



## Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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### Covid-19 2020 Mini Newsletter #6

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

As we have moved to Covid-19 Alert Level 3 hopefully if we collectively follow the rules, in two weeks we will have further relaxation of these isolation rules. Then ... maybe we will be able to predict the return to the bridge table? One of our sponsors has an interesting opportunity of raising funds for our club which is shown below.

We more than welcome contributions to this mini newsletter and these can be emailed directly to Ash at [napfitch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:napfitch@xtra.co.nz)

#### Bridge Activities -

- **Bridge Base Online (BBO)** - <https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/> it was great to have a number of the novice/junior players of our club take up the generous offer of Julie's run sessions. Some provisional feedback was that this is being great. Contact me for further information. The suggestion is that those using the Auckland Bridge Club sessions make a donation (perhaps our usual table money costs per session) to the club as the directors for these sessions are paid.

The bank account details are:

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Remember to put your name as a transfer reference. If you require a receipt for tax purposes please email the club at [aucklandbridgeclub@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aucklandbridgeclub@xtra.co.nz).

- **NZ Bridge Newsletter** - the latest newsletter from Alan, the Chair, 2020 #3 is attached with this mini newsletter. Included in Alan's newsletter is discussion on when clubs can recommence playing sessions. We shall await further advice closer to the time
- **Tierney Teams** - regrettably we have had to decide on whether this tournament, scheduled for 16 May, goes ahead and the outcome is that we have cancelled it.

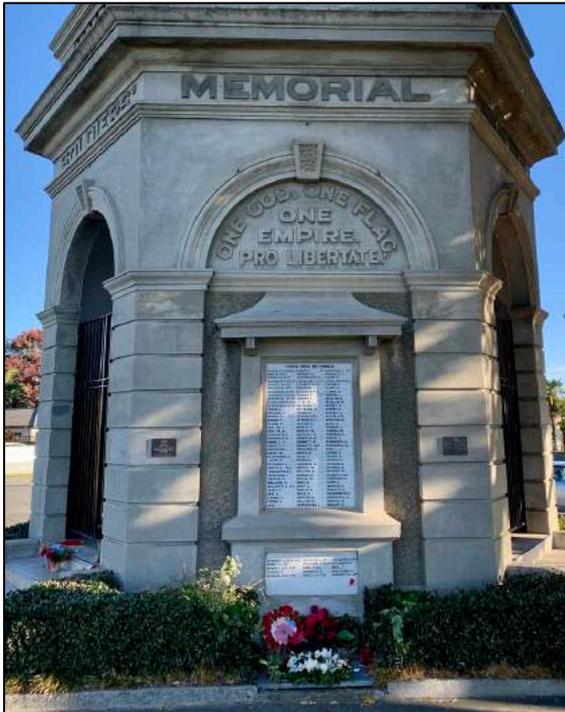
**Social Almoner** - many members will know that Jan Davis performs this very important role within our club - and does a great job in my opinion. With the usual bridge sessions currently on hold, Jan has to rely upon other members to notify her of people with the club befalling illness or unfortunate circumstances. Jan can be contacted by various means and these are:

Home Phone - 843 7066

Cell Phone - 027 319 2880

Email - [jandavispech@gmail.com](mailto:jandavispech@gmail.com)

**Recipe of the week** - as members will be aware, this year the Anzac service was curtailed by the Alert 4 lockdown restrictions. However it did not stop many people recognising the event at their front gates or at war memorials. Jan Henderson's front gate had a very nice wreath display as shown below. So it was fitting for Jan to provide the recipe of the week which she tried recently - acknowledgements to the newspaper for originally publishing it.



*The Taradale War Memorial with some wreaths on Anzac Day*



*Jan and John Henderson's acknowledgement of Anzac Day at their front gate*

### **Cranberry Anzac Biscuits**

Studded with rich crimson coloured dried cranberries, these Anzac biscuits are simply delicious. Makes 24 biscuits

#### Ingredients

1 cup flour; 1 cup well-packed soft brown sugar; 1 cup coconut (desiccated or thread); 1 cup rolled oats; ½ cup slivered almonds or pumpkin seeds; ½ cup dried cranberries; 125g butter, diced; 2Tbsp golden syrup; ½ tsp baking soda; 2 Tbsp hot water.

