



# TARADALE

## BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED

Newsletter March 2014

## President's Message

Hello Taradale Bridge players. Bridge sessions started early this year and have been well attended. I trust you are all enjoying your bridge. I know that many of you appreciated the refresher lessons run by Lyn. She has kindly offered to continue with them every second month (when there is no fish and chip bridge). Last Friday's refresher lesson was not so well attended but those who did attend enjoyed it and found it very valuable. Please tell Lyn if there is anything special you would like her to cover in the next lesson. Lyn will also be starting new learner lessons after Easter, so talk to anyone you know who may be interested in learning this fascinating game.

Please remember our members in hospital or who have been ill. We hope they have a speedy recovery. Our sympathy is extended to Chris Stack and her family as they mourn the loss of Joan. Joan was a valued member of our club and we will miss her at the bridge table.

Our first two tournaments went well. I would like to thank every who helped us with special mention to Cath Halpin, Carolyn Yeoman, Libby Martindale and Pam Talboys and to the club members who washed the tablecloths for us.

The club members who have been to the Gold Coast all enjoyed the experience and some can't wait to go again next year.

Congratulations to Napier for the wonderful Jubilee weekend. We can look forward to Hastings celebrations at the end of the year. Also note that the Queen's Birthday Congress will be held this year at Lindisfarne School in Hastings.

## Results

Taradale Intermediate - Congratulations to:

- 1st - Wayne Burney and Julian Herbert
- 2nd - Sue Pike and Clodagh Norris
- 3rd - Robyn Andersen and Cinnamon Thornton
- Top Junior pair - Diane Pye and Henny French

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- 1st - Gillian and Arthur Bennett
- 2nd - Judy Clarkson and George Masters
- 3rd - Lyn Bowcock and Mark O'Dowd
- 4th overall and top intermediate/junior pair - Henny French and Diane Pye. What a fantastic result, 57.7% in the morning and 52.5% in the afternoon. Well done girls.

## Bits and pieces

**Friendly reminder** - Please try and arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of each session. It is much easier for the Director to get the session started on time if everyone arrives in plenty of time.

**Canterbury Bridge** have produced a *Bridge Protocol* booklet which is a great guide to the game of bridge. Alan has put a link to it on our website under Publications on the new website, so those of you who have not seen a copy, have a look.

If you want to sign up for the free NZ e-Bridge magazine and newsletter just go to the home page of NZ Bridge and provide your details. Lots of good information comes through and also keeps you abreast of policy changes and what is going on in the bridge world.

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## Lessons 2014

Lyn Bowcock is running a series of learner's lessons beginning after Easter, starting Tuesday 29th April from 7 - 9 pm. If you know anyone who would like to learn to play, encourage them to come along to these lessons. There will be handouts in the club shortly with all the details. Cost of lessons is \$50 which includes lessons, lesson booklet and club membership for 2014.

**Check out our new website** (will be fully functional early April) [www.taradalebridgeclub.org.nz](http://www.taradalebridgeclub.org.nz) Thanks to Alan for the tremendous amount of work he has done on this. I am sure you will agree with me that it looks good and is easy to use. You will also be able to send your tournament entries for club tournaments directly from the website.

**Congratulations:** Bruce Robb & Ash Fitchett, 71.73% last Wednesday night.

Maggie Reddington & Joy Rose 70% Thursday am.

## Intermediate & Junior League 2014

This year we are running an Intermediate and Junior League for the tournaments held by the six local clubs. It is only for Intermediate and Junior players and it is a competition that runs cumulatively through the year. The competition awards points for both participation and success and a bonus point each for getting over 50% average or winning a session prize. Further details will be sent to each of the clubs shortly. Dannevirke, Waipukurau, Hastings, Napier, Havelock North and Taradale are each donating towards the final trophy or prize at the end of the year. I am going to be the administrator and keep track of the events and results. Why have this? It is good for your bridge, it helps you to form successful partnerships and to encourage you to enter tournaments.

## Novice Tournament

Havelock North are going to run a one session Novice tournament for players with under 5 rating points and less than three years playing. Date will be advertised on the noticeboard.

## Bridge Tips

**Defender on lead should ALWAYS place their card face down** on the table so that their partner can ask questions of the declarer regarding the bidding, before play commences. If everyone gets into the habit of doing this, leads out of turn can never occur.

**Declarer should not touch dummy's cards—cards should be asked for.** This rule was adopted in 2008.

**Wrong Information** - as declarer, if your partner has inadvertently given a wrong explanation, you must correct the misinformation before the first card is played. At this point, the last bid can be change if it affected that bid and the auction can resume. BUT the Director must be called before changing any bids.

## Upcoming Events

**Team up for Teams** - Starting Wednesday 30th April. This year we will have team names starting with the letter K - and the theme on the final night will be around that so think carefully. Last year saw some great hats and lots of fun.

**Volunteers required** - to help sell raffles at the Taradale Club from 5—7 pm on the following Friday nights: 2nd May, 20th June, 8th August, 19th September and 7th November. This is a valuable fundraising exercise for the club and a fun couple of hours work. Please ring Alan Haslett 8441253 if you are able to help out on any of these nights.

**Top Players** - the revamped CD Junior/Intermediate top players were this year won by Joanne Farmery of Havelock North in the Juniors and Alister Poulgrain of Hastings in the Intermediates. Great to see the East Coast clubs featuring.

**Directors Exams:** If you are interested in learning to be a director, please let Sue Tarrant know and she will inform you of the process. We definitely need more directors in Hawke's Bay. Exam dates for 2014 are 28 and 29 June and 1 and 2 November.

**Remember** - you must have a completed system card at tournaments. As you will be aware, from 28 February it becomes compulsory for ALL tournament players to carry the new NZB System Card with the outer two pages fully completed (for 10-25 A-point Events the inside pages must be fully completed as well). These are available to be filled in online here <http://www.nzcba.co.nz/nz-bridge-system-card.html> or we have a supply at the club for filling in manually.