



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

October 2024 Newsletter

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from President Michele -

On Saturday 19th of October we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee – 60 great years.

We welcomed past members Bev and Perry Keyt, Tom Uden, and Sue Wotton. Our special guest from Tauranga was Norm Silcock.

The organising committee were amazing. Diane King did a sterling job contacting old members. Robyn Knight organised the prizes and Dianne Stevens organised and oversaw the wonderful raffle. Mike Nicholson provided the entertainment. Teri and Gilda joined the committee just prior to the event but provided significant help and guidance on the set up and on the day. The wonderful decorations that set the tone for the day were the work of the very creative Carol Cullen. Julie Sheridan organised the Bridge session and Stephen Larnder co-ordinated the bar operations. Joanne and Alan McLean provided blueberries for the lunch and for prizes. The catering was provided by New World Mt Maunganui.

From our humble beginnings in 1964, when a group of passionate individuals came together with a shared vision, the Mount Club has grown into a thriving community that stands as a beacon of camaraderie.

This journey has been marked by significant milestones, such as a new building in 1974, with subsequent upgrades and improvements for over 40 years. Sadly, this building was demolished in 2021 after an agreement had been reached with the Omanu Surf Trust. The club relinquished its lease and in return the Trust build a new surf control centre that also looks to the future with excitement and optimism. The world around us continues to change, presenting new challenges and opportunities. As a club, we are committed to evolving and adapting, ensuring that we remain relevant and impactful in our community.

This is a time to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for being part of this remarkable journey. Your contributions, big and small, have shaped Mt Maunganui Bridge Club into what it is today. Let us continue to build on this legacy, fostering a spirit of togetherness and striving towards even greater achievements.

Here's to many more years of friendship, growth, and success. **Michele**

Club Captain Teri says hi ...

I hope you have all had a wonderful year of bridge? Just a request, we are always looking for members to learn new skills – like dealing, scoring and directing. Please give this some serious thought.

Tips of etiquette - Keep your voice even and your gestures consistent when bidding or playing the hands. Don't make any unusual movements for emphasis, no sighing when your partner lays down the dummy. Please don't snap your cards down or make any unusual movements to get your point across. And do not look at your opponent's or partner's cards after the hand has been played without their permission.

Above all, avoid any behaviour that would make anyone (especially beginners) feel uncomfortable.

Happy Bridge

Teri

Update of our database

In your own time please take a pre-printed form from the front, fill it out and drop it in the box. We are especially interested in your emergency contact phone number. Also would like to check your address is correct and the year you joined.

Thank you from the Committee

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

60 YEARS

and thanks for 'significant event' cake baked by **Judy Duncan** for our Diamond Jubilee celebration



for a full report and lots of photos of our 60th celebration go to special Spadework edition

<https://www.mount-maunganui.bridge-club.org>

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CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Oct '24	Ascot Rd Handicap Pairs.	1st Diane King & Merle Halligan 2nd Lorraine Murrie & Lynne Corbett-Foy 3rd Jenny Fraser & Richard Roberts
Mondays Oct '24. pm	shoe&me Singles	1st Laurelle Breen 2nd Philippa Edwards 3rd Joanne McLean
Wednesdays Oct'24	Mt Eliza Cheese Pairs	1st Michele Larnder & Helene Paterson 2nd Diane King & Peter Furnish 3rd Carol Jones & Liz Dey
Wednesdays Oct'24	Cobb&Co Handicap Pairs	1st Marcus Dudley & Alan Parkes 2nd Bren Birss & Pamela Pedersen 3rd Ross Petersen & Barbara Stimson
Thursdays Oct'24	Cunningham Handicap Pairs	1st Ben de Kleijnen & Loes de Kleijnen 2nd Lorraine Murrie & Tim Torr 3rd Margaret Carmichael & Dianne Stevens
Fridays Oct '24	Papamoa Mitre 10 Pairs	1st Carol Cullen & Carol Grant 2nd Noelene Shrimpton & Jenny Myhill 3rd Barry Crosby & Joe Brown

Bridge by the Stars

Scorpio

Don't despair - your recent run of bad luck and poor results is about to end. Be more positive in your approach to the game and be patient with your partners.



The Committee is going to discuss the new proposed
Constitution
after the usual

**Committee meeting on Tuesday 12th
November**

If you wish to look at a copy and/or come and
join us **(after 11am)** - everyone is welcome



Rank Promotion

Sharon Long

Certificate of Proficiency to Club
Master
Well done Sharon.

Partnership Stewards are a great aid when you need a partner. (updated) Stewards are as follows:-

Monday Afternoon **Annie Barry** 027 2206007 or anneebarry@gmail.com

Monday Evening **Joanne McLean** 021792456 or joanne.mclean101@icloud.com

Wednesday Evening - **Gilda Rowland** 021 08429947 or gildarowland4@gmail.com

Thursday Afternoon - **Carol Cullen (+ hubby Colin)** 022 1773776 or enodega@gmail.com

Friday Afternoon **Annie Barry** 027 2206007 or anneebarry@gmail.com

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS - - -

your **Partnership Steward** creates a contacts group which includes **you** (once you agree and provide your email). When a lonesome player phones the **Partnership Steward** looking for a game, **Partnership Steward** will then email all players on their contact list. **You** then contact Lonely player whose details will be provided in the email and arrange a game.

