

SPADEWORK

May 2017 Newsletter

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from President Anne -

Time to say thank you to all our unsung heroes.

Those who volunteer their time and expertise in so many ways.

While we have a great committee, we could not possibly manage without the dealers, the scorers, the gardeners, those who assist and support our new players, those who keep our master points up to date, as well as those who see a job that needs to be done and just quietly get on with it.

Please be assured, your efforts are really appreciated.

Linley Hay has been selected as an Open rep and **Bren Birss** and **Pamela Pedersen** as Intermediate reps for the Waikato Bays at the recent Inter-provincial trials.

Congratulations to you all.

We will be hosting the third of four rounds of the Bay Pairs on Sunday 11 June. But

anyone can play on the day! *Anne*

Bridge tips - when to lead a singleton against a suit contract.

It is highly attractive to lead a singleton, but the circumstances need to be right. You should have a weak hand and useless trumps. If you have trump winners anyway, you're unlikely to gain by ruffing with one of them. Good trump holdings for a singleton lead are A-x, A-x-x (as declarer cannot draw your trumps quickly) or K-x-x.

In order to gain from a singleton lead, partner needs to have the ace of that suit or must have a quick entry before your trumps have been drawn. If you have a very strong hand, partner figures not to have an ace or a quick entry. If you have a weak hand, there is a much better chance that partner will have an entry to give you a ruff or two.

- Ron Klinger

Club Captain Carol comments ...

I'm happy to report no complaints from our members this month, it's wonderful, your efforts to be pleasant to one another are obviously working. Well done. A lot of you have heard me announce this, but we have had a few issues with our bridgemates and if you do strike one that is playing up let us know and we'll get it serviced.

I recently checked out our board of name tags and have found an amazing number missing. I know that many of you will have taken them home but if you have lost yours or, heaven forbid, have never had one, please let me know so this can be rectified.

Pam and Harold Clotworthy are unavailable at the moment to put out our green bins for the Monday morning collection, could we have some volunteers who could occasionally help with this, and thanks everyone for making my job so easy, you really are a great bunch.

Best bridging everyone.

BIDDING TUNE-UP

Bridge is a game of mistakes. Even experts make mistakes. It is simply a question of how many mistakes you make. Those who make the fewest mistakes usually win. A good player does not necessarily have a higher IQ. They just know the common pitfalls and avoid them. It is okay to make mistakes in bridge. With each one, grow and learn.

-from ACBL Bridge Bulletin.



CLUB RESULTS

Mondays May '17 **Spotless Spouting Pairs**

Mondays pm May'17 **Novice & Junior Champs Pairs**

Fridays May '17 **Esquires Coffee Swiss Pairs**

1st Helen Heuvel & Graham Stern
2nd Dianne Brown & Ronelle Middleton
3rd Hanny Hepburn & Mike Huymans
1st Jenny Coventry & Warren Coventry
2nd Kay Mitchell & Ross Mitchell
3rd Ngaire Short & Mary Pettigrew
1st Noelene Shrimpton & Jose McDonald
2nd Carol Cullen & Mike Nicholson
3rd Murray Knight & Shirley Knight

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Little Laugh corner

They were at a concert. Said she, a bridge addict, "What's that book the conductor keeps looking at?" "That's the score," answered her escort. "Oh. Who's vulnerable??"

Bridge is a great comfort in your old age.
It also helps you get there faster.

Overheard at the bridge club: We had a 75-percent game last night! Three out of four opponents thought we were idiots.

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You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps, and you're the declarer.

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BIDDING LANGUAGE

or small talk cue-bids.

When your partnership has established the final contract early, subsequent bids can be used for other purposes in social games.

EAST	WEST
Pass	1S
2C (1)	2NT (2)
3C (3)	3D (4)
3H (5)	3NT (6)
4C (7)	4D (4)
4S (8)	PASS

- (1) Drury
- (2) We are playing in 4S - no slam interest
- (3) How about Chinese food for dinner?
- (4) no thank you
- (5) Italian?
- (6) Sounds good
- (7) How about a movie after?
- (8) Ok, here we are.

Partnerships using this treatments should discuss and memorise their agreements.

An incorrect answer to "do you need a ride home?"

or

"would you like to marry me?"

might have more serious consequences than for Blackwood.



wonder who's got these plates?

WELCOME to NEW MEMBER

Stu Dumbleton

Regetfully there have been recent resignations from

Jan Andrews *Jocelyn Dippy *Audrey Gardner

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