



SPADEWORK

November 2022 Newsletter

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for the last time in 2022

President Diane writes ...

Wishing all our members a very happy Christmas and to those travelling away on holiday, take great care and come home safe and sound.

My apologies for not being there at the Christmas Party, but my newest grand daughter was being christened down in the Wairarapa the same weekend. My oldest grand child is now 25 and the youngest 5 months old! They do keep me busy. I do hope you all enjoyed the Christmas celebrations. We have a trophy for the Wed club championship called the Karen Martelletti Memorial Cup. Congratulations to the inaugural winner.

We have had a great response from members to fill the situations vacant coming up for next year, we will keep you all informed as to who has put their hands up and what is still vacant. Thank you to those who are willing to take on one of these small roles. I thank Jean Scott, Sarah Stacy, Dawn Buxton and Mike Nicholson who have all done a splendid job in filling these roles in the past.

You will all now be familiar with the Fire evacuation scheme. It's nice to know that those with mobility issues can use the lift in the case of evacuation. You can find the Health & Safety and Fire evacuation policies under the tab 'club policies' on our web site. Thank you to Julie Sheridan. If any one has experienced or thought of a hazard please document it at the back of the Incident book which sits on the shelf at the front of the club rooms.

We had a great official opening of the Rescue centre. The bridge club was well represented. It was nice to see the prime minister and some of her ministers present. Jacinda did mention the loss some of our members would have felt with the loss of our original club rooms, that did impress me as we tend to forget all the work that went into fund raising and building of those club rooms and how well it served its purpose.

Enjoy the festive season and stay safe.

Diane

from Club Captain Teri ...

Hi All -

I just want to say a big thank you to all the myriad of members who have worked so hard behind the scenes (unsung heroes) who have made this year so much fun for me this year. I have really enjoyed myself. I hope you all have too? A special thank you to all on the committee – you are a hard working bunch and a lot of laughs. Wishing all of you all the

best in 2023 Happy Bridge **Teri**

REMINDER 2023

Members will be invoiced for Subs early January 2023, payable by end of Feb 2023.

Invoices will be emailed to all who have email addresses.

Home member \$60 pa. Associate \$37 pa.

Bank account (no change) will be on the invoice and in the front of the program book, plus more details such as half year charges etc. Please note additional info about banking below in Spadework.

Programme Books available soon!

Overdrawn COMPASS accounts

The committee ask members to please ensure they take responsibility for ensuring their COMPASS account is not overdrawn. As you can appreciate, it takes a fair amount of time and effort for volunteers to chase up members who are not in credit.

Following the last day of each month, your COMPASS account is brought up to date. Then you are emailed a statement of account so you will know if your account is overdrawn. In that email we always ask you to aim to have a balance of \$20 ready to cover future play.

- Treasurer Jane



Dates for the Diary:

Holiday bridge starts

Monday 2nd Jan 2023 1pm

Normal Bridge programme

starts Monday 23rd Jan 2023 1pm

AGM Wed 8th February 6.15pm



Rank Changes for the following Champs -

Teri Logie and Helene Paterson

now both Local Master.

CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Nov '22	Furniture Gallery Pairs	1st Alan Currie & Julia Gardiner 2nd Jose McDonald & Nancye Ward 3rd Carol Grant & Margaret Jones
Monday pm Oct '22	Shoe&me Handicap Singles	1st Jude Brown 2nd Lynette Steele 3rd Judith Somerville
Wednesdays Oct'22	Great Spice Handicap Pairs	1st Megan Richards & Graham Stern 2nd Margaret Y Guy & Steve Porter 3rd Carol Jones & Tina Dudley
Wednesdays Oct'22	Countdown Pairs	1st Marion Kelly & Julie Sheridan 2nd Marcus Dudley & Rachelle Pelkman 3rd Graham Stern & Barry Crosby
Thursdays Oct'22	Teekay Trust Handicap Pairs	1st Pat Verran & Jenni Calderwood 2nd Jan Moyes & Dee Drew 3rd Carolyn Toy & Julie Hawkes
Fridays Oct'22	Friday Champs Pairs	1st Diane Rodger & Barry Crosby 2nd Carol Cullen & Mike Nicholson 3rd Judith Wilson & Brenda Macfarlane

SUMMER BRIDGE

MARK THESE DATES in your new diaries or however you remind yourself in 2023.

