



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

SPADEWORK

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from President Michele -

If you are a member of the Tauranga club and have read this month's edition of 'Table Talk' you will have read President Mike Newton 'ponderings'. Mike has successfully captured the spirit of co-operation between our two clubs, and I am simply going to share his article.

"Just last weekend we manned a site at the Bay Home Show with the aim of drumming up interest in lessons for both clubs. Costs were split, we both designed posters and fliers, and then we each took a day to 'man' the site with volunteers playing bridge to entice the public.

Fingers crossed both clubs will see some of those players along for lessons in the new year. For many years now we have collaborated on our lesson programme so that both clubs are running the same lesson on the same week. This allows for our learners to head over to the other club on any given week if the usual timing doesn't work for them. Or they could head to both clubs every week if they're especially keen! Even our playing sessions are scheduled so as to provide as many options as possible for our members. We have an open club session on Monday nights and a Junior only session on Wednesday nights. The Mount have theirs switched. This means that a keen Junior player could play a Junior only session at the Mount on Monday night and again at Tauranga on a Wednesday night.

This month I'd like to talk about the great spirit of cooperation between our club and our friends across the bridge at the Mount Maunganui Club. Many of you probably aren't aware that the two clubs keep in close contact on all sorts of different issues because when we work together both clubs benefit! We also help each other out with directing and scoring, both tournaments and club sessions. We swap success stories or lessons we learned when it comes to running tournaments, club sessions or lessons. We share things that worked with respect to marketing and player retention. The Mount President Michele and I are heading down to Wellington this weekend to continue those discussions with clubs from all around the country. Both clubs face the exact same issues, and it is this spirit of cooperation that allows us to bounce ideas off each other and come out stronger for it."

I personally would like to thank Mike for all his support and advice, his experience in teaching the wonderful game of bridge and his computer expertise have been invaluable to both myself, and our club.

Michele

Club Captain Teri Logie says hi all ...

Thoughts for the coming year.

Relationships. Noun - the way in which two or more people or things are connected, or the state of being connected.

Bridge and especially our club is all about relationships. Be kind to your partner, they are on your side. Help the director - their job is tough enough without you adding to their problems.

Be considerate to your Opps. Thank the convenors, scorers and directors at the end of each session.

Noise – talking during a session – if you have to? should be kept very low, at any time, all the time.

Help in the kitchen, there are no midnight elves who come in to clean up.

Phones - need I say more.....

If you realise that there is someone who has not returned to play, could you find out why, or let a committee member know. If you know of any member who is sick let Kerry Crosby know directly. Finally, support our sponsors. If you do – let them know you are from the Bridge Club.

Thank you for all your support and hard work
Happy Bridge

Teri

Saturday 29th November is our day to have a 'bit of a do' when we celebrate our major prize winners, share a luscious lunch and indulge in an afternoon of bridge and bit of fun.

Start 11:30am for punch and bubbles.

\$25 - Prize Giving, Fun, Lunch and Bridge which we will draw for partners

A List and Tickets will be available soon. NO CASH please. Your Compa\$\$ account will be debited after the day.



CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Oct '25

**Ascot Rd
Handicap Pairs**

1st Eddie Paterson & Grant Rowell

2nd Annie Barry & Flo Nield

3rd Athol Ryan & Ronnie Ryan

Mondays Oct '25
pm

**shoe&me
Handicap Pairs**

1st Philip Brown & Jude Brown

2nd Dianne Beveridge & Phyllis Paul

3rd Rebecca Bartlett & Alan Withrington

Wednesdays Oct'25

**Mt Eliza Cheese
Pairs**

1st Bren Birss & Rosemary Wilkey

2nd Ross Petersen & Frances Ball

3rd Helen Charteris & Tina Dudley

Wednesdays Oct'25.

**Cobb & Co
Handicap Pairs**

1st Liz Dive & Michele Larnder

2nd Carol Cullen & Teri Logie

3rd Tina Dudley & Rosemary Wilkey

Fridays Oct '25

**Papamoa Mitre 10
Pairs**

1st Noelene Shrimpton & Diane Moreland

2nd Barbara Stimson & Ross Petersen

3rd Flo Nield & Annie Barry

It's great to have so many opportunities to play bridge each week, but please, ensure your Compa\$\$ account is in credit by the end of each month - save headaches for our Treasurer

Big congrats to **Tina Dudley & Rosemary Wilkey,**

winners, Waikato/Bays Intermediate Champs League over 8 sessions of bridge at 8 different clubs and tournaments. Their dedication rewarded, well done pips.

also, in the limelight are **Joanne McLean & Alan McLean** who played in the final round of the Waikato/Bays Junior Champs League at Te Awamutu 12 October. And yes, after a 65% and 54%, our pair won the Te Awamutu event and finished 2nd in the league. Well done and welcome to the Intermediates next year!



