

## May Newsletter

Hi all,

These newsletters will now also appear on the Matamata/Te Aroha/Morrinsville Clubs website alongside Richard's monthly ramble of all things Te Aroha.

And this ramble is a bit overdue too with a lot happening since the last edition.

**8B** - In April thirteen tables entered in our 8B tournament sponsored by Williams Jewellery. Thanks to all those who entered and contributed in some way to help with this event. A review can be seen by clicking the link below and scrolling to page 16.

<https://sceneonline.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/PDF-Complete-3.pdf>

**Our Junior tournament** followed on 10<sup>th</sup> May with a number of novices taking part too. Thanks to those who helped and to Matamata Real Estate for sponsoring the day. A report can also be seen by clicking the link below and scrolling to page 16 again.

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**Quilty Tray** - The last three Monday evenings has seen ten teams competing for the Quilty Tray. This year Michael Curry & Jena Gibbons and their team mates Kathy & Ken Yule came away with the spoils. Second were Team Kalma comprising Richard Solomon & Anna Kalma and Lesley Quilty & Noel Grigg. Coming in to third place were Team Whyte's foursome of John Mills & Kevin Whyte playing with Gwyn Lobb & Kate McFadyen.

Thanks to Anna for directing, Jan for scoring and all those who provided supper plates. Also to Berna and Moya for doing the hard yards in the kitchen.



**Lessons** – Introductory lessons for those new to bridge have begun with Alan reporting at least a dozen or more taking up the learner lessons along with some returning for a refresh and some helping from last year. You may have seen some of our ads on Facebook and various signs and posters placed strategically around town as seen below. We welcome all our new students and hope you continue to learn this game and become part of our club.



**Luda seen in Scene** – Tying in with the lessons promotions, Caron from Scene ran a nice article covering Luda's Ukraine connection to Warren, New Zealand, friends and bridge. Click on link below to see story on page 10.

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**Marriage milestones** – Not bridge marriages but these two couples have been spied celebrating significant anniversaries recently. Congratulations Austin & Barbara Brown on your 60th and Anne & Phil Beetham on your 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries.



. **Survey** – Results have been emailed and thanks to those who took part. As you can see there are a range of views and most are neither right nor wrong – just some differing perspectives, preferences and suggestions and what suits one person doesn't necessarily suit another. The committee will hopefully use this gauge of your opinions to improve on how some things can be done. Thanks to Steven and his team for putting the survey together.

**Alan Mace** - Te Aroha are hosting a benefit night on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> to raise funds to help Alan get treatment for a medical procedure. Alan is a valued member of the Te Aroha bridge scene. If you can help support him and his bridge club by entering on the night or donating it would be hugely appreciated. Flyer attached with all the information.

**Spa Town Tourney** – It'll be a busy week for Te Aroha as a few days later they host their 5A Teams and 8B Multigrade Swiss Pairs on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at the Silver Fern Farms Event Centre. Get your entries in now. Full details in attached flyer.

**Improver Lessons Morrinsville** – Nick Whitten is running an improvers session on Sunday afternoon 15<sup>th</sup> June. Ideal for newer and improving players to hone in on some of the basics. Contact Nick directly if interested. Full details in attached flyer.

**Online Supported Play with NZ Bridge** – Similar to what Nick is doing but online. All info also attached for these sessions.

**Directors & Scorers** – Calling all established, learning or potential directors & scorers. NZ Bridge along with Waikato Bays Region are holding a forum on directing and scoring. This is free and will be hosted by the Rotorua Bridge Club on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. A number of our club members are attending this day and anyone is welcome to attend. Full details in attached flyer.

Please check out all of the attachments.

That's all for now.

Au revoir

Colin