

SPADEWORK

May 2016 Newsletter

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from our President

The highlight of my 'bridging life' has undoubtedly been the experience of playing in the Wednesday evening 'Paul Nielson' competition in which Juniors partner Seniors. Sitting North South last week was a buzz having these very nice people moving to my table and knowing they will be the future of our Club one day. So exciting to realise our future will be in good hands.

The Bay Pairs are looming with members being asked for their usual contribution of plates for morning tea with the committee providing the soup for lunch.

Following on from the Friday non-scoring day we had considered using a voucher day to play the third round but this is not practical as our next Friday Voucher day is not until September.

Keep warm as we move into the winter season and continue to be kind and considerate to fellow members.

JUNE

BE THERE!

The committee is planning a pizza night at 6pm on the 22nd of June, which is the last night of the Wednesday Teams competition. More details will follow from our Club Captain.



WELCOME to 5 NEW MEMBERS

Judith George
Sue Aitken

Susan Vercoe and John Vercoe
Diane Blumsom

STOP PRESS - Continuing to bring kudos to the Mt Club at the Katikati Intermediate Tournament on Sunday 22 May were Gilda Rowland and Tina Dudley - 1st in the morning session and 1st in the afternoon session, Brenda Birss and Pamela Pedersen.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Club Captain Carol writes ...

~~We have the Bay pairs being held at our club on the 12th June, if you can help in the kitchen and/or bring a plate for morning tea please put your name on the sheet on the notice board. Thank you.

~~The committee have decided that the Florence Shrimpton Memorial pairs, which was held on a Wednesday night, will next year be a Monday night competition. The top prize goes to a Junior and/or Novice pair so we feel this will be a better slot.

~~Further to our trial of big print cards the notice below was posted by the Committee.

BIG PRINT CARDS

It is difficult to imagine losing your normal sight and having to adapt, but sadly, it is a reality some of us will face in the future.

If it happened to one of us we would need to start making adjustments to our lives, and we would have to accept having to rely on others for lifts, learn to deal with not being able to read normal size print and other daily routines we take for granted.

As a bridge player, one of the worst things would be not being able to continue to play at the Bridge Club because we were unable to see the cards clearly.

This sadly has been the reality for some of our players who are no longer members because they could not see the cards clearly. It is a double whammy to lose your vision and your hobbies!

As a club we decided to take action to try to reduce the problem as much as possible for our visually impaired members. We want bridge to be accessible to as many of us as possible. Hence we have bought the large cards to trial. The people who have been struggling with visual issues love the big cards but some other members are not so happy. We would really appreciate it if you would persevere with the cards to give them a fair trial for the sake of the few who really need them, you never know which of us will be in that position in the future.

Therefore the committee has decided we will continue to use the big cards to see if they will work for us. We'll use them once a month on Thursdays for six months.

Thank you in anticipation for your understanding.

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays May'16 Spotless Spouting Pairs

1st Margaret Wakelin & Barry Crosby
2nd Kay Wright & Helen Heuvel
3rd Diane Moreland & Noelene Shrimpton

Thursdays May'16 Furniture Gallery Pairs Handicap

1st Nan Seabourne & Colleen Ross
2nd Gloria Mouatt & Jo-an White
3rd Joan Smith & Rosemary Collins

Thursdays April'16 Carol's Hair Salon Pairs

1st Barbara Ferguson & Joan Liddle
2nd Rosemary Collins & Lesley Stephen
3rd Colleen Ross & Byrta Wagstaff

Fridays April '16 Dawson Insurance Pairs

1st John Andrews & Kaye Robertshaw
2nd Jan Andrews & Hanny Hepburn
3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland

Fridays May '16 New World Pairs

1st Julie Downs & Liz Gilbert
2nd Jan Andrews & Kaye Robertshaw
3rd John Andrews & Noelene Shrimpton

SUPPORTING our SPONSORS

One lucky Monday night player is going to win a voucher, but you too could enjoy being pampered by Jill or even buy a massage gift for someone special. She also has some lovely well-priced creams available.

Jillz clinic can be found at 2/4 Aberdeen St (between Valley and Tweed Streets, Mt Maunganui) ph 5724489



Condolences to Flo Nield who has bravely excelled in her bridge over the last few months while caring for daughter Karen.

A little JOKE

A Mt player loves voids. Once they had only 12 cards including a spade void. Director comes over and finds the Spade Ace under the table and gives it to the player. "Now you've gone and ruined my whole hand" player says.



A couple of our members went to their first Saturday tournament a few weeks ago. JEANETTE BEEHRE shares her apprehension and good experience . . .

Driving over to Matamata for our first foray into the tournament scene partner Lois O'Donnell and I were both thinking if we could avoid being last that would be an ok result.

On arrival we were met with a lovely selection of food for morning tea. Not a good idea to have a cooked breakfast before leaving home. At ten am we were into the first session that went until 1.00pm. It got rather stuffy in the room as it was such a beautiful day outside and we were happy when it was time for lunch. We did feel we'd played this session reasonably well. Lunch was a wrap each with selections of yummy home baking plus fruit. The bridge was a bit sluggish at the start of the afternoon session after the lovely lunch but we were quickly shocked into pulling our socks up and before we knew it the session was over. Afternoon tea and drinkies

were then the order of the day plus the prize giving and raffle. Our overall result for the day was 13th out of 28 pairs and we returned home happy after an enjoyable day out.

We will definitely repeat this experience.

REPAIRS

You may have noticed that the material on the ceilings of our bathrooms and the foyer for the same area is deteriorating and cracked. Work will start soon to remove the old material and refinish the ceiling. Play should not be interrupted as the two day job will happen on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

