



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

# SPADEWORK

May 2019 Newsletter

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## from President Anne -

The committee has some good news to share with members this month.

Firstly, **Rachelle Pelkman** has agreed to fill the position of Administration Officer for the club. There is so much necessary work behind the scenes that has been done for many years, primarily by Julie Sheridan. We do appreciate the many hours that Julie has devoted to the club.

Also, **Teri Logie** has been co-opted onto the committee, to hopefully step into the role of club captain next year. Thank you Teri.

We have been asked if a group of newer players would be able to use the room to play some boards and generally share some 'bridge talk'.

The committee is delighted to see such enthusiasm from our junior members and are in the process of arranging a roster for a senior member to spend time with them for the afternoon. Please see one of committee if you wish to volunteer to join this roster.

A very colourful club room was witnessed for the final Wednesday night session of the Mad Hatters Pairs, when members showed great ingenuity with their choice of headgear. Prizes for the best hats were won by Jaco and Gerda Van Dijk and Margaret M Guy as selected by our director, Shirley Knight.

*Anne*

## Club Captain Carol reports . . .

In future we will be locking the front door during play as some unsavoury characters have been noticed loitering in the carpark. (Tauranga had an incident with car keys taken out of a coat pocket and a car stolen). With winter upon us it could happen to us. We also thought it timely that all members to be made aware of possible exit strategies in case of an emergency. Don't worry you will be able to leave by the front door as normal as when only the bottom lock is engaged you will not need a key to get out. If you need to use the back door the key is kept in the refrigerator. Also the double doors to the outside, off the toilet entry area, are designed to be opened at a push, as required by the fire regulations. Please acquaint yourselves with these exits.

Our Bay Pairs Tournament is on Sunday 9th June. A sheet is up for helpers in the kitchen over the lunch period, also morning tea helpers. Your generosity with supplying morning tea plates is a feature of our Tournaments, can we count on you again? You may have noticed we now have convenors to start our sessions - mainly committee members or our Directors, but we do need your help with kitchen duties, selling vouchers and other odd jobs, feel free to pitch in if you see something needs doing.

**Good bridging everyone.**

Husband and wife who are playing at the home of friends begin to quarrel. He insults her and she goes to the bathroom in tears. They wait for her to return, but she doesn't come back. The husband says, let's deal out a hand and I'll bid for her *without seeing* her hand because it couldn't be any worse than if she were here. He deals and opens 1H. Next hand passes and he bids 2H for her. When it comes back to him, he bids 3H. Now he thinks a while and bids 4H for her. The lead is made and when the dummy comes down he sees he is in a reasonable contract, actually the best contract he's been in all night. As the play winds down, he finds he needs a finesse to make the contract. As he takes the finesse, which loses, his wife returns determined to finish the game. He looks at her and says "You just had to bid 4H, didn't you"

## CLUB RESULTS

Mondays April'19 **AYC Handicap Pairs**

Mondays pm May'19 **Papamoa Mitre 10 Handicap Pairs**

Wednesdays April'19 **Papamoa Mitre 10 Pairs**

Thursdays May '18 **Carol's Hair Salon Handicap Pairs**

Fridays April'19 **Esquires Coffee Swiss Pairs**

Fridays April'19 **Life Members Pairs**

1st Gilda Rowland & Barry Crosby  
 2nd Linley Hay & Audrey Gardiner  
 3rd Brian Lomax & June Nightingale  
 1st Annette Dand & Kathy King  
 2nd Brian Lomax & Dorothy Harvey  
 3rd Linley Hay & Annie Barry  
 1st Barry Crosby & Pamela Pedersen  
 2nd Carolyn Parker & Julie Sheridan  
 3rd Graham Stern & Rachelle Pelkman  
 1st Colleen Ross & Kathy King  
 2nd Linley Hay & Brenda Bleakley  
 3rd Jean McCulloch & Catherine King  
 1st Linley Hay & Bob Callcut  
 2nd Pat Hunter & Graeme McLean  
 3rd Anne Clarke & Shirley Knight  
 1st Mike Nicholson & Barry Crosby  
 2nd Nancye Ward & Sarah Stacey  
 3rd Hanny Hepburn & Shirley Knight

*Applied physics*

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some bridge players appear bright until you hear them speak in the post-mortem.



*never* at our club . . . some cheats found recorded on Wikipedia . . .

**Hawera Convention** – An illegal (tongue-in-cheek) convention used against one's opponents to claim a fouled hand. For instance while playing social bridge, one dishonest player picks up a hand without values and through prior secret agreement, recites a phrase such as, "How is your aunt in Hawera?" Partner may reply with a coded negative phrase such as, "She died last week." (meaning both players have bad hands). One conspirator will then say, "I only have only 12 cards," to which the other conspirator will say, "and I have 14 cards!" The players then quickly throw their cards together on the table so their opponents' are unaware of the treachery.

**Amazing!** In 1957 an Austrian pair were found by a Swiss team member to hold their cards in peculiar positions based on their Ace holding. Reithoffer was the President of the Austrian Federation hosting the actual tournament. After the accusation was discreetly presented without a formal inquiry, the pair agreed never to play in a major tournament again. Victor Mollo wrote of the 1957 incident and he and his publisher were sued but settled out-of-court.

## HELP !!

A request please - for a Club member to put their hand up to be "keeper of the keys". There is a register already made up of keyholders. Someone just needs to be the "go to" person for new keyholders, and for people to hand theirs back when no longer required - **thanks**



## WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

**Denis Smith  
 Graham Young  
 Murray Wood**

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

These months the emphasis at

### **Papamoa Mitre 10**

is on heating so visit the Papamoa store if you're feeling the cold. Papamoa M10 doesn't have specials as such but always have competitive prices. They accept Gold Card for a discount and Air Points for real cash!

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**Papamoa Mitre 10** have sponsored events at the club for several years so please support them too.

