



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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BEGINNER LESSONS

Lessons commence on Monday 17th March at either 1pm or 7pm. The cost is \$80 and \$50 for another person from the same address if two people attend lessons together. The cost includes all lesson material and membership to the Club for the year. Contact Alison Hucker for further enquiries and information.

DATE OF THE AGM HAS BEEN CHANGED

The date of the 2025 AGM advertised in our Membership Booklet has been changed to 18th November.

The Committee met for their first monthly meeting on Tuesday 14th January.

The Committee extends a warm welcome back to the New Year of bridging at the Taradale Bridge Club. Congratulations to all the members and associate members who have moved up a grade. May you all enjoy further success, along with all our members, whether it be novice, junior, intermediate or open players. Just enjoy playing bridge.

Congratulations to Mike Williamson who came 11th in the New Zealand National Masters grade in 2024, a great individual result.

UPCOMING TARADALE BRIDGE CLUB TOURNAMENTS

All taking place at our club!

TARADALE INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

Sunday 16th February

Sponsor: Craig Smith, Harcourts.

LAWSON JUGS

Saturday 22nd March

Sponsor: Somerset Smith Partners

Other Club Tournaments:

Napier Restricted Pairs

Saturday 25th February

Havelock North Charity Tournament

Sunday 4th February.

IMPROVER LESSON ON STAYMAN

Alison Hucker is holding an Improver lesson on **Saturday 25th January at 1pm** on the stayman convention.

FINDING A PARTNER

There is no reason for people to not play bridge if you want to.

You can telephone someone from the Membership Booklet, or ask someone when you see them. Failing that, you can turn up to any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday session and be **GUARANTEED** a game. There is always a “spare” at these sessions in case there is an uneven number. So just turn up. You won’t be disappointed.

Another easy method of finding a partner is to use Pianola, where you can “advertise” for a partner for a particular session.

INVITATION TO NAPIER BRIDGE CLUB

DIAMOND JUBILEE:

This will be held on Friday 7th February from 5.15pm.

Check website or noticeboard for details

FROM THE DIRECTOR’S CHAIR

Writing this note from the director’s corner, I am reminded that frequently players seem to prefer that the corner is where I should stay! Directing at your own table seems to have almost become the norm. After all, many players are happy in the knowledge that they know just as much about the laws of the game as the director and are determined to show this. But would these same bridge players suggest that it should be the players that referee at netball or rugby?

The problem is that often those making up rules at their own table are simply wrong.

Agreeing to create a penalty card without calling the director is an example. You might be right in recognising that an infraction suggests a penalty card be created, but do players really understand the rules around the disposition of that penalty card, what rights the non-offender has and whether the card is a major or minor penalty card?

An incorrect application of the rules at your table may result in an incorrect score. An incorrect score at your tables impacts on the scores at all the other tables.

Please, call the director whenever there has been an infraction or whenever you are unsure about how to proceed.

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Awards Presented at the 2024 AGM:

2024 Championship Winners:	
Monday Evening session	A Thorn & G Stichbury
Tuesday Afternoon session	A Fitchett & J Hayes
Wednesday Evening Junior/Intermediate Pair	M Bymolt & H Henz
Wednesday Championship	L Bowcock & S Richards
Thursday Morning session	J Haslett & J Hayes
Devonshire Pairs	A Thorn & M Williamson
Most Club Points Gained:	
Monday Morning session	A Dempsey
Monday Evening session	L Dunnett
Wednesday Evening session	J Davis
Overall Club points	J Davis
Most Improved Player for 2024	
Monday session	S Kilmister
Thursday session	P Entwistle
Most Improved overall	J Hollis
Ngairé Bright Memorial Cup	Mike Smith
Taradale Club Tournament Winners	
Lawson Jugs	A Fitchett & J Hayes
Tierney Teams	A Fitchett/B Russell; C Hagen/A Hucker
Honours Board	
Wed Evening Lady Dowling Tray	A Williamson & L Bowcock
President Pairs	A Hucker & J Davis

**ALISTAIR BUCHANAN
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT:
NAPIER BRIDGE CLUB**

Sunday 26 January 2025.
Starts at 1.30pm
Napier Bridge Club
Table money \$10
Afternoon tea provided

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