



# Mt Maunganui Bridge Club



February 2025 Newsletter

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## from President Michele -

Welcome to the 2025 season of Bridge at the Mount. Holiday Bridge was well attended, and we have had excellent numbers at all our weekly sessions indicating the members are keen to play. Club Captain Teri has outlined our main events for the next two months.

The membership of our committee remains stable, and it was good to welcome Bernie Robinson to the group at our 1st meeting of the new year. Bernie is already making a significant contribution to the club through his work with maintenance and running the successful Wednesday casual Bridge afternoon. Lessons start next week with Graham Stern returning as our main teacher for the Monday night group. Thank you to the members who have recommended the game to family and friends. This remains a key source of lesson attendees. We will be running more skills sessions for beginners and improvers later in the year. Keep an eye on emails for more information closer to the time.

We are currently investigating upgrading our Bridge mates and attaining funding to meet the cost of this project. There is a new version of the Bridgemates becoming available and these will work seamlessly with our current servers. Tablets have been considered as an option but the feedback from several clubs with tablets is not positive. The main issue being the constant need to charge the tablets.

Please be mindful at sessions that our low ceiling does create a noise issue when some people are still playing while those who have finished carry on conversations, can we make a real effort to keep the volume low in this situation.

**Remember** "The beauty of bridge is that you can always learn something new, no matter how long you've been playing."

**Michele**

## Happy Anniversary to Club Captain Teri ...

who started her role 5 years ago in 2020, she says Hi all, Lovely to be back in full steam.

Welcome to new members!

Just a little housekeeping - the library books are there to be borrowed, however it is on a trust system, and unfortunately some books have been taken out and no name written down. They are now considered missing. If you do have our library books at home (for over 4 weeks) please either return them or renew them in the book. Thank you!

Deposits into the Club Bank Account: - please keep in mind that these are only reconciled at the end of each month, so you will not see them appear until then. Table money is deducted weekly.

Please ensure that you have **YOUR NAME** (especially if you are paying out of a company name or another named account) and your **NZ BRIDGE NUMBER** appears against each deposit. It would be great if you could keep your account in credit.

Don't forget our **Multigrade Tournament on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Great place to enter a tournament if it's your first time! Prizes for all the combinations from Junior/Junior, Open/Intermediate etc. etc. Places will be limited to 30 tables so book online sooner rather than later.

Lastly - **"Fun Over the Bridge" March 30th 1-4pm Team Event @ Tauranga Bridge Club.**

A list for names for teams will be going up on the board. Time to get the trophy back. Same format with Junior, Intermediate and Open teams

**Happy Bridge Teri**

## YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2025

Michele Larnder *President*

Barbara Stimson *Secretary*

Teri *Club Captain*

Jane Dekker *Treasurer*

*Committee members* - Julie Sheridan

Dianne Stephens

Isobel McIntyre

Kay Burnie

Bernie Robinson

Joanne McLean

## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Feb'25 **Sunrise Ave  
Handicap Pairs**

1st Hanny Hepburn & Nancye Ward  
2nd Merle Halligan & Gloria Mouatt  
3rd Judy Bartlett & Liz Dey

Mondays Feb'25 pm **Bunnings  
Handicap Pairs**

1st Allan Goodhall & Emma Barber  
2nd Sue Werren & Mick Werren  
3rd Lucy Hollister & Diana Foster

Fridays Feb '25 **Wells Ave  
Pairs**

1st Flo Nield & Carol Grant  
2nd Ross Petersen & Barbara Stimson  
3rd Jean Scott & Linda Ball

AFTER player's  
lamenting over  
poor showings at  
holiday bridge,  
unsympathetic  
comment -  
"oh, the  
committee will  
probably send  
someone round to  
collect all those  
trophies . . ."

Well done to members achieving *change* recently  
**2025 NZB and Club Grade Changes**

**NZB Junior to Intermediate  
Club Junior to Senior**

Gill West  
Judy George  
Dianne Stevens  
Judith Somerville

**Club Novice to Junior**

Sandy Hastings  
Marlene Grant  
Alan Withrington  
Nikki Baguley

**NZB Novice to Certificate of Proficiency  
(Feb)**

Rachael Fraser  
Janne Hennah

### HUGE ACCLAIM

to Mt Maunganui players who excelled at the Tauranga  
Club's **MINI CONGRESS** held over Anniversary Weekend  
late January.

**CONGRATS** especially to

**Pamela Pedersen & Alan Parkes**  
winners

**Waikato Bays Provincial Pairs** 'Just take a look at all  
the strong pairs they beat to see what a tremendous  
result this was' comments Richard Soloman, NZB.

