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From the President;

Hello everyone and welcome to 2013. I trust you all had a happy festive season and that the year has started well for you. After special requests we began three of the bridge sessions a week earlier than the dates listed in the book. What a good omen for the year. It was great to see all these sessions well attended. We apologise for the small print in the books. We had a new publisher this year and it was one of those things that just happened. We did not intentionally set out to be in competition with the phone book! We are grateful to all our sponsors so do try to patronise them where you can and tell them you have noted their sponsorship. My thanks to the committee and to all the other club members who help to keep the club running smoothly. You will note that the housing development has begun and we will be losing some of our parking. I hope that this will not inconvenience any of you. All the best for your bridge playing this year. Sue Tarrant

“Director Please”

Like any sport, bridge has rules. The rules ensure that the game is fair for everyone. You are not expected to memorise the entire rule book so a trained director is present to make sure the play proceeds in a timely manner and for settling any problems that might arise. If you think a rule has been broken (eg: an insufficient bid) or you are unsure of the proprieties or laws of bridge, you may tell the rest of the players at the table that you are going to call for the director. Simply raise your hand in the air and say, “Director please.” Don’t hesitate to politely call the director to your table if you think a rule has been broken. Never be intimidated when the director is called because you may have broken a rule. Director calls are just another learning experience. A good director will present the ruling in a manner that does not embarrass or offend anyone. Accept the ruling with grace. When in doubt, ask the director.

FISH & CHIP NIGHT: The first one for 2013 is on Friday 1 February from 5.30 pm. Trish Patterson is the convenor this year. Put your names up on the noticeboard or alternatively email Trish at p.a.patterson@massey.ac.nz or phone 8445179 after 5 pm.

SESSIONS: Due to the enthusiasm of many of our members, bridge started earlier than advertised in the booklet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. All these sessions had a wonderful turnout so we will be taking account of this when setting the programme book next year.

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES: Don’t forget this year when you are entering a tournament at another club, it is up to you to put your entries in either by phone or email and if emailing your entry request an acknowledgement that they have received your entry. Taradale Bridge Club tournaments can still

2013 SEMINAR WITH Richard Solomon

*** CHANGE OF DATE ***

Please note the date for this has been changed to the weekend of 13-14 April so it does not clash with the Napier Intermediate Tournament

Format will be a bit different this year with the seminar being run as two separate days to cater for different levels. You may attend one or both days.

Details will be posted on noticeboard in the near future

If you have any topics you would like Richard to cover at the seminar please let me know asap so he can set his plans
(Phone Ngaire – 8445542)

be entered on the noticeboard or by email (which will be acknowledged as received).

LESSONS – We are running another set of lessons this year so tell your friends and family what a great game Bridge is and encourage them to come along. Lyn Bowcock is taking the lessons again this year based on the New Zealand Bridge lesson series. The lessons start Tuesday 19th March at 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Cost is \$50 which includes the lesson book. If you wish to redo the lessons in whole or part, the cost would be \$40 for the whole series (without book) or \$4 per lesson.

NZCBA NEWS:

RATINGS: NZBridge have announced new national rating grade levels which will take effect on 1 January 2013. Check your 2013 grading online or on the noticeboard.

Open Grade: Local Master 0* - 4* AND 100+ rating points

Or Local Master 5* and above

Or Provincial Master or higher rank

Intermediate: Club Master or lower rank and 30 or less rating points but 5 or more A points

OR Club Master or lower rank with more than 30 rating points

OR Local Master 0* to 4* and 0-99 rating points

Junior Grade: Club Master or lower rank and 30 or less rating points and less than 5 A points

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CLUB POINTS AND C POINTS (from Alister Stuck) Club points are allocated on placings alone, so regardless of the number of tables, 5 or 25 the first placed pair get 6, second get 5, third get 4 et cetera. This is different from C-points (which are officially allocated by NZ Bridge) and are allocated to the top 1/3 of the field, so if there are 6 tables playing a Mitchell, only the top 2 pairs each way will get C-points, but if there are 24 tables, then the top 8 pairs each way will be allocated C-points.

2013 Directors Exams:

Series 1 – Club & Tournament Exams – weekend of 29/30 June

Series 2 – Club Exam only – weekend of 2/3 November

Please talk to a committee member if you are interested in sitting a Directors exam.

The IPs (Interprovincial Championships) are to be moved away from the National Congress in Hamilton. In 2013 they will be held in Wellington over three days in late November.

RECIPE CORNER: ZUCCHINI PICKLE - great with cold meats, cheeses or whatever you fancy

1 ½ kilograms zucchini

6 medium onions

¼ cup plain salt

6 cups cold water.

Slice and chop onions and zucchini finely. Put into a bowl, add salt and water and leave overnight.

Next day drain off the liquid, put in a large saucepan and add:

4 cups white vinegar

2 teaspoons mustard seeds

4 cups white sugar

2 dessert spoons curry powder

1 ½ tsp turmeric

Bring all to the boil and add a medium tin of crushed pineapple. Add 2 seeded red peppers, sliced and diced. Boil for 10 minutes and then thicken with 3 tablespoons cornflour mixed with white vinegar. Can put in screw top jars or I use plastic containers and store them in the fridge.

TOURNAMENT DATES:

February 9 Restricted Pair - Napier

March 2 Intermediate Pairs - Taradale

March 16 Lawson Jugs - Taradale

TARADALE INTERMEDIATE TOURNAMENT – SATURDAY 2 MARCH