



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

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March 2022 Newsletter

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Info from President Diane -

Another month has slipped by and now daylight saving ends on Sunday April 3rd, this is always a reminder winter is just around the corner.

It was great to see 16 pairs playing on Real Bridge for the Bay Pairs last Saturday. Congratulations goes to Graham Stern and Bren Birss for their 3rd place and Pamela Pederson and Megan Richards 10th place. Well done. Tauranga will be hosting the next event.

Lessons are going very well. At last count we started with many students learning this great game. Thank you to all those helping.

We are on track to be moving into our new club rooms at the end of May. The delay is due to many of the sub contractors and contractors isolating with Covid 19.

We are still wanting a secretary to fill Gilda's shoes - you will get a lot of support from the committee.

I'm pleased to let you know we have a new cleaner, Maddie, she is doing a great job and is there every week generally on a Monday.

Good luck to all those playing in the tournament on Saturday. Enjoy the day.

If there is anything I can do for anyone, please let me know.

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Diane

Club Captain Teri says "Hello All" and reminds us ...

Interesting times? Etiquette so often lacking in the outside world is expected at the bridge table. In the 'Laws of Duplicate Bridge' Laws 73 and 74 on communication, conduct and etiquette make interesting reading. This includes inappropriate unspoken communications like hesitation to play your card in your turn or getting ready to play your card before it is your turn. Both give away information to your partner and the opposition.

The Laws state that you should not make heavy sighs, or show an obvious lack of further interest in a deal or bidding by leaving your cards on the table whilst bidding continues, or use a pre-arranged private method of communication in your partnership. Play Fair.

Above all please be polite

I look forward to seeing as many of you enter the Multigrade Competition this coming weekend. Raffle tickets on sale. We appreciate your support.

Happy Bridge Teri

Beginners Lessons

We are now on week 3 of Bridge Lessons. These started off strongly with about 16 people, of which there were 9 last week. Very well organised and run by Isobel McIntyre and Michele Larnder. There has been lots of fun and social interaction, as well excellent teaching - thanks to Graham Stern. A few members of the club have joined in as well to refresh their bridge knowledge. There have been ten other members who volunteered to help out, so it is a really sound effort. - Well Done All!

Skills night are well attended (19 this week), equally strong are all the senior members who turn up to help - giving up their time to help others improve! WOW

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MULTI -GRADE PAIRS - 3A

(All grade combinations accepted)

To be Held: **2nd April**

Morning Tea - 9:30 am Start 10 am

Bring your own lunch . Cost is \$25.00

PLEASE ENTER ON THE NZ BRIDGE SITE

www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html

Please - we need to have a great turnout (and place-getters) from our Mt Maunganui Club as there will be lots of participants from other clubs!

No new members this month but we'll miss **Dianne Brown** - resigned- always a calm presence at daytime bridge.

Thanking our Sponsors ... this March we promote **COBB & CO.**

Please dine there when in

Rotorua - our esteemed administrator Teri looks after the books for their 7 restaurants NZ wide! as well as looking after us. Thx Teri.

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CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Mar '22	Paper Plus Pairs	1st Chris Gibson & Carol Grant 2nd Carolyn Parker & Julie Sheridan 3rd Kerry Crosby & Brenda Macfarlane
Mondays pm Mar '22	F Shrimpton Memorial Handicap Pairs	1st Kay Burnie & Lee Sinclair 2nd Rachael Fraser & Ella Koolen 3rd Lynette de Malmanche & Susie Assel
Fridays Feb '22	Pacific Coast Pairs	1st Chris Gibson & Hanny Hepburn 2nd Barry Crosby & Ross Petersen 3rd Linley Hay & Rachel Olsen

from NZBridge . . .

The 45th World Bridge Championships is on now, in Salsomaggiore Terme, **Italy**, from 27th March to 9th April. New Zealand has sent just one team to compete in this event - their open team, the **Bridge Blacks**. The team of six players will be competing for the coveted Bermuda Bowl trophy – so named after the location when it was first contested in 1950.

