

# New Plymouth Bridge Club Newsletter February 2020

## From the Committee

Welcome back to bridge for 2020.

The Bridge Club is a great place to be on these hot nights with the new Air Conditioning keeping the rooms comfortably cool. The AC is based on room temperature and not individual player's needs. It is to be operated by the Director only - bring along a wrap if you are finding it too cold. There are some spare wraps in the ladies cloak room.

Anne Fitzgibbons has been appointed as a second Recorder. If you have any issues with another player's ethics, etiquette or general behaviour you can talk to Anne or Colin Carryer in confidence and they will deal with it appropriately.

Please be seated 10 minutes prior to starting time so the Director can get the movement sorted. If you are late you risk being sent home.

## Honouring Our Life Members.

“This year is our 70th anniversary so we feel it is appropriate that we honour our Life Members. Our first Life member was Miss Belle Allen

In 1950 Miss Allen, a Fitzroy school teacher and a very enthusiastic bridge player issued invitations to selected members of the community for the purpose of forming a bridge club in New Plymouth. 23 people attended the meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and from here the New Plymouth Contract Bridge Club was formed.

At this, the first AGM of the new club Miss Allen was elected Secretary

In 1952 at the AGM Miss Allen was elected an Honorary Member (Life Member) acknowledging her enthusiasm and dedication in the club's infancy.”

## Learners' Classes

Lessons start at the end of April. This year there are going to be two lesson sessions – Wednesday night and Friday morning. Your enthusiasm for the game can encourage others to come along so get out there and tell everyone how much fun you're having at the Bridge Club. Word of mouth is the best form of advertising.

The club will also be running Improver Lessons. Check Page 31 of your programme book for dates and topics.

## Improver's Lessons with Richard Solomon

There is information on the noticeboard for these lessons for Intermediate and Open players on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of March. The cost is \$4 per session.



### Taranaki Congress

Three days of bridge coming up on Taranaki Anniversary weekend, March 7 - 9. This is again being held in our club rooms, and the Congress committee has been working hard to pull everything together. There is something for everyone, and you are welcome to play in any or all of the events. Enter online at [www.nzbridge.co.nz](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz) It would be wonderful to have more Junior and Intermediate players entering. It is great experience and you will learn so much.

The flyer with all the details is available on the club website as well as the noticeboard at the club.

## Club Results

### Monday Afternoon

M1 Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Valerie Clarke and Kevin Turner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lyn Muller and Betty Smith  
M2 Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Hawkins and Donald Grant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sandie and Tim Howard

### Tuesday Night

Tue 1 Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Lynette O'Shaughnessy and Jennifer O'Shaughnessy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gillian Gonthier and Russell Wilson  
Vivian Pharmacy Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Burton and David Whittle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Maggie Garnham and Cambell Priest

### Wednesday Night

Wed 1 Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Sheree Robbertsen and Libby Winyawonk  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kay Wyatt and Jane Shaw  
Wed 2 Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin O'Reilly and Brian Rowland  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kay Wyatt and Jane Shaw

### Thursday Night

Thu 1 Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Fay and Anthony Murcott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pam Newson and Maggie Garnham  
Thu 2 Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Couch and Joy Clouston  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Burton and Robyn Rhodes

### Friday Afternoon

Fri 1 Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Gay Masters and Raewyn McLean  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fay and Anthony Murcott  
Fri 2 Pairs 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Couch and Kevin Turner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine Mann and Coby Slager

### New Plymouth Picnic Pairs

Our annual Picnic Tournament was well supported with 80 people turning up for a great days bridge. Being a handicap event it gives everyone a chance and there was a lovely atmosphere around the room. This was another no frills day and people seem happy to bring their own lunch and pay a smaller entry fee. Far less work for the committee as well. Morning tea was provided by Frances Corcoran and June Grant with Geogia Luscombe helping June Metcalfe in the kitchen. Thank you to you all.

#### Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Gallia Therin and Lynda Couper*  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Coby Slager and Lalith Mendis*  
4<sup>th</sup> *Maggie Garnham and Campbell Priest*  
5<sup>th</sup> *Jennifer O'Shaughnessy and Valerie Clarke*

### Other Results

#### Hawera Picnic Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Green and John Rutten

#### Waikato Bays Provincial Pairs

- 4<sup>th</sup> Sandra Calvert and Colin Carryer

#### Gold Coast Congress

Good luck to those club members who are travelling to Surfer's Paradise for the Gold Coast Congress. We look forward to hearing good things and seeing the photos.

