



Rotorua Bridge Club Newsletter - #5 May 2021 rotoruacontractbridgeclub@xtra.co.nz www.rotoruabridgeclub.nz

### **Hello Members**

I was browsing the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Booklet for our club 1956 – 2005 Interesting points of note:

The Rotorua Bridge Club commenced in 1956

First lessons held in the FRI tea rooms

Ib Thulin was a founding member and first club tutor

The Soundshell, Blue Baths, Bowling Club Pavilion were early venues

1978 saw beginning of play at current site

Heini Lux became a member 1981

Mary Slattery joined in 1982

Alan Dick was President 1981 - 83

Ruth Lewis was President 1994 – 95

WOW – add that up to total playing years!

Members are the backbone of our club, and so many have given so much back over their years of membership. Well done to everyone

# **ROTORUA BRIDGE VISIT**

The House of Cards group of tourists played in our Thursday night session on 17 May. A very friendly group of players, we enjoyed a room full with 15 tables.

<b>Results Winners</b>	Ray and Rosemary McCully	64%
R/Up	Roger Dempster & Colleen Allen	63%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pauline Gimson & Jan Alexander	62%

Thanks so much to members who provided supper and taxi services at end of the social evening.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE**

To keep everyone informed of procedures around health and safety during sessions at our club – listed below are safety points we all need to be aware of: Emergency phone number is 111 – no outside line number is required. Landlines are situated in office and bar service area.

Defibrillator location is on right wall as you exit the club rooms through the double doors into the foyer.

Exits are north end of building, external kitchen door and main entrance door. Emergency meeting point is middle of the car park.

#### KAREN MARTELLETTI

Sadly and suddenly, Karen passed away last Fri 21 May. Karen contributed so much to bridge, as a player, teacher, director, Club Captain Tauranga, Club President Tauranga, Waikato BOP committee member, and NZB board member. She will be missed by many. For those who would like to pay their respects, Karen's funeral service is 1 pm Mon 31 May at Matamata Catholic Church. There is also a Celebration of Karen's life at 1:30 pm Wed 2 June Tauranga Bridge Club. All welcome.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Mid Winter Dinner/Welcome to New Recruits Wed 9 June

6pm Social hour

7pm Dinner - members to bring a plate of 'sit down' dinner food

8pm Social bridge

# Rotorua Open 5A Tournament Sat 19 June

All entries now being accepted Lunch provided Morning and afternoon sessions

### Bay Teams Tournament at Rotorua Sun 25 July

Reminder to get your partnership pairs submitted for consideration for our Rotorua team to defend the Ib Thulin Shield. The team consists of 2 open pairs, 2 intermediate pairs and 2 junior pairs. Close off date is 18 June.

### **TOURNAMENTS WAIKATO/BOP**

It is very pleasing to see our club members participating in tournaments at other clubs. There were 7 Rotorua pairs competing at one tournament alone.

# Here are some of this month's successes:

# **Te Awamutu Restricted Pairs**

Winners Elspeth Goodrick & Wendy Blackman

Open/Jnr Winners Heini Lux & Jackie Pulman

### **Junior Ladder Matamata**

2 <sup>nd</sup> overall	Kathryn Morgan & Mareli Esterhuysen	59%
Session Winners	Hilary Williams & Christine de Vries	59%
<b>Novice Winners</b>	Kim & Frank Billington (10 <sup>th</sup> overall)	52%

**Bay Pairs Tauranga** 

Session Winners Margaret Hodgson & Marie Milsum 60% Overall 4<sup>th</sup> place Margaret Hodgson & Marie Milsum 58%

### **COMPETITION RESULTS TO DATE**

Monday 3 day pairs winners to 17/4

Liz Wilcox & Kathryn Morgan 62%

Wednesday 3 night pairs winner HCP to 3/5

Hilary Williams & Kathryn Morgan 63%

Thursday 4 night pairs winners to 29/4

Marie Milsum & Margaret Hodgson 57%

Friday 4 day pairs HCP to 21/5

Stephen Harding & David Wilson 52%

Happy Bridging Colleen