



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club



January 2022 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

from President Diane -

Happy 2022 to you all and welcome to first time recipients of our monthly edition of Spadework.

Julie Downs, our editor does a wonderful job, thank you Julie.

Our New Year competition commences this week, Jan 25th. If you don't already have a programme book, please collect yours from the club next time you are there.

While we wait for Omicron to unfold its tentacles in the community, we will just have to wait and see what impact it has, in the meantime it is important to get on with our lives, taking all precautions, following our protocol and advice from the MOH.

I welcome all new members to our club, enjoy your time with us.

2022 will be an exciting time for us all with the new club rooms due to open at the end of April, while it will be sad to leave the bowling club, it has served us well, and it will be nice to have our own new space. More to come as we get closer to the opening.

With the absence of Bren, we will be running lessons at the Mount. Graham Stern will be our tutor. The lessons are due to start on the 10th

March, so if you have family, friends or acquaintances interested in learning bridge, contact Isobel McIntyre 021 1127151.

A reminder, the AGM is on Feb 9th at 6.16pm.

Enjoy your bridge, stay safe and well.

Diane

from Club Captain Teri ...

January is volunteer month. Please consider volunteering for learning to score, deal, direct, or assist with the lessons. Thank you to all the dealers who have already started! Also Scorers, convenors, Bernie doing the handyman jobs, Julie D for this newsletter. The Committee for all their work. And Directors. Anyone I have forgotten – thanks.

However, the club always needs things done. Please help when you can especially before a session, tidy up after yourself and remember to say thanks to those who are doing all of the above.

As per Government guidelines, we can still hold our usual sessions under the Red Traffic Light Setting. We will continue to review this decision, taking all necessary precautions and following our protocol. So hope to see you all at a session this week.

Happy playing **Teri**



advance request . . .

Can any members recommend a cleaner for our clubrooms?

Applicant not required immediately but there will possibly be a vacancy in the near future.

Suggestions to Secretary Gilda please.

Remember our AGM

Wednesday 9 February @ 6.15 p.m.

with a complimentary glass of wine on offer!

The Committee has a gap this year for a Secretary. Please give some thought to taking up this easy role. The Committee meets monthly at 10 a.m. on a Tuesday and meetings seldom go beyond one hour.

NZB chair Allan Morris gives us a 'heads up' for 2022

****New logo and brand identity design was launched on 1 December.**



****New to bridge website: www.playbridge.co.nz (beginners website)**

****Whilst our priority is to encourage face to face bridge, we recognise online bridge has a role. The plan is to have at least one online tournament this year. Over the weekend of 17th & 18th December '22 NZBridge will host a 10A Teams and a 10A Swiss Pairs on the RealBridge Platform. In the meantime keep these dates free.**

****Membership numbers are down which is not unusual as clubs review and purge their membership lists. Some clubs are experiencing high losses.**

****As we move to red traffic light bridge can continue, limited to 100, provided players are fully vaccinated. Further advisories will follow as and when the Government make further announcements.**

We cannot hold the Congress live because our country is "red" but we can still hold it on "Real Bridge".
Dates 10 Feb - 17th Feb Start times 11am and 3pm (for kibitzing - easy to log in and follow your favs.)

2021 Interprovincials - *Congratulations to Marcus Dudley and Teammates*
The 2021 Interprovincials were held online due to Covid in November last year..

4 Youth Teams competed in the event - Auckland, Waikato Bays, South Island and Barbarians

Marcus Dudley was a member of the winning Youth Team with partner, Jacob Kalma and teammates Charlotte Jager and Tyrel Glass.

Lessons 2022

Beginner lessons start on Thursday March 10th, 7.00 to 9.30pm and will be conducted by esteemed tutor Graham Stern and a team of helpers. The cost is \$70 for 12 lessons and free club membership for 2022.

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. In addition we plan to have social "back-up" sessions on Sunday afternoons once students have a few lessons under their belt.

SUPPORT our SPONSORS

This month we highlight a longterm supporter - as long as our records - of the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club.

BELL PLUMBING

this year has stepped up and as well as a general contribution, has now sponsored the **Bell Plumbing** Pairs Wednesday pms.

We're all familiar with the **Bell Plumbing** catch phrase "we come when you call" - they try to honour this commitment but things are different these days. However, their office is staffed from 7am and every effort is made to timely sort plumbing issues. Add them to your Contacts - always there for an emergency.

Locally located at 60 Hewletts Rd. ph. 07 5754478. office@bellplumbing.co.nz

Welcome to New Members

Cindy Sims

Reit Jansen

Barbara Stimson

and farewell to these long time resigning members

Keith Gilbert

Sharon Rudolph

Sad to say a final farewell to our special ***Daphne Ansell***

who died in November last year. Daphne learnt to play bridge in Samoa where her husband was a bank manager and had been a Mt Maunganui Bridge Club member for about 25 years.

Daphne's friend Jan Kirk attended during holiday bridge and delivered a uplifting story of a lasting friendship involving bridge, golf, cruising holidays and Probus. Jan and Daphne were Club Office bearers, respectively President and Club Captain in the mid 2000's. They were responsible for commissioning the robust card tables we still use today. Daphne and Jan managed improving the bathroom facilities in our now demolished rooms and Daphne regretted not being able to experience our new clubrooms.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS for achieving 2022 NZB and Club Grade changes

Karyl Anderson - Club Novice to Junior

Kay Burnie - Club Novice to Junior

Jenni Calderwood - Club Novice to Junior

Anne Cooper - Club Novice to Junior

Marcus Dudley - NZB Junior to Intermediate, Club Junior to Senior

Glenys Kaye - NZB Junior to Intermediate, Club Junior to Senior

Alan Lawton - Club Novice to Junior

Joanne McLean - Club Novice to Junior

Jan Moyes - Club Novice to Junior

Helene Paterson - NZB Junior to Intermediate, Club Junior to Senior

Steve Porter - NZB Junior to Intermediate, Club Junior to Senior



and lastly check out our new look **THURSDAY BRIDGE.**

Thursday bridge continues with emphasis on social play but now with a new time slot of 1pm. But wait ... the rooms are open from 12noon so members can still bring their lunch and play later.

There's a full year of competitions - **ALL HANDICAP EVENTS** - with the first Thursday of the month styled as a "fun day" with spot prizes awarded on the day.

After bridge there's time for socialising with a **BYO** format, this is the place to 'get to know' other players more informally. We are known to be a friendly club and here is another opportunity to mix and mingle.

Carol Cullen ph 5755927 is your lovely partnership steward for Thursdays.

Book your **THURSDAY BRIDGE** partners now and come along to see what's on offer.