



# SPADEWORK

October 2023 Newsletter

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## from President Michele -

Convivial Thursdays

Thursdays have become one of our most popular sessions of the week – regularly getting 15+ tables of happy players. Two years ago, this session was not well attended and there were discussions about dropping it from the programme. There have been three main drivers that have precipitated change.

The first was changing the start time of the session from 11am to 1pm. The second change was a monthly tournament sponsored by Westpac Bank organised by Isobel McIntyre.

The third and most important change was the inclusion of Julie Sheridan's golfing buddies. Julie had been fostering Bridge with this group for several years; with the change of time and some other issues it was opportune to move Bridge from the Golf club to the Bridge club – it made perfect sense.

Julie continues to encourage and support all players in this session and does a great job as Director. As a result, we have a session that is made up of a mix of competition, support and heaps of fun and finishes with a convivial glass of BYO wine etc. for anyone who wants to stay and chat about Bridge and many other things. This is what the Mt Bridge Club is about.

Congress was a great success and congratulations to all those players who participated. A special mention must go to our Novice Pairs of Rebecca Bartlett and Alan Withrington who came 1st in the Novice Pairs. I'm sure we are going to read their names a lot in the future. It is notable that our Club Captain, Teri Logie, played a major role in the day-to-day organisation of this large event – great kudos for our club and a job well done Teri. Next year maybe the last year we have Congress happening in Tauranga for a time – it may not be back. While it is local, I urge you to take the opportunity to take part in some sessions. If you enjoy your Bridge, you will enjoy being part of this event.

exciting event. **Michele**

## Club Captain Teri says ... Hi all!

The AGM is around the corner and with that in mind please give some thought to coming onto the Committee. New committee members with fresh ideas are always needed.

The Club literally can not run without a committee. The Committee is

### Desperately seeking a secretary.

Also consider up skilling to learn how to direct or a new role I just thought of – a director's helper. (similar to Santa's little

helpers only much more fun)



Learn how to score, how to deal? Every session needs people to open up, set up the kitchen, do the announcements, turn on the displays, collect money from visitors. Afterwards help clean the kitchen, shut down computers, lock up. Those who are doing all this at the moment are very appreciated, but face burn out. It's not that there is no extra help, but it needs to on a regular basis, or the person doing the work has to plan to do everything. So please just volunteer to help even if it's just one small task. At least the person doing it can tick it off their list and have one less thing to do. And we will all have

Happy Bridge - Teri



Happy Thursdays!

ALSO omissions/corrections from last month -  
**Rebecca Bartlett & Alan Withrington upgrade by Congress officials to 1st =**

**from 2nd = in the Novice Pairs. Better still!**

and at daytime bridge sessions there are not 6 nonagenarians playing but 7, includes Margot Kirk



## Christmas Party Saturday 2nd Dec \$25

Tickets on sale now, preferably no cash - EFTPos or on your compass account. Thanks. 11am Punch and bubbles, 11:45am Prizes. Followed by lunch, fun and Bridge. Draw for partners lol

## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Oct '23. <b>Andy @ Ray White Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Helene Paterson & Judy Waldvogel 2nd Bob Callcut & John Laugesen 3rd Julie Downs & Riet Jansen
Mondays pm Oct'23 <b>Downtown Pharmacy Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Lynette Steele & Elaine Genty-Nott 2nd Rebecca Bartlett & Alan Withrington 3rd Graham Burgess (late) & Grant Rowell
Wednesdays 2023 <b>PMG Handicap Singles</b>	1st Tina Dudley <b>PMG</b> 1st Julie Sheridan 2nd Joe Brown <b>Singles</b> 2nd Tina Dudley 3rd Carol Cullen 3rd Rosemary Wilkey
Wednesdays Sept'23 <b>Mount Eliza Cheese Pairs</b>	1st Tina Dudley & Rosemary Wilkey 2nd Robyn Knight & Elaine Kingsford 3rd Jane Furnish & Peter Furnish
Thursdays Sept '23 <b>Ray White Papamoa Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Marg White & Kay Pearse 2nd Don Espie & Stu Dumbleton 3rd Rachael Fraser & Bev Dowling
Thursdays Oct '23 <b>Teekay Trust Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Dianne Stevens & Carol Grant 2nd Jan Moyes & Dee Drew 3rd Kay Burnie & Isobel McIntyre
Fridays Sept '23 <b>Papamoa Mitre 10 Pairs</b>	1st Chris Gibson & Anne Clarke 2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland 3rd Shirley Knight & Jean Scott
Fridays Oct '23 <b>Mayo Jewellery Pairs</b>	1st Bren Birss & Barry Crosby 2nd Annie Barry & Barbara Stimson 3rd Hanny Hepburn & Nancy Ward

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**Paul O'Driscoll**

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40 Selwyn Street, Tauranga  
PO Box 13547, Tauranga 3141  
Will give a presentation at the club  
Wednesday 29th November 5pm.

Hear important investment news - influences of the new  
govt, higher interest rates, increased immigration . . .

worth remembering this from the  
NZ Herald March 2019 . . . .

### Bridging the gap

Why playing bridge is good for you ... and fun

A recent major study by the University of Stirling,  
Scotland, has revealed that playing bridge keeps  
people smarter, happier and more social into old age.  
The study also indicated that people who play bridge  
have higher levels of wellbeing than those who don't.  
In addition the game and its social environment has  
the potential to maintain good health, through  
increased positive cognitive, social and quality of life  
outcomes.

