



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

May 2022 Newsletter

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from President Diane . . .

Where has May gone? it feels such a short time since we did Spadework for April. Perhaps it has something to do with age!

Some of the committee as well as Julie D went for a tour of the new club rooms last Tuesday. I found it so exciting. It is looking amazing with lots of space.

There is still a lot of work to do but I haven't been told any change from moving mid June. The painting has been done and it's looking light and fresh. We are now designing signage. The good news is that NZCT (Charities Trust) has given us \$30,000 towards the fit out of our kitchen and some other smaller sundries, so we will now get on and order the appliances.

I hope those who are playing in the **Bay Pairs** on Sunday enjoy their day. I have been told by some of our junior members that they have been put off playing in Bay Pairs by some of our more senior members, saying they will get "eaten alive" by the open grade players. Can I say that is not the case, the senior players encourage the juniors to give it a go, and what wonderful experience to play against more senior players, especially if you get a good board!

There is a prize for the top pair without open grade players. So, enjoy.

Stay safe and well,

Diane

also . . . **ACCOUNTS** charges and credits appear at month's end. If depositing please, please provide your surname and bridge number. 'Table' refers to table money. If your **\$\$\$** are to credit YOUR account, fill all three reference boxes and make all easier for our treasurer Jane.



. a short year ago we said goodbye to Karen Martelletti and our old building had finally fallen, read on for the latest on the new clubrooms. and hey . . . if you know someone who's not getting these newsy newsletters, please ask them to
1st. check it's not in spam
2nd. email the club which will then register the correct address.

Club Captain Teri says . . .

Hello to all

Thank you to you, our members who are supporting our sessions, every week, it is truly great that it is so wonderfully busy. Thank you to all those who organise the sessions before play begins. However it is important that we all stop talking and give them a chance to read the announcements before play. Please all keep your voices low between rounds, others may still be playing, don't discuss the boards as others may hear. Above all make each hand enjoyable – for yourself, your partner and your opponents.

Happy bridging everyone.

report from our lessons' tutors . . .

The lessons are proceeding well and attendance is reasonably consistent at around 13 very keen learners each week. They're over halfway through the course with just 2 lessons and also 2 revision sessions to go. It particularly impressed us that they learnt the concept of reverse bids to show strength using the 'barrier' technique, so quickly. I remember my partner and I didn't learn or master this until we'd been playing a good few years.

I understand that all the 'guidelines' for bidding seem quite overwhelming for our learners at times. However declarer play is a highlight for many and it is wonderful to witness the buzz they experience on making a contract.

Cheers Pamela et al.

RECENT TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES . . .

@ Te Puke

2nd overall Pamela Pedersen & Flo Nield
5th overall Riet Jansen & Julie Downs
and more congrats for - - - rank changes in May
Elaine Kingsford - Local Master
Teri Logie - Club Master
Lynette Steele - Club Master

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays May '22 **Jones & Company Teams**

- 1st **Audrey's Army** Anne Clarke - Audrey Gardiner - Bob Callcut - John Laugesen
- 2nd **4 Quick Tricks** Jean Scott - Kathy King - Rachel Olsen - Nancye Ward - Brenda Macfarlane
- 3rd **Golden Girls** Flo Nield - Barbara Stimson - Carol Grant - Annie Barry

Mondays pm '22 **Seeka Novice & Junior Handicap Pairs**

- 1st **Novice Pair** Gordon Cameron & Margaret Bowditch
- 2nd **Novice Pair** Alan McLean & Lee Sinclair
- 1st **Junoir/Junior Pair** Judith Somerville & Liz Dive
- 2nd **Junoir/Junior Pair** Michele Larnder & Kay Burnie

Thursdays May '22 **Force Automotive Handicap Pairs**

- 1st Margo Kirk & Rae Holmes
- 2nd Dianne Gibson & Brian Cavit
- 3rd Mary Keane & Susan Treadgold

Fridays April '22 **Ray White Pairs**

- 1st Bob Callcut & Mike Nicholson
- 2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland
- 3rd Barry Crosby & Martin Van Der Meys

Fridays May '22 **Seeka Pairs**

- 1st Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland
- 2nd Barry Crosby & Martin Van Der Meys
- 3rd Carol Jones & Helen Heuvel

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

Our sponsors fall into two distinct categories - Large organisations such as Seeka, and smaller businesses such as Carol's Hair Salon (CHS).