Mondays seated by 1245 please
January 2, 9, 16
Wednesdays seated by 6.45 please
January 4, 11, 18
thanks
to Gloria Mouatt
ph 5441834
who is partner
steward for
SUMMER BRIDGE
Visitors welcome -
\$6.50 table money



Spadework Wishes you Merry Xmas and good luck for Bridge in 2023

Spadework

Emerging from our upheavals over the past two years have been some very old issues of

Spasmodic copies from 2005 - 2008 surfaced, written and edited by **Liz Bristow**.

Liz, now 92, still plays regularly at the Tauranga Club and has agreed to have some of her insights and comments published again. Liz's late husband, Peter, used to write a bridge column for the Bay of Plenty Times and Liz confesses she sometimes used these as her byline as she was the copy typist! Here's what she wrote in **January 2005**.

"It was great to see so many players enjoying holiday bridge. Now we are all busy filling our programmes and looking forward to some challenging games of bridge.

For the game would be stale and boring if there were no challenges and nothing to get our little grey cells working. Isn't it exciting to pick up a hand and wonder how good it is going to be? Like opening a new book you've never read before. Bridge is a wonderful blessing for so many of us.

The world is getting smaller and we can't always escape from the horrors that are happening in so many places. As individuals who are emotionally moved by such tragedies, there is only a little we can do. But we can try to make our own environment and our own commitment to each other a more meaningful and caring way of living. I came across this quotation recently. It's from a poignant source".

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world" Anne Frank.

In the same issue, the President's Message was from Jan Kirk. She starts "Thank you for the honour of being your President. I congratulate our new Club Captain Daphne Ansell, Vice President Ray Guy and enthusiastic committee Sarah Stacey, Tonny Cramer, Hanny Hepburn and Nan Ward". Names we still recognise 18 years later! but some no longer with us.

Jan also notes attendance for 21 tables on Thursdays for holiday bridge!!!

IMPORTANT INFO FOR PAYMENTS (or 'making it easier for all')

Thank you all for your commitment to the club in paying your table money so promptly. Please can we have a big push to standardise the info you supply with your payments made online. Treasurer Jane finds it's hard work to sort out payments when everyone writes all sorts of different information on different columns from their different banks.

In your bank please amend your information against the Mt Club Payee – bank account 03 0374 0045537 01

Particulars = **NAME**

Analysis Code = **YOUR BRIDGE NUMBER**

Reference = **REASON FOR PAYMENT** ie. sub, table money, social event (and this will alter for each payment).

Xmas Lunch 2022

Well, nearly 100 members enjoyed our Xmas Lunch 26th November. Carolyn Toy and Jan Payne bridged lovely decorations and the Xmas tree. Wined and dined with fabulous food, in part purveyed by multi-talented Teri, and with salads by the epicurist committee, pav and strawbs to follow!

Deputising president Michele along with Gilda then presented the year's prizes.

Maestro **Ruth Sweatman** called for choir volunteers to reiterate the "12th Day of Mt Bridge Christmas".

Ruth on piano, coaxed forth the '12 sins of bridge playing', ending on the 12th day with "a session at the Mt Maunganui club"

A congo followed and partners were drawn for bridge.

Attendees reported the aircond and ventilation came to the party, and happily Shirley Knight was able to attend too.



Thursday 3rd November 2022 was a **RED LETTER** day for our Mt Maunganui Bridge Club. After more than two years' planning and building, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern officially opened the building.

Besides the Surf Life Saving NZ dignitaries, important past and present members of our Club attended. Our President Diane Rodger of course, but also past presidents Ngaire Dickie, Jan Kirk, Diane King, Judy Bartlett and Anne Clarke. June Nightingale was unable to attend.

Swelling the numbers were Life Members Noelene Shrimpton, Nancye Ward and Jean Scott (labelled the Bridge Mafia by one MP!). And of course our hard-working committee.

