



## JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

It's "business as usual" again! May 2024 exceed your expectations in lots of pleasant ways.

### YELLOW TICKETS

Efforts are underway to try and streamline the purchase of these tickets for those who help issue and account for them. Members are encouraged to purchase them online a week in advance, using the club's bank account no. and your name and membership no. as a reference. For those preferring to purchase them at the club, please bring the exact amount as a very limited amount of cash is kept on the premises.

### AIR CONDITIONER

Invariably some people find the room cooler than others when the air conditioner is switched on. There also seem to be certain spots in the room that are cooler than others. Please bring an extra layer of clothing if necessary to avoid any discomfort.

### FORGING AHEAD

Hearty congratulations to the following people who have moved up through the ranks:

Mike Williamson – National Master

Alison Williamson – Master

Debbie Gibson – Intermediate

Margaret Hall – Intermediate

Dave Dravitzki – Intermediate

Kevin Holmes - Intermediate

Bridget Jacobson - Junior

### WEBSITE

The committee is considering the possibility of redeveloping the website. If anyone with skills in this area would like to provide advice or assistance regarding this one-off project, then please contact Colin Dolley.

### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Tuesday 6 Feb Havelock North Waitangi Day Charity Tournament

Sunday 18 Feb Taradale Intermediate Pairs 5B

Sunday 25 Feb Napier Restricted Pairs 8B

Saturday 23 March Taradale Lawson Jugs 8B

## THURSDAY MORNING PLAYERS

Moving forward, a duty table will be drawn each week and those players will be responsible for stacking the chairs, removing baskets, and wiping down the stools and coasters. "Many hands make light work" in clearing the space for the church group that uses the room on Sunday mornings.

## BEGINNERS' LESSONS

Alison Hucker and Ruth Spittle will be running these lessons. This year folk will have the option of attending afternoon or evening classes commencing as follows:

4 March @ 7pm

6 March @ 1pm

Participants are not expected to pay immediately. The first 3 weeks are free and if there is sustained interest then they will be charged \$70 which will cover the remaining lessons as well as membership for the year. Table money will be \$2.

Please encourage people to attend. Previous beginners are also welcome.

## LAW CHANGES

The laws are published by the World Bridge Federation and were last revised in 2017. From 1 January 2024 there have been a couple of law changes to both covering aspects of a player's actions at the table. Below is the one that is most significant:

### **Law 73 - Communication, Behaviour, Tempo and Deception**

This states that calls or play are to be made without emphasis, mannerisms or inflection, and intentional haste or hesitation. If, however, there is an action of any of the above, partner **must** avoid using that information. In summary, the wording changes remove ambiguity of potential actions. For example, if your partner hesitates in bidding (with the contract possibly being bid to game) then passes, your bid to game is at risk of the Director being called with a potential penalty resulting. Variation in tempo in bidding or play is unfortunately quite common.

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