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Hi Taradale Bridge Players

The countdown is on when our club relocates its bridge sessions to the Napier Club rooms and plans are progressing well. The last bridge session at the Bridge Room in the Taradale Club will be on Thursday 26 September. We are organising a car pool system to assist members travelling to Napier and will have more information early next month.

Upcoming tournaments, being run by Taradale Bridge or local Clubs -

- 8 September - Mahine Creagh for members only

Also

- 31 August - Napier Open Teams 5A
- 8 September - Havelock North Intermediate & Junior Pairs 5B
- 14 September - Hastings Open Pairs 5A
- 21 September - Waipukurau Open Swiss pairs 8B

Results – as you are no doubt aware several bridge sessions have the winners accumulated over the whole year i.e. Monday morning, Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon, and Thursday afternoon. The Wednesday evening bridge sessions are accumulated over a month and the recent results for those have the following winners of the month

Competition	Winners
Taradale Pairs (Wednesday Night)	Wayne Burney & Neil McDonald

Tournament Successes - Hawke's Bay Interclub winners - Junior, Intermediate, and Open teams all competed recently and with all results combined, Taradale were the overall winners.



*Junior Erica Hill Trophy 1st Taradale -L Linstead Castle-
Hughes, Marie Richard, Sue Fenwick and Mike Smith.*



*HB Interclub Teams Shield 1st Taradale L Diana Lees,
Carolyn Yeomans, Lynnaire Hampton, and Jo Hayes*

The Intermediate team - of Sue Lambourn, Lavinia Hart, Viv Pinkham , Maggie Reddington - came third.

Taradale Open Pairs Tournament - this recently run tournament had several club members featuring in the winner circle.



Taradale Open Tournament 2nd John Pitts and George Masters.



Taradale Open Tournament 1st Carolyn Yeomans and Jan Whyte.



Taradale Open Tournament 3rd Alister Stuck and Alan Dodderidge..



Taradale Open Tournament 1st Intermediate Pair L Dave Holiday & Neil McDonald

The flower arrangement by Margaret Pattullo was again a work of art with lemons slices (minus the gin) included!



From The President's Chair



Hello Everybody

Denise Ohlsen held a successful novice mini-shakers at our club on Sunday. Thank you, Denise, for running these tournaments for the very new players. They loved it. Next one at Napier on 22 September. Contact Denise if you would like to play.

The planning sub-committee continues to assemble the business case to take to the Napier City Council. This will not be considered by the Council until their February meeting but we hope to have it completed by the end of October. A sub-committee of Carolyn Yeomans, Chris Hagen and Margaret Hall are liaising with the Napier Bridge Club to ensure a smooth transition to their premises. Our first session there will be Monday morning, 30 September. Trish Patterson will be coordinating car pooling for day session players to ensure everybody who wants to play can get to Napier. We can do the same for the evening sessions if there is a need. As we have to provide security for the cars at the evening sessions the table money for these sessions will be \$5. There is no change proposed for the day sessions. There has been a suggestion that the Taradale Bridge Club Rules state that the Bridge club premises must be within 3 kilometres of the Taradale town clock. This is not correct. The only reference to the 3 km in the Rules is a clause under *Winding Up* which states:

Such resolution shall also provide as follows:

The net assets of the Club other than trophies and Honours Boards shall be converted into cash and transferred to NZ Contract Bridge Assn Inc to be held in trust and to be made available to any newly formed Contract Bridge Club providing it is recognised by the Association and is situated within 3 kilometres of the Taradale Memorial Town Clock.

A copy of the Rules is available on the noticeboard. Don't forget if you want to remain a member of the Taradale Club after 30 September you will have to renew your sub at their office by then.

Enjoy your bridge.