#### National Swiss Pairs

- 4<sup>th</sup> Pam Livingston playing with Jan Alabaster

### Rubber Bridge

Entries are coming in for the club Rubber Bridge Competition for 2020. This is a fun social competition played once a month at a time and place convenient to you and your opponents. The competition starts in April.

On the notice board is an entry form for NZ Bridge's Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge competition. Don't confuse it with our New Plymouth Club's competition.

The Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge competition is a knock out competition within Central Districts culminating one or two finalists being appointed to play several rounds at NZ Bridge Congress. It has the highest prize money of any bridge competition in NZ. The earlier rounds within Central Districts are with other entrants from New Plymouth, then Taranaki and usually the final round is in Palmerston North.

You should give serious consideration to entering the Dan Gifford competition as well.

## Directors Corner

### Etiquette tips from the Directors

Greet opponents as they arrive at your table and introduce yourself to people you don't yet know.

Do not comment on opponents play unless they ask for advice. We all make mistakes.

Call the Director for all irregularities.

Alert Partner's bids where necessary.

Respect Partner, other players and Director

The Directors have been upskilling on the computer to ensure things go more smoothly. Please can all players be sitting at their tables in plenty of time so the numbers can be sorted out and the fairest movement be set for the session. At least 10 minutes before is essential and the rule. Remember you may be sent home if you are late arriving.

Programme Book There is a lot of information in the programme book so it's a good idea to browse through and check the rules for eligibility and entries for some competitions.

Club Website This is the place for all of our club results and an up-to-date programme for the year. Sometimes changes need to be made to what is in the Programme book so when in doubt do check the Club website.

[www.new-plymouth.bridge-club.org](http://www.new-plymouth.bridge-club.org)

Club Facebook Page Keep an eye out for random bits on our Facebook page and up to date tournament successes.

nzbridge.co.nz There is lots of information on New Zealand Bridge's website including regular articles from experts around the country. It is a good site to keep you up with what is happening and hints for improving your play. You can check out your own rank, grade and master points earned by logging yourself in.

### Entry lists

Can members please enter their names on the entry lists for the club championship events. Auckland Cup - Thurston Cup - Centennial Cup - Marsh Cup and Friday Trophy. Names for the 5 night Plate competitions also need to be entered. Grayling Plate - Stars Travel Plate - Kaitake Plate

The brain is a wonderful organ.  
It starts working the moment you get up in the morning  
and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.

### **Coming Events**

February 22	Taradale Intermediate 5B
February 23	Feilding Open 5A
February 29	Taupo Intermediate 5B
<b>March 7 - 9</b>	<b>Taranaki Congress – Events for all grades</b>
March 14	North Island Teams – Wellington 20A
March 15	Marion Picnic Pairs 8B
March 21	Lawson Jugs Taradale 8B
March 28	Hastings Open 5A

The information and entry details for these competitions is available  
on the NZCBA bridge site. [www.nzbridge.co.nz](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz)

### **Subscriptions**

Subscriptions are nearly overdue. Please pay these before Maggie has to  
spend valuable time phoning you up.

### **Condolences**

We offer condolences to the family and friends of  
Robert Fox who passed away recently. He had  
been a member of the club for many years playing  
on Tuesday and Thursday nights. He was also in  
the winners circle to the end winning the Stars  
Travel Plate for 2019 with Nalini. We will miss his  
presence at the bridge table.

*A WINNER listens to his partner's point of view.  
A LOSER just waits until it's time to express his own.*

*Be a WINNER.*

# learn to play bridge

At TSB Bridge House - 70 Hobson Street  
New Plymouth

This year, we run two 15 week courses,  
starting:

Wednesday 29 April - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Friday 1 May - 10:00 am till 12:00 am

**\$90**

Fee covers membership to year end

Students - Free

A great game for all ages!!!!



Contact Christine Burton on 027 4603370 or  
Helen Carryer on 021 0517855 for New Plymouth Lessons and  
Wendy Walker on 027 2764274 for Stratford Lessons