



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

October 2020 Newsletter

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## from President Diane Rodger -

A big hello to all our members,  
how nice it is to see the sun shining and our air conditioning working, was very pleasant there on Monday.

Our sub committee for the proposed new building have been working overtime and from what I hear we should have some plans to look at very soon, we are very grateful to Julie S, Warren C, Bruce I and Grant (lawyer), thank you for your hard work.

Our Christmas Party and prize giving is on 22nd Nov (Sun) I'm hoping we are going to have a really good turn out, I can promise you all a good laugh.

There are also some very exciting items in the raffle this year, tickets will go on sale in a couple of weeks.

You will be hearing a lot about Compa\$\$, if anyone has any questions please let us know  
Please keep up with our health and safety regarding Covid 19, it continues to be rampant world wide, we are so lucky in NZ, but it is so easy to become complacent.

enjoy your bridge, and stay safe,

**Diane**

## Club Captain Teri muses ...

*I am sure everyone is very happy to be back playing. With the playing comes numerous tasks - and I would just like to say thank you to all the members who do all of these to keep the sessions running smoothly on time, so that there is little the majority of the members have to do and that there are chocolate biscuits to eat and money to pay for them. We could not do it without you. Thank you to all members - no club without you either!*

*Just a reminder that the Christmas party is on Sunday 22nd November, hope to see you there*

*I am always available - please do not hesitate to contact me*

**Cheers**

**Teri**

## MOST IMPORTANT CONTENT OF OCTOBER SPADEWORK -

All members will have had communication re

### COMPA\$\$

It's easy - write this bank account number down **now** or probably you've already saved it to **payees.**

**- please note the -001 suffix on this account.**

Deposit at least \$20 by Monday 9 November with your name and bridge number as reference and do no more except enjoy club bridge with extras until you are advised to top up your deposit again.

**account no. 03 0374 0045537 001**

Refer to the members email and website for full details. Any committee member will be happy to assist and you will not be sent home from Bridge in the early stages of this transition to Compass \$\$ due to lack of credit to your account.

## CLUB RESULTS

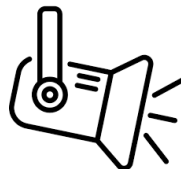
Mondays Oct '20	<b>Travelcom Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Kay Wright & Ruth Sweatman 2nd Bob Kidd & Gabrielle Harris 3rd Marilyn Wallace & Marilyn Jones
Thursdays Oct '20	<b>Cunningham Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Catherine King & Margo Kirk 2nd Raewyn Wright & Diane King 3rd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield
Thursdays Oct '20	<b>Tauranga Event Cinemas Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Gloria Mouatt & Joan Heuvel 2nd Margo Kirk & Diane King 3rd Beth Strombom & Erika Schofield
Fridays Oct '20	<b>Mayo Jewellery Champs Pairs</b>	1st Barry Crosby & Martin Van Der Meys 2nd Trish Kidd & Annie Barry 3rd Noelene Shrimpton & Jose McDonald

A famous bridge player is teaching a beginning class at the Bridge Lessons. It is now the fifth lesson. A learner, this fellow in the class who has not said one word since day one and is only there because his mother bugged him to try to learn the game to fill in. Actually, he is a poker player. Reluctantly the fellow sits down and is given a set hand that is used to teach beginners. The fellow has 14 HCP and a nice five card heart suit, and everyone is waiting for him to bid something. Silence. Teacher asks him how many points he has? Silence. Well, then, tutor teaches him how to count points and says you have to open something. Silence. Teacher says, "it's ok open anything you want." The guys says "ok, I'll open for a dollar."

### SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

It is the time of year when sponsorship must be agreed ready for the 2021 Program book. This year has proved difficult for many businesses and consequently a cost item named 'sponsorship' has to be considered seriously for them. Whilst some companies have ended their sponsorship and others reduced their contributions, it is gratifying to have found new sponsors, some of which were suggested by our own members. We will enter 2021 with sponsors to cover all our competitions, and for that we should **recognise and support our sponsors whenever possible.**

Mike Nicholson  
Sponsorship Steward



### SPOTLIGHT ON .... GILDA

Gilda Rowland joined the Mt Bridge club some four years ago, relocating from Perth and becoming Club **Secretary** three years ago.

A NZer, Gilda first learned bridge in Singapore where husband Derek was posted for four years with Westpac bank.

Gilda worked also in Singapore for the Police Liaison Officer stationed with the NZ High Commission. Her boss was married to an avid world-class bridge player. She encouraged Gilda to learn our game and subsequently Gilda took private lessons with an English tutor. Gilda well remembers and applies 'laws' learnt from lessons there such as "8 never 9 ever" etc.

From Singapore Gilda and Derek moved to Melbourne then Perth where she honed skills with social and club bridge. Interestingly, Gilda mentions there are no rewards at all for winning club competitions in Perth - members play for the glory alone.

The Rowlands left two adult children in Perth to relocate to Tauranga four years ago. An open player, she has joined both clubs and remains a valued and active member of the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club committee.

### Welcome to New Members

Bob Kidd  
Marcus Dudley  
Rosemary Wilkey  
Mac McCarthy has rejoined.

And the Club is sorry to accept the resignation of  
Heather Slee and Gerda and Jaco van Dijk

The new venue for our  
**NATIONAL CONGRESS** is  
**BAYPARK ARENA, MOUNT MANGANUI, TAURANGA**  
and will be a long term booking.

Congress will be held in the Lion Foundation Centre which is big enough to hold all the events in the one room, has great lighting, suites for staff and a huge parking area. There is an in-house catering team and coffee stations and may be the BBQ lunches (or similar) that so many players enjoyed in the past.  
It is a wonderful venue for our National Congress.

### Prizegiving and Christmas Party

Book your partner **NOW** for our  
**Sunday 22 November** festivities.  
Cost is \$20pp - includes lunch, punch and bubbles.  
Join the usual festive fun, entertainment, valuable  
raffles and trophy presentation followed by bridge.  
Look out for Santa Claus making an early  
appearance . . . and frogs being kissed . . .



### your club needs YOU

The club needs to recruit suitable directors for Monday nights and to get them to a reasonable standard. The main thing the director needs to know is how to set up the room. Then decide and set up the movement - there are instructions and directors always use these to avoid errors and needing to restart the scoring. Some knowledge of the scoring and the bridgemates is also helpful.

### Directors do not need to know too much about the rules

as there is a short-cut guide and most rulings on Monday nights are fairly common. Helen is willing to train anybody who shows an interest. Hopefully we can start to train in the New Year, if not before - from Helen Heuvel.

**Further** - Monday pm emailer Sharon Rudolf regularly reports enough wonderful attendance for 16 tables on Monday nights - a great testament to the movers and shakers who organise and help with this night.