

Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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Dear Members

22 September 2015

Celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Taradale Bridge Club brought back many memories, a tasty lunch and a great afternoon of Bridge. Congratulations to the winners of the Mahine Creagh salvers this year – Chris Hagen and Cath Halpin.

The **annual Arthur Willoughby** salver was played for between Taradale and Havelock North on a very wet Sunday afternoon recently. It was a friendly afternoon with Taradale winning at the end of the day.

Taradale Bridge Club have their **AGM** on Sunday 1st November at 2 p.m . Please support our Club by coming along. Afternoon tea and social time will take place at the end of the meeting. Any notices of motion to be considered need to be with the Secretary a month before the meeting.

Dealing Team: This year we are losing some valuable members from this team. Thank you very much for your time and help over the years. We would ask members to please consider joining this important team for the coming year. It involves an hour or so once a month with support, to deal the boards for the following week. Please contact Alison Hucker 844 8204 to find out more information.

Sad Loss. We have been saddened lately with the deaths of three of our keen members. We remember Leith Bell, Jan Carter and Dennis Whittle and our sympathy goes to their families and playing partners.

New Members: It is encouraging to see our learners playing so well in our Club. Lyn Bowcock has plans for lessons starting next year on Wednesday March 16th. We plan to do a couple of Sunday afternoon Minibridge sessions prior to lessons to give interested people a little taste of what bridge is about. Please encourage anyone who may be interested in learning or getting back in to the game.

Some comments from year's learners are:

"The people are really friendly and encouraging"

"Love the 100% boards"

"I feel nervous about the timer"

"I am really enjoying bridge"

"Happy mostly. There are 1 or 2 niggly players"

"I missed too many lessons so will start again next year"

"We are getting together most weeks to practise. That is really valuable"

Senior/Junior Evenings: It has been encouraging to see the full tables at the recent Wednesday Shires Pairs. Many thanks to Therese van den Ende for organising the pairs. Also to the senior players who are partnering the junior players for this series.

Some key points from Jane Stearn's Resource Kit "Being a Buddy" are good for our members to remember in encouraging our learners into our Club are:

- All new players from lessons will be permitted to use their cheat sheets for the remainder of the year at any club session
- Encourage polite behaviour at the bridge table. Set an example and support new members if there is any other behaviour that is in any way upsetting to a new member
- Help diffuse situations
- Encourage new members to call the director with any queries. Help new members understand that the role of the director is to assist where any query arises and to restore equity. They are there to help, not to punish. A director is like a referee
- Where possible have new players sit West or North to take all the scoring duties/worries away
- Always speak in a quiet calm voice
- No matter what the new player bids or how they play DO NOT criticise
- Only offer advice if asked
- Never use the phrase "You should have..."
A good phrase to use "Sometimes it can work better if..."
- Always be friendly, courteous, helpful and encouraging
- Bridge should be FUN

Sponsorship: We are grateful to our Sponsors and are at present updating our list. Please read through this list and let Neil McDonald (845 0142) know of any new businesses that might be interested in partnering with us. Also please make yourself known to our sponsors if you have the opportunity to use them. A copy of this list is available at the Clubrooms for you to take away.

It is pleasing to see so many tables at our weekly sessions. We thank you for your participation and fair play and thanks to so many of you for helping around the Club and making our Club a special place.

Happy bridging
Viv Pinkham
President



Life members at the 40th Anniversary celebrations: Joy Moroney, Phyllida Isles, Trish Patterson, Shirley Carrington, Viv Nelson, Lillian Chittenden. Absent: Maureen Underhill

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President Viv holding the Arthur Willoughby Salver after Taradale Club's success last weekend.



Winners of the Mahine Creagh members' only tournament during the 40th Anniversary celebrations.

Cath Halpin and Chris Hagen



Club stalwarts – Treasurer Alan Haslett and Immediate Past President Sue Tarrant