

SPADEWORK

June 2018 Newsletter

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from President Anne -

Being a member of our Bridge Club is never dull or boring. There are always new challenges and things to be done!

Firstly, thank you to all the wonderful supporters of our Bay Pairs Tournament on Sunday 10 June.

Not just for those who played bridge, and many very well, but also to those who brought food for morning tea, soup for lunch, or offered help in the kitchen.

You all played a huge part in making the day go smoothly.

Our third tournament will be upon us very soon - on Saturday 21 July and is our biggest event of the year.

This is our combined Novice/Junior/Intermediate day and so on this occasion we ask our 'more experienced' players to give support serving morning tea and lunch.

We do encourage our eligible members to enter this tournament. At your home club, it is a wonderful chance to play at your own level and also to have a lot of fun.

It might even inspire some to venture to tournament further afield. *Anne Clarke*

from... nzbridge.co.nz

May news

Jane Stearns is currently delivering bridge lessons to 17 refugees and migrants as part of the curriculum this term for the advanced ESOL course at Hamilton Settlement Centre. From Jane: "The students are from Afghanistan, Syria, Colombia, Congo, Hong Kong, Korea, Pakistan and one Cambodian monk. Many thanks to my co-volunteers drawn from members of both Cambridge and Hamilton Clubs who give their time to help this venture. Huge thanks also to NZB and the Hamilton Bridge Club who have generously agreed to waive their annual fees to enable refugees to join in the game and aid their integration into their local community. The classes are great fun and competitiveness runs very high at times!"

Club Captain Carol muses

Halfway through the year already, wow. I know next year still seems some time away but we would like to hear from members who may be interested in going on the committee. Give it some thought, even if you are a newby. Speaking from experience, with only a year of bridge under my belt, I went on the committee and it has been a great learning curve into what goes on behind the scenes. You'll enjoy it.

On 21st July we have our Intermediate, Junior, Novice Tournament. Please start organising your partners and let's make it a great day.

Good bridging everyone.

Bridge is a *partnership game*. Given that fact, let partner help you. Single handed **guesses** are just that. You either guess right or you guess wrong. If you allow partner to help you, you can change guesses into certainties. Also proper hand evaluation is a tool to assist you in your bidding. Without proper hand evaluation, you are not bidding, you are guessing. If you are an experienced player who does not evaluate the hand properly, you are an "experienced guesser" rather than a good bidder. You have developed good guessing skills due to your experience but if you do not use hand evaluation you will be wrong far too often. Bridge judgment must be a combination of experience and hand evaluation skills. Good guessing skills needs good luck.

Bidding skills needs less reliance on luck .
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no Spadework for July - your editor is off to Africa.
Look out for the August edition

CLUB RESULTS

Wednesdays June '18 **Harcourts
Rotational Teams**

Thursdays June '18 **Van Dyk
Handicap Pairs**

Fridays May'18 **Travelcom
Pairs**

1st **West-Stern Force** Helen Heuvel Graham Stern
John Laugesen Teri Logie Gill West
2nd **Dutch Courage** Annette Dand Helen Moffat
Caren Van Der Meys Martin Van Der Meys
3rd **Scotty's Mob** Kerry Crosby Barry Crosby
Jan Russell Jean Scott Sarah Stacey
1st Gloria Mouatt & Carol Cullen
2nd Edna Williams & Fay Irwin
3rd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield
1st Marilyn Wallace & Hanny Hepburn
2nd Liz Gilbert & Nancye Ward
3rd Jean Scott & Judith Wilson

BIDDING TIP rule of 10 - we have 10 trumps so the opposition must have a trump fit too in something else so bid game to force them or stop them

When your partner is playing even worse than usual you might say: "You know, you may not be the worst player in the world, but if that person should die...."

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Jocelyn Scown
Mary Keane
Nichola Edwards
Mandy Tibshraeny
Steve Mouat
Lisa Stewart
Dean Thompson
Linda Dalliessi
Peter Boynton
Claire Beard
Margaret Clarke
Jenny Best
Alan Winstanley
Jackie Kelly
Sean Kelly
Phyllis Leech
Shirley Burgess
Sharyn Martin
Anna Rutten
Deidre Copley
Tertia Van Der Walt

Last Monday night seven Brookies came to practise their Bridge. Following on from the previous session we focused on bidding Balanced hands, including bigger hands with 14 - 19 points. These were quite challenging, but everyone made a great effort. Next week we shall spend more time just practising play.

Well done to our Brookies for persevering with your Bridge - you will never regret the effort you have made.

Dixie & Judy



Bridgies & Brookies

A big shout-out to

Phil West & Richard Roberts

who have joined the club's '70's Club' this year by scoring a massive **73.79%**. Well done chaps!!

Novice placings

There has been some confusion about qualifying for Novice placings.

To be eligible for a Novice Champ Single placing, Novice members must play with a different Novice player for each session.

The best 3 out of 4 scores played with another Novice will be counted.

A Novice may play once with a Junior, but that session will be the one that's not counted towards the final

STOP PRESS 77.08%

by EW pair Friday 22nd June!
congrats Hanny Hepburn & Shirley Knight

wow!!!

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