

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

1st Coby Slager and Catherine Mann

2nd Jill Johnson and Daphne Williams

M14 Pairs

1st Jill Johnson and Karin Champion

2nd Coby Slager and Catherine Mann

Tuesday

Linda Couch Pairs

1st Sheree Robertson and Audrey Young

2nd John De Bueger and John Holdom

Howard Family Pairs

1st Campbell Priest and Lyn Muller

2nd Maggie Garnham and Reeve Pring

T12 Pairs

1st Catherine Mann and John Warner

2nd Sheree Robertson and Walt Crawshaw

Wednesday Evening

Vivian Pharmacy Pairs

1st Karin Champion and John Warner

2nd Rick Derham and Lisa Miller

W15 Pairs

1st Daphne Williams and John Warner

2nd Rick Derham and Lisa Miller

Thursday

Bounceback Physiotherapy Pairs

1st Kay Wyatt and Jane Shaw

2nd Jan Hawkins and Gordon Gower

Driving Miss Daisy Pairs

1st Jan Hawkins and Annette Weaver

2nd Del Blair and Anne Wilson

Friday

Waimate Pairs

1st Andrew Freyne and Karin Champion

2nd Karen Carter and Raewyn McLean

Vospers Funeral Home Pairs

1st Jill Johnson and Karin Champion

2nd Raewyn McLean and Christine Burton