Left - Rosemary and Tina



Right - Alan and Joanne

THE TERRIBLE TWOS

- let's consider the importance of the number two in bridge.

1. the lead from a doubleton against a trump contract. It can be great if partner's honour is not finessed and you hold enough useless trumps to eventually win the 3rd round of your doubleton suit.
2. how about weak two openings? Go for it, especially if it's a major - better still if it's spades.
3. Overcalling at the two level? The requirements for an overcall at the two level are quite stringent. You should have a hand you'd be willing to open: the weaker your hand, the better your suit should be. It's a lot more dangerous to bid at the two level when the opposition has shown an opening hand.
4. The most important two of all in bridge is the two of you in the partnership. Work as a twosome for your mutual benefit and pleasure!

- from Lynn Berg, ACBL

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HELEN CHARTERIS - PIANIST,

one of our Wednesday night players who has keyboard teaching skills as well. Helen learnt bridge in Gisborne 13yrs ago before moving to Tauranga.

Helen has the holidays off from teaching but otherwise is keen to take pupils over 7yrs old, fees vary.

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News Item

The Team event -

FUN OVER THE BRIDGE

against Tauranga will now be an annual event. This will be Sunday March 8th 2026 here at the Mount.

The FOB trophy will be renamed as the **Graham Young Memorial Trophy** in recognition of him being a member of both clubs and his enthusiastic support to get the competition started.

People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events. People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.

Rank Promotions and Well done members -

Novice to Certificate of Proficiency

Jude Brown

Certificate of Proficiency to Club Master

Joanne Bruce

Club Master to Local Master

Joanne McLean

you heard it here first

A pair we know, ascribed as Rotorua players, scored 66.17% EW in the nationwide **Lovelock Wines Pairs** event, a fundraiser for the NZ Bridge Foundation held 18 October. 1700 players from 49 clubs (that's over 400 tables) participated. Regrettably no entries from the Mt or Tauranga clubs which is why our gallant pair headed to Rotorua to play.

Pamela Pedersen and Megan Richards

NZ Bridge reports - 15th overall and 2nd in the Restricted/Open Section.

Prizes of Lovelock wines are sent to the player's home club and presented to them at that club. Hmmmm, will that be Rotorua, Te Puke or Mt Maunganui?

Anyway, of note, the oldest player, at 103, was Arch Jelley who has been a top athletics coach in his time and for many years taught bridge at the Mt Albert Club.

- Monday 13th October, bridge session just under way when, heeding the fire alarm, an orderly bunch of 19 tables evacuated to the carpark.
- A fire engine arrived promptly from the other end of Golf Rd - to turn the toaster off in the upstairs Rescue Centre.
- Play quickly recommenced to a lingering smell of burnt toast and only a few hands missed for the afternoon.
- Anyway, good news, as this episode was a prompt for the club to reset its fire protocols ensuring we now have two trained wardens per session - the Convenor and the Director. Please, every player, ascertain your partner has evacuated safely.



We regret to hear Life Member JEAN SCOTT

has elected to move to Auckland. Jean joined our club 2004 and served on the committee from 2006, was Club Captain '07 and '08, then President for two years. Jean's tenure saw the purchase of our first dealing machine and computer. Amid controversy, teams of dealers were trained and the club began playing computer dealt hands. Additionally, Jean's management team introduced some of the first Bridgemates - early adopters of the time. Along with R & M of our then ailing premises and taking lessons for over 8 years, Jean made successful funding applications, was part of the dealing team along with Brenda Macfarlane and orchestrated our 2015 Golden Jubilee. Subsequently Jean, along with Gilda Rowland collated our club history which is embedded permanently on our website. She represented Mt Bridge Club on the Waikato/Bays regional committee for four years, along with Karen Martelletti from the Tauranga Club. Moreover, with all these club activities, Jean is no mean bridge player and opponent at the table - always gracious and dignified even when dealing with health issues along the years. In 2016 Jean was awarded Life Membership of our club and we wish her well for the future.



Brenda Mcfarlane
presents goodbye
flowers to Jean at
her farewell
gathering this
month



It's nice to know the Surf Life Savers on our floor of the building have got our well-being at heart as we approach or exit the lift.

Left - sign on our neighbours door exiting to the upstairs lobby.

Thank you Surf Patrol team.