

# MOOS NOOS



## FIRST MINI MOOS OF 2014 SEES HOME PAIR WIN!

Five tables of beginners from lessons this year took part in the first Mini Moos afternoon hosted by Cambridge Bridge Club on Sunday 20 July. Beginners from clubs around the Waikato region took part, including Morrinsville, Hamilton, Cambridge, Matamata and Te Awamutu. The winners, were a mother-in-law and son-in-law combo from Cambridge, Dave Payne and Val. Many congratulations to Dave and Val!



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Mini Moos Cambridge Bridge Club Pair	20-07-2014 IMPs	Afternoon Place
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Dave and Val (Cambridge)	109	1
Pat and Sue (Te Awamutu)	90	2
Austin and Michele (Matamata)	89	3
Rachel and Paul (Hamilton)	85	4
Fred and Clare (Hamilton)	80	5
Marian and Beth (Hamilton/Cambridge)	76	6
Helen and Jane (Hamilton)	75	7
Lorna and Jo (Morrinsville)	74	8
Maeleen and Jane (Matamata)	71	9
Jane and Liz (Hamilton)	56	10

## MINI MOOS 2—MORRINSVILLE

Morrinsville Bridge Club have kindly agreed to host the second in the Mini Moos series at their clubrooms in the Bowling Club at Morrinsville. Moos 2 will take place on Sunday 31 August at 1pm. Register with your teacher to take part. Entry fee \$5.

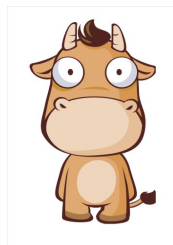
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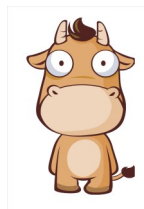
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## MOOS ONLINE

### BRIDGEBASE ON LINE



You are heartily recommended to try this website. It is a marvellous resource for bridge players at all levels. You are able to play bridge online, go to a room to practise bidding with a partner, play against the computer in some prepared deals ... and a lot more. You can download the software free of charge, and play free of charge. Have a look at the website and see what you think – but it is excellent for when you have a half-hour free and want a quick practice. Go to [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com) and have a look at the resources on offer.



## Tournament Moos

Bridge tournaments are held regularly in the region. They generally last for a day, with two sessions of bridge. You bring your lunch along, and play both sessions with the same partner. A list of upcoming tournaments are on the NZCBA bridge site [www.nzcba.co.nz](http://www.nzcba.co.nz) and there are advertisements on the notice board at clubrooms. We would urge you to consider entering the novice tournament at Matamata on Sunday 21st September. It is designed especially for people new to bridge. You can only participate in the tournament if you are a junior and all learners qualify so it is ideal to go along to and see what a tournament is like. Generally you need to be able to bid and play each board in 7 minutes. If you would like more information on this event, or any tournament, please contact Jane Stearns.

## MOOS CORNER — Jane Stearns

### HOW COULD THEY MAKE A CARD GAME THIS DIFFICULT??

If you had said to me I would become hooked by a game of cards, I would have laughed in your face a few years ago.. Bridge? Visions of Hyacinth Bouquet and a pink rinse brigade appeared before my eyes. But my friend Di Emms was keen to go, and two of my closest friends near my age urged me to try, and every time my window cleaner arrived, he extolled the virtues of the game. So I thought I would go along to the lessons at the Cambridge Bridge Club with a vague notion that I might acquire a social skill.

As I signed on for my ten weeks I was somewhat be-

mused. For goodness' sake – how long can it take to learn a card game? My dad had taught me cribbage as a child in one afternoon, and I was fully proficient by the following evening. As the weeks progressed, my eyes were opened. This was a step up from Snap! This was a step up from 500. This was a different world where I had to force myself to concentrate for every minute of every lesson to grasp even the very basics of the game. First there would be theory, then practical, with hands of cards made up so that we could apply the theory we had just learned. This transition from theory to practical was often impossible, and even with the cards fixed and loaded so that I could achieve my contract, I would still have routinely failed had not my teacher been observing and giving me his regular comment of: “I wouldn't play that one if I were you Jane ... “ And so it went on.

At the end of our lessons, we were welcomed into the Bridge Club, and to the Wednesday night social bridge sessions. We were told we would complete each hand of bridge in seven minutes. My previous record prior to first night at Bridge Club – half an hour. It is a long time since I have been so nervous of anything, but sitting down on that first club night, I found to my horror that my hands were shaking as I picked up my first set of cards. To my relief I found I had a weak hand so would not have to say anything for the first game, and I drew a very wobbly, shaky little line to show I was passing. And so my bridge life began.

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# PHOTOS FROM MOOS 1



Runners Up—Sue Woodward and Pat Mandeno from Te Awamutu



Third Place—Michele Liddle and Austin Brown from Matamata.



Best Sports—Jane Sandelin and Liz Wall exemplifying Moos values and spirit

Bridge as a game is a great leveller. As we all strive for some consistency, a lot of time is spent at the bottom of the heap when you start your bridge career. If you are only going to be happy when you win—give up now! You will spend the majority of your time at the bridge table not winning. You need to learn to enjoy other aspects of the game at an early stage to avoid slipping into despair. Bridge is a lifelong challenge. Making mistakes means you are learning. The game itself is good for your brain health and is recommended by the Alzheimer's Society. Bridge is a very social game, an opportunity to play with friends and make new friends. When things go wrong, the bidding is all stuffed up, your partner as declarer is so many tricks short of your contract it is unreal, there is only one thing you can do—laugh. If you make your goal giving your partner opposite you the happiest time you can for the hours you play with them you will be a TROO MOO!



## MOOS MISSION:

To provide a relaxed supportive environment where beginners from lessons can play bridge with players of their own level.

Features: No time pressure on play. Time to discuss boards during play. Phone A Friend available if uncertain on bidding. Crib sheets allowed.

## Eligibility for the Mini Moos:

A player who has attended a complete series of bridge lessons during 2014 at an NZCBA affiliated club or a previous Moo rated as unranked by NZCBA