

- Prizegiving Photos are now in the gallery

- Special Clubs (top 10 statistics for 2019) are now updated.

- Programme Book is now available. If you can pick up from the club then please do so. Otherwise they will be mailed.

- Subscription Invoices for 2020 have been emailed to everyone.

- New links are on the left for Playing Conditions and Programme for the various sessions.

A huge thank you to Christine Judd for the hours she has spent on the Booklet and Invoices, on top of all the other work she does for the club.

NEW ZEALAND WIDE PAIRS

Presented at Prizegiving the prize to Charmaine Bartley and Pamela Frank for being the closest pair to get 50%.



Championship Winners

Championship Pairs, playing for the Gordon Melville Trophy, was won by Joan Berg and Rosemary Ritchie.

Junior Championship Pairs, playing for the Fred Tritt Memorial Trophy, was won by Christine Knowles and Lauren Lehndorf.



November Competition Winners

Monday: Sponsored by

Bin Inn Junior Championship Pairs: see above

Tuesday:

Monthly High Flyers: (3 sessions to qualify)

1. Pam Burry 2. Betty Watts 3. Sue Swanney

Wednesday:

Club Championships: see above

Friday:

Monthly Top Players: (3 sessions to qualify)

1. Rosemary Ritchie 2. Jean McKenzie 3. Adrienne Rehioui

2019 Melbourne Cup

Eleven tables celebrated Melbourne Cup day. Some photos are in the gallery. Thanks to Barry Fitzgerald for organising the sweepstakes.

NEW ZEALAND WIDE PAIRS

Well done John and Rona Driscoll. Finishing 7th out of 1012 players in this competition with 68.23%.

Also 50.2% was the score of Charmaine Bartley and Pamela Frank
They won a good prize, being the closest pair to get 50%.

Waikato-Bays Intermediate League

This competition took place throughout the year. Eight days in total.

The final event at Cambridge was well supported with 18 tables.

Kim Chung & Adrienne Rehioui combined well to finish 10th out of the 35 pairs.

The league itself with over \$1000 of sponsorship was won by
Judith Howard & Joanne Swanwick from Matamata.

Second were Sabrina Peters & Carol Crowfoot from Thames. They won the Intermediate tournament in Taupo, earlier this year.

Third were Derek and Frances Rankin.

Something that **maybe** happening next year is another type of tournaments designed for players or partnerships that have become open or close to becoming and even open players. The idea is that it will help to bridge the gap between Intermediates and Open A tournaments. The tournaments will likely be restricted to players with under a certain number A points or something similar. Judith Howard has very generously offered to sponsor such tournaments in this region.

Forsyth Barr Tournament Results

Below Roger Fitzgerald from Forsyth Barr presents the prizes to the top three (Click to enlarge). Also well done to local players Adrienne Rehioui and Colin Light on finishing 5th and the second Taupo pair.



Winners Dennis Apperley and Arthur Bennett with Roger Fitzgerald



Runner Up Rosemary Ritchie and Edna Nicholson (absent)



Third Place Mereana Cullen and Barbara Daly

GOOD SCORING

Monday saw David Hamilton and Chris Jones score 71.73% in the Junior Championships on Monday night.

However this was bettered by Rosemary Ritchie and Peggy Nisbet this Tuesday with an excellent score of 76.28%.

During the weekend:

Heather Dickie finished 12th in the Waikato Bays Junior league. Over 100 juniors took part in this competition at various stages.

At Te Puke, Rona and John Driscoll finished top in the two sections of the Te Puke Open but finished runner up overall. Must mean the two top pairs did not play each other!

NZ Bridge Congress 2019

Starts September 28th in Hamilton and runs through out the next week.

The Congress caters for all levels of players from Novice to Open with players coming from all over New Zealand. Please talk to any of the Open Players at the club about this Tournament.

This link below gives information for Intermediate and Junior Players

<http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/special-intermediate-and-junior-events.html>

Also the link below gives information on maybe getting sponsorship from Waikato Bays Bridge.

<http://www.waikatobays.bridge-club.org/congress>

Want to test or improve your bridge or just the experience? Pairs or Teams.

Give it a go!

Rotorua Restricted Open

Ten players from Taupo played in this event

Well done to:

Rosemary Ritchie and Sharo Opai on finishing second overall in the Open/Junior group.

Also Joan Berg and Kim Chung on finishing third equal (E/W) in the morning session.

WaikatoBays Teams Final

Intermediate team played three 16 board matches in the finals at Cambridge.

Finishing second overall.

Recording wins against Whakatane and Matamata and losing the one match against the winners Waikato.

Bay of Plenty Interclub Team Report

On Sunday our Teams competed against 5 other clubs in the Bay of Plenty. Altogether each team played 5, 10 board matches.

Each team managed at least one win.

The Intermediate Team had the best placing. They were leading going into the last round and held on to finish second.

This qualifies the team to play in the Waikato Bays Regional final teams event towards the end of August.

