



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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Covid-19 2020 Mini Newsletter #10

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

The committee members have been out and about following the Napier City Council meeting outcome. Our donation fund continues to increase which has been really appreciated as the committee grapples with no income and ongoing costs.

As the Alert Levels are consistently counting down and members are able to get out and about more, these mini newsletters will also cease to be weekly. We will however keep members updated on any important matters such as when we are returning to "real" bridge!

Bridge Activities -

- We have received two information emails from NZ Bridge recently. The first is the newsletter (#4, which is **attached**) from the Chair, Allan Morris. The main item concerns the Code of Conduct for people using on-line bridge sessions. I am aware there had been concerns that a recent situation presented where there were actions outside the principles outlined in the Code. The second email concerned an Advisory notice (#6 which is also **attached**) with recommendations regarding the return to routine club bridge sessions. I see that the Wellington Bridge Club is starting live bridge sessions from 8 June.
- **BBO** - If you wish to participate, contact Sue or Doreen. This can be done directly or through replying to our club email address.

Taradale Bridge Club News -

- Last week we have had further generous donations to the club from our membership in response. Included within this week's total was a significant amount from a club member. Thanks again to all who could make this contribution.
The Donation Total is currently at: \$2645!!
- **Update on our Possible Building** - Following on from the Napier City Council positive affirmation to our request for reserve land to build new club rooms, the Building Sub-Committee met earlier this week. We discussed what actions for the club going forward and this includes further contact with the Council Officers as well as other interested community groups. We have had contact with two possible community groups whom had earlier expressed an interest and have more to contact over the next short while. Next week we have a meeting with the Council Officer, which we are trying to make at the Northern Hub site at Park Island.
- **Returning to Live Bridge** - at present we are looking to a possible start when the country moves to Alert Level 1 - which could be as soon as 22 June. We will keep you informed when, as we sit on the sidelines whilst the politicians negotiate amongst themselves when this is to happen!



Did you see a NZ Herald video recently of a supermarket managers response to a shopper asking for a credit? It seems he went around a lot of supermarkets early in the lockdown to corner the market on toilet rolls and sanitiser to on sell at a profit. The video showed the managers response which was a blank expression and an index finger salute pointing to the ceiling. The guy had bought up 1500 toilet rolls and 100 bottles of sanitiser so I guess he has his birthday and xmas prezzies sorted for a few years.
John S

Weekly Humour - I have seen quite a number of bridge club members out walking during the lockdown periods. I hope the exercise regime has continued albeit perhaps not quite as

suggested by the husband in the story below:

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path." "Gentlemen, remember — you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both." The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right, if she carries a golf bag?"

A Bonus Joke!

A man was brought to Mercy Hospital and taken in for coronary surgery. The operation went well and, as the groggy man regained consciousness, he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy, who was waiting by his bed.

"Mr. Smith, you're going to be just fine," said the nun, gently patting his hand. "We do need to know, however, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?"

"No, I'm not," the man whispered hoarsely.

"Can you pay in cash?" persisted the nun.

"I'm afraid I cannot, Sister."

"Well, do you have any close relatives?" the nun essayed.

"Just my sister in New Mexico," he volunteered. "But she's a humble spinster nun."

"Oh, I must correct you, Mr. Smith. Nuns are not 'spinsters.' They are married to God."

"Wonderful," said Smith. "In that case, please send the bill to my brother-in-law."

Remember

1. Contact either Sue L or Doreen N with your BBO login, email address and real name for a list of club members on BBO.

Take care

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