#### Method

Preheat oven to 180C (160C fan bake). Set two racks either side of the centre of the oven. Grease two baking trays or line with baking paper. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, coconut, oats, almonds/pumpkin seeds, and cranberries, make a well in the centre. In a small saucepan heat the butter and golden syrup together but do not boil. Dissolve the baking soda in the water in a small cup and stir into the butter mixture - it will instantly froth. Pour this mixture immediately into the dry ingredients and mix well. Place tablespoons of mixture onto the prepared trays, leaving enough room for the biscuits to spread. Using the palm of your hand (clean of course!) flatten the biscuits a little. Bake in the pre-heated oven for 15-18 minutes, or until risen a little and golden brown. Cool on the tray for one minute or so before transferring to a cake rack to cool completely. Eat!

### **Taradale Bridge Club News -**

- last week we covered the cost of running the club whilst the routine and tournament sessions are on hold. We have had a number of generous donations already to the club from our membership in response. Thank you so much for these donations. We will update the total weekly for members.

**The Donation Total is currently at: \$550**

- Also, we have received the following email from Margaret Vaughan

*Hi Ash, Just a suggestion for a fundraiser is for home baking (done by willing members) to be sold at morning tea 1 session per week. e.g. slice of something nice or a scone 50c each. we wouldn't make a fortune but every little bit helps. (the willing members would supply ingredients as well)*

*I have appreciated the newsletter including the witty repartee. We could all do with laugh at this time.*

*Regards,*

*Margaret Vaughan*

Thank you Margaret and we will canvas members, to see who is interested in this kind suggestion, closer to the time when our club sessions can recommence.

**Our Sponsors and Supporters** - these people and companies are an important contributor towards funding our weekly bridge and tournament sessions. As we moved out of Alert 4, I contacted our sponsors/supporters to see if they had any specific messages regarding their services for our members. The feedback received is copied below. Whilst we are not encouraging any of our members to move out of the district, the offer from Harcourts may fit with a members intentions of moving premises and provide a win/win to both that member and our club! The club urges all members to try and support our sponsors during these financially difficult times.



Love the life you choose! Discover for yourself why over 5,500 residents across 28 villages already love the Summerset life. Brand-new homes are pre-selling now at our newest Hawke's Bay village, Summerset Palms, or enjoy the vibrant community of Summerset in the Bay, nestled amongst world-famous vineyards. To find out more, and even secure your new home today, call Dave on 06 833 5852, or Cherie on 06 845 2840. We are happy to announce we are now able to do private one-to-one appointments in Level 3, and we would love to catch up with you.

Kind regards, Cherie Adams

Sales Manager

**Harcourts** We will be returning to somewhat normal processes where we can appraise, list and sell homes while adhering to a strict criteria around the health and safety of both our Vendors and purchasers. As we know these are tuff times for clubs around funding due to some of those funding avenues drying up at the moment, we would like to help you with the following offer.

**Should any of your members choose to list and sell or refer someone they know, (family or friend etc) to sell through us, upon the completion of a successful sale we will donate \$500 inclusive of GST to your bridge club.**

Our phone numbers are

Craig Smith 027 534 0660

Kat Tomlinson 027 545 9654

We hope this is helpful to you, please continue to stay safe.

Kind regards

Craig Smith and Kat Tomlinson

Harcourts



**Orbit Cafe' Greenmeadows**

Hello Everyone.

We have decided to open this Tuesday from 8.30 using only Click and Collect. Will be doing Coffee's and some food. Feel free to ring us for an order on 8442024 and pay eftpos at door or just swing by 🤗 Hope to see you soon.

**General Information about The Taradale Business Community** - Small businesses are important to the economic and social fabric of our society, and we all play a part in their survival. Under Alert Level 3, our Taradale businesses are excited to deliver you a Taste of Taradale at Home. Click the link below for businesses open for business.

We'll keep updating our list, so check back <https://bit.ly/2SaGe6V> #getatasteoftaradale #taradaleathome #supportlocal #supportsmall

### **Coping with Covid-19**

Just be careful because people are going crazy from being in lock down! Actually I've just been talking about this with the microwave & toaster while drinking coffee and all of us agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron calmed me down as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing. The Hoover was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything but the door knob told me to get a grip. 😊 The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to .....yes, you guessed it 😊.....pull myself together.

**Facebook** - I guess many members who are savvy with using the computer have a Facebook account. Currently the Taradale Bridge Club does not have a Facebook page. We are wondering if members see the need for this. The Facebook page could have up to date information regarding the regular sessions including perhaps photos. If so then we will look amongst our members to start this up. I will however decline such a task as the usual monthly newsletters take sufficient of my time! Please feed back to the secretary with your thoughts on this suggestion.

**Weekly Humour** - in bridge sometimes despite all of the coded bridge systems and deep thoughts into constructing a defence to a contract, the answers are simply there to clearly see.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they laid down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies, and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent."

Enjoy the sunshine and the opportunity to extend your "bubble".

Take care

*Ash*

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