

# SPADEWORK

August 2015 Newsletter

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## *... from our President ...*

Spring being just around the corner and with it, a rise in table numbers. It is pleasing to see people utilising our Club. We like to think we provide a relaxed friendly atmosphere - there is still room for more tables.

Tauranga and our Club have similar Friday sessions and an idea has been mooted that perhaps we could swap our Friday to a Thursday to give people a chance to play at both Clubs. This is just an idea and nothing would be done without members' approval. Following this newsletter going to print and after members have given some thought to the subject I will ask for a show of hands.

Bren Birss and helpers are to hold a four week series of Mini Bridge commencing 6th September. Flyers are at the Club. A fun Introductory version of Bridge so please encourage your family and friends to come along.

The Raffle proceeds from our last tournament brought in \$249. A huge thank you to Kaye Robertshaw for donating the basket and Shirley Knight for its presentation.

Members have had the freedom of consuming water around the playing area but please return your glass to receptacle provided.

A few months ago Psychic bids were just not in our vocabulary but these days we have a written explanation on our notice board and a folder to record such bids. A Psychic bid occurs when a player opens the bidding with a deliberate misrepresentation of his or her hand eg. less than 4 spades and only 3 or 4 points. This not only confuses your partner but also seriously disrupts the opponents' bidding. At Club levels these bids are discouraged and must be entered in the form provided.

'Til next month -- Good Bridging

*June*

## Superstar Players

Two of the smartest fellows in America, if not the most accomplished bridge players, are Warren Buffet and Bill Gates. Buffet once said he wouldn't mind going to jail - if he had three cell mates who were capable bridge players. In

2005 Buffet and Gates helped develop a national youth programme for bridge players but found there was too much competition for for young people's spare time - it's a hard game and requires a large time investment.

So mini bridge (see below) could be the answer to entice more young players to the game.

## Mini Bridge Course

We are hoping to run a short Mini Bridge course, starting on Sunday 6th September for four Sunday afternoons. Mini Bridge is essentially playing Bridge without the bidding.

Participants add up their point total and the pair with the majority of points play the contract.

It gets people playing almost straight away. As we have not tried this before we have no idea how much interest there will be, but we encourage you to tell friends, family and colleagues who may wish to try it to see if Bridge is for them. Age 10+ so bring the

whole family!

Fliers are available at the club.

Please put posters up too if you know of a good place!

Thanks,

Bren Birss



## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Aug '15 **Ruth Corbett Memorial Pairs**

Mondays pm July '15 **Jillz Pairs**

Wednesdays July '15 **Esquires Coffee Pairs**

Thursdays Aug '15 **Esquires Coffee Pairs**

Fridays Aug '15 **Robertsons Menswear Pairs**

1st Kaye Robertshaw & Barry Crosby  
2nd Bev Walker & Margaret Wakelin  
3rd Heather Slee & Kay Miles  
1st Carolyn Toy & Helen Tomson  
2nd Glenys Westlake & Phil West  
3rd Rick Bernau & Bridget Crawford  
1st John Laugesen & Helen Heuvel  
2nd Carol Jones & Caren Van Der Meys  
3rd Pamela Pedersen & Shirley Knight  
1st Kay Wright & Margaret Wakelin  
2nd Margot Thom & Barry Thom  
3rd Brenda Bleakley & Jo-an White  
1st Pat Hunter & Henk Van Der Beek  
2nd Nancye Ward & Daphne Ansell  
3rd Ronelle Middleton & Flo Nield

### Partners

Bridge is like a camera. Just focus on what's important and capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don't work out, just take another partner!



If your partner has a good sense of humour , try -

"when did you learn to play? I know, this afternoon, but what time this afternoon?"  
or in reply to

"how did I play that hand?" Like a millionaire.  
or

"How should I have played that hand?" Under an assumed name.  
or

"Could I have done any better?" I suppose you could have gone down one more.

Seriously though, in general, bridge players are a proud lot with sensitive egos. Politeness and courtesy should be your watchword at the bridge table as in all other areas of life.

A GOOD LAUGH AND A LONG SLEEP ARE THE TWO BEST CURES FOR A 40% SCORE



There is some information and guidelines on

### psychic bids

on the far right of the notice board at the club. The folder for registering such bids is in the microphone cupboard.



### Magnetic badges

You may have seen the smart new magnetic badges with a white background and our logo. If you would like to order one please contact Pamela Pedersen by Wednesday 2 September. They are \$12 each.

ALMONER *Rosemary Collins* reports that *Lyn Gilchrist* is taking a break from duties and *Jean Scott* has agreed to assist Rosemary while Lyn is recuperating.

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It is with regret we record the passing of bridge player *Daphne Brooks* on 7 Aug after a short illness.

### In Support of our Sponsors Esquires Coffee

can be found at the Bayfair shopping centre next to Strandbags. They very generously sponsor not just one, but four competitions @ our club. So please support them the next time you are looking for morning coffee or lunch @ Bayfair.