



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

September 2024 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

## news from President Michele . . .

Congratulations to our players who have had notable success in competitions over the last month. Their accomplishments are a credit to our club. All details are recorded in this newsletter by our efficient editor Julie Downs.

Congress is almost upon us and I hope that many of you are taking the opportunity to participate as this is the last year it will be held locally. The major involvement in the organisation of this event by our club captain Teri Logie is of immense benefit to the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club. The skills and network contacts she gains directly impact the smooth running of our club. Well done, Teri.

**Next month 19th October is our Diamond Jubilee** celebration. From our humble beginnings in 1964, when a group of passionate individuals came together with a shared vision, the Mount Maunganui Bridge Club has grown into a thriving community that stands as a beacon of camaraderie. This journey has been marked by significant milestones, each contributing to the rich tapestry of our past. It is worth while taking the time to read our history that has been so carefully compiled on our website.

This is a time to celebrate what has gone before and to look to the future with excitement and optimism. I hope this event is supported by all our members. The format is bubbles and welcome, entertainment, followed by a light lunch and a session of fun Bridge.

You don't need to organise a partner as partnerships will be drawn. 11.30am start, tickets are

now available \$25.00 – cash, compa\$\$ or EftPos - make sure you purchase yours next time you are at Bridge.



## WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Grant Laffey  
Catherine Laffey  
Val Knutson  
Suzanne Lugton



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

*The Committee would like to thank all those club members who over the years have sponsored and those who will still continue to sponsor events and sessions at our club. We could not do this without you, and although some remain anonymous, please know that you are and have been really appreciated. A big thank you from all of us.*

*Changes in the Constitution – please see the notice board in the teaching room. The committee had to minute the Club's decision to agree to re-register the Club under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. We have to do this to remain as an incorporated society. Once we have a working draft, it will be available to all members to look at.*

**Happy Bridge - Teri**

words of encouragement - these from Liz Bristow's **SPADEWORK, 19 years ago, Sept '05.**

Does a mischievous gremlin haunt you when you are declarer, bewitching every finesse and spoiling the distribution of every suit? Sometimes you feel the most unlucky player in the room.

Fortune smiles on the brave but to be lucky is an art which can be mastered like any other. The art of card reading, visualising the hands of other players is one of the secrets of being lucky.

It's not just technique - that's about 10% of success but concentration is 90%. Once you can keep your mind active, concentrating and counting, you can persuade your cards to work harder for you.

WHAT IS HAPPENING? If you can keep that question always in your mind, you are a long way towards becoming a good player. Most players fall far short of their natural ability.

Cards have their own magic - enjoy them, for when bridge isn't fun for anymore, then you may as well play Fish!

## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Sept '24 <b>Zita Reid-Abel Tasman Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Shirley Knight & Annie Barry 2nd Helene Paterson & Frances Ball 3rd Rachel Olsen & Kathy King
Mondays Sept'24 <b>Zita Reid-Abel Tasman Pairs</b>	1st Helene Paterson & Frances Ball 2nd Margaret Wakelin & Derek Webb 3rd Julie Downs & Mike Rudd
Wednesdays Aug'24 <b>Forsyth Barr Champs Handicap Pairs</b>	1st Shirley Knight & Dot Skousgaard 2nd Graham Stern & Alan Parkes 3rd Tina Dudley & Rosemary Wilkey
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Wednesdays Aug'24 <b>Top non-Senior Pair</b>	= Dianne Beveridge & Michele Roger
Thursdays Aug'24 <b>Ray White Papamoa Handicap Pairs.</b>	1st Lorraine Murrie & Suzanne Lugton 2nd Margo Kirk & Rae Holmes 3rd Cindy Sims & Dixie Horne
Fridays Sept '24 <b>Tauranga Glass Pairs</b>	1st Diane Moreland & Barry Crosby 2nd Ross Petersen & Barbara Stimson 3rd Carol Grant & Flo Nield

## BRIDGE BY THE STARS

### LIBRA

You have a natural ability in the deductive skills. This will help you to gain much better scores this month. Trust in your judgement - it rarely lets you down.



## Supporting our Sponsors



Your ed. visited one of the Bays best kept secrets – the great little Te Puna Deli (behind Farmlands) after a stroll around Quarry Park. And there in the refrigerated display was the famed

### **MOUNT ELIZA BLUE MONKEY CHEESE,**

awarded "Gold Medal" and "Chef's Choice" Trophy 2022 by NZ Cheese.

To find Blue Monkey and more scrummy cheeses, visit

Farmers Market at Tauranga Primary School on Saturday Mornings 8 -12noon or the Te Puna Deli.

Contact: Jill and Chris Whalley. [cheese@mounteliza.co.nz](mailto:cheese@mounteliza.co.nz) ph 07 5495669

humour, this time from **Matamata Bridge Club,**  
Sept15th,

where players were welcomed and instructed on Safety Procedures "in an emergency, exit quickly and calmly through marked exit doors . . . but if you are bidding or playing a slam, ignore this and carry on".