This can lead to a match made in heaven with possibly 60%+ successes.

Early 2025, **Partnership Stewards** will circulate and reaffirm contacts on their list - make sure to add yours.

Here's an example of a **Partnership Steward** that goes beyond the norm - as **Joanne McLean** fosters her
Monday Evening Team

Emails each week and home baking at break time, Blueberries as extra prizes.

Advice on Singles - (not a tv reality show) - a great way to get to know others better by playing with a different partner.

Promotes our library which has boards to borrow with pre dealt hands for lessons like transfers, no trumps etc.

Roster for lovely ones to help out, includes a learner scorer and kitchen help each month - sharing the load so it's not too much for those that volunteer **Great work Joanne**

- report from **CONGRESS 2024**, held for the ultimate time at our local **BAYPARK** - general consensus was that the 2024 event lacked the finesse of previous events at BayPark, not-with-standing acclaim for floor manager Teri Logie who ran a faultless operation at grass-roots level i.e. all boards and services delivered, substituted or available on demand. Faults noted were poor communication, faulty scoring and seating plans, and late starts for some events. However, all locals especially appeared to have a great time, even if local participants were infrequently mentioned in dispatches. However, of most note were our novice pair **Nikki Baguley & Jo Craig** 1st in the Novice Pairs - well done Mt members.

Other notables -

Open team Julie Sheridan, Clair McAllister, Carolyn Parker and Nick Crombie accepted a generous winners envelope for achieving the highest IMPS score (outside the top 16)

Julie Downs & Chris Buckley 2nd in a session **NZ Intermediate Pairs**

Julie Downs & Marcus Dudley achieved 17 of 70 **National Congress Intermediate Pairs**

Flo Nield & Annie Barry a commendable 4th in **Intermediate Swiss Pairs**

Graham Stern & Alan Parkes, Rob Armstrong & Mereanna Cullen, place-getters **Congress Restricted Open Teams**



Jo Craig & Nikki Baguley 1st in the Novice Pairs at 2024 Congress, receive certificates, commemorative glasses and remuneration

2024 also saw a fun 'dress up' day on the Wednesday of Congress, whilst lacking an entry from our Mt Maunganui Club, kudos to the innovative (and hmmm, Tauranga) "orange cone" team who won acclaim and 1st prize. Of note were the "Richard Soloman Clones" who somehow sourced those unruly woolly mops akin to Richard's. Richard himself, unbelievably, notched up enough "A"s at congress to tip over his 6000 "A" points at Congress to become an Emerald Grand Master.



1st place = the Orange Cones



the Richard Soloman clones

IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY

FUN OVER THE BRIDGE - Team event against Tauranga Club on Sunday afternoon 3rd November

LOVEBLOCK NZ WIDE PAIRS, 2024 -3A Tournament being held Friday 15th November 2024.

CASUAL DIRECTOR called upon to assist at club playing sessions - a short online course
When: Sunday 17 November 4pm-6pm
check the notice board for all details



We're missing Shirley Knight (left) but she left us a hilarious poem, another of bard Shirley's masterpieces.

MOST IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY



CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRIZE GIVING
Saturday 30th November 11am



AGM
Wednesday 25th February 2025

LUCKY THIRTEEN

It was the club's Xmas party and needless to say, the punch and the season had made us quite gay
Now we're just raw novices, my partner and me - we've only been playing six months you see
When I checked our positions, I went dry in the mouth - we'd been assigned Table One, North and South.
With two Grand Masters sitting East West, all that we'd learned would be put to the test.

We took our positions and said not a word, but I'm certain our heartbeats could surely be heard.
We'd been to some lessons, so although I was green, I knew that to open you needed thirteen.
I sorted my hand and counted but alas, with a mere ten points, I had to pass.
And frankly I thought, this a shame, as I'd never before had 13 spades in a game!

My lefthand opponent, a big name in the city, opened two clubs and I thought what a pity.
My partner South who was trembling with fear, bid two hearts in print very clear.
My righthand opponent sat straight in their chair - and promptly three diamonds they chose to declare.
Now I had a fair suit, but alas, with no help from partner, I had pass.

My left hand opponent now bids three spades - you can imagine how much I was amazed!
South bid four hearts and now I feared, that I can't play partner's suit if I end up on lead.
My righthand opponent studied their hand and soon Six No Trumps was the command.
It was my turn to bid; after pass, pass and pass then my partner went double.
Oh no, I thought, we're in terrible trouble.

I was ready to lead, a spade was my choice, but alas, my partner got it wrong and led the heart King.
A lead out of turn - what a terrible thing!
The director was called and I can still hear the voice as declarer was told to make their own choice.
A heart lead you see, as I'm sure you know, would help set up my partner's strong hand.

So declarer turned to me looking ever so smart, lead any suit but don't lead a heart!
So of course I led the forth of my spades - I guess this was a reasonable lead that I made.
Because from thereon I didn't lose the lead and our opponents had to concede,
Thirty-five hundred which seemed like a lot - we later found out this score was a top!

