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August 2021 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

We must congratulate Sue Lambourn and her team of helpers for another highly successful tournament. I spoke to four visitors from Wellington after the play and they were effusive on how enjoyable and well run the day had been – promising to return again next year!

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

- Sunday 5 December – Christmas Party

Other Club Tournaments

- 14 August - CD Fullarton Teams Hastings 10A
- 21 August – Havelock North Junior & Intermediate Pairs
- 28 August – Napier Open Teams 5A
- 11 September – Hastings Open Pairs 5A

Recent Club Results

Taradale Pairs (Monday Evening Green)	Marianne Wynards & Debbie Gibson	1 st
Taradale Pairs (Monday Evening White)	Mike Williamson & Lyn Bowcock	1 st

Other Tournament Results of note for our members are:

Tournament	Members	Result
Wanganui Swiss Pairs	Noel Woodhall & Peter Ramsey	1 st
Havelock North Swiss Pairs	Peter Ramsey & Partner	1 st



Winners of the Taradale Pairs - George Masters (left), & Blair Fisher.

The Taradale Open Pairs was won by George Masters and Blair Fisher, with Arthur Bennett and partner coming second.

Congratulations also to a number of our members who have been selected to represent Central Districts in the upcoming inter-provincial tournament:

Senior team: Noel Woodhall & Pater Ramsey

Women: Carolyn Yeomans

Intermediate: Bridget Wilcox

All the very best!!

Sponsor Corner



- We at Tumu ITM Napier have an excess of Hand Sanitiser (500ml bottles) and have decided to gift these to the charity organisations in our community. We would like to gift your organisation a box of 24 x 500ml hand sanitisers as a small token of support for all the hard work you do in the community.
- A reminder of the invitation for the Searle Travel morning tea on Tuesday 17 August. The presentation is for trips in 2023 or 2024. Please contact Mike Smith if you are interested in attending.

- This month our Open Pairs Tournament had a new sponsor in RoomMate Cabins.



Established in 2002, RoomMate Cabins is a portable cabin company with a residential focus. RoomMate Cabins build robust, movable cabins which are available for rent to both residential and business clients. The cabins have a wide range of uses such as bedrooms, home office, teaching space, site office and staff accommodation. The weekly rental for a standard cabin is \$70.00 and \$85.00 for a large cabin. The minimum hire period is six months. The standard size cabin is 3.6m long by 2.4m wide, and the large cabin is 4.2m long by 2.4m wide. The cabins have a painted plywood exterior

and polyurethaned plywood interior. The cabins have aluminium joinery and are generally supplied with carpet and curtains. Cabins are delivered on a specially designed trailer. Cabins under 30sq.m generally do not require consent from local authorities. RoomMate Cabins phone number is 0800111344 and website address is <https://www.roommatecabins.co.nz>

Fundraising

YTD, including July, (from 1 October 2020) we have raised \$6394 from the additional \$1 table money and raffles etc.



Building Update - Not a lot to report this month. Ash was asked for more information for the Resource Consent application. He has been able to supply part of this (parking) and is working on the rest (sewer, storm water and water connection points). Trish and I are working on the Lotteries Application which is due 1 September. Donations from 15 members total \$31000 to date. There are two car park donations of \$4500 and two of \$5000. We are very grateful for all of this generosity. The donations have been significant and the committee wanted to stress that any donation amounts will be most appreciated.

We have received \$3000 from our application to Lotteries COGS fund for our operating expenses. Combined with ECCT grant received earlier this is \$8000 towards our operating expenses which will allow us to put more into our reserves.

NZ Bridge – the Chair’s recent newsletter (#2) is **attached**. Each day there is a “Daily Bridge in New Zealand” article emailed to members. This email almost invariably includes a link to the daily play/bidding quiz. I strongly recommend all members set this up as it is guaranteed to add to your knowledge. To get this automatic email set up, login into the NZ Bridge website (www.nzbridge.co.nz). Under *Email Groups Members* select *Teaching*. Whilst there you can select other relevant topics such as *New Zealand Bridge* and *Region Central Districts*.

In a recent email from NZ Bridge was a link to a free lesson from Pam Livingstone on how to become a better defender. Pam Livingstone is a regular member of the daily Panel, a New Zealand international bridge player and an expert bridge teacher. She is offering to help you to improve your defence. See below: Here is the link to view the lesson replay and to sign ...

