

Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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Dear Members

The new Bridge year has started well and will get busier with two tournaments in the coming month.

We are looking forward to our two tournaments in March:

1. Intermediate Pairs Tournament – **Saturday 7th March**
2. Lawson Jugs – 8B Tournament – **Saturday 21st March**

Please see attachments for details, or flyers on the notice board in the clubrooms.

All entries to taradalebc@xtra.co.nz

The next Fish and Chip night will be **Friday 27th March**. Entries to p.a.patterson@massey.as.nz or telephone 8445179 after 5p.m.

Bridge lessons start **Wednesday March 25th**. This year we are running our lessons at the same time as Napier.

Taradale lessons will be 1.30 – 3.30 in the afternoon

Napier Lessons will run in the evening of the same days.

The lessons will run for ten weeks and beginners will be charged \$50 for lessons and notes.

Repeat learners or present members will pay table money of \$5 for each lesson they choose to go to.

Please spread the word to make these lessons successful. For further information and to enrol please contact Lyn Bowcock 844 6206 or email taradalebz@xtra.co.nz.

An informal improvers' session will be held on **Friday 27th February** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to answer your queries. Emphasis will be on third and fourth round bidding. For further enquiries please phone Lyn on 844 6206.

Bridge Protocol

At this time of the year, it is timely to remind players to keep in mind these points from the Bridge protocol handbook:

. **Table talk** – even innocent comments like “I don’t know which ace to lead” give a player information about his/her partner’s hand which they shouldn’t have.

. **Body language** – e.g. sighs over your hand or the cards partner leads or plays, looking at partner to make sure they notice a bid or play, shrugging to imply that you have nothing much worth playing.

. **A change in bidding style**, e.g. an unnaturally long hesitation before bidding – implies you have something in your hand worth thinking about.

. Writing a bid or playing a card with **undue emphasis**. Try to bid and play at an even tempo and write all bids the same size. Do not use a full stop after a bid.

Try to keep in mind these points. You will be a better and more knowledgeable player and everyone at the table will have enjoyment and satisfaction.

This year Taradale Bridge Club celebrates 40 years as a Club. We are planning a luncheon and Bridge afternoon on **Sunday 6th September** to celebrate this occasion. **Mark your calendars now!**

Enjoy your Bridge
Viv Pinkham
President