

Proposal to award Julie Sheridan Life Membership of the Mount Maunganui Bridge Club

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I propose that Julie Sheridan be awarded Life Membership of the Mount Maunganui Bridge Club, in recognition of the enormous contribution that she has made over the years.

Julie has been a member of the committee for at least ten years and has supported four Presidents in their role during that time. During those all-important tournaments, Julie was always there to guide and help, in her quiet way, so that all ran smoothly and no smaller details were missed.

Along with her sadly missed friend and Bridge partner Karen Martelletti, Julie always had someone to call on to discuss technical issues that frequently arose and much time was spent by both of them sorting out such problems.

Since moving into these new facilities, Julie has spent long hours (along with many others) ensuring that our technical set-up was ready for play.

When members look at the Mount Maunganui Bridge Club website, we see yet more of Julie's behind the scenes work, keeping us up to date with happenings at the club.

We all see and enjoy the physical club surroundings, but of course the bridgemates/TV/computers need to be coordinated for action. This is where we depend so heavily on Julie's expertise. For a number of years now, Julie has spent considerable time at the club, especially on Saturdays, ensuring that glitches are corrected and that the team of dealers has the boards ready for play.

As Julie has admitted, when bridge finishes for the year, there is still much work to be done.

There has been a great revival of Thursday Bridge. Primarily because Julie has brought her golfing ladies to the club, thus continuing, not only their bridge, but adding also their sociability to the afternoon. This has provided excellent support and growing confidence to newer players.

A quote from the Listener last year speaks volumes about Julie:

"To give without any reward or any notice, has a special quality of its own."
(Anne Morrow Lindbergh)

This is 'Our Julie'!