



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club



January 2026 Newsletter

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from President Michele -

Welcome back to all our club members! We are delighted to see you return and look forward to an exciting season ahead filled with camaraderie and great Bridge.

Holiday Bridge has been very well attended, and this has been the ideal time to test our new Bridgemates and solve the inevitable issues that come with new technology. Teri Logie, Julies and Jane are working hard to solve the problems, and there have been many emails between the distributor, Tauranga Bridge club (who also have introduced the new Bridgemates), and us. I'm sure you will all agree, the change is worthwhile and the new Bridgemates are very easy to use.

Our AGM is 4th of next month, 6.15pm, followed by the second session of the Welcome Back Pairs. If you are unable to attend, please write your name on the apologies list that is available on the front table at each Bridge session prior to the AGM.

If you are interested in joining the committee, we would love to hear from you. Being part of the committee is a rewarding way to contribute to the club's ongoing success and help shape our activities for the coming year. Please talk to any current committee member if you would like more information or are considering putting your name forward.

Looking ahead, we have a wonderful year in store for our club. With everyone's enthusiasm and support, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy friendly competition, improve our Bridge skills and foster the sense of community that makes our club special.

Let's make 2026 a memorable and successful year together!

Michele

IMPORTANT - Programme Book Correction

Please note p.17 Wednesday night competition
July 15th, July 22nd and July 29th
is to be played as

Paul Nielson Memorial Pairs.

most of your books will have been corrected, but please ensure yours is up to speed.



Club Captain Teri explains ...

where a sizeable portion of your sub goes ...
The Board of NZ Bridge sets the fees it charges Regions and Clubs to issue Masterpoints and may amend these fees from time to time on giving 3 months' notice in writing.

The current fee structure is as follows.

Club Sessions: 30c per participating Player for pairs or 1.25 cents per board, per participating Player for Swiss Pairs and Teams.

- **Tournament Sessions:** \$2.50 per participating Player per Session for pairs or 10 cents per board, per participating Player for Swiss Pairs and Teams.
- **A Points:** \$1 per A Point awarded per participating Player. Fractional A points are charged as a fraction of one dollar eg .48 A points for a match win = a charge of 48cents.

Membership Levy for Home Club Members - \$7.00 plus GST per quarter.

So \$28 minimum a year per member goes to NZB plus other charges detailed above.

You will see that for tournaments, \$5 of the entry fee goes to NZ Bridge.

But please, continue to support and enjoy our club for 2026 and beyond.

Happy Bridge, Teri

Wheelchair

The Club would like to have a wheelchair on site. If anyone has one they no longer have use for and would be willing to let go of for a reasonable price please see a member of the Committee



CLUB RESULTS

2025

Mondays Dec '25	Mount Eliza Cheese Handicap Pairs	1st Hanny Hepburn & Kerry Crosby 2nd Lorraine Murrie & Annie Barry 3rd Gilda Rowland & Dot Skousgaard
Mondays Nov '25 pm	Mauao Handicap Pairs	1st Allan Goodhall & Emma Barber 2nd Sue Werren & Mick Werren 3rd Brian Breen & Laurelle Breen
Wednesdays Nov'25	Bell Plumbing Handicap Pairs	1st Helen Charteris & Ruth Sweatman 2nd Gill West & Phil West 3rd Jenny Fraser & Richard Roberts
Thursdays Nov'25	Forsyth Barr Handicap Pairs	1st Carol Jones & Kerry Crosby 2nd Lois O'Donnell & Judith Robinson 3rd Mary Keane & Susan Treadgold
Fridays Nov'25	Surf Rd Pairs	1st Joy Holmes & Carol Grant 2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Bren Birss 3rd Barry Crosby & Joe Brown

Recent Rank Promotions -

Compliments to Recipients!!

Provincial Master to Master
Pamela Pedersen
Megan Richards

Junior to Intermediate
Diane King
Nikki Baguley
Jane Larsen
Michele Rogers
Richard Roberts
Jenny Fraser
Graeme Boyd
Desrai Karl

Intermediate to Open
Bettina Dudley

Certificate of Proficiency to
Club Master
Susan Treadgold

As we start the new Bridge year, please be
mindful and considerate . . .

Please Be Considerate

- ▼ Be polite to your partner, other competitors and tournament officials
- ▼ Greet your opponents as they arrive at the table
- ▼ Introduce yourself to people you don't know
- ▼ Be on time
- ▼ Thank your opponents at the end of the round/match
- ▼ Explain your system clearly and simply, if asked
- ▼ Acknowledge good play by your opponents
- ▼ Don't discuss hands until the break
- ▼ Be understanding of newer players
- ▼ Respect our directors
- ▼ Report poor behaviour to the Recorder



... while all were on holiday, support activity continued at the club ...

Left - Kay Burnie steam cleaned any soiled chairs - thank you Kay.

Right - many hours were spent by Teri and the team to ensure seamless integration of our generation III Bridgemates

WARM WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Pat Webb
Carol De Luca
Jean Morris



Convenor **Bernie Robinson's** update ...
for

Wednesday afternoon Social Bridge

which recommenced on January 7th with a very good turnout of 6 tables and this increased to 7 tables the following week, a larger number than expected for this time of year

For those that don't know Wednesday Social Bridge is a relaxed, friendly session for primarily newbies (but we welcome players of all levels)

who have done the lessons but want to develop their game where there are no strict time limits, and players are encouraged to help one another, discussing strategies and learning from mistakes without judgment.

A mid-session break provides an opportunity to chat, share tips and discuss the boards played. This can't be done on competition days as others may not have played those hands.

Join Bernie and his team of deputies every Wednesday for an enjoyable afternoon of social bridge. No pressure, no scoring stress - just good cards and good company.

All players welcome.

Cost per session is \$4 for members paid through your Compa\$\$ account and \$6 for visitors.

the **Australian** Youth Pairs and **Australian** Youth Teams were held 10 - 18 January in Canberra. Nine kiwis including

Marcus Dudley attended for the week. It looked to be a fun event with water fights, free pizza, jenga and informal sports meets included in the mix. Serious stuff though when it came to the TransTasman teams event, billed as a Test Match, with bidding boxes and partners screened from each other. Two NZ teams, including Marcus, competed with a close victory to New Zealand.

Earlier in the week Marcus had competed in the Eclectic pairs, winning by 0.57%

Well done Marcus.

