



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

October 2022 Newsletter

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from President Diane -

Can I ask everyone to support our sponsors, they are becoming increasingly difficult to engage in this economic climate. The convenors at each session will give a brief overview of their business and location.

Thank you.

You will see the Fire Action Notice (FAN) on the wall in the entrance way. Please become familiar with the escape routes and the alarm (only if we find a fire). The automatic alarms are all smoke alarms and considered early warning signs. This will be followed by our fire evacuation plan. The committee will put it to the test at our next meeting, then it will be sent out to everyone.

Hopefully we will never need it, but better to be safe than sorry. Can the convenors at all sessions take a tally of all present (including themselves !) and document on the notices. The reason for this is if we have to evacuate we have to do a count and ensure no one has been left behind.

Save the date - 26th November 11am for our Christmas Party. Tickets will be on sale soon. Bubbles and or punch will be available on arrival, then it will be BYO.

More about that to come.

A big thank you to Bernie for the very professional sign on the Golf Rd side of our building. It looks great, thanks Bernie.

A reminder there won't be bridge on Thursday 3rd November.

I hope you're all enjoying your bridge.

Stay safe,

Diane Rodger Moreland

Club Captain Teri says ... Hi all

Almost the end of another great year of bridge. Soon I will be tapping members on the shoulder looking for volunteers for session convenors for 2023. Convenors open up, switch stuff on, read the notices and lock up after play. And a big thank you to all those who have helped out this year.

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If we could all start a good habit in our new rooms and toss for sides before each session that would be great! To keep games moving, ensure you always lead a card face down and check with your partner that, in fact, it is your lead. Also don't be hasty in folding up your cards at end of play until everyone has agreed to the count.

A few extra seconds to do these two things can save minutes in disputes.

Happy Bridge Teri.

Our club captain **TERI** was **FLOOR MANAGER** at **Congress** - of course she excelled at the job with her calm demeanour through out, addressing problems and smooth transitions between sessions, making sure the correct boards were at the correct tables with the correct players . . .

However, Teri says, things weren't always so ordered behind the scenes.

Each session ended with the expected handout of a paper record of each hand citing best possible outcomes and top scores. Teri's team sorted the exact handouts for each session in a dedicated changing room complete with toilet and shower facilities. But while sorting, Teri inadvertently knocked the 'shower on' lever and got saturated while desperately trying to save the paper records from a water dousing.

Teri can also confirm BayPark is a responsible host, refusing service before morning play commenced - dutch courage required for some players!

Thanks for your good work Teri.



IMPORTANT

Don't forget **subs** will be due in **JANUARY** via

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CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Oct '22	Ray White Handicap Pairs	1st Margaret Guy & Ray Guy 2nd Joe Brown & Graeme McLean 3rd Jan Moyes & Dee Drew
Mondays Oct '22	Ray White Pairs Gross Result	1st Pat Ware & Margaret Wakelin 2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland 3rd Joe Brown & Graeme McLean
Mondays pm Oct '22	Downtown Pharmacy Handicap Pairs	1st Ella Koolen & Rachael Fraser 2nd Jude Brown & Philip Brown 3rd Gordon Cameron & Margaret Bowditch
Wednesdays Oct '22.	Mount Eliza Cheese Pairs	1st Shirley Knight & Tina Dudley 2nd Carol Cullen & Mike Nicholson 3rd Michele Larnder & Helene Paterson
Wednesday Night	Championship Singles	1st Pamela Pedersen 2nd Shirley Knight 3rd Rosemary Wilkey
Thursdays Sept '22	Ray White Papamoa Handicap Pairs	1st Michele Larnder & Helene Paterson 2nd Sue Martin & Jan Payne 3rd Dianne Stevens & Kay Burnie
Fridays Oct '22.	Mayo Jewellery Pairs	1st Riet Jansen & Hanny Hepburn 2nd Jose McDonald & Judith Wilson 3rd Shirley Knight & Jean Scott

**Welcome to
New Member**

Eddie Paterson

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

Whilst we are all bathing in the light of our enduring Bridge Club in new premises, some of our sponsors have a history also.

Robertson's Menswear

have sponsored us for many years from their stylish shop in the Mount. It is currently run by Jamie Robertson, the latest in the family business. His commitment is demonstrated by his offer to sponsor us again for 2023, whilst collecting the prize vouchers for 2022! Do take the opportunity to look in on a traditional purveyor of gents clothing.

Another of our sponsors,

Van Dyk's Mega Store

has sponsored us for many years, even though their main store is in Putaruru! Owner Daniel has a connection with the bridge club going back many years. In the interests of Supporting our Sponsors, please note the store, online access to the store, and also that they own the

'Beds * R * Us'

stores in the Mount and Tauranga.

at Congress, several young and very young

players were interviewed and asked what prompted them to learn bridge. Two stated independently they had read the book

"The Card Turner"

This novel is in our library No.151 - suggestion is if you have grandchildren or other you'd like to get involved in bridge, borrow this book - it's a good read.

Prizegiving and Christmas Party

Book your partner **NOW** for our **Saturday 26 November 11am** festivities.