This month we are running a 3 week competition sponsored by Carol's Hair Salon located in the Mount. This is the only competition being sponsored by CHS this year. For several years CHS has been extremely generous with sponsorship, and this year's considerable reduction reflects the difficult economic situation. However, in speaking to owner Carol, she said they received 'very little' from the Bridge club. On checking I found that this was not entirely true, and that several of our members use the salon!



This clearly indicates that we must make an effort, when using such services, to thank the staff on behalf of the club, and endeavour, where possible, to get that message through to as many staff as possible. So, although it is not possible to be involved directly with large organisations such as Seeka, we should try and maintain a friendly and committed interest in our numerous small business sponsors.

and thanks Mike Nicholson for all your effort in the Sponsorship role.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Peter Furnish
Jane Furnish
and welcome back to Thursday player Lois O'Donnell

Committed **on-line bridge** players can still get their fix, now on a Sunday night when NZB starts a new feature this Sunday 29 May.

Actually, these two promotional 'players' look as though they could be collaborating . . . or they've just bid and made 7NT X and XX.

Anyway, go to nzbridge.co.nz to pre-register (and pay 'table money') for further details.

Spadework will be interested in feedback and comments from anyone joining Sunday night on-line bridge



ON-LINE SUNDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

2022 New Zealand Bridge On-Line Pairs Tournaments

1ST NIGHT - SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022

7:00PM

Entry Fee: \$40.00
per player covers all nights or pay \$6.00 per night casually.

10 separate Sundays. Your best 8 scores with the same partner will count to overall result. Play all 10 nights or casually on 1 or more nights.

NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE A GAME FOR LIFE

Open 10A - Restricted Open 6A (both players must be National Master or lower grade) - Intermediate 5B - Junior 3B

Pre-order at nzbridge.co.nz - Payment in advance to NZ Bridge account 02 9466 0230/09 02 with your name and "on line" as reference

the following outline of an article has come from a BBO newsletter, penned by **Tihana Brkljačić**, a psychologist and a bridge player. She teaches psychology and bridge at Zagreb university. She represented Croatia at multiple European championships and at The World Championship (Wuhan cup) in 2022. As a psychologist, she studies the psychology of games (focusing on bridge in particular). And here is her deconstruction of a bridge partnership . . .

Are you ready for a serious relationship?

A partnership is the single most important thing that makes bridge different from other games and sports. Completely depending on each other is exciting, challenging and frightening. I'm convinced that bridge partnership is one of the most complex and demanding relationships in human society. Its delicate, sensitive, and turbulent structure raises so many issues that need to be tackled in order to build a successful long-term relationship. I'm sure you've noticed that in many ways bridge partnership is similar to a romantic relationship. Both often go through comparable stages:

- (1) the introduction;
- (2) dating or casually playing;
- (3) committing;
- (4) dealing with tensions and conflicts;
- (5) breaking up or enduring.

Are you lucky or wise enough to enjoy the benefits of a steady, flourishing partnership? Are you still in the honeymoon phase where every card has a pink reflection? Or maybe you feel stuck in your current partnership and yearn for change? Perhaps you're one of those liberal souls avoiding routine and regularly switching partners?

Don't despair if you've never made it to the survival stage. Through the years, a bridge player will find themselves in various, more or less satisfying partnership phases. Going through the processes of formation, stability, tensions and disintegration enriches one's life. Actually, a bridge partnership is a relatively safe arena to exercise social skills and emotions such as trust, commitment, respect, patience, adjustment, empathy, assertiveness, restraint and forgiveness. These virtues, developed at the table, may transfer to "real" life and help us cope with daily stressors and challenges. Therefore, enjoy your partnership, regardless of its current state, if not for its own merits, then because of the experiences and perspectives it provides.



May 25th inspection of new clubrooms, above, from the kitchen, big rooms, heaps of speakers, kitchen detail.

to left - Diane President, Gilda and two Julies.