

SPADEWORK

March 2016 Newsletter

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from President June's keyboard ...

Season well under way now with a pleasing increase in table numbers on Wednesday night.

Our ceiling on the East side of the playing room had dropped. Carpenter Ray Guy kindly checked and rectified the problem, with Murray Knight then kindly completing the task. Not sure how sensible we were allowing the two gentlemen to use ladders, but never the less, thank you to Ray and Murray .

After each session please check that the dishwasher is switched off and use the bench opposite for the trays with clean dishes as there have been dirty dishes placed in the tray of crockery that had been previously through the dishwasher.

During the off season the playing room carpet was marked with a black square the size of the base of a table leg. Please ensure the front left table leg facing North is placed onto the black square. This ensures the room will always look neat as the spaces between the tables have been measured.

Enjoyed having so many visitors to our Club this year, they added colour and vitality.

Welcome also to our New Members -

Wendy Bowdon and Sue Gibbons.

Keep well and good bridging

JUNE

Improver's Lesson

How to **Escape** your 1NT Doubled

Alan Turner will be taking this lesson at the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club on Tuesday 5th April at 7.15pm.

The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in it.

-Alfred Sheinwold

Club Captain Carol writes ...

We all know bridge is a challenge and the element of luck ensures that even the best bridge players do not always win.

For example underbidders gain when distribution is bad and overbidders score on those hands where finesses always work, which is probably what brings us back. Remember a Champion Bridge player is an amateur who did not quit. So good bridging everyone.

Don't forget to check the notice board for the upcoming lessons and remember to let your partnership stewards know if you have any spare spots in your programme books to help our new members to find partners.

TOURNAMENT Sat 19th March

Our Mt Maunganui 3a Tournament Multi Grade tournament was a huge success with 24 tables and entries from Auckland to Taupo and lots in between.

Congratulations to all involved.

Results:

Open section. Ron Scott & Tony Hacking. Tauranga.

Open / Intermediate. Mary & Neil Dravitzki, Rotorua.

Open / Junior. Lorrae Taylor & Morna Kerr, Te Awamutu.

Intermediate / Intermediate. Tina Dudley & Gilda Rowland, Mt Maunganui.

Intermediate / Junior. Garth Robinson & Graham Froggett, Taupo.

Junior / Junior. Carol Cullen & Mike Nicholson, Mt Maunganui.

CLUB RESULTS

**Mondays Feb '16 Furniture Gallery
Graded Pairs**

1st Ronelle Middleton & Flo Nield
2nd Margaret Jones & Jose McDonald
3rd Liz Simpson & Kay Miles

**Mondays pm Feb'16 Caddysnak Cafe
Pairs**

1st Elaine Kingsford & Robyn Knight
2nd Ian Taylor & Judith Robinson
3rd Rick Bernau & Bridget Crawford

Mondays Mar '16 Autumn Pairs

1st Anne Clarke & Ronelle Middleton
2nd Bev Walker & Linley Hay
3rd Joy Holmes & Kaye Robertshaw

**Thursdays Feb '16 Portside Auto Services
Pairs**

1st Raewyn Wright & Jo Small
2nd Carol Cullen & Dorothy Harvey
3rd Marie Spence & Miriam Heeney.

**Fridays Feb '16 Carol's Hair Salon
Pairs**

1st Nancye Ward & Dianne Brown
2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Julie Downs
3rd Carol Grant & Flo Nield

**Fridays Mar '16 Esquires Coffee Swiss
Pairs**

1st Kaye Robertshaw & Shirley Knight
2nd Carol Grant & Flo Nield
3rd Jan & John Andrews

BRIDGE MYTHS & FALLACIES FROM RON KLINGER

'ALWAYS LEAD TOP OF YOUR PARTNER'S SUIT'

No, no, no! If partner has bid a suit, that suggests the suit to lead, but the card led should be the standard one.

Top from a sequence, top from a doubleton, but otherwise not top.

Fourth-highest, M. U. D. or the lowest from three to an honour still apply when leading partner's suit.

Student in class has xxx facing AQJ in dummy. She leads low and puts in the jack which holds. She plays the ace next.

Teacher asks why she didn't take the finesse again? She says: "You told us that only one of two finesses work."

We are missing some of our regulars
at the moment and hope

Margaret Carmicheal

Marie Spence

will be back with us soon.



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Maunganui Bridge Club.



HEARD at the BRIDGE TABLE ...

from our own

Fred ...

"I have the
perfect partner ...
but sometimes I
wonder why he's
playing against
me"