Jo Hayes

Co-President

From the Committee

- Our Club AGM is in early November and we are looking for nominations for the Ngaire Bright Memorial Cup. This Cup is awarded yearly at the AGM to a member who has given an outstanding contribution to the club over the recent times.
- There may be occasions when your partner has forgotten they were playing and the director has stepped up and played the whole session. This however adds to the pressure of the director's role and can disadvantage the other players as they become reluctant to involve the director. The directors have been advised that they should not in future fill in on such occasions. If your partner is unavoidably delayed for whatever reason (such as sleeping in!), then the director can fill in for the short period if required.
- 2020 Teams format for Wednesday Night – we had very poor entries this year and after some discussion a new format is proposed. The suggestion is that we divide our members into four sections by playing abilities. Each team will have one member from each section, and over three nights you play with a different member in your team. Any comments on this format are most welcome.

New Club Members

Welcome to these new members and phone them for a game if you are available.

13252	Yvonne Mason	06 650 2074
13736	Catherine Thorp	844 7464
13735	Tracy Purviss	845 4595
4112	David Jordan	027 2207 266

How to Review Your Bridge Results - a reminder that all our bridge session results are also available on line at BridgeNZ website <https://bridgenz.co.nz/results-by-clubs> . Go down to *Taradale Bridge Club* and click on *Pairs Results* (or *Teams and Swiss Pairs Results* depending on the session). Select the particular session then your pair to view your individual results. You can replay a hand etc.

A Review of how to play trumps - with a recent new group of learners just joining in our bridge sessions it has been suggested it is an ideal opportunity to discuss playing a suit contract. Hopefully this will be a reminder to all, including those who had lessons some time ago!

In a suit contract, before you play your first card you should

- Start by considering how many tricks you need for your contract
- Count how many sure tricks you have and work out how many more you need
- Decide where you need to develop tricks. Look at the bidding sheet and understand if possible which opponent has the points and therefore hopefully the essential missing honours. When you are in search of the missing honours without any useful bidding statistically 60% of the time the missing honours will be split.
- Work out which hand you need to access and how many times and leave in the necessary entry points.

When we play in a suit contract we should ALWAYS draw our opponents trumps.

- And, of course, like all rules in bridge, this has its exceptions. So, to modify it slightly: ALWAYS draw your opponent's trumps, EXCEPT on those hands when you should not do so!
- Why do we draw Trumps? - Usually when we play a contract, we have more trumps than our opponents, and we usually (although not always) have more high cards than our opponents. So, we do not want our opponents to ruff our high cards. Consequently, we want to draw our opponent's trumps. You should note, however, that is there is just one trump out against you that is the best trump remaining, there is usually no point in drawing it.

I said earlier, you should always draw trumps, EXCEPT.... Well these are some of the exceptions.

- Don't draw trumps if you need to ruff some losers
- Don't draw trumps if you need a trump entry to dummy
- Don't draw trumps if you need to get rid of a loser first
- Don't draw trumps if you are going to play the hand as a cross-ruff
- Don't draw trumps if something else is more pressing - such as using trumps to access dummy so you can establish finesses for an off suit.

If you still have a half hold in the suit initially led to you, finesse through your right hand opponents to avoid them (the danger hand) leading through you.

Monthly Humour – part of the skill in playing a hand in bridge is to induce your opponents into thinking something is different to the reality - such as which card to hold onto as you are forced to discard. This newbie teacher manages to achieve this in spectacular fashion with his unruly class.

The Teacher's First Day

A former Sergeant in the Royal Marines took a new job as a high school teacher. Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body, but fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart-alec punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were wary of him but he knew they would soon start testing his discipline in the classroom.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk.

When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

There was a dead silence.
The rest of his teaching year went very smoothly.

Last Chance - to play the Shires Pairs on Wednesday night at the present Bridge Room. The Shires Pairs is a unique monthly session where one of each pair must be a Junior with the other player either a Senior or Intermediate graded player. There are four weeks starting on 4 September.

Reminders

- 7 September – Mahine Creagh for **members only AND note change of date to the Saturday**
- 31 August - Napier Open Teams 5A
- 8 September - Havelock North Intermediate & Junior Pairs 5B
- September - get a partner for the Shires Pairs.
- **Nominations for the Ngarie Bright Memorial Cup**

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