Cost is \$20pp - includes lunch, punch and bubbles.

Join the usual festive fun, entertainment, raffles and trophy presentation followed by bridge.

(cash or EFTPOS if paid at the door or pre-sale tickets available soon.)



36TH NATIONAL CONGRESS, BAYPARK ARENA

was successfully convened October 1st - 9th 2022



Can you believe 125 tables spread across 2 basketball courts, that is, 500+ players, 7 directors, 1 floor manager, 3 caddies, plus scorers, dealers and admin people. What an event.

Good to see a fair sprinkling of Mt Maunganui club members also amongst those competing. Regrettably, none were summoned to the prize winners' podium which seemed to be mostly populated by Ozzies.

Additionally, Mt members were generous with their days as stands-in for ailing players (or those that spat the dummy with their partners!). Thanks to Sue Gibbons, John Laugesen, Kay Burnie and Bill Ridley. Our Open player John says he was called in four times and once, at such short notice that he could only ask his partner's name before play commenced, let alone discover what system they were playing. To add insult to injury, John had to endure instruction on correct bidding and play for each hand. Players were allowed six minutes for each hand, no concessions for slow play. Can you imagine so much thought, alerting and explaining unconventional bids and tricky play with a strict time limit

Mt Maunganui Committee can confirm the table numbers as 4 members took home, washed and dried 30 tablecloths each for a lovely donation to our club funds. Thank you all. Our smart clubrooms were hired for NZ Bridge meetings and rubber bridge sessions so our new building has become a welcome ancillary to the main venue.

NZ Bridge now has a storage facility at Mt Maunganui for all the items required to run such an event - tables, clean tablecloths, cards, boards and bridgemates etc. as the Baypark Arena has been booked for 2023 and 2024 Congress.



Keep your 2023 programme book free Sept 23 - 30 to participate in

37TH NATIONAL CONGRESS, BAYPARK ARENA

Convenor Mike Newton from Tauranga club will be looking for a team of stand-ins from our club for 2023 - please consider helping out!



this month the **SPOTLIGHT** is on one of our esteemed Life Members, **NANCYE WARD**. In her own words -

I've had a long and generally uneventful life but can remember vividly things like the Second World War which though a long way away, still had a big effect on many things and our young lives.

I was born and bred in New Plymouth where I met my husband, Doug. Then with three children, two sons and a daughter, Steve, John and Nicky, moved to Wanganui and after a few years there Doug reached retirement age and we decided to move to the Mount where I had family property bought by my dear Nana way back when the Mount beach was virtually just sand hills. The property was just a bach but provided the family with many lovely holidays. The privy was a long drop down the garden path and we washed in tin tubs by the water tanks until my father had a very basic bathroom/laundry added on. However this all had to come down to rebuild. We offered the old bach to anyone who could take it away. A farmer was interested but the inspector for his area said "I'm not having that on my patch".

An insult for the dear old Bach so we paid the community group Jaycees to dismantle it as a fund raiser. A self-contained flat was built so the family could still holiday here - that family has increased to 5 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, so the property is still very useful.

I had always played a lot of golf, but when the home was finished, my mind turned to bridge. I had played a little with friends in New Plymouth but then I met Audrey Johnston whom many of you will remember. She asked me what system I played - I didn't know so she advised me to go to lessons, conducted then by Bill Brown and his wife Mattie. He taught Standard American as most of the Mt Maunganui Club was playing that system. Later I went to Acol lessons and am pleased that I can play two systems. I soon settled into the bridge club with the help of the senior members who gave up their time to help new players along. It wasn't long before Audrey asked me if I'd be interested in learning to score. Back then in the 90's, there were no scoring pads and no dealing machines. Silent bidding started in the 90's, previously one had to remember all the bids, but players could ask for a recap The cards were dealt at the table before we played the first hand and recorded on a travelling sheet that stayed with the board around the room. The scorers used to enter names in the computer at afternoon tea time and scored after play with the results posted in the window. Winners would get a phone call. How times have changed.

Then Bill Brown asked me to attend his lessons on directing so off to school again with Bill at Tauranga and lots of study. I directed for quite a few years as I've always been interested in taking part in organisations I belong to, as not being a career girl I had the time to do voluntary work - raising money to build a kindergarten in New Plymouth, budget advisory in Wanganui and golf committee work. Eventually I felt that it was time to stand aside from scoring and directing and let others come on. After Doug died my daughter, Nicky who had lost her husband some years before announced that she was selling her house and "I'm coming to live with you Mum, we'll be flat mates" and so it is today. Along the way I've made many good friends through bridge. Now in my golden years I am happy to watch our very capable, hard working committee and helpers run the club in our wonderful new club rooms and my flat mate does more than her share of the work around the home.

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Nan served as President '03 and '04 with Hanny Hepburn as Club Captain. Good friend Hanny says Nan was unflappable as President, but she refused to take the mic for any club announcements - soft voice? shy? . . . Anyway, Hanny muses that Nan was and remains a willing, loyal and dutiful club member and always a steady bridge player.