Sunday Open Bridge 28/07/2019

Because we couldn't find the file for Sunday Bridge, the following are the results from play. Thanks to Ralph & Diana Robertshawe who did the matchpoints for the boards and checking them to make sure they were accurate.

N/S

1st: Joan Berg/Mike Corkin -- 76 matchpoints

2nd: Pamela James/Ruth Hennebry --64 matchpoints

3rd: Rebecca & Colin Anderson -- 54 matchpoints

4th: Dora Wickham/Helen Spencer -- 46 matchpoints

E/W

1st: Pamela Frank/Barbara Grainger -- 76 matchpoints

2nd: Betty Watts/Sue Treadwell -- 66 matchpoints

3rd: Ralph & Diana Robertshawe -- 56 matchpoints

4th: Ev Gardiner/Mary Grant -- 42 matchpoints

Bay of Plenty Interclub Teams

Representing Taupo Sunday July 28th

OPEN TEAM	John Driscoll / Rona Driscoll Edna Nicholson / Rosemary Ritchie
INTERMEDIATE TEAM	Estelle Davis / Garth Robinson Derek Rankin / Frances Rankin
JUNIOR TEAM	Lauren Lehndorf / Sharon Opai Chris Younger / Helen Younger

Well done

Playing in the Mount Maunganui Junior Tournament, Heather Dickie together with her playing partner Rachel Young from Putaruru, finished second overall. 53.7% in first session followed by an excellent 64.6% in the second session.

Unshakeable Taupo

Congratulations to Derek and Frances Rankin for proving to be unshakeable at bridge tournaments lately. They were the overall winners at the Hamilton Intermediate tournament this past weekend adding to their winning streak. Their results were; session one 53.73%, session two 64.90% totalling 118.63% (photo not available).

Life Master Award

Congratulations to John Driscoll who was presented with the Life Master Award by NZ Bridge.

This award is earned by amassing an aggregate of A&B Points that includes 250 A points.



You Travel Mid Winter Bridge and Dinner



Steve & Julie Sievwright from YOU travel our Sponsors of this tournament are shown with the winners.

East West Edna Nicholson and Rosemary Ritchie

North South Diana and Ralph Robertshawe

[More photos in the gallery](#)





Well Done

Christine Judd and Estelle Davis on taking first place in Session 2 of the Tauranga Intermediate Pairs with a score of 63% and a final overall placing of 7th.

- I have **posted a new blog** about Monday Sessions. The purpose is to try and avoid results as shown below in the May Teams. Please make positive comments on the blog site. Go to Members Area above and then Members Blog
- This Blog has run its course and is **now closed** for further comments. Barry Jones comment is very constructive and would easily solve the purpose mentioned above.
- I have added a new sub category on this web site called Handicaps. Please go to Members Area and to Handicaps. We do need some discussion on this.

Thank you for providing details for **ICE**. About 50 responses so far. Pip will enter this information into our database when she is back shortly from overseas.

Katikati Intermediate tournament - May 19

Congratulations to Derek and Frances Rankin who were the overall winners with 59.90 percent. Well done!!



Putaruru All Grades tournament - May 16

Congratulations to Rosemary Ritchie and Edna Nicholson for coming second overall and to Sharon Opai and Kim Chung who came sixth. Rosemary and Edna came second in the Open & Open group and Sharon and Kim came first in the Intermediate and Junior group.



DEFIBRILLATOR

Thanks for taking part in this discussion.

The committee was not in support of a defibrillator for the club.

After discussion, It was felt that it would be a real challenge to get enough members trained to use a defibrillator to cover every session and it was also felt that with the close proximity to the Taupo hospital, it would probably be quicker to put the person in the car and drive them directly there.

Pak'nSave Open 5A tournament 4/5th May

This annual event proved to be popular once again. Bridge players travelled from Auckland, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay and Waikato regions and added to our local members, filled 21 tables at our clubroom.

Barry Jones and Jenny Millington from Hamilton were the overall winners with 60.91 per cent, followed closely by Taupo members John and Rona Driscoll with 59.24 per cent.

Pam Burry and Joan Berg won the Trevor and Betty Watts trophy. This is awarded to the top Taupo pair who did not win a major placing in the Tournament.

Thank you to both Pak'nSave for their sponsorship and local club members for supplying the fabulous food. A special thank you to members who worked hard both days to ensure the tournament ran smoothly.



[Do we need a defibrillator](#)

A couple of years back Frank Weeks posted the first blog on this site. It was a description of a hand that he had to play.

Recently Mike Corkin added a very good comment to this post.

You can check the blog and comments by clicking here on

[MEMBER'S BLOG](#)

I have sent a copy of this for bridge club committee to discuss. You can have a say by completing the Quick Poll below.

Poll is now closed

Charity Tournament

Bridge Club raises funds for Heart Scanner

On Thursday 11th April the Taupo Bridge club ran a charity tournament to raise funds towards a heart scanner for the local hospital. This event was organised by club members Estelle Davis and Peggy Nisbet with Ralph Robertshawe the director. The clubroom was filled with 18 tables, providing a friendly card-playing environment.