The initial goal for New Zealand is to gain a spot in the top eight teams to get through to the next round of qualifying. The players reckon that the teams to beat include the USA, Netherlands, Switzerland and some of the Scandinavian teams ... although they like to think they will be on the radar of many of the stronger teams and are confident they have what it takes to win a place on the podium if things go their way. Good Luck **Bridge Blacks**.

Here's hoping this will help to explain "masterpoints", "points" "rankings" and "grades" . . .

The 'Masterpoints' you see when looking at your results on-line are awarded to the top third place-getters in each section, the number awarded depending on the number of tables (minimum 4) and the number of boards played at that session.

(Masterpoints are also referred to as 'C' points). **Confused already?**

100 'C' points = 1 'B' point.

'A' points are earned by competing in specified tournaments.

('B' points don't convert to 'A' points).

The following progression Ladder, put simply, determines your **RANKING**

There are 10 ranks accorded to holding of Masterpoints, and A & B Point holdings.

"Novice" = A player with less than 5 'B' (500 'C' points)

Certificate of Proficiency = 500 'C' points (roughly 13 first placings on club days)

Club Master = 20 'B'

Local Master = 50 'B'

The Local Master ranking progresses through 1*, 2**, 3*** stars as more masterpoints are accumulated.

Higher ranks exist but this article is endeavouring to give a simplified explanation.

GRADINGS

The above rankings determine your NATIONAL grade but also each CLUB determines their own players' grades = **yes, more to confuse players!**

Where are you ranked for tournament entry? This is your **GRADE**

Junior = less than 30 'B' points.

Intermediate = on attaining Certificate of Proficiency or Club Master level.

Higher grades exist but this article trying to give a simplified explanation.

Experienced players will know more of their own ranking and grade.

Refer to NZ Bridge website for further confusion.

This month it's congrats to Alan Mclean

Alan has attained the **Rank** of Certificate of Proficiency gaining 500 'C' points (5 'B' points) and Alan's **Grade** is 'Junior'

Some can't get to be NS or EW these days (except maybe virtually), so as we're running out of bridge news . . . here's a great story from **Margaret Wham**, a long-term member of our Mt Maunganui Club and here she shares some of her early experiences as a child living on **Kapiti Island**.

“When WW2 ended, my father was on duty at the Navy Office in Wellington and he took the signal for Peace when it came through to NZ. With the end of the war, in 1946, Dad became the caretaker of the bird sanctuary on Kapiti Island. We left our new modern house in Khandallah - Mum knew what she was going to, but found it hard leaving her electric appliances for a wood-burning cooker, copper and candles and lamps. However, the three bedroom house on Kapiti had beautiful views across our 10 acre paddock to Paraparaumu, Waikanae and the Tararua ranges of the mainland. We kept two dairy cows and a large run for hens. With our launch ‘Ngatea’ and dinghy, we motored and rowed through the breakers with groceries and our mail. With the mail came my enjoyable lessons from the Correspondence School in Wellington.

On the island we had running water, a flush toilet and a shared telephone. We had a generator to light us in the evenings. When the motor wasn't running, I remember having to lean on the windowsill reading “Kidnapped” by full moonlight and being scared out of my wits!

Later we got a radio telephone and a battery radio so Dad could enjoy music and get the latest weather forecast.

The bird life on the island was truly amazing with tuis, bellbirds, kereru, fantail, robins, whiteheads, weka, kaka, blue penguin, terns, black-backed and red-billed gulls, hawk, larks, parakeets and kiwi. Kakas loved us and would perch on our arms as we fed them dates. In the mornings they'd be on the windowsill squawking loudly to wake us up.

My father kept the tracks clear, maintained equipment and received visiting scientists, ornithologists, botanists and visitors who needed government permission to land.

Mr Nelson, the possum trapper, spent 12 weeks a year trapping on average 60 a night, and he was paid well for the skins. Rats decimated our carrots and seed potato crops but silverbeet was on the menu most nights. Nowadays, Kapiti Island has been cleared of rats and possums, but permission is still needed to visit there.

Then when I was 12, we moved to Whitianga where Dad managed the Treaty House and property on adjacent land. But that's another story!”
