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Covid-19 2020 Mini Newsletter #1

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

We have decided to send mini newsletters to all members with email during the Covid-19 enforced isolation under Alert Level 4.

We more than welcome contributions to this mini newsletter and these can be emailed directly to Ash at napfitch@xtra.co.nz

Bridge Activities - The NZ Bridge Website - <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz> - has things of interest being added every day. This includes:

- [Daily Bridge in New Zealand](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/latest-updates.listing.6021.daily-bridge-in-new-zealand.html) - <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/latest-updates.listing.6021.daily-bridge-in-new-zealand.html>
- [The Auckland Bridge Club](#) are running BBO tournaments daily at 1.30pm & 7.30pm. They are run by Patrick Carter who is doing a wonderful job. The club are continuing to pay his wages so it has been suggested to make a \$20 a week donation to the Auckland Bridge club.

Auckland Bridge Club Inc Bank Account is ANZ 01-0258-0010388-00

For further information go to their website - <https://www.akbc.co.nz/online-bridge-march-2020-newsletter>

NZ Bridge Newsletter - we have received a newsletter from the NZ Bridge Chairperson which is **attached with this mini newsletter**

Competitive Bids the Scanian Way - Swedish expert Mats Nilslund has just published a new book on competitive bidding. He has generously made the book available for free download as pdf in these Corona virus infected times. Go to his web site for instructions here: <http://www.itbolaget.nu/bridge/competitivebids.asp?fbclid=IwAR2GNfNIO14dj-CRML3R7md-IVWcrjZpQfDUGM5iGMnjLC-nrIU9ItkOKQ> . I have looked at the link and it looks great so have downloaded and saved the pdf book to my computer. Plenty of reading for the next three weeks and a warning to Jo that we may have to modify some of our bidding for the future!!

Can Pastilla and return - within 17 days! - Sue and Peter Lambourne recently had a trip to Europe and this is Part 1 of their journey

All my life I have heard the story of how my Mother (Peggy Lynex) and Grandmother went to settle in the south of France and high tailed it back to New Zealand prior to the outbreak of World War II. Our grandchildren in Mallorca now have the story of Nanny and Poppy coming to stay for three weeks but leaving 13 days later.... We left Napier on 2 March via Singapore, going landside to a hotel for a decent sleep, meal and swim before arriving in Palma, one of the Baleric Islands off the coast of Spain two days later. Singapore was starting to take temperatures of guests checking in - Peter was 36.35 (fine) but I was 28.7 which the check in clerk regarded as "good" - I was standing under the aircon unit! Arrived in Palma to warm welcome from all - collecting a rental car and



Can Pastilla waterfront outside our B&B

reacquainting myself with driving at 120kms on right hand side in a manual car. BBQ with family first night and next day a gorgeous 3 hour paella lunch on the waterfront in Can Pastilla. Travel tip in Mallorca - at the end of meal when you order coffee- be warned - cappuccinos are more expensive than an espresso coffee shot with a liqueur BOTTLE put on table to help yourself to as much or as little as like! Peter partook freely naturally - I have still yet to have one! Next day began my waterfront walks - absolutely superb German cake shop only 800 steps away from our front door. I disciplined myself to walk 5000 plus steps then turn round and stop to sample the wares on the way back. First day was an absolutely stunning chocolate sacher torte and later in the week it was a hazelnut and toffee cake. No walk no cake. Over the following days we had a lot of family time, dining with the crew and then getting my birthday present. The chef on board the yacht soaked oranges for three days in brandy before crushing and making a fabulous 70th birthday cake with almond meal and chocolate ganache. On 9 March we got advice from NZ Embassy to avoid all non-essential travel to Italy. Spoke to travel agent and with WHO advice locking down Northern Italy all our Italian trip was now refundable except for prepaid train travel. Singapore at this stage was still accepting transit passengers back through to NZ.

... to be continued in next mini newsletter.

Weekly Humour

The Wedding Registry

Jacob age 85, and Rebecca age 79 are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding and on the way go past a drugstore. Jacob suggests that they go in. He addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?" The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist: "Of course."

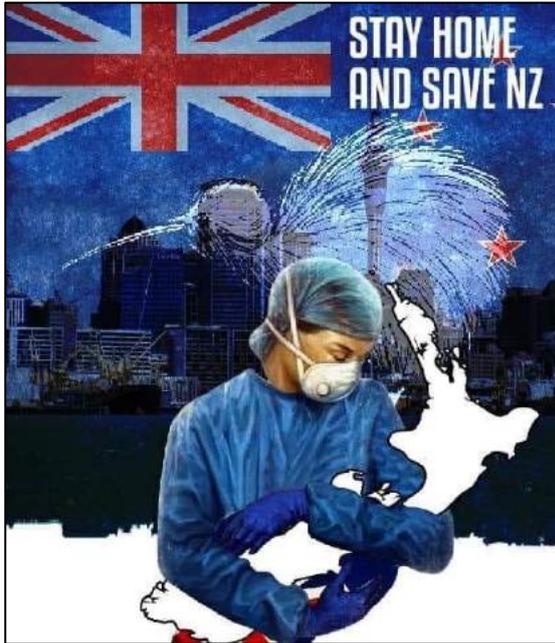
Jacob: "Medicine for memory?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety."

Jacob: "What about vitamins and sleeping pills?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "Perfect! We'd like to register here for our wedding gifts."



I imagine if Dr. Seuss were alive today, he'd write something like this:

(Read with Dr. Seuss book rhythm).

The buildings were big and people would smile
And travel they would mile by mile.

But sick they become, in numbers it grew
Businesses worried, communities too.

Things stopped for a bit, the world slowed its roll
The virus had certainly taken its toll.

But what they then saw from slowing things down.
Is in fact they now had less reasons to frown.

Families now gathered, what game shall we play?
Pass me the blue crayon, give mommy the grey.

Dad's home guys! He'll read us a book
then all of us together will cook.

The lungs of the planet caught a small break
less travel meant less pollution to make.

People did realize they'd all be ok
They don't need so much to get through the day.

Maybe this virus that caused so much stress
Showed the whole world that more can mean less.

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Inspired by Dr. Seuss

We hope that you and your nearest and dearest are keeping safe. Please send any contributions for the next newsletter which during this lock down period we will be publishing weekly.

Take care

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