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November 2021 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

Ash is away cycling down south so this newsletter will be a poorer version of the usual monthly missive.

It has been great to see good table numbers at all of our recent sessions. Let's get along and play while we can.

Upcoming events:

- **AGM: Tuesday 16 November 5pm.**
- **Sunday 5 December** – Christmas Party. This will be held at the lodge with lunch at 12 noon followed by Bridge at 1.30pm. Lunch will be \$25 a head. The Christmas cake is made. Tickets will be available soon.
- **27 November:** HB Christmas Cheer Open Tournament, Hastings Bridge Club (if not cancelled).
- **Christmas sales table:** Starting on the day of the Christmas Party and for the following week it is planned to have Christmas goodies on sale with profit going to the building fund. Any contributions gratefully received.
- **Gold Coast Tournament**

Gold Coast entry form link <https://www.qldbridge.com.au/entryforms/3073>

It is a requirement that all players and officials be fully vaccinated. Full refunds will be given if the event is cancelled for Pandemic or border closure reasons.

Recent Club Results

Presidents' Pairs (Monday evening) Alison and Mike Williamson 1st

Fundraising

Our financial year ended on 30 September and in that year we raised \$7161 from the additional \$1 table money and sales table, raffles etc. In October we raised \$599 and received \$600 in donations. Sorry, no graph this month, beyond this editor's capabilities!

Building Update

The detailed plans, last promised for late October, have not yet been received. Jo followed up on this last week and was told should be ready by the end of last week.

Ash and Jo met with Coresteel to discuss their draft contract. At this meeting it was mentioned that the outside cladding would now be corrugated iron instead of ribline. We have requested a meeting with Coresteel to discuss. We will also follow up on the building consent application and check the quote for the interior fit out.

Fundraising: Ash is following up with a possible corporate donor.

Our potential user groups have been updated re the ECCT grant and our planned start date.

The Napier City Council has confirmed that our lease will be discussed at their 11 November meeting. It will then be advertised publicly for objections.

Air Conditioner

With the weather heating up we are going to be using the air conditioning all the time. It is not possible to please everyone with the room temperature. The tables in a direct line in front of the unit tend to be cool. If cold worries you **PLEASE** sit elsewhere. Also please bring along a jacket in case you find the temperature too cool. It is easy to put on an extra garment but there is a limit to how many clothes we can decently discard when too hot!

Changes to sessions in 2022

Due to the results of the Members' survey earlier this year the Committee has decided on the following changes:

For every daytime session in 2022 we will alternate the months as an Individual month, or a Series month e.g. all of the January daytime sessions will be played as individual events, then all of the February daytime sessions played as series etc.

There will be a **winning pair each month that there is a Series**. Any partnership can only win 1 series - you are still able to play with the same partner for more than 1 series if you want to, but you wouldn't be eligible for the winners' prize more than once.

Similarly there will be a **winning individual each month that is an Individual month**, but to be eligible for the prize you need to play with a different partner each week of that month.

There will be one handicap series for each daytime session. The committee has also considered the annual **Championship events**. At the moment these are only played in the evening sessions, but to make these more accessible for those who don't like going out in the evenings we will also run a Championship event on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning. Hopefully this will mean that most players have the opportunity to play in at least one of these.

Regarding trophies, currently we have a trophy for each session for the one player obtaining most points over the year. As we are trying to celebrate more winners during the year we would like to make this trophy now for the Championship winning pair for that day.

On Monday and Thursday mornings please consider not writing in your partner for the August series until later in the year, if you are willing to play with a newbie.

From the Committee

- Huge thanks to Phyllida Isles and Lesley Holland for offering to be the Tuesday convenors.
- We are holding a drinks and nibbles evening on 18 November to thank our wonderful sponsors and helpers.
- The committee would welcome suggestions re the recipient of our 2022 Charity Tournament. Please contact Trish with your suggestion.
- Our beginner bridge lessons will start on Wednesday, 9 February 2022 at 1pm. Please spread the word amongst your friends and family. Cost will be \$65 (which includes 2022 sub) and \$2 per session. The lesson format will be different next year, with a few weeks of mini Bridge played to familiarise learners with the hand play before the bidding lessons begin. All the Napier and Hastings clubs will be trialling this change.
- Lyn Bowcock will be providing Improver Lessons early next year. Details to follow.
- TBC is following NZ Bridge recommendations and not accepting out of town visitors at our sessions while we are in Level 2.
- To assist our Treasurer, when making a payment into the club bank account please make sure you label the reference section correctly eg tickets, Christmas party, subs, donation.

From Co-President Jan's Desk

Along with most of the local clubs we are involved in the final Club tournaments of the year. 2021 with all the frustrations caused by Covid has, nonetheless, seemed to fly by. It hasn't been that easy for our keen players to cope with all the Open and InterClub tournaments that have been cancelled. However, it has been good that we have been able to participate in our home club sessions, to enjoy each other's company – as well as 'the game'.

I hope many of you are able to support our A.G.M. later this month to thank those retiring committee members, who have served you so well, and to welcome new committee members.

Christmas is only 40 plus sleeps away. As we all begin to plan for it and the holiday season, with all its festivities, we can look forward to a New Year and the hope that we can return to the life we were used to as well as, of course, our new Clubrooms.

Melbourne Cup

Thank you to Trish and Julie for organising the sweepstakes and Noel Mann for setting up the TV so we could watch our horses run. Lots of fun! The lucky winners were:

\$5 Sweep	1st Cath Halpin,	2nd Ruth Spittle,	3rd Shirley Paterson
\$3 Sweep No 1	1st Joyce Chapman,	2nd Jo Hayes	3rd Lavinia Hart
\$3 Sweep No 2	1st Jan Davis,	2nd Peter Lambourn,	3rd Diana Lees



Cheers! Peter enjoying the race.



Two lucky punters – Joyce and Cath

Some Covid jokes (sorry these are a poor substitute for the usual high quality humour but Ash didn't leave me any jokes)

Two grandmothers were bragging about their precious darlings. One of them says to the other, "Mine are so good at social distancing, they won't even call."

After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

If you bought 144 rolls of toilet paper in preparation for a 14-day quarantine, you probably should have been seeing a doctor long before coronavirus.

What's the best part of teaching your children at home? You can't be fired for drinking on the job.

What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.

Don't forget our AGM next Tuesday after Bridge. The Bar will be open at the conclusion.

Jo Hayes

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