

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Please add #s to your booklet

WELCOME TO

The following people have recently joined us:

Rahira Ellison 027 6472972 Jillian Ramsey 027 3715422

Helen Pattullo 027 4047627 Ross Parker 0204 1452417

In addition, new members phone numbers will be displayed on the Noticeboard until next year's booklet is published.

And a reminder that we have 20 new members joining us from the Lessons. Please make sure these players feel welcome when they start playing in the main rooms.

EXTRA SESSIONS

Saturday 28 Sept Fun afternoon for Novice/Junior players starting at 1pm Saturday 5 Oct Improvers session starting at 1pm. Be there by 12.50 please.

FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE?

We're currently looking at offering an extra bridge session, perhaps on Friday nights? Members comments on this are invited – either to a Committee member or send us an email.

NZ WIDE PAIRS

This New Zealand wide tournament will be held at the Clubrooms on Friday 15th November. The same boards are played NZ wide and scored across the whole field and at each club. There are prizes for all grades so everyone has an opportunity to succeed. A booklet explaining the hands is given out at end play. This is to raise funds to support Youth bridge in NZ. See the poster on the noticeboard. Enter online. Refreshments available on the night.

NZ BRIDGE

NZ Bridge is updating its website and members emails are now provided when players are registered. Some of you will have received an invitation to subscribe to NZ Bridge which will give you access to all sorts of articles and resources.

Flyers advertising Club Director Examinations and Tournament Director assessments are up on our notice boards.

UPCOMING LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

Saturday 12 Oct Napier Junior Pairs Junior 3B

Saturday 19 Oct Hastings Int Swiss Pairs Intermediate 5B

Sunday 20 Oct Taradale Open Pairs Open 5A

Save the date: 30 Nov HB Xmas Cheer is being held at Taradale this year. Details later.

AGM

The AGM is being held on Tuesday12 November at 4.45pm at the Clubrooms. Notices of Motion, duly proposed and seconded, must be in the hands of the Secretary by Tuesday 15 October.

CHRISTMES PARTY

A reminder that the Taradale Christmas Party is on Saturday 7 December and Tickets will be \$45 for Xmas lunch and the afternoon bridge. This is costing a bit more than last year as we are employing a caterer, so everyone can enjoy the day. More details will follow.

FUNDRAISING

Debbie is organising the sale of Olive Oil packs again as a fundraiser for the Club and to give members the opportunity to buy an easy Xmas present for the "hard to buy for". There will be a list on the Noticeboard for you to record your order and payment can be made to the Club bank account, as we did last year.

VOLUNTEERS

This month we would like to thank all our Convenors and in particular, Margaret Vaughan, who in addition to Convening on Thursdays, does a wonderful job of purchasing all our kitchen supplies.

HAVERDALE

The annual Haverdale Tournament was held on Sunday 8 September and was narrowly won by Havelock North. The photos below show Colin handing over the Trophy and the Team.





And finally ARRIVAL TIMES

It states in our rules that players must be seated and ready to play 10 minutes prior to commencement of the session. The reason for this is to allow Directors to set up the scoring, decide on a movement, distribute the boards and get the tablets going. It also allows the Convenors to pair up players who do not have a partner and allows the Spare to go home in a timely manner if not required.

If you are running late please call the Club (the number is on Page 1 of the Red Booklet) and let us know. We can save your place and not hold everyone else up.

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS



Betty: "I guess a bottom's a bottom?"
Fred: "Yes, but two bottoms in a row really is too much!"

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