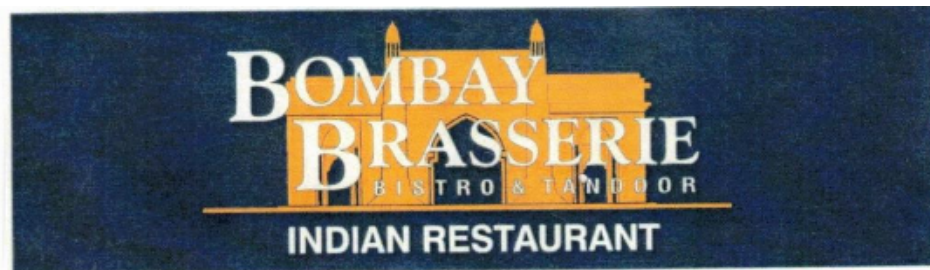




Deco Garden World (Bethlehem) 2 x \$20 vouchers



Double Teaspoons- Papamoa Plaza – Coffee Vouchers



Bombay Brasserie (Mt Maunganui) 2x\$50 Voucher



Cobb&Co Rotorua 1x\$50 Voucher



Mt Pharmacy (Maunganui Road) 1x\$25Voucher



Unichem Pharmacy (Girven&Granada St) 1x\$100Voucher



Bayfair Mall (AMP) 2x \$10Vouchers