



## Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

March 2021 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

### Info from President Diane -

We have now been in our new home for one month and I have had so many positive comments from our members. I feel so relieved and pleased. The A/C heat pumps will be installed next month. A big thank you to you all for your patience and support while we iron out a few issues. Thank you to Julie and Gilda in persevering and getting the carpet moved over from our old club rooms, that will make it feel more like home.

We had a very good response from members attending the recent directors course. Thank you to Helen and Gloria for assisting future Directors. A reminder about our restricted tournament on 27th April to be held at Tauranga bridge Club. We are asking for plates for morning tea and also helpers for morning tea, lunch time and end of play. There is a notice on the board and see below. We will have Bay Pairs at our club rooms 30 May.

Enjoy your bridge

**Diane**

### Club Captain Teri reminds us ...

**Etiquette** – noun “the customary code of polite behaviour in society or among members of a particular profession or group.”

Bridge Etiquette – I think the Golden Rule is Courtesy – show courtesy to your partner, the opponents and the Director at all times.

Always be kind to your partner – “bad luck partner” is all that needs to be said after you failed to take your opponents down in **7SX**, after she trumped your ace lead.

“Please Director” is the correct way to call the Director.

Never try to teach or criticise a player at the table unless guidance is requested. Conversation at the table – should be kept brief, pleasant and on no account hold a post mortem which other tables may be able to hear. And without a carpet to muffle our conversations (and noise levels) at the bridge tables in the past few weeks, it has been interesting to say the least.

But I am happy to be able to play and enjoy our current club rooms and hope you are too.

Happy Bridge

**Teri**

### Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

MULTI -GRADE PAIRS - 3A  
(All grade combinations accepted)

To be Held:

**OVER THE BRIDGE** at  
TAURANGA BRIDGE CLUB  
252 Ngatai Road, Otumoetai  
Saturday 17 April 2021

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](http://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 Tauranga (in their own rooms), and thank you for hosting us Tauranga.

### Beginners Lessons

We are now on week 3 of lessons, with some dropping out and new ones joining, so it is difficult to give numbers. Last week was a great 6 tables, with some club members joining us for revision in the next couple of weeks. A few participants are repeats who dropped out last year due to COVID.

We are very lucky to have some wonderful club members who come along to assist the learners.

**Bren**

## CLUB RESULTS (COVID AFFECTED)

Mondays Mar '21 <b>Furniture Gallery Pairs</b> 1 session only	1st NS Nancye Ward & Daphne Ansell 1st EW Glenys Kaye & Jim Kaye
Wednesdays Mar'21 <b>Ultimate Motors Handicap Singles</b> 4/5 sessions	1st Fay Irwin 2nd Rachel Olsen 3rd Carol Cullen
Thursdays Mar '21 <b>M.H. Rogers Optometrist Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Margo Kirk & Merle Halligan 2nd Dixie Horne & Annette Dand 3rd Nora Pronk & Ben de Kleijnen

### New Zealand Bridge

will conduct Club level Director Examinations over the weekend of May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Format: 2 on-line papers.

Laws and Regulations: True/false questions quoting the relevant Law and/or Regulation where appropriate.

Time: 120 mins

Movements and Scoring: Short answer questions.

Time: 90 mins

Candidates will be emailed a link to the examinations which will be available from 8 am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

May until midnight Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Qualification requires an 80% pass in both examinations.

Our club had a very good response from members attending the recent directors course - now to the exam room!

Monday nights' **Michelle Larnder** wishes to thank Graham again for running last week's skills session. It was good to be reminded that when we are playing Bridge we will be defending at least 50% of the time. Thinking about what to lead and discard and watching partner's leads and discards are important elements of good defensive play. Michelle asks for Conveners on Monday nights and needs people to volunteer for August and November. It is always enjoyable to have a break in the middle of the session with a hot drink and biscuit; this provides a chance to switch off from the game and chat with the many interesting people who play Bridge.

and Michelle reminds us all with **Words of wisdom about leads:**

*When the dummy is to your right, lead the weakest suit in sight.*

*When the dummy is to your left, lead through heft.*

*Don't be cute, lead partner's suit.*

*The lead of top of three small is worst of all.*

*You will lose face, if you under lead an ace.*

### Thanking our Sponsors ...

This month we feature

#### FURNITURE GALLERY

which we all know is located at 282 Maunganui Rd heading towards the Mount.