<https://learnbridgeonline.com/becoming-a-better-defender-at-bridge-with-pam-livingston/>

From the Co-President’s Desk



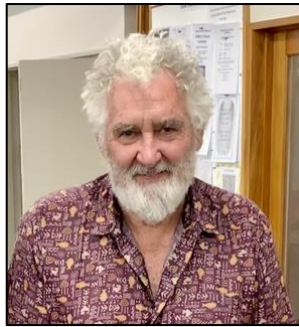
The weather has been cold and miserable but our Bridge room has been cosy (apart from the power outage which put paid to Monday night this week) so it’s been good to see our members braving the weather to ‘play the game’. There have been a goodly number of tournaments over the past weeks and the Clubs in Hawkes Bay made sure it is a warm and pleasant way to forget that its often cold and wet outside. Our Open Pairs on the 7th went really well, and there were many comments about how enjoyable and well run it was. (Thanks to Sue and her team) We continue to be grateful to Havelock North Bridge Club for their generosity in allowing us to use their Clubrooms for our tournaments. These rooms are so attractive and pleasant to play in and that is something we have kept in mind with our Clubroom plans. And, its pleasing to know that as each month passes, we are one month closer to those Club rooms. As you are aware there has been an enormous amount of time and effort put into this project. Jo, Ash, Kevin, Trish, the Building Committee, plus those on the main committee as well as our other members who are supporting them in a variety of ways,

We can’t say it often enough, a big

THANK YOU.

From the Committee

- [Ngairé Bright Award](#) – this award is annually presented at the AGM for the non-committee person(s) who have substantially contributed to the running of our club. The committee would like member’s nominations for this award before October.
- [Reminder of Special General Meeting](#) – Tuesday 17 August – to tidy up matters on our Constitution.
- [Automated External Defibrillator \(AED\)](#) – just alerting members that there is such a device held in the foyer of the Lodge building.



Matthew Briscoe – RIP

Whilst Matthew was not a member of our bridge club, he and Mairi did play on Tuesday afternoons on occasions. Matthew was a gentleman bridge player and a silver grandmaster. My memories of Matthew will always be how obliging he was in describing his partner's hand after they had completed their transferable bidding system. The bidding sheet would be a whirl of circles (up to the 4 level) and he would state the exact suit length of all of his partner's hand as well as the point range. I would have to say however that mostly due to his excellent play, such knowledge didn't allow us to stop him making his contract! Matthew and Mairi have been longstanding members of the Hawke's Bay Congress Committee and it was most unfortunate that his acute illness precluded him playing this year. His contribution to Hawke's Bay Bridge was immeasurable and we were devastated to learn of him passing away due to illness on 2 August. The winners of our recent Open Pairs Tournament, George Masters and Blair Fisher, dedicated their day in memory of Matthew.

Matthew Bristow taken after winning the Tierney Teams at Taradale in mid-May this year.

Monthly Humour – As you learn to play bridge and the years of play following, like in life, your enjoyment and skill levels transition through various phases. I personally would like to think I haven't reached the barking mad phase....

An explanation of our life stages

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" And God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

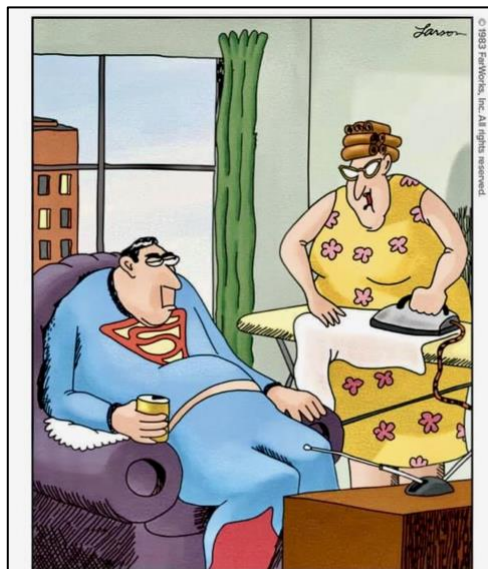
The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?" And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it." So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you. There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me, I will be on the front porch.



"By the way, we're playing cards with the Millers tonight, and Edna says if you promise not to use your X-ray vision, Warren promises not to bring his Kryptonite."

A special thanks to **Wayne Burney** who has been busy painting parking lines outside the rear of the Lodge Omarunui building.

Reminders

- Tuesday 14 August – Special General Meeting
- 21 August – Havelock North Intermediate & Junior Pairs
- 28 August – Napier Open Teams
- Ngaire Bright Award nominations

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