Before play commenced, representatives from the Taupo Hospital & Health Society Inc., Sylvia Robertson and Viv McSherry gave a presentation explaining the urgent need of a Heart Scanner for the Taupo Hospital. Their ultimate goal is \$350,000 and to date \$125,000 has been raised. On Friday the bridge club president Colin Light presented Chairperson Lil Hancock a cheque for \$2,637.50, total raised at the fundraiser. A great effort by all involved.

Thank you to all organisations and individuals who donated prizes for the day and members who contributed to the success of this event.

The winners for the day in N/S were Colin Light and Jean McKenzie with 67.65 per cent along with Molly Green and Betty Watts in E/W with 62.65 per cent. Further financial contributions towards this worthy cause visit the website www.thhs.org.nz.



Lil Hancock, Chairperson Taupo Hospital & Health Society, Peggy Nisbet, Viv McSherry, Les Winslade, Patron thhs, Colin Light, President Bridge club.
see gallery for more photos

Napier Intermediate tournament - 7th April 2019

Congratulations to Kim Chung and Sharon Barton who won the first session prize at the tournament on Sunday. In Adrienne Rehioui's words " Four people from Taupo attended the tournament which was friendly with fabulously delicious food throughout the day." Kim and Sharon came 5th overall for the day. Well done!!



We win again!

Saturday 30th March was the first chapter of the Junior Waikato bridge tournaments for 2019 played at Cambridge. Congratulations to Helen and Chris Younger who were the Novice winners for this event. They also achieved eleventh place overall. Well done!



Success in Hawkes Bay

Taupo Bridge club members reign supreme with Rona and John Driscoll along with Alan Dick and Heini Lux from Rotorua, winning the Hastings O'Briens Plumbing Supplies 5A Open Teams event on Saturday 23rd March. Rona was thrilled to announce that this was their first ever 5A tournament win. Congratulations to all!!



Alan Dick, Heini Lux. Rona and John Driscoll

Bayley's Intermediate 5B Tournament

The tournament held on Saturday 9th March and sponsored by Bayley's Taupo was once again popular and drew a good attendance with 14 tables filled. Local members welcomed players from far afield as Thames, Waihi, Cambridge, Rotorua, TeAroha, Mt Maunganui, Te Awamutu, Tauranga, Putaruru, Tokorua, Hamilton and Matamata.

Congratulations to Carol Crowfoot and Sabrina Peters who travelled all the way from Thames and were the overall winners for the day.

Results can be found using the tournament results link.

For the stratified group rankings (for prizes), the results can be found by clicking [HERE](#).



Yvonne Westerman (Bayley's Taupo), Carol Crowfoot and Sabrina Peters. Refer to gallery for more photos.

Bridging the gap article

In case you missed that article in the Taupo Times and the NZ Herald then you can view it [HERE](#)

Our display at the library



Call the Director

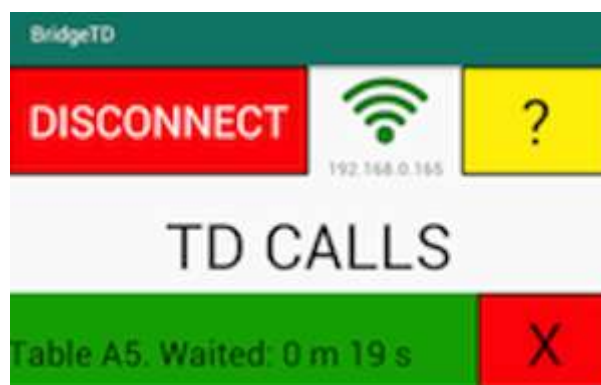
On the players tablets you will notice at the bottom of most screens the orange icon. Pressing this will call the director.



On the directors Phone or tablet they will receive the players request fo help. Note that it does show the time you have been waiting. The director when free should acknowledge the request by using the X in the red box.

Note the wi/fi icon works the same as for the tablets.

If directors want to use their phone (android) then go to the play store and install the app TD call



Congratulations to our players who have moved up a grade this year!

New intermedate players:

- Sharon Barton
- Jan Cook
- Christine Judd
- Adrienne Rehioui

- Sheila Taylor

Web Editor

Pamela is an editor of this web site and thank you for making yourself available. Any photos or news worthy items can go directly to Pamela for publishing.

LESSONS

Please go to the Lessons Page above for full details and start times.

Where to find our top bridge players.

Check out the Special Clubs /Top 10 Statistics for the previous years, top players.

Members Area

These pages have information of interest to club members.

- Calendar: This shows the club events.

- Championships: Gives the winners of these and clicking on any image brings up a list of previous winners.

- Competitions: This gives the winners of the trophies played for during the year and clicking on any image brings up a list of previous winners. There is also a link to a list of all prize winners for all years.

- Archives: This column is archived at the end of each year and can be found there. At the beginning of each year this column starts blank.

- Update contact details: Changes can be made here. Fill out the form and submit. If we don't have sufficient information on who to contact in case of an emergency (**ICE**) then please fill out those details there as well.