April sees up to 50% off some items in the store, also they are taking trade-ins.

Additionally, netting for curtains and curtain lining is only

**\$1 meter.**

Owner Barry Muir always likes to hear from bridge club members, please make yourself known.

Ph 07 5755008

**furnituregallery@outlook.com**

### WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Megan Richards

Julie Hawkes

Susanne McHowell

And rejoined, Merv Harris

Thursday afternoons will miss Bev Lawson, Glenis Radcliffe, Raewyn Wright, Yvonne Madden and Joan Heuvel.

Subs were due 28 Feb - 45 members are yet to pay. if you are not intending to return, please inform the club mtbridgeclub@gmail.com

Two players take a counting lesson and then play in the duplicate that follows. After the game they say that they both loved the lesson and they had a big game finishing 2nd overall. They are now both so excited that they are going to start counting next week.

If you haven't had a chance to look, here's a few snippets from the

**NZ Bridge website** - still affected by COVID-19!

Undeniably COVID 19 has impacted our overall membership. Numbers are over 700 down on this time last year. We know the reason for the drop is primarily due to the fact that many beginner lessons did not take place in 2020. The Board is testing a new strategy about how we can work in partnership with clubs to grow membership and increase participation.

As you know National Congress this year (COVID permitting) will be at Baypark, Mt Maunganui. Hopefully by the time Congress comes around we will have a bubble with Australia. If that is the case, we are hopeful of a "healthy" contingent from Oz. We are also keen to see greater participation from Junior and Intermediate players. Intermediates/ Juniors are most welcome to play in Open/Restricted Open events, with prizes for best performances within their grade. there are separate Intermediate/ Junior events scheduled as always for the last three days of Congress.

Mt members - Join the fun and play. Be part of the social vibe.

*And more for the anticipated bubble with Australia*

**In May (22nd and 23rd) there will be an international match (open, women, seniors, mixed and youth) against Australia. This will be played online using Realbridge. This is a big event because we need to be sure we have robust processes and oversight in place and of course confidence in any and all Wi-Fi connections. The event will be played over many time zones. As we get closer to the event, we will share more with you so you can kibbitz.**

**++ Bubble-busting happenings**

**GOLD COAST CONGRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Many Kiwi bridge players will be delighted to hear this announcement that after many months of negotiation, the Gold Coast Convention Centre has been secured for the **2022** Gold Coast Congress, to be held from 19th to 26th February 2022.

Break out now and ?book your tickets.

Our leader *Diane Rodger* shares some of her early experiences of life and at the bridge table . . .

Born at Arapuni and educated at Putaruru, and then Tauranga Hospital where I completed my General nursing. I lived in Wellington for 32 yrs and had four children. It was at Upper Hutt Bridge Club where I decided to learn this amazing game. My memories of learning bridge was terrifying, I would have to have two glasses of strong rum and coke just to get me to the bridge club, then we had to go through the embarrassing situation of trying to find a partner. I would feel so sorry for the kind person who would put themselves up for the challenge. No "Bren" nurturing in those days! My mother, who was a very good bridge player asked me to go to Norfolk Island for two weeks of bridge with Ron Klinger with the Napier Bridge Club, wow, what a learning curve for someone who had been playing bridge for 6 mths. It was hilarious.

I retired and moved to Mount Maunganui in 2018 and joined the Mt Bridge Club. I have met so many beautiful people here and love my association with this club.

I live in Papamoa with my daughter and two of my beautiful Grandchildren. ❤️

**This week, end of March '21 we had a final look at our “home” for the past 43 years . . .**



Life members **Noelene Shrimpton** and **Mike Huymans** were joined by Past President (1997 -1998) **Ngairie Dickie** and husband Blair. Joined here by Carol Grant, also present was **Nancye Ward**. **Jean Scott** says her own farewell to the building. Reminiscences were shared and then we all played bridge for the afternoon. Thank you Ngairie and Blair for coming to our interim home and trust you will be able to join us at our new premises some time.



It was noted in the carpark that the new bridge club committee meeting room was on site already (lol) and the surf club has taken possession of their lawn.

