



# SPADEWORK

September 2019 Newsletter

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## from President Anne -

Our final Tournament for the year is behind us and your committee must say a 'big thank' you to all of our members who contributed to the success of the day. We really appreciate your support.

It was heartening to see a good number of our members being placed so well in the results.

Congratulations.

This past month has seen not one, but two of our nonagenarians celebrating birthdays.

Helen Walker, who this time last year, was considering giving up bridge and Noelene Shrimpton who has not even thought about giving up, have both enjoyed the challenge of playing, as well as the friendship of fellow members.

The numerous members who play at the Tauranga Club also acknowledge Mavis Meyer who turns 100 next week. A wonderful achievement!

Finally, we are pleased to report that Teri Logie, our new administration person, has been putting in many hours, including attending a regional meeting at Matamata on Sunday, to ensure that those never-ending tasks are done.

This does not mean that your committee does less, but certainly means that so many others do not have to spend weekends working for the

club. *Anne Clarke*

## Club Captain Carol's catch up ...

We have received the proposed plans for the Surf Lifesaving building council is going to erect on the site directly behind our building. How our carpark is going to cope with the bowls, bridge, public and surf lifesaving headquarters will be interesting to say the least. We'll display the plans on the notice board.

Your committee has been concerned for some time about the uneven access to the club rooms and is in the process of getting a disability group to advise on the best way to rectify this. So watch this space, it is likely to be our next big project.

For those who may not know, if you go on our website (Mt Bridge) and press "Galleries" you will find all the minutes from our committee meetings, check up on what we are doing.

Good bridging everyone.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT ...

The committee has received information that the Omanu Surf Club is to construct a two-storied building on the vacant grass area behind our rooms. Downstairs will lodge all their equipment such as inflatables, a boat and a gym, upstairs to house the office, training and board room.

Importantly, there is no provision for egress/ingress or extra parking in the public car park area also used by ourselves and the Bowling Club.

## STOP and THINK BEFORE YOU SAY or DO ANYTHING

This is the recommendation for players from the NZBridge latest newsletter received by the committee. There has been some far from acceptable behaviour lately and the board has an expectation that senior players in particular, will lead by example. Beginners, Juniors, Intermediate and many Open players are influenced by the actions of our senior and supposedly more experienced players. So please

## STOP and THINK BEFORE YOU SAY or DO ANYTHING.

If something untoward happens at the bridge table, please call the director and allow them to deal with the situation.

**\*\*We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.**

**\*\*You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps, and you're the declarer.**

## CLUB RESULTS

<p>Mondays Sept '19 <b>Zita Reid-Abel Tasman Handicap Pairs</b></p>	<p>1st Grant Chalmers &amp; Sandra Chalmers 2nd Gabrielle Harris &amp; Trish Kidd 3rd Anne Clarke &amp; Chris Gibson</p>
<p>Mondays Sept'19 <b>Zita Reid-Abel Tasman Pairs</b></p>	<p>1st John Laugesen &amp; Pam Clotworthy 2nd Carol Grant &amp; Flo Nield 3rd Carolyn Parker &amp; Nick Comber</p>
<p>Wednesdays Aug'19 <b>Mt Evening Champs Handicap Pairs</b></p>	<p>1st Shirley Knight &amp; Bruce Inglis 2nd Carolyn Parker &amp; Nick Comber 3rd Kath Harvey &amp; Jan Payne</p>
<p>Wednesdays Aug'19 <b>Mt Evening Champs Pairs</b></p>	<p>1st Carolyn Parker &amp; Nick Comber 2nd Shirley Knight &amp; Bruce Inglis 3rd Julie Sheridan &amp; Karen Martelletti</p>
<p>Thursdays '19 <b>Top Junior Pair. Ultimate Motors Handicap Singles</b></p>	<p>Michele Rogers &amp; Teri Logie 1st Lesley Stephen 2nd Graham Burgess 3rd Joan Heuvel</p>
<p>Fridays Aug '19 <b>Robertson's Menswear Pairs</b></p>	<p>1st Margaret Jones &amp; Sarah Stacey 2nd Pauline Taylor &amp; June Nightingale 3rd Mike Huymans &amp; Hanny Hepburn</p>
<p>Fridays Sept '19 <b>Hay's Woodworking Teams</b></p>	<p>1st Linley Hay Diane Rodger Anne Clarke Chris Gibson 2nd Sarah Stacey Shirley Knight Hanny Hepburn Mike Huymans 3rd Jose McDonald Sue Gibbons Liz Gilbert Joy Holmes</p>

### MT MAUNGANUI RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT BEST PLACINGS FOR MT CLUB SAT 21 SEPT '19

**Junior/Junior.** Helen Tomsom & Brian Lomax Cavitt  
**Intermediate/Junior** Sue Martin & Suellyn Caudwell  
**Intermediate/Intermediate** Ronelle Middleton & Julie Downs  
**Open/Junior** Bill Ridley & Flo Nield  
**Open/Intermediate** Chris Andrews & Carolyn Parker Kay Wright & Lyn Baillie  
Carol Cullen & Mike Nicholson

#### ALERT!!

Our Brookies have been to learn how to bid Slams using Gerber (4C and 5C). This system is widely used, but not taught by NZ Bridge. It allows the player to get more information about partner's hand before committing to Slam and also gives space to pull out of Slam at the 5 level if necessary. The Brookies have bid, played and practised Slams so don't under-estimate the skills of our new players!

#### WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Chris Fowke. Steve Larnder

#### Supporting our Sponsors

**COBB & CO** have needed to shift from their Strand location and are currently looking for new premises, possibly at The Crossing

In the meantime, **COBB & CO** Rotorua 209 Fenton Street Rotorua is now our local Cobb until they re-open Tauranga!

**Congratulations!!** ...to our 2 nonagenarians who had birthdays this month  
Noelene Shrimpton and Helen Walker

