# NEW PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2021



Hi Everyone,

At the request of some of our members we have decided to resurrect the club newsletter.

We have been very fortunate that Murray Carter has offered his editorial services and will be coordinating the newsletter. We would like contributions from any club member and we are looking for any stories or anecdotes from not only when playing bridge but any overseas trips, people who've worked overseas, interesting people you've meet or anything item of interest.

The format will be similar to the previous newsletters but we will attempt to provide some variation and add more topical items. When the newsletter is finalised it will be e-mailed to all the club members, however, there will be one hard copy posted on the noticeboard, and at any members request a paper copy will be provided. We will also look at the possibility of having a link on the club's Web site and possibly on our Facebook page.

We are inviting all club members to make contributions to the newsletter. The newsletter will be published every 6 – 8 weeks. To kick things off I will provide a short history of myself. I was born in Lower Hutt and lived for 20 years in Naenae (hence the Naenae Pairs – naenae means sandfly in Maori). When my parents retired to New Plymouth in 1975 I followed them up here. I worked for a local survey company for 2 and half years when I was extremely lucky to be in the right place at the right time and ended up working for a British seismic firm. They offered me an international contract and after completing the work in NZ I was posted overseas. I left NP in 1978 and returned in 2016 apart from infrequent visits back to NP to see friends and family. I worked in 17 different countries, some of which I would return to in a heartbeat but others I would give a wide berth. I retired in 2014 in Thailand where my wife is from. At that stage our son was boarding at NPBHS. In 2016 I decided to return to NP to provide moral support to our son. I was introduced to bridge in 2015 by a couple of expats in the town I resided in. A small group of us played rubber bridge. When I told them I was leaving one of them told me to join a local bridge club. I contacted the NPCBC and my first point of contact was Helen Carryer. Helen asked me what grade I was and I said what grades are there!!

Wishing all members an enjoyable festive season and hopefully an uninterrupted return to bridge at the club.

Deane Skelton

## **Upcoming Events**

# **Welcome back to Bridge Afternoon**

This will be held on Saturday 8 January 2022. It replaces the cancelled 2021 President's Night and Prizegiving. The chosen charity is Barnardos. Entry fee is \$10 and the Sheriff will be after your gold coins! Start time is 1pm. Bar will be open. Spot prizes to be won. Bring a plate.

To register, please send an email (1 per pair) to the club: newplymouthbridgeclub@gmail.com Cut off will be Thursday 6 January

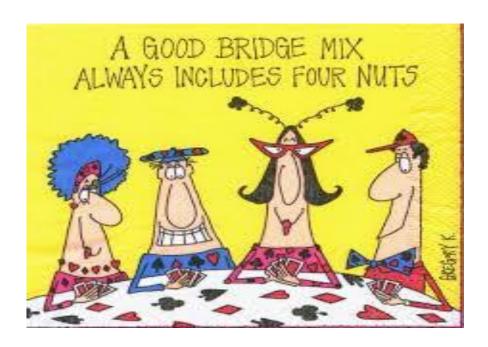
As this is always a popular event we recommend you get your entry in promptly.

## **Judy Holdom Memorial Picnic Pairs**

This is our annual season commencement two session 8 B point tournament. It will be played on 23 January. This is a handicapped tournament.

# **Heard at the Bridge Table**

- We play forcing hesitations
- One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts
- Your play was much better today, and so were your excuses.
- We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing
- There's no game like Bridge. You start to play with three friends and finish with two.



# **Club Results November/December**

# Monday

## **Reeve Pring Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Coby Slager and Catherine Mann 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Johnson and Daphne Williams

#### M14 Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Jill Johnson and Karin Champion 2<sup>nd</sup> Coby Slager and Catherine Mann

## **Tuesday**

## **Linda Couch Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Sheree Robertson and Audrey Young 2<sup>nd</sup> John De Bueger and John Holdom

## **Howard Family Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Campbell Priest and Lyn Muller 2<sup>nd</sup> Maggie Garnham and Reeve Pring

#### **T12 Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Mann and John Warner 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheree Robertson and Walt Crawshaw

# **Wednesday Evening**

## **Vivian Pharmacy Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Karin Champion and John Warner 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Derham and Lisa Miller

## W15 Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Daphne Williams and John Warner 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Derham and Lisa Miller

# **Thursday**

## **Bounceback Physiotherapy Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Kay Wyatt and Jane Shaw 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Hawkins and Gordon Gower

## **Driving Miss Daisy Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Jan Hawkins and Annette Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> Del Blair and Anne Wilson

## **Friday**

#### **Waimate Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Freyne and Karin Champion 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Carter and Raewyn McLean

# **Vospers Funeral Home Pairs**

1<sup>st</sup> Jill Johnson and Karin Champion 2<sup>nd</sup> Raewyn McLean and Christine Burton