### **Annie Barry & Barbara Stimson**

bid a slam and went light (good opps defence), but still achieved a great 4th overall placing.

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other tournament notables, overall results -

### **31 August Tauranga Intermediate Pairs**

2nd Kay Wright & Diane Rodger

4th Flo Nield & Julie Downs

8th Jill Stewart & Kathy Abel

### **Tauranga Junior Pairs**

5th Michele Rogers & Dianne Beveridge

### **14 September Rotorua Restricted Intermediate**

1st Tina Dudley & Marcus Dudley

Well done our all.



**Diane  
& Kay**



**Flo &  
Julie D**

**MT MAUNGANUI RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT BEST PLACINGS FOR  
MT CLUB PAIRS, SAT 21ST SEPT '24**

**Junior/Junior**

**1st** Joanne McLean & Bernie Robinson  
**2nd** Dianne Beveridge & Michele Rogers

**Intermediate/Intermediate**

**1st** Jane Furnish & Peter Furnish  
**2nd** Tina Dudley & Rosemary Wilkey  
**3rd** Lyn Bailie & Diane Rodger

**Open/Intermediate**

**1st** Julie Sheridan & Julie Downs  
**4th** Ross Petersen & Graham Stern

this tournament was sponsored, thank you, by **Ultimate Ford**, showrooms at the Mt, Tauranga, Thames and Te Puke.

Overall winners Julie S and Julie D expected at least, a voucher for a **2024 Ford Ranger** but were happy never-the-less to receive a generous dollar prize.



**Left** - Gilda with Joanne, Bernie went home.



**Right** - Michele, Dianne and envelopes with tournament director Gilda Rowland.



**Above Left to Right** - the Furnishes, Peter and Jane

Tina looks after partner Rosemary's winnings

Diane and Lyn do it again at the Mt.

**Left** Julie S and Julie D with Gilda.



Gilda also wishes to thank the banker and raffle seller, plus all those who helped set up, dished up, served up, washed up, cleaned up and whipped up amazing morning tea and snacks to follow.



## stuff you should know - from NZ Bridge

### **Club Director Examination 2024-2025**

There are 2 papers: Laws & Regulations, Scoring & Movements

These assessments are an open book on-line examination.

Candidates must complete the online Bridge Basics quiz prior to sitting the Laws examination.

For more information and registration details please email  
[regulations@nzbridge.co.nz](mailto:regulations@nzbridge.co.nz)

also offered **Tournament Director Assessment 2024/2025**

### **Stop Cards** – the case for and against.

Stop cards were introduced in NZ in 2007 in an effort to reduce the unauthorised information passed to partners when there was a skip bid. Skip bids often lead to a pause by the next player in turn while they consider the meaning of the skip and what implications that has for them looking at their hand.

There was some opposition to their introduction in NZ, but they were eventually accepted by the majority of players.

### **Stop Cards are no longer to be used at Bridge Tournaments**

The board met today and has agreed that stop cards are no longer to be used in NZ Bridge Tournaments. This does not prevent clubs from continuing to require their use during club sessions. This decision was taken after considering their use internationally, their inconsistent and inappropriate use nationally, and comments and increasing concerns from players.

## more stuff you should know - from our committee

**Partnership Stewards** are a great thing when you need a partner. Just contact them. They offer a superb service. Details are in your programme book at the top of each session page.

(Updated) Stewards are as follows:-

Monday Afternoon **Annie Barry** 027 2206007 or [anneebarry@gmail.com](mailto:anneebarry@gmail.com)

Monday Evening **Michele Larnder** 021 0427330 or [sj.m@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sj.m@xtra.co.nz)

Wed Evening - **Gilda Rowland** 021 08429947 or [gildarowland4@gmail.com](mailto:gildarowland4@gmail.com)

Thursday Afternoon - **Carol Cullen (+ great hubby Colin)** 022 1773776 or [enodega@gmail.com](mailto:enodega@gmail.com)

Friday Afternoon **Annie Barry** 027 2206007 or [anneebarry@gmail.com](mailto:anneebarry@gmail.com)

### **Skills Night** on Monday 30th September 2024 6.45 pm

One session is on **Declarer Play in Suit Contracts** - Learn how to count your losers, make a plan and play techniques.

The other **Minimum, Invitational & Game Force Bids** - Did you know that every rebid is minimum, invitational or forcing?



KUDOS  
to Teri who honoured our  
nonagenarian Noeline on  
her 97th birthday last week  
with a cream and  
strawberries cake  
(no photo, sorry, it's all  
gone) but here's (left)  
Noeline anyway.

And (right) is Shirley Knight  
soon to leave for happy  
times in Auckland.

