

SPADEWORK

June 2017 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs



from President Anne -

It was a pleasure to see so many of our members playing in the recent Tauranga Intermediate, Junior and Novice Tournament.

It is a great way to gain experience and it is good to mix with other enthusiasts.

Our members also featured in top placings in all categories. Congratulations to you all!

Cathy and Graham Burgess - 3rd in the Novice

Robyn Knight and Judith Robinson - 2nd in the Junior

Carol Cullen and Mike Nicholson - 2nd in the Intermediate (beaten by a mere 0.07)

Carol and Mike are currently heading the Waikato/Bays Intermediate League Table.

On 22 July we have our own Intermediate/Junior/Novice Tournament to look forward to.

So choose your partners and start practising in readiness for this.

Anne

A main ingredient for success at duplicate bridge is to develop and maintain concentration. In particular it takes a disciplined person to concentrate throughout a session when holding bad cards. The tendency is to think, "No exciting hands, lots of boring defence." Well, that is not a winning attitude. The other players at your seat are holding the same bad cards. Someone in your seat is going to win the section at the very least. Why can't it be you? Try to remain focussed because one of the game's charm is that you may be required to make a key call or play at any time.

- August Boehm.



Club Captain Carol comments ...

Happy days, an increasing membership and a happy treasurer, so good news. Here we are half way through the year - it's hard to believe. It is sad to see long term members and friends suffering ill health, Colleen Ross and Muriel Cruickshank, Byrta and Dallas - we wish them well in the future.

To more mundane things, to try to be fair to our hard-working and hugely important directors, the committee have decided to pay the non-playing directors to do the bulk of the kitchen duties on a Monday afternoon and Wednesday night, or if non-playing and there are 12 or more tables, at other sessions. Please feel free to help a little but don't hold up play by lingering in the kitchen if not required. A big thank you to all who do help.

Please remember to keep bidding slips and call the director if disputes arise, as you know, minimum disruption at the tables is desirable. Most problems can be sorted amicably but to settle a dispute afterwards without evidence is always difficult.

Just a reminder to let me know if your Bridgemate is playing up. This is an issue that will continue as accumulated grease and dirt build up requires them to be cleaned from time to time.

Enjoyable bridging everyone.

Missing Jacket

Judy Bartlett ph 5759910 is sure her jacket was taken by mistake and will be discovered in someone's car or cupboard sooner or later. It is a size 10, black, lined cotton jacket by "Newport". Please take a look among all your black gear.

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays May '17 Esquires Coffee Pairs

1st Linley Hay & Bev Walker
2nd Muriel Cruickshank & Liz Simpson
3rd Margaret Jones & Marilyn Wallace
AMENDED RESULT Novice & Junior Champs Pairs - (incorrect results in May Spadework)

Mondays pm May'17 Novice & Junior Champs Pairs

1st Carolyn Toy & Judith Robinson
2nd Gill West & Phil West
3rd Robyn Kight & Elaine Kingsford

Wednesdays May '17 Bell Plumbing Pairs

1st Barry Crosby & Pamela Pedersen
2nd Kay Wright & Helen Heuvel
3rd Linley Hay & Jennifer Davies

Thursdays May '17 Carol's Hair Salon Handicap Pairs

1st Dorothy Harvey & Catherine King
2nd Patty Spencer & Carol Cullen
3rd Gloria Mouatt & Joan Smith

Thursdays May '17 Furniture Gallery Handicap Pairs

1st Linley Hay & Patty Spencer
2nd Carol Cullen & Mike Nicholson
3rd Yvonne Madden & Jo-an White

Fridays May '17 Travelcom Pairs

1st Mike Huymans & Barry Crosby
2nd Julie Downs & Jose McDonald
3rd Helen Heuvel & Graham Stern

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ACCOLADE

Our club held Round 3 of the Bay Pairs on 11 June. Thanks to our wonderful Committee and not forgetting those in the "Back Room" who give of their time so tirelessly, we had a very well run Tournament. We had two visitors from Christchurch, Allayne and Patrick Kennedy. Each time they sat down at our table they remarked how well the Tournament was run. They emailed the morning after the Tournament to thank our Club for having had such a wonderful day out, and remarked on the warm welcome they were given as they went around the room. What a great boost for our Club.

- Tournament Secretary, Sarah

Director is called after a 2 minute pause by East. Partner at West avoids a penalty by explaining this is normal for partner's thought processes!

WELCOME to NEW MEMBER

Margaret Somers Ph 9296509

Sadly we say Good bye to ex-President

Muriel Cruickshank

who has moved to Auckland for health reasons. Muriel was president 2011 and '12 and among other things was responsible for installing the commercial dishwasher and the writing of a protocol for disciplining members whose

behavior at the club is unacceptable. Both have proved valuable tools in the management of the club in their very different ways!!

All the best Muriel

Mary Wright

a regular reader of SPADEWORK, turned 100 last month at Bayswater Village.

Mary started playing bridge at Torbay Auckland in 1982 before joining the Mt Maunganui Club in 1989 and played until 2009. Mary receives monthly SPADEWORK via Marie Spence delivery inc.