### CONGRESS IS OVER; BUT HERE'S A PERSONAL STORY FROM THE WEEK.

At Congress 2023, NZ rep bridge player **Micheal Cornell** not only was applauded as being NZ's first World Grand Master and awarded Life Membership of NZ Bridge, but also won NZ Open pairs with partner Andrew Bach. Your Spadework editor was anxious to meet Micheal as in childhood years I was Julie **Cornell**. An uncommon surname, I was sure we must be related somehow and was hoping some of Micheal's bridge DNA would rub off on me. A meeting was arranged and I explained to Micheal that we MUST be related.

Emphatically NO says Micheal.

"When my mother married she did not want to be a **Mrs Cornbell**" so the b was dropped and the successful bridge family became **Cornells**.

Oh well, it's back to ancestry.com and gleaning Klinger and Dorothy Hayden Truscott for a bigger bridge brain.

On Tuesday 24th October, Mt Club responded to an SOS by neighbouring Te Puke Club who had been approached by TV One to showcase Bridge across New Zealand.

Duly at 1730, players filled the Te Puke clubrooms, make-up and hair in place to front *Seven Sharp* reporter Lucas de Jong and cameraman.

A few hands were played, a bit of filming completed and as Frances observed "seven short" was over. Scrummy finger food, cup of tea and a few more hands.

No report on TV time to view but watch for some familiar faces soon on *Seven Sharp*



Sad to hear of the death this month of one of our past presidents,

**June Nightingale.**

June served as president 2014 - 2015, taking over from Judy Bartlett and succeeded by Anne Clarke. That was in the old, old clubrooms. Colleagues from that time agree that June was hard-working, with an ethic second to none, reliable and very unassuming. Great friend Judith Wilson remembers June as easy to work with, very sincere and helpful. During her tenure, June and committee orchestrated the club's

October 2014 GOLDEN JUBILEE

That celebration was held at the neighbouring golf course and yes! if you've done the maths, next year 2024 will be our 60th year - DIAMOND JUBILEE. June had a challenging last few years with the death of husband Alan, selling the family home, moving, repurposing and decorating the small unit previously owned by Mavis Mayer in Otumoetai, as well as managing her health issues.

Family was the great priority for June and latterly, played bridge when she could. Always a great proponent of SHAPE, June pushed hands to the limit! and we're sorry not to have her at our clubrooms anymore. Interesting to note that June's funeral Order of Service programme was super-imposed over a background of a bridge hand and a fan of cards - a tribute to how important we were to her and how special she was to us.

**Welcome New Members**

Kate Wade

Mark Wardill

Lynne Corbett Foy

Rebecca Johnston

and **Congrats for Rank Promotions**

Chris Buckley = Local Master

Sue Werren = Club Master

Kay Burnie = Club Master

**IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY**

If you are really well organised,

CONGRESS 2024

28 September - 5 October 2024

Quip - "I only play bridge on days ending in Y" which is any day!

soooo funny. In the early 70's **Carol Cullen** was a young mum in her 20's living in Auckland. Each day after taking her kids to kindy, she walked home past the Papakura Bridge Club. Looking for company whilst the children were occupied, Carol dropped into the club thinking bridge would be a great game for her as Carol loved playing cards and 500. First time at the table Carol's partner wondered . . . what the heck! and told Carol politely there was more to bridge than . . . Second time to the club, Carol thought 'it's not that hard, I expected it to be worse . . .'

By the 3rd visit to the club, Carol observed that other players looked and walked away, avoiding her and she hadn't appreciated you needed to have an arranged partner.

There were no formal lessons back then and it wasn't until 2014 Carol finally learnt proper bridge whilst on a cruise. And wow! did Carol's bridge take off then. With partner Mike Nicholson, Carol won the BOP Junior Pairs and also won as the Junior pair at the Cambridge 6's. Additionally, Carol was Club Captain at our Mt Maunganui Club from 2016 to 2019

- definitely no shortage of arranged partners now!

Health & Wellbeing Welfare Officer for our club is

**KERRY CROSBY,**

no longer a official distributor of alms but please

INFORM HER IF ANY MEMBER IS UNWELL

ph. number in your programme book.

filling a space . . . excerpt from  
ROUND the WORLD in 80 DAYS

by Jules Verne.

"Phileas Fogg was in the act of finishing the thirty-third rubber of the voyage [by steamer to India], and his partner and himself having, by a bold stroke, captured all thirteen of the tricks, concluded this fine campaign with a brilliant victory.

The Mongolia was due at Bombay on the 22nd; she arrived on the 20th. This was a gain to Phileas of two days since his departure from London . . ."

Bren Birss sent this info re Graeme Tuffnell who makes bridge videos.  
Some are bridge lessons and some are about hands he's played at Sky Bridge Club:

<https://skybridgeclub.com>

The lessons are here:

<https://graemetuffnell.com>

The Sky Bridge Club videos are here:

<https://www.youtube.com/skybridgeclub>

Bren hopes you find the videos helpful and if you'd like to buy Graeme a coffee to keep him going that'd be great!

The **Tauranga Bridge Club** has great pleasure in hosting the  
**2023 Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs** on **10 November 7pm** at **Tauranga Bridge Club**, 252 Ngatai Rd.

**LOVEBLOCK NZ WIDE PAIRS**

3A Tournament, All grades welcome

Friday 10 November 7pm @ Tauranga Bridge Club 252 Ngatai Rd

\$15 pp - refreshment and nibbles included

This iconic tournament is played simultaneously throughout New Zealand. You and your partner will be competing against the whole country as everyone is playing the same boards and at the end of the evening everyone will receive a booklet with all the hands that were played with tips and great advice. \$10 of your entry fee will go to the NZ Bridge Foundation, a registered charity whose mission is to support bridge players, teachers and coaches at all levels.

Please register online: [www.nzbridge.co.nz/tournaments](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/tournaments)  
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