At 12 noon the Prime Minister was expected - bad traffic on Hewletts Rd delayed the entourage - later a plea was made to please fix our traffic woes! In the meantime a Teams Event ensued with Sam Uffindell and Todd Muller working the room whilst Labour's Jan Tinetti and co tried for IMPS of their own.

Finally the formalities kicked off with a waiata and speeches by local komatua and Iwi with responses by the parliamentary contingent.

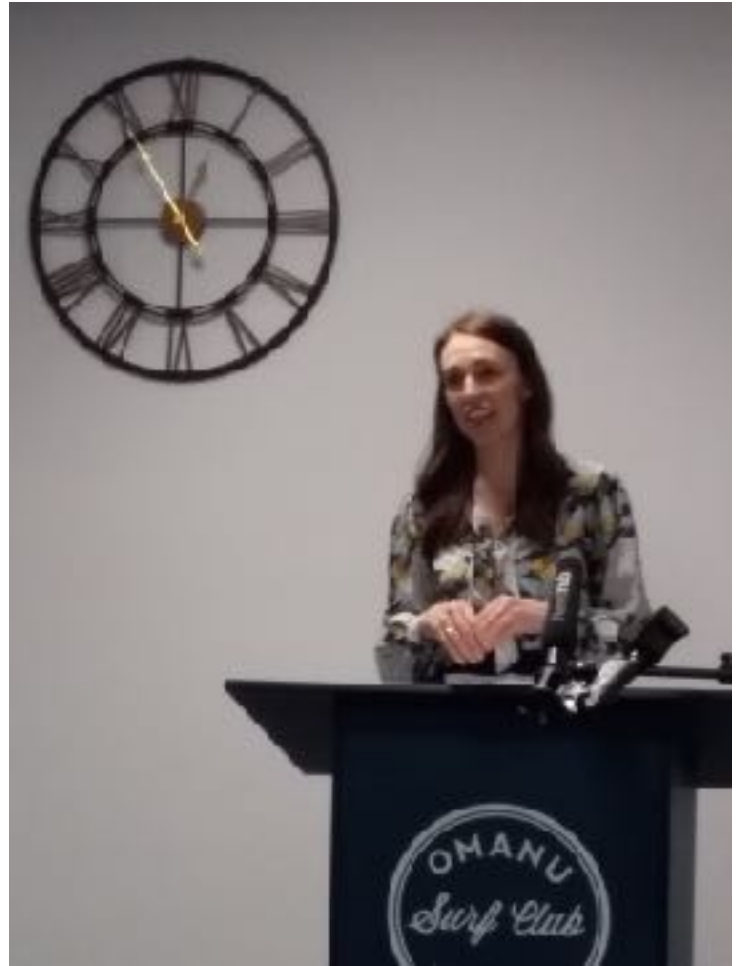
Donal Boyle for the Omanu Trust gave a brief history of the project and acknowledged both our and the government's contribution. He concluded by awarding a very large red Omanu Surf Life Saving teshirt to Surf Nipper Neve.

Jacinda Ardern, dressed in a floral blouse, black skirt and high bieve stilletos, delivered a warm, apparently ad lib address. She too praised the Mt Maunganui Bridge club for its pragmatism and vision and remarked she had studied the info display downstairs before the welcome.

Stuart Nash, Economic and Regional Development Minister gave a light-hearted amusing speech commending the concept of this community asset which was part funded under the 'shovel ready project' umbrella.

Marilyn Moffatt, President of Surf Life Saving NZ was elated that more lives would be saved being coordinated from our complex, and thanks that government was now funding Surf Life Saving. She also observed, addressing the parliamentary visitors, that 50% of surf life savers too, are women. Lastly, TECT Chairman Bill Holland advised that \$500,000 had been awarded to support completion of the project.

Then a light lunch to follow with the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club team cleaning up and reinstating the room after the festivities.



LUCKY . . . the day before the PM was in the building, a contractor was doused in water whilst attending to faulty air conditioning in our rooms at Table 11 approx, right where VIP's were seated a day later!