

Waikato Bays Regional Round up – September

Another suspension of bridge means a bit less fodder to write up although there has been a bit of bridge happening in the background, an IP team selected, the rubber bridge competition decided and even some tournaments since my last July round up to report on ...

Bridge has restarted in some clubs within the region under Lockdown 2.0 with the Matamata Intermediate 5B held on the weekend – the first tournament for a month (and used as my excuse for missing my deadline last week).

Well done Te Aroha's Peter Daffurn and Victor Kooter who took it out in emphatic form.



Left to Right: Peter Daffurn and Victor Kooter from Te Aroha (beating them on Sunday was a tall order).

Back track a couple of months to the same venue but this time the Matamata Open

Close to capacity with 19 tables entered to play at the Matamata 5A in late July To make the prize money (top 6 place getters) required an average of at least 60% with the eventual winners Ian Berrington (Akarana) and Grant Jarvis (Franklin) taking the event out with a handy 65% average...



Grant Jarvis (Franklin) and Ian Berrington (Akarana) winners of the Matamata Open.

The best session score of the day however, came from 93 year old Sonia Crawford and her youthful partner Neil Dravitzski. They must have taken something performance enhancing at the lunchbreak to post 70% in the afternoon session. This propelled them into 6th place overall so they were also in the prize money (but being in the prize money then sadly disqualified them from winning the Kim Crawford wines for best performing Matamata pair ... also sponsored by Sonia Crawford!)



Other notable performances on the day were Barry Jones and Jenny Millington both from Hamilton who came in 2nd and Ken Yule (Matamata) and Malcolm Mayer (Akarana) were 3rd. Judith Howard (Matamata) and Malcolm Kirkby (Te Aroha) were

the winners of the eponymously titled Judith Howard League event on the day for best performing pair with less than 100A points.

Hamilton Swiss Pairs

Hamilton ran their 5A swiss pairs over three Wednesday nights playing 6 matches of 14 boards and competed by 28 pairs from throughout the region. The final night saw the old guard of Brett Glass (Huntly) and Gary Foidl (Waikato) club who were already at table 1 notch up two solid wins to give them the top spot with a comfortable margin over second place Lesley Chubb and Brian Gallaher both from the Waikato club.



How many men does it take to change a lightbulb? Just the one ... and a very tall ladder. Brett had a few chores to do after winning the Swiss Pairs in Hamilton.

Ladies Pairs in Tauranga

Kate Terry and Judy Pawson combined to take out the 3A Ladies Pairs in Tauranga late in July with a combined average of 58% over other locals Shirley Bain and Jo Simpson.



Kate and Judy enjoyed their girl's day out in Tauranga.

WAP Wrap

The Waikato Area Pairs are usually contested over 6 heats in 6 different locations but this was curtailed to just 3 for obvious reasons ...

The last heat was held in Hamilton and the best on the day was Tim and Helen Healey who scored a 72% first session which provided enough of a buffer to win comfortably.

However, the overall winners of the 5A event were Jenny Millington and Barry Jones who squeezed past Kevin Whyte and Clare Coles from Cambridge who took second place.



Barry and Jenny WAP Champs for 2020

Mt Maunganui Novice, Junior and Intermediate

Way back on July the 18th, Mt Maunganui held their combined Novice, Junior and Intermediate tournaments.



The return trip home to Thames would have been a jolly one for this lot – taking out the top two places in the intermediates ...From left to Right – Adrienne Donald with Ted Cliffin who were first alongside Sabrina Peters and Carol Crowfoot all from Thames.



Michelle Liddle (centre) and Joy Williams (right) from Matamata won the Junior division – seen here accepting their prize from the tournament's sponsor.



While the Novice pairs was won by Carole Fuller and Kevin Barnes from the Waikato Club.

Our Waikato Bays reps

Finally a shout out for our Interprovincial team and Rubber pair who will be representing us at the IP's in November and hopefully the Dan Gifford Rubber. We wish you all the best and am sure you will represent us with honour 😊

Chef de Mission: Karen Martelletti

Open:

Barry Jones – Jenny Millington

Liz Fisher – Blair Fisher

Women:

Christine Gibbons – Jenna Gibbons

Judy Pawson – Kate Terry

Senior:

Noel Grigg – Yuzhong Chen

Murray Wood – Rachelle Pelkman

Intermediate

Leanne Curry- Megan Jolly

Jan Gynge – Stacey Hilton

Rubber Bridge

Clare Coles – Kevin Whyte



Kevin and Clare – winners of the Waikato Bays Rubber Bridge competition and runners up in the 2020 WAP