

Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

March 2019 Newsletter

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from President Anne -

I'm feeling rather a stranger to bridge at present, but hoping to back in full force by April.

We are so fortunate to have all of those wonderful committee members who have filled in for me with such competence.

Thank you.

Our first Tournament is fast approaching.

It is a Multi Grade to be held on
Saturday 13 April.

This means that ALL grades and ALL combinations of grades are eligible and will be recognised in the prize list.

This is a great way of encouraging our Junior players to experience Tournament atmosphere, so do get yourselves a partner and join in the challenge.

We are getting an excellent number of tables on Wednesday evenings as well as Monday afternoons and I'm assured that Thursday lessons are progressing positively.

It is good to be able to welcome Charles Forbes back to the bridge table after what

seems a long break. *Anne*

Club Captain Carol writes ...

Swiss Pairs Friday 26th April, sheet is up for entries. Entry must be made no later than 1 week prior to start and with uneven numbers last pair may be balloted out.

Our 3A multi grade tournament

Saturday 13th April,

could we please have a stand in pair.

Aircon - Members should not be touching the controls. Getting the room to a temperature to please all is difficult. Be aware, directly under the vents can be cool, so please bring a cardi, just in case.

We are aware the west corner of the room is a particular problem and are in the process of hopefully remedying this. If you think the setting is too low tell the Director - majority will rule however.

Table Etiquette - Sighing, making comments, making faces are not appropriate once play is in progress.

Sometimes this takes superhuman willpower, I know, but "Poker faces" please. Happy bridging everyone.

2019 Bridge Lessons for beginners ...

Bren Birss wishes to note

* lessons are going great with 8 tables each week so far, 3 weeks in.

* Brens phone number is 07 575 2474

Another 'Skills Nights'. DON'T FORGET!

'Improver Lesson' 2nd April

Karen Martelletti, a very experienced player (Grand Master) and wonderfully kind instructor, offers these 'Improver Lessons'. They are suitable for **Novice & Junior** players who are new to this convention or who wish to repeat the lesson. Those who want some advanced help, this can be done one on-one during play

Here are the details for upcoming lessons:

Simple Stayman

When: **Tuesday 2nd April, at: 1pm - 3pm.**

Where: **Mt Maunganui Bridge Club**

Cost: **\$5 table money.**

In a novice game declarer calls director over to the table and tells him they are playing a slam contract and they have won the opening lead, played the ace and ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, and ruffed a diamond. The director, impressed, asks him why he has been called over. The declarer tells him that the contract is 6NT. (Never would happen at our Mt Club!)

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Feb '19	Furniture Gallery Graded Pairs	1st Shirley Knight & Margaret Wakelin 2nd Margaret Wham & Mike Huymans 3rd Carol Cullen & Gilda Rowland
Mondays pm Feb'19	Portside Auto Services Handicap Pairs	1st Dee Drew & Phyllis Paul 2nd Laurelle Breen & Brian Breen 3rd Susan Horsley & Pat Verran
Thursdays Feb '19	Pure Health & Beauty Handicap Pairs	1st Ben de Kleijnen & Loes de Kleijnen
Fridays Feb'19	Carol's Hair Salon Pairs	1st Linley Hay & Diane Rodger 2nd Marilyn Wallace & Mike Huymans 3rd Barry Crosby & Sarah Stacey
Fridays Mar '19	New World Pairs	1st Carol Grant & Flo Nield 2nd Marilyn Wallace & Hanny Hepburn 3rd Bob Callcut & Sarah Stacey

ever wondered what those 'A' 'B' or 'C' points are ?

Most bridge sessions played at both club and tournament level of affiliated clubs are played for Master Points. If you finish in approximately the top third of your field, you will receive Master Points.

Master Points are only awarded to events run by an affiliated club, Region or NZBridge. There are three categories of Master Point awards:

A POINTS Awarded to players who finish in the top placings of approved A point tournaments along with winners of all session of Pairs Tournaments and fractional A points to the winners of each match in Match-Play (teams).

B POINTS Awarded to players who finish in the top placings of approved B point tournaments along with winners of all session of Pairs Tournaments. B points cannot be converted into A points.

C POINTS appear as numbers next to the first 3 or 4 successful players in a weekly event. What does all this mean? Awarded to players who finish in the top placings of approved one session C point events. C Points are earned by players who finish in the top third placings of each club or tournament session (in each direction if a Mitchell style movement is played).

C Points are converted to B Points in the ratio of 100 C Points to one B Point. The main objective of these is to measure and record the achievements of players of duplicate bridge in clubs affiliated to the New Zealand Association. KEEP COLLECTING!

REMINDER

2019 subs are well and truly due. Basically if members don't pay by end March they are excluded from all NZB processes.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

.Chris Buckley
Mick Werren
Sue Werren
Lynette Simonsen
Maree Newton
and all will be sad to hear
John Andrews has resigned.

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