

SPADEWORK

March 2017 Newsletter

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from President Anne -

With our first tournament behind us, it is appropriate to say a very big thank you to all our loyal members for their support in so many ways that helped make Saturday 18th March, the enjoyable success that it was. We welcome feedback and any constructive criticism that would help make our next tournament even better. It is only when closely involved with such events that we begin to appreciate the commitment of time and energy that so many of you are prepared to make. There is a real feel of autumn in the air now, especially in the evenings, but we are still faced with a somewhat stuffy, over-warm clubroom at times, so please ensure you have an extra layer to put on if you are not as 'hot-blooded' as some of us. Meanwhile, happy bridging everyone. *Anne*

Club Captain Carol writes ...

Our club has struck a golden patch with happy members at the moment. Long may it continue. Just a couple of reminders, however. Please let everyone at the table have a chance to view results. Only confirm your result and then put the Bridgmate in the middle of the table. Remember not to comment on others' play unless invited to do so, it can be a fine line between being helpful and it being perceived as offensive so better to stay mum. Thanks everyone for making our club a lovely place to play our wonderful game.

Good bridging everyone.



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.



Congratulations to our members who received the following rank changes as of the beginning of the year:

Maetel Marshall Club Master
Elaine Kingsford Club Master
Cecily Munro Local Master 3*
Flo Nield Local Master 8*
Mike Huymans Local Master 8*
John Laugesen Local Master 8*

Unfortunately, NZ Bridge does not show the changes in players' NZ Bridge grades. Congratulations to those members whose grade improved. If you are unsure of your NZ Bridge grade, check out the sheets at the front of our club on the board to the left. You can also see this information including your Masterpoints on the NZ Bridge website

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays pm Feb '17 Portside Autos Pairs

1st Kathleen Pender & Helena Paterson
2nd Carolyn Toy & Judith Robinson
3rd Marg White & Kay Pearse

Mondays March '17 Papamoa Mitre 10 Handicap Pairs

1st Corinne Levy & Lynlie Edwards
2nd Margaret Jones & Jose McDonald
3rd Linley Hay & Edna Nicholson

Thursdays Feb '17 Club Mt Maunganui Pairs

1st Joan Heuvel & Rosemary Collins
2nd Betty Forbes & Charles Forbes
3rd Linley Hay & Patty Spencer

Fridays Feb '17 Carol's Hair Salon Pairs

1st Carol Cullen & Mike Nicholson
2nd Carol Grant & Flo Nield
3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Julie Downs

Fridays March '17 New World Pairs

1st Mike Huymans & Liz Gilbert
2nd Noelene Shrimpton & John Andrews
3rd Linley Hay & Sarah Stacey

Director: no madam, I can't make an insufficient bid ruling when your partner stops at five and six is cold!

The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble but escaping once they're in.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Graham Stern
Joanne Munro
Irma Handley
Suellen Baty
Barbara Hennessey
Kathryn Goodwin

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HISTORY

With so many new members being welcomed to our club, it is timely to refresh memories and to give players a brief history of the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club. Formed in 1964 by a small band of 20, play was in each others' homes, then the Old Folks Hall, then upstairs at the Golden Sands Motor camp in Girven Rd. In 1975 40 players paid \$3 subs and 30c table money and voted to become affiliated. A building fund was established in 1975 and in 1978 play commenced in our present rooms in Golf Rd. Enlarged in 1984 and again in 1991, the rooms then hosted 210 members. The club has witnessed many changes - silent bidding, a smoking ban, Spadework from 1997 and first computer purchase in 1986. In 2014 the Club held a Golden Jubilee celebration including a dinner at the neighbouring golf clubrooms and bridge in our rooms.

The club is still going strong and it's time to be thinking of our 55th and 60th celebrations!

Teams are coming up! Being a Good Teammate

- When comparing results, no matter how good or bad things have gone, don't question the boards you lost imps on. Everyone wants to know why you lost imps but its very difficult to ask without sounding accusing.
- Have sympathy for your teammates. No one likes to come back to their teammates with a bad set. It is far worse to bring the bad set back than it is to compare with it. If you can appreciate how badly your teammates feel about their results, you can use that to calm your own discontent.
- Don't preview your set to your team before the comparison. There is nothing worse than coming back to teammates who said they had a decent game only to find out they didn't realize how bad a few boards were. The outcome of a situation like this causes your teammates to be very defensive of their set. **Enjoy Teams and your team members!**

