



## Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

June 2025 Newsletter

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### from President Michele -

In the spirit of Matariki we now look forward to longer days giving us more time to play Bridge. We must give a special congratulations to Marcus Dudley and Alan Parkes winning the 2025 Bay of Plenty Pairs. They had some serious competition and winning this event is certainly worth note.

Well done to Teri Logie for being runner-up to best Intermediate player in the competition.

Our first of a series of Skills Nights begins on Monday 30th of June. There will be eight sessions run over four nights catering for beginners and improvers. There is a poster in the training room where you can check out the upcoming topics and dates. Thanks to Frances Ball who is co-ordinating the improvers sessions.

On Monday 7th of July, we officially welcome our new Brookies to a fun evening. With this upcoming session we are excited to witness the skills development of our newbies. Thanks to the team who have helped with the programme. Annette Dand does a sterling job dealing all the appropriate boards for lessons and skills nights. Our great helpers at Monday sessions were Kay Burnie, Frances Ball, Flo Nield, Phil West and Barry Crosby. On Wednesday the group has been capably supported by Dianne Stevens. The teachers this year were Graham Stern and Michele Larnder.

It has been a wonderful turnout for our Monday afternoon teams event and Thursdays continue to attract impressive numbers. It is heartening to see the growth in numbers for both Monday night and Friday afternoons.

We approached our neighbours at Fairway Lodge to allow us to use their bins to dispose of our rubbish. Their response could not have been more positive. We hope everyone appreciates their cooperation and kindly remembers to avoid blocking their driveway entrances. It's these community gestures that foster goodwill and strengthen our ties with the local area.

**Michele**

### club captain Teri talks ...

Hi All

Happy winter days – ideal for playing bridge.

Upcoming Club events starting 16<sup>th</sup> July –

#### **Wednesday night Harcourts Teams**

made up of

two Seniors and two Juniors (seniors play seniors, juniors play juniors). A slight change this time in that a “first year” intermediate can play as a junior.

Just add your name(s) to the list on the board.

#### **Good to see more members wearing name tags.**

This makes life easier for all members, not only new ones. Talking of new members, please make them welcome, be prepared to be patient with slow play, limit your comments.

Let them find their feet.

I do encourage all our Novice, Junior and Intermediate players to enter our

#### **Mt Maunganui Tournament on 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

It certainly helps build up experience as well as being a fun day with new and old friends.

**Happy Bridge Teri**

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.

**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!



## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays pm May '25. **Seeka Junior  
Champs Singles**

1st Mick Werren  
2nd Brian Breen  
3rd Rebecca Bartlett

Wednesdays May '25 **Crane St  
Handicap Pairs**

1st Fay Irwin & John Sheridan  
2nd Dianne Beveridge & Michele Rogers  
3rd Frances Ball & Graham Stern

Thursdays June '25 **Hot Pools  
Handicap Pairs**

1st Mary Keane & Susan Treadgold  
2nd Lynette Steele & Elaine Genty-Nott  
3rd Kathy King & Diane Rodger

Well done to -  
**Sheryl Tree** -  
Rank  
Promotion

Novice to  
Certificate of  
Proficiency

### **Note from our Treasurer Jane**

*You will have noticed that you received your Compa\$\$ statements on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month, instead of at the end of June. I have gone away, so the next statement will only be done at the end of July. It would be great if you could keep your accounts in credit. thanks!*

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### **Hitting Hawkes Bay . . .**

King's Birthday saw a contingent of Mt players contesting the Open Teams event at the Hawkes Bay Congress, Hastings.

4th in the Open teams were Julie Sheridan, Megan Richards, Pamela Pedersen, joined by Claire McAllister from Wellington.

### **Bridge partner Riet Jansen**

wishes to acknowledge all the support she's had since a nasty fall breaking her shoulder in December last year. On Christmas Eve she endured a reverse shoulder replacement (is that easier than a reverse bid?).

Moral support, phone calls, texts, visits and baking came not only from club members but also residents of Pacific Lakes Village. Unfortunately hubby Richard now is not so good.

She misses us all and yes, we hope to see Riet back to play - we have lot of disability assists if you can't hold your cards Riet.

Additionally, it was good to see **Linley Hay** back to the table recently after a long absence due to ill health and thanks to those members who go out of their way to assist our less mobile players to the club rooms.

### **Wise words from CHARLES H. GOREN**

Bridge is not really a difficult game to play well. The expert does not have some strange power that sets him apart from Mr Smith or Mrs Jones. They have merely learnt to apply logical thinking at the bridge table. The apparently wondrous feats of the maestro - dropping a singleton king offside, a first round finesse for the jack, etc. - are all the result of information carefully gleaned from the bidding and play to that point.

### **WELCOME to NEW MEMBER**

**Dot Forbes**

previously from Tauranga Club, welcome

**SUCCESS on the TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT**

**8 June BOP Pairs event** at Mt Maunganui Clubrooms - Gilda Rowland & Teri Logie 3rd overall  
- Julie Sheridan & Dot Skousgaard 4th overall.

**Great Effort all.**

**24th May** saw a good turn out of support from our Mt Club to the **Te Puke Restricted Pairs** with great results from our contingent - see below -



Happy families, Marcus & Tina  
Dudley  
2nd Open/Intermediate comp.



Diane Rodger & Lyn Bailie with Te  
Puke President Lorraine Creasy.  
Winners  
Intermediate/Intermediate comp.



Joanne McLean & Bren Birss  
Winners,  
Junior/Open Section



Bob Callcut & John Strawbridge,  
2nd Intermediate/Intermediate comp. with  
Lorraine.





Te Puke **Bay Pairs 22 June**  
**Tina Dudley & Rosemary Wilkey** 3rd on the day and **5th overall** in four competitions of **Bay Pairs**



**Bren Birss & Graham Stern - 3rd overall**  
 in four competitions of **Bay Pairs**  
 with BOP pairs convenor  
 Christine Gibbons



**Graham Stern**



### **Alan Parkes & Marcus Dudley Winners 2025 Bay of Plenty Pairs**

Round 1 @ Whakatane 13 April **1st**  
 Round 2 held @ Tauranga Club 25 May **1st**  
 Round 3, Mt Maunganui Club **2nd**  
 Final Round Te Puke 22 June **1st**

**resulting in an overall win, appearing in all 4 contests**

**- Well done.**

*for Monday Evening Bridge Players, all  
 others welcome too*

**Joanne McLean**, Monday pm convenor, has published a schedule for some **monthly skills evenings** starting 30 June 7 - 9.30pm. There are two subjects to choose from each night. One in the main room and the other in the training room, catering for both Beginners instruction and Advancers tuition. All welcome - normal \$6 for members \$8 visitors. See notice board for more details.



**Teri Logie** = Runner-Up  
 to best Intermediate  
 Player over the 4 comps  
 of **Bay Pairs**