



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

October 2019 Newsletter

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## from President Anne -

It was with great sadness that club members were told last week of the loss of one of our Monday night players, Stuart Pedersen in a tragic yachting accident off Cape Brett. His soulmate and wife Pamela is also a club member and club secretary for a number of years.

Stuart and Pamela, with their two crew members, were due to arrive back in Tauranga at the end of the week but were instead, confronted with severe weather and challenging conditions.

Thank you to those members who were able to attend Stuart's funeral service held Wed 23rd October

You will all have come away knowing a little more about the truly community-spirited person and loving family man that was Stuart.

He will be sorely missed.

It is also a reminder to us all, just how precious life is and that we need to be thankful for each and every day, showing those we care about, that they are appreciated.

So please, while you are enjoying your Bridge, be kind to one another. *Anne*

This elderly player goes to the Dr for their annual checkup. The Dr is impressed that this player is in even better health than the year before. Curious, he asks player what they do for *mental* stimulation. The answer - that they play duplicate bridge. The doctor, a bridge player himself, says that's great. "And what do you do for *physical* stimulation?"

"I sit East-West" is the reply.

## Club Captain Carol notes ...

Xmas is approaching fast, hope you have a ring around Sunday 24th November on your calendar for our Xmas party and prize giving.

Tickets will be available soon.

This year the committee have decided the programme books will be distributed as soon as we get them from the printers, giving you plenty of time to organise your partners before the Xmas break.

We are encouraging everyone to pay their subs on line for this coming year but please note the club bank account for payment has changed. You will be informed of the new account number in due course.  
(new account number on p2 Ed.)

Hope you have your partners for charity week starting 9th December. This year we are supporting "Riding for the Disabled".

**Good bridging everyone.**

## IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY

\*Next Improvers lesson with Karen Martelletti  
addresses play in NO TRUMPS

Tuesday 12 Nov Mt Club 1pm \$5

\*Charity week starting Dec 9th, supporting  
Riding for the Disabled this year.

\*Christmas Party and prize giving - Sunday 24th  
November

\*Check the notice board for all the end of year  
tournaments and Christmas parties at our  
neighbouring clubs.



This month it's .... **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** .... to our own .... **MT MAUNGANUI BRIDGE CLUB**

**55 YEARS**

5 years ago on 11 October we celebrated our 50th Golden Jubilee with a dinner, cake cutting, entertainment and address by then President Judy Bartlett at the neighbouring Golf Club rooms. Happy bridge was played the following day. Five years on we still have a healthy membership and great friends and players looking forward to our 60th.

## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays 2019	<b>Championship Singles</b>	1st Margaret Wakelin 2nd Lois Taylor 3rd Barry Crosby
Mondays Oct '19.	<b>Travelcom Pairs</b>	1st John Laugesen & Diane Rodger 2nd Kerry Crosby & Shirley Knight 3rd Bev Walker & Lois Taylor
Mondays pm Sept'19	<b>Tyre Express Handicap Singles</b>	1st Annette Dally 2nd Pam Adlam 3rd Joanne McLean
Wednesdays 2019	<b>C G Law Handicap Singles</b>	1st Lyn Bailie 2nd Brian Cavit 3rd Mike Nicholson
Wednesdays Sept'19	<b>Esquires Coffee Pairs</b>	1st Tina Kennedy & Helen Heuvel 2nd John Laugesen & Diane Rodger 3rd Kerry Crosby & Shirley Knight
Thursdays Sept '19	<b>Captains Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Joy Holmes & Marilyn Wallace 2nd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield 3rd Ann Cooney & Diane King
Fridays Oct '19	<b>Mt Maunganui Club Pairs</b>	1st Carol Cullen & Mike Nicholson 2nd Bob Callcut & Shirley Knight 3rd Ronelle Middleton & Julie Downs

## Members

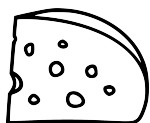
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## SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

For some Monday AND Thursday sessions in November, our sponsor is  
**Mount Eliza Cheese**

- BOPs raw milk cheesemakers and winners of the NZ Farmers Market Supreme Award 2018. To find the best cheese, visit Farmers Market at Tauranga Primary School on Saturday Mornings 8-12am. Or take a trip over to one of the Bays best kept secrets – the great little Te Puna Deli (behind Farmlands)

Jill and Chris Whalley.  
cheese@mounteliza.co.nz  
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## What time?

"I can see that you learnt to play today but could you tell me what time today?"

## OUR LIBRARY

We have been very fortunate to get some wonderful new library books recently. Our committee is very supportive in funding nice new books for your bedtime reading!

At the National Bridge Congress in Hamilton there is an extensive book display each year.

This year our club members who attended Congress chose all the new library books. Have a look what they chose and even a read of them. They are the highest numbered books there.

**BREN**

## REPORT FROM THE MONDAY NIGHT TEAM FOSTERING OUR NEW PLAYERS

**thanks** to the following volunteers who enable the Skills night to run smoothly:

**Bren Birss** our kind and ever patient beginners class tutor,

**Judy Bartlett** who has been helpfully coaching each week with the lovely **Dixie Horne**.

**Ross Edwards** who kindly sorts and loaded the bridge boards for our Skills night,

**Helen Heuvel** our loyal director who comes along each week hoping to see all improve.

On **Monday night**, ten of this year's Brookies played in the Downtown Pharmacy Pairs. Seven of those were Beginners in Bren's class earlier this year. Well done to you all and especially to Gordon Cameron & Margaret Bowditch who came 2nd E/W and also to Rob Park who played with Vivienne Peters and they came 3rd E/W.

- from Monday night emailer **Sharyn Rudolph**