Also shining in the Restricted Open Pairs were

\*Diane Rodger & Lyn Bailie  
\*Michele Larnder & Helene Paterson  
\*Janice Simpson & Judy Waldvogel  
\*Annie Barry & Flo Nield

### Lessons 2025

If you know of someone who is keen to learn  
all relevant promotional info available at the  
club plus the big notice board on our  
roadside.

Monday evening tutor = Graham Stern  
Wednesday afternoon = Michele Larnder



message from **Treasurer Jane** -

New banking requirements are to enter the name of an  
entity's bank account correctly,

**Mount Maunganui Bridge Club Incorporated.**  
**03-0374-0045537-01**

When making a deposit, **Name** and **NZ Bridge  
Number** are critical references for accurate  
processing. It is no longer necessary to add what the  
money is for now that members are invoiced through  
their accounts.

### WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

June Turner  
Peter Uffindell  
John Sheridan

### Returning Members

Maria Paterson  
Kay Hammer

Let's join NZ Bridge and congratulate the following  
local players who will represent bridge  
internationally in 2025, names most of our  
members will recognise.

**Hefei China May 2025 - Kate Terry**  
**Herning Demark August 2025 - Christine &  
Jenna Gibbons**

**FOUND** - fancy heavy card player's **pen**, looks  
expensive, if it's yours, claim from the office.

**FYI - Online Directors Training Courses**

Feb - May 2025

Short course - Certificate of Achievement - no examinations

Full course - Club Directors Training

These two courses are run concurrently - check with Teri for further info.

**Nb. Programme Book Corrections**

p. 19 **Friday** Aug 1, 8, 15 Pilot Bay Singles.

**Singles** Event - should be marked \* To qualify, players must play with a different partner each session.



**SUPPORT our SPONSORS**

If you're meeting folks off a cruise ship and can't distinguish them in the crowd, visibility assistance available nearby at

**M.H. ROGERS OPTOMETRIST,**

257 Mt Maunganui Rd

Look for the dotterel mural down a laneway where you will find help, opposite Coronation Park.

**M. H. ROGERS**  
**OPTOMETRIST**



- ❖ Murray is a New Zealand trained Optometrist who has practiced independently in The Mount since 1980.
- ❖ Murray welcomes all Bridge Players to his well appointed practice.
- ❖ Murray and his staff take great pride in providing the best vision care for his patients.



*Big Congratulations to*  
**Judy Bartlett,**

*our newest Life Member*

*always involved, always there, always helping.*

**Above** - Life Member Jean Scott, new Life Member Judy and President Michele



*2024 Power award to **Gilda Rowland,***  
*recognition for all help and*  
*fund-raising efforts National Party hosting.*

Upcoming Intermediate Lesson: **Tartan 2s**

**Tauranga Bridge Club**

Following on from the multi 2D lesson that was run in January, this lesson shows you what to do with the 2H and 2S opening bids that are now freed up by playing the multi 2D. You will often hear people at the club calling these 'Tartan 2s'. It will be on Tuesday the 25th of February at 7pm, cost is table money, registration essential.

If you are playing any bridge that is not strictly at a Junior level then it is worthwhile you learning how these bids work, even if you don't immediately add them to your own system. It's very difficult to interfere with your opponents bidding if you can't figure out what their bidding means!

Find full details and register at the following link or respond to this email and I can manually register you:

<https://taurangabridge.helloclub.com/public/event/67b2c96489d973d45ed7b64d/intermediate-lesson-tartan-2s>

Thanks,

Mike Newton - President

021 1181294

**Literature**

A number of literary heroes played bridge:

- Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg.
- Ian Fleming's James Bond. For example, in Moonraker, Bond rigs the pack to deal a 34-count to Drax.
- Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot. Interestingly, Christie made a mistake in "Cards on the Table", where the murder was committed during a bridge game, because she forgot to include '50 for the insult' (for making a doubled/redoubled contract) in the scores.

**Home Sweet Home**



Wayne "I get a really bad headache after a long bridge tournament". Frank "Do what I do. I put my head on my wife's bosom, and the headache goes away." ... *The next day* ... Frank "Did you do what I told you to do?" Wayne "Sure did and it works! By the way, you have a nice house!"

**from the NZB archives 2016 . . .**

The Spa Town Teams is the only tournament on the Te Aroha calendar. The intermediate section was won by Tina Dudley, Carol Cullen, Muriel Cruickshank (late) and Gilda Rowlands (sic) from the Mt Maunganui club.



What is the personality of a bridge player?

**AVERAGE AGE OF  
PLAYERS (2024) = 68.7  
YEARS**

A multidimensional analysis of a new 66-item Bridge Inventory survey completed by

1,300 players,

identified five

meaningful factors

**Aggressiveness**

**Discipline**

**Creativity**

**Emotionality**

**Experience**

supporting their  
validity.