



## **Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated**

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### **April 2023 Newsletter**

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



It is so nice to see everyone enjoying our new club rooms. All the hard work done by so many people over such a long time has been well worth the wait. 🙌😊😄. There are still some ongoing issues to resolve but we are in and playing bridge. Please remember to leave your table tidy at the end of the session and cups/ glasses are put in the dishwasher. The labels will tell you which drawer is being used as we need to rotate their use. There will be lunch in the club rooms every first Thursday of the month. More details will be announced soon. During the winter season all our tournaments will be held on a Sunday. This is due to parking related to the sports being played on Saturday mornings. Please read the fliers carefully.

On a sadder note, we send our condolences to John Sowerby and Jan Davis, both of whom have lost loved ones recently. May they rest in peace.

ANZAC Day tomorrow, remember there is bridge in the afternoon. No charity tournament in Hastings as it was held earlier.

Good bridging everyone

Ruth

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

The idea of a fill-in person being available at most sessions is working well. Please use your convenor or Phil Holt to find a partner. If all else fails, just come along. If two players arrive the fill-in person goes home. The sessions we would like to have a fill-in for are Monday and Thursday morning and Monday and Wednesday evening. Please let Viv Pinkham if you can spare one session a month to help out. It doesn't have to be the same session each month as the roster is made up at the beginning of each month. People who live close to the club rooms can be on standby at home.

Let's work together as a team to support this initiative!

Email [viv.pinkham5@gmail.com](mailto:viv.pinkham5@gmail.com) or phone 021 717 407

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Sarah Kilmister - associate

Phillippa Gardiner - associate

Teresa Thorn - full member

#### **UPDATE**

Norman Knight, an associate member, has a new phone number - 027 394 7850

Please can you add it to your booklets. He is also looking for partners.



*Although adept at a great many other games,  
Muriel never quite got the hang of playing "North"  
when invited over for bridge.*

will be a break for soup and rolls.

- Junior Pairs – 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- Open Pairs – 6<sup>th</sup> August

## WEBSITE

We URGENTLY need someone to manage our website - predominantly updating and adding info. It's really not an onerous task, but an important one as increasingly it's how people are sourcing information.....and as we all know, first impressions are lasting ones. Perhaps you have a friend or family member who'd be willing to help out?

Please phone Meg Rodel on 0274 369 169. She'd be delighted to take your call!

## IMPROVER LESSONS

**Napier Bridge Club are running two remaining Cyclone Relief Seminars of improver lessons.**

*Seminar 2 - "Declarer play in No Trumps" will now be presented at 2pm on Sunday 21st May.*

*Seminar 3 - "Defensive card play agreements" will go ahead at 2 pm on Sunday 11th June*

*Both sessions will follow the format for seminar 1. Approximately one and a half hours of presentation with a break for afternoon tea about half way through. **The charge will be \$10 per head with all proceeds going to a local Cyclone Relief Charity.***

*I look forward to presenting to a full room for both these sessions. We had 25 people attend the first session it would be good to beat that for seminars 2 and 3.*

*This rescheduling is due to changes in my availability and to avoid a clash with the Tierney Teams.*

*Cheers*

*Peter Ramsey*

## COVID ALERT

Anne Dempsey has Covid. She played on Monday 17th April in both the morning and evening, but only tested positive on the 20th.

Happy bridging and bonding!

*Meg Rodel*

Co Vice President

## REMINDER

Club champs for month of May

Novice and Junior players – Monday evenings

Intermediate and Open players – Wednesday evenings

It's still not too late to participate in the beginners' lessons on Wednesdays from 1-3pm

## TOURNAMENT DATE CHANGES

It's been necessary to change the dates - predominantly because of the parking congestion on Saturdays with all the surrounding sports clubs having games.

- Tierney Teams – 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am
- Taradale Charity – (proceeds to St John) - \$10 p.p. 27<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm. Please bring a donation - it could be a pot plant, bottle of wine, baking, chocolate .....any item you'd be happy for someone else to win.
- Mahine Creagh (Taradale Bridge Club members only) – 7<sup>th</sup> July @5.30pm. Please note this is on the Friday. There