



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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April 2021 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

The club sessions are run with good ventilation in the bridge room to counter any potential Covid-19 transmission so remember to bring an extra layer in case you feel chilled.

Recent Club Results

March Thursday Morning Individual	Anne Dempsey	1 st
Wharerangi Pairs Monday Evening Green	Sheryn Thomson & Ruth Spittle	1 st
March Tuesday Afternoon Individual	Jim Brown	1 st
April Monday Morning Pairs	Julie Haslet & Trish Patterson	1 st
March Monday Morning Individual	Noel Chambers	1 st

Upcoming Tournaments -

Taradale - Tierney Teams - 14 May

Other Club tournaments -

The Hastings charity tournament due to take place on Anzac day has been post phoned due to Covid restrictions.

The Hastings Junior Tournament is being held on-line on Saturday April 30th. **Please** seriously consider entering if you are a Junior.

NZ Bridge has contacted all clubs setting their expectation that tournaments from 1 May will return to face-to-face play. Click on <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html> to find the tournaments available.

Lessons for new members - we started the lessons this year with mini bridge sessions.

In an effort to try and encourage more people to give Bridge a go, we ran some mini bridge sessions at the Taradale Library....at short notice. It certainly attracted some interest and whilst we didn't have an influx (Covid predictably also had a significant impact), those who did take part seemed to enjoy the experience and were keen to attend the beginners' lessons. Two couples have since signed up as members. "Advertising" in a relaxed, familiar environment clearly has its merits and the initiative will definitely be worth repeating. With a bigger lead-in time and more targeted advertising in future, it could become an even more worthwhile exercise. Sincere thanks to the club members who made themselves available and willingly participated.

Meg Rodel

Sales table reminder - As a fundraising idea we will have a sales table for the next few weeks, Suggestions are:

- Jigsaw puzzles
- Books - **apparently, we are increasing the selection here**
- Cakes and biscuits
- Fruit - including Fejoas

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What were two of our esteemed members looking at?

Building Update – Building report April 2022

We are still awaiting the Building Consent. Last week the Council sent Coresteel an enquiry about several aspects of the build so a start has been made. The Council has 20 working days to process the application. Coresteel are hopeful to begin the floor slab by early May.

An application has been made to Lion Foundation for a grant to cover the cost of the appliances and equipment.

Ash continues to work on getting the best value fire and security systems, assisted by Barry George.

We have fulfilled the requirements for Eastern & Central Community Trust to pay out the grant money and that has been received.

The Total Spent on the Building so far is \$94,101.

From the Committee – planning is underway for the 2023 club committee. Due to the need for continuity, whilst the building project has been ongoing, a core of committee members has stayed in their roles for far longer than originally planned. We applaud their contribution and acknowledge they have deserved a well earned rest from the club administration. The 2023 committee will need to fill the following posts:

- President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Newsletter Editor. We will also need a new position of Building Custodian.

So, if you are approached to stand, please allow your name to go forward. Also, if you think one of our members would make a good contribution to the club, talk to them. These positions must be filled.

From the President’s Desk



Hello everyone

Our annual lessons are a vital source of new members. The current lessons are going very well, led by Ruth and Alison. Both feel that starting with several weeks of mini Bridge before beginning the actual lessons was a better approach. As is usual a few people dropped out after finding this was not the game for them but those remaining are very keen. Several of our newer players are going along for a refresher. A big thank you to Ruth and Alison and to the members who are going along each week to help. This enables each table to be supervised by an experienced player. As we found last year, giving the new players lots

of support and plenty of supervised practice prevents people dropping out.

Jo Hayes



A member of the club decided on a generous dessert when the group were out for a meal which obviously impressed the two members- who is it?

Hawke’s Bay Bridge Congress (4-6 June)

This is a must attend face to face event on your bridge calendar for 2022. The venue will be at the Hastings Sports Centre which has loads of parking. The niggles from last year’s first time at this venue have been all sorted. A Flyer will be out within the week but here is a preview of some of the events included!

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- The Open pairs and team sessions will attract a 15A rating
- The Consolation Open pairs will be a 10A event.
- In addition to the highly successful Novice teams, there will be a Novice pairs.
- As well as the Walk-in on the Friday evening, there will be a teams event of 3 + 1. This will have 3 novice ranked players with an "expert" player. There will be three 6 board matches with the "expert" playing with each novice!

So start sorting out your teams and pairs partnerships and support your Congress organisers.

Monthly Humour – Our directors are often below the radar in keeping it all together as we enjoy the bridge play - the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted many visible heroes within our health services, with management perhaps not quite so recognised.....

Two doctors and a DHB manager die and line up together at the Pearly Gates. One doctor steps forward and tells St. Peter, "As a paediatric surgeon, I saved hundreds of children." St. Peter lets him enter. The next doctor says, "As a psychiatrist, I helped thousands of people live better lives." St. Peter tells him to go ahead. The last man says, "I was a DHB manager. I got countless families cost-effective health care." St. Peter replies, "You may enter. But," he adds, "you can only stay for three days. After that, you can go to hell."

A Special Thanks to **Debbie Gibson** for donating the antibacterial pens. Please do not take these pens home with you however!

Reminders

- Tierney Teams – 14 May
- Start Planning for HB Congress
- Get talking to fellow club members about joining the 2023 committee

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