



# Newsletter

May 2016

## Matamata Bridge Club

### Junior Tournament.

So many members contributed a great deal to the success of this tournament. We had 14 tables and apart from players from neighbouring clubs we had visitors from as far afield as North Shore and Taupo. Thanks to everyone who donated food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Michele Smith and her helpers did a great job in the kitchen. Our 'table' was very impressive and much appreciated by the tournament participants. Thanks also to members who donated items for the raffle as this was very enthusiastically supported. Laurie Belfied won one of the baskets and visitors won the other two. The best of our local junior players were Thea Wayenburg and Malcom Kirkby who won a session prize and Margaret Hook and Bev Smith who were the best of the unplaced locals. Session prizes were 'Kim Crawford' wines kindly donated by Sonia and Joanne Morgan from Matamata Real Estate sponsored the tournament. The two sponsorships contributed to a very successful financial event. Go to our web-site for a full report.



### New members.

New members are extremely valuable for any club and this year we have been fortunate to have welcomed Bruce Church and Denise Bryce from Christchurch as full members. They hope to play on Wednesdays and Thursday evenings. Their phone number will not be in the book so please make a note of it. 07 880 9268. Rosemary Ward from Putaruru has also joined us as an associate member and she likes to play on Wednesdays. Please note her number 07883 8320.

### Learner Classes

Judith Howard is conducting the classes and we have 10 very promising learners. If you go to our web site and click on the 'education' tab you will see the lessons which are being taught and at a later date when these new players join in club competitions or you invite them to play some house bridge it would be helpful if you are aware of the systems that they have been taught.

### Nolene Carter

Nolene has agreed to add Wednesdays to her catering duties for our club and she will begin on May 11<sup>th</sup>. She will

also do supper duty for the Quilty Tray on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Congratulations

Marie Whaley and Austin Brown have both gained their 'Certificates of Proficiency' which means they are no longer novices. They are now ranked junior players. Well done Austin and Marie.

### Health and safety

Have you wondered if we have a health and safety policy? Thankfully Raewyn Richards has attended the seminars and has posted a policy for us to follow on the notice board. Thank you Raewyn.

### Fundraising Entertainment

The Entertainment book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides up to 50% off and/or 2 for 1 offers from restaurants, cafes, attractions, activities, retailers and hotel accommodation. The membership entitles buyers to exclusive offers that are virtually restriction free. The book is valid to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. The book costs \$60



but the bridge club will receive \$12 for every book sold to bridge club members. It is an easy fundraiser. Flyers available on the front table or see Bruce Church if you would like one and then start enjoying cheaper meals out!

### Good Sorts

Have you ever noticed how clean and tidy our club rooms are? I am always proud to find them looking really nice and I was reminded how lucky we are when a non bridge member commented "Gosh the rooms are clean and tidy aren't they"? Joanne Swanwick does a good job keeping everything spick and span while Tony Pearson keeps all the table buckets, bridge-mates, pencil and pads up to date for us. Thank you both.

### Bereavements

It is with sadness that I report the recent passing of two of our members, Irmgard McGuire and Janine Turner. On behalf of our members I extend sympathy to their families.

