

## The President's Report February 2020

It is with pleasure, that after three years as President of the Mount Maunganui Bridge Club, that I present my final report. Each year has brought new challenges and thanks to our wonderful support crew, we are able to resolve most issues and move forward.

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee, who all play such an integral role on a daily/weekly basis. Diane Rodger, with Brian Cavit has completed our Health and Safety Policy and procedures, Elaine Kingsford has kept us in supplies, both for the kitchen and all cleaning and Patty Spencer has been very vigilant in collecting and checking all table monies as well as purchasing office supplies. Mike Nicholson has had a busy year as Sponsorship Steward to fulfill our programme needs. He liaises with Robyn Knight our programme booklet person and of course Jane Dekker our Treasurer.

Julie Sheridan is our 'turn to' person in the bridge world, who spends so much time at the club on Saturday morning, with Gilda Rowland our secretary and Teri Logie, dealing boards, or sorting out other problems that may have arisen during the week. Finally, I must thank both Teri Logie, who joined our team as Administrator/Office Person earlier in the year and of course Carol Cullen our Club Captain, who has served us so competently in this role for the past four years. This is the first year that both our Treasurer and Administration people have received a slightly more appropriate payment towards the many hours they give the club and the committee is delighted with the dedication and expertise they bring to help in the smooth operation of the club.

These people are just a small part of the overall team.

In addition we have so many more wonderful helpers:

- Our Directors, Bob Calcutt, Pam Clotworthy, Liz Gilbert, Helen Heuvel, Shirley Knight, Gloria Mouatt, Martin Van Der Meys as well as Diane Moreland and Pat Ware who has filled in occasionally.

- Our Teacher - Bren Birss and her wonderful helpers, especially Judy Bartlett, and the many Monday night members who support the 'brookies' when lessons are finished.
- Sarah Stacey, our Tournament Secretary
- Julie Downs, our Spadework editor
- Pauline Taylor our chief scorer with Barry Crosby as 2IC as well as a team of scorers
- A considerable number of members who come in to deal the boards for us.
- Jean Scott, our Welfare Officer
- Harold Clotwothy, who puts our bins out each week. Bernie Robinson comes in to address any maintenance issues we might have and we are fortunate to have Rae Holmes, an enthusiastic gardener, looking after the outdoor area.
- Also our partner stewards, Joy Holmes, Shirley Knight, Carol Cullen, Sarah Stacey as well as Sharon Rudolph who sends out a wonderful weekly report to the Monday night players.
- Emma Barber, for her Wednesday afternoon initiative and also for those kind people who, without being asked, set up the kitchen for our tea/coffee

Thanks to so many generous members who make the difference.

The introduction of the voucher system seems to be working well and certainly giving out programme books as soon as they arrived, even if subscriptions were not paid at the time, seems to have kept members happy.

We found it necessary to replace part of our air-conditioning system in 2019, unfortunately without any additional funding, so the bathrooms upgrade has been placed on hold.

Teri Logie is working on a funding application for the remainder of the air-conditioning system.

The feedback from the modifications to the main entrance has been very positive from those members who most needed easier access.

Also in place, Diane, Teri and Jane have prioritized a list of upgrades for the club and Diane has updated our short and long term maintenance schedules with relevant dates.

After many years of loyal service our cleaner, Rochelle Stewart has had to undergo major surgery and has relinquished her role. We are very grateful too, for the wonderful Christmas lunches Rochelle has provided over the past few years. Our new cleaner is Heather Sheppard and Diane and Jane have formalized a contract for her.

During the year, two of our members passed away: David Haxton and Stuart Pedersen. They will be sadly missed. Also two of our members, Judy Bartlett and Jean Scott lost their husbands, but both of them continue to play important roles in the Club.

There have been a number of meetings with Council and the Bowling Club about the possibility of building an office block/boat storage on the grass areas beside our building. We have been informed that this is still very much at the discussion stage.

Four great Tournaments were held last year and our Christmas Party was very enjoyable. Charity Week supported Riding For The Disabled and we were pleased to be able to donate \$1000 towards the work that they do.

Thank you Carol and Elaine, for many years of loyal service. As the three of us sign off, we know that the club will be in good hands with Diane at the helm.

*Anne Clarke   February 2020*