

SPADEWORK

March 2018 Newsletter

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from President Anne -

While many of you may disagree, I say 'thank goodness that autumnal temperatures are on the way' so we do not have to be so concerned about our air conditioning. Roy Cooper is still awaiting a quote for the correction of the existing channeling, although we have to say that significant improvements have already been made. At our last committee meeting, the issue of the toilet upgrade was discussed and all agreed that it may be more prudent to ensure our air conditioning problems are resolved first.

Bren Birss has begun the lessons for 2018 with twenty-two people having registered, including two Monday night players.

The committee appreciates Bren's time, energy and expertise, as well as that of the willing helpers who attend each Thursday to assist.

We do have a number of new members, so please try to include them in your programme where you have any gaps.

Anne

"Bridge Player of the Month" (or maybe the year!)

Jenny Fraser

On two occasions in February Jenny successfully bid and made 7NT, latest qualifier for the

Slam Club.

The first time was with partner Ben De Kleynen then later with Brian Cavit.

Well done all three!

'Skills Nights'. DON'T FORGET!

You do NOT need a partner for these events - just come along to learn.
(see article over for more info)

Club Captain Carol writes ...

Friday April 27th is the start of the Swiss pairs. The sheet is on the board and for planning purposes, you will need to have names up a week prior to this event starting to be eligible to play.

We regret receiving resignations from long term members -

Mavis Bryant

Doreen Francis

Lyn Gilchrist

Jo Small

Nan Seabourne

Happy bridging everyone.

Fun Space

BRIDGE Couple at lawyer's office "Let me get this straight - you want a pre-tournament agreement spelling out the division of assets and custody of the cat?"



"I believe partner is using the 'law of total tricks'. They certainly had ME totally tricked!"

guess intelligently --- play bridge

2018 Bridge Lessons for beginners ... **it's NOT too late!**

The first lessons have started off 2018 with 5 tables. If you know of someone who may still want to learn, it's not too late to join!!

Anyone who is a club member is welcome to join in with any or all of the lessons for **Free!!** - just give either Bren Birss ph.575 2474 or Judy Bartlett ph.575 9910 a call to let them know you're interested. This is a great opportunity to brush up on any of the lessons/topics that you may have found a bit tricky.

Some Monday nighters are attending to update and upskill.

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Feb '18 **Furniture Gallery
Graded Pairs**

1st Jean Scott & Kath Harvey
2nd Ronelle Middleton & Flo Nield
3rd Carol Grant & Joy Holmes

Mondays Mar'18 **Papamoa Mitre 10
Handicap Pairs**

1st Brian Lomax & Bill Ridley
2nd Jean McCulloch & Lesley Stephen
3rd June Nightingale & Colleen Ross

Wednesdays Mar'18 **Ultimate Motors
Handicap Singles**

1st Brian Cavit
2nd Carolyn Parker
3rd Pamela Pedersen

Thursdays Feb '18 **Club Mt Maunganui
Handicap Pairs**

1st Joan Heuvel & Lesley Stephen
2nd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield
3rd Betty Forbes & Charles Forbes

Fridays Feb'18 **Carol's Hair Salon
Pairs**

1st Hanny Hepburn & Shirley Knight
2nd Mike Nicholson & Carol Cullen
3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland

(Amended Results)

Fridays Mar '18 **New World
Pairs**

1st Diana Ackerman & Barry Crosby
2nd Dianne Brown & Jean Scott & Linda Ball

both these partnerships were ineligible due to the inclusion of a non member so winners were
3rd placed Carol Grant & Flo Nield

Monday Night Update

The continued growth and success of our **Junior/Novice** sessions is vital to the future of our club, so it is very pleasing to see our Monday nights flourishing under Helen Heuvel's kindly and helpful Direction.

Thanks to Bren Birss, our Junior Co-ordinator and teacher, and Helen. We have developed a system by which each session is largely self-sufficient - we have Convenors rostered to open and set up the rooms, read results and close up the building, players rostered and in training to do the scoring, and this year, players training to deal the boards for Skills Nights. There are usually 10 -12 tables per session, though once towards the end of last year, we had 17 tables! Our players are currently competing in the Florence Shrimpton Memorial Pairs.

There will be 8 **Skills nights** this year, mostly based on NZ Bridge's Improvers' lessons where we study a particular skill then play specially dealt boards to practise bidding and playing hands that demonstrate the lesson. We had 10 tables at the Stayman session and 8 tables for Card Playing Techniques. A big thank you to Dixie Horne who will be helping on Skills nights and also with coaching after the lessons finish. Also to volunteers Wendy Bowden and Ross Edwards for offering to do the dealing for skills night!

Partners are not required on Skills Nights so it is easy to just come along.

A reminder to all club Juniors that you are welcome to play on Monday nights or to come to Skills Nights to brush up on particular parts of your game. Just ask Bren or Helen or Judy if you want to know the next topic.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Ann Cooney
Margot Kirk

Also welcome to **Brenda McCabe** ph. 575-0314 to our club. Brenda played bridge 'a few moons ago' and recently brushed up her skills by taking some lessons. Brenda currently has an empty Programme Book so keep her in mind if you are needing a Monday partner.

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Christine has been playing Mt Maunganui Wed night bridge for about 7 years - a club member who plays bridge to relax!

Christine states 'I'll always be a junior' and confesses her weakness is focussing on the hands but believes bridge should always be fun.