



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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Hi Taradale Bridge Players

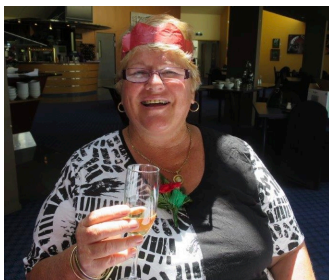
After the settling in January month, the bridge season is now in full swing and the table numbers appear to be at least similar to last year. We detail below the times for bridge lessons for both beginners and the more experienced so make sure you take advantage of these opportunities. Many of you may have heard that the Taradale Bridge has nineteen members attending the Gold Coast Bridge Congress towards the end of this month. We wish you all the very best and hope you exceed your personal goals for this congress. An article has been prepared for *Hawke's Bay Today* covering the members attending the Congress and their photographer was at the Tuesday session this week. So, keep an eye on the paper and see who you recognise!

New members – we wish to welcome to our club the following new members, one of whom has recently moved into Hawke's Bay.

Linda Smith	New full member
Philip Holt	New Associate, home club Napier
Doreen Nunn	New Associate, home club Napier
Mary Simonsen	New Associate member, home club Havelock North
Margaret Williams	New full member, recently moved from Palmerston North

Club Member Hine August has died – Hine was already a long-time staunch member of Taradale Bridge Club in Devonshire Place when I joined as a very green new player in 2004 having been to lessons in Napier (I should have learnt years ago but waited till retirement to have 'time'). Hine used to be very supportive to newer players and had lots of words of wisdom without ever knocking one's confidence. In those days Club Members did all the catering for tournaments and Hine always did a huge amount of work helping in that way. In those days, we had a Saturday session which she ran with others. She did not at any stage, I understand, hold any actual office but she was on the committee and a great background worker for the Club. I know that Life Membership was suggested for her but was never awarded. Phyllida

Tuesday Dinner after bridge 21 March - Celia Crombie is organizing another after-bridge tea in the Taradale Club restaurant. In part, we will be celebrating "Young" Ruth Duckworth's "significant" birthday. All club members are most welcome and there will be a list on the noticeboard for you to add your name to. Alternatively, you can phone Celia on 878 9625.



Chris Stack - President

From the President's Table – It is pleasing to see such great numbers turning up for bridge especially Monday morning Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning so much so that we have now put a director in for Monday mornings as table numbers as very good. Monday night seems to be failing so we are hoping all you junior players will start playing again now and boost numbers. It is great to see such a large number of our player going off to the Queensland congress and we wish them all the best watch out for the photo and write up in our local paper. Great to see our players in the money in

the recent Napier multi grade tournament well done.

Great bridging everyone.

Chris Stack

Committee Resignation – it is with sincere regret that Raelyn Henderson and Marg Pattulo have both resigned from the committee. Raelyn has been on the committee for over three years and has increased time commitments such that she had to prioritise elsewhere. We wish Raelyn the very best and look forward to her returning to the bridge sessions when time permits. Thank you for your contribution to our club. Marg has been a member of the committee for two years, and has resigned due to work commitments and a young family. Marg plans to continue playing bridge plus will do the flower arrangements, as in the past. We thank her that and her contribution as a valued member of the committee.

Club Bridge Results – as you are no doubt aware several bridge sessions have the winners accumulated over the whole year i.e. Monday morning; Tuesday afternoon, and Thursday afternoon. The other bridge sessions are accumulated over a month and the recent results for those have the following winners of the month. The Monday evening bridge got off to a slow start in January and the numbers playing now have increased so hopefully there will be a result for the February month. *Currently the Monday night sessions are financially insecure. Please support the Monday night sessions – a matter of “use it or lose it!”*

Session	Winners
Summer Individual Wednesday Night (January)	Jeremy Ballantyne



Bridge Lessons – The club is most fortunate to have Lyn Bowcock as the leader for the “learn to play bridge” lessons. Whilst the lessons are not due to start until 23 March, I thought it worthwhile to mention, as many of you may have friends who wish to join you in playing bridge and you can nurture their interest in advance!

The **Napier** Bridge Club is also arranging a series of lessons for 2017 which are open for our members. Check our noticeboard for further information:

- **Richard Solomon** – April 1st-2nd. A series of 4 workshops catering to all levels. Registration forms will be available in February.
- **Gerry Palmer** – May 8th – July 31st. Beginner lessons held on Monday evenings 7pm. This is ideal for those who are working and cannot attend during the daytime.
- **Lyn Bowcock** – a series of Improver Lessons over 4 Sunday afternoons. June 11th – July 2nd inclusive.

Upcoming tournaments, being run by Taradale Bridge or local Clubs - our club is most fortunate to have Rachael Shaw as our tournament secretary. Rachael has already started the publicity for two upcoming tournaments –

- 4 March Mike Smith Intermediate Pairs 5B
- 18 March Greenmeadows New World Lawson Jugs 8B.

Also

- 25 March Open Teams, Hastings
- **Hawke's Bay Bridge Congress 2-5 June 2017** – This is the 25th anniversary of the Congress and the Taradale Club is the venue. It is a venue which will accommodate all players and will also be a one stop shop with lunch provided as part of your entry fee and a dinner on Sunday night which is free to all players who have registered for the full three days.

I have attached the flyers for the Bridge Congress with this newsletter.

Lucky Draw for one pair per session! – starting from February, at each session, one pair playing will get their table money fully reimbursed. The draw will be done, by either the Director or the Club Captain as appropriate, at the session commencement. Good luck!

Bridge Rules & Etiquette – it has been suggested I include mention within the monthly newsletters reminders of these.

- The Stop card. This MUST be used whenever a bid is made which bypasses a level of bidding. A player must place the Stop card in front of the opponent, then place his call as usual, and remove the stop card after ten seconds – it should not be removed prematurely. His left-hand opponent should not call until the Stop card is removed. If the Stop card is not used or is withdrawn early, an opponent should pause as though the Stop card has been used correctly.

Committee Meeting News – from the meeting held on Tuesday 14 February

- The committee has approved that the Taradale Club can use our rooms for the newly formed euchre/500 club. The times they will use of our rooms will not clash with any of our club's events.
- The learn to play bridge lessons will be free of charge
- Following an approach to the committee regarding sessions running over time, it has been decided that for all sessions, the timer clock has to be used.
- It was decided that Petitions (for signature) and Donation requests (for non-bridge causes) need to be pre-approved by the committee before being taken to bridge sessions.

Taradale Club Meal Deals – as members of the Taradale Bridge Club you also have membership of the Taradale Club, which includes the restaurant which is open Tuesday to Sunday from 1200 – 2000. The meal deals provided in the restaurant includes:

- Tuesday – Friday \$9.00 lunch (1200 – 1400)
- Thursday & Friday \$9 or less Bistro & Hot Pot selections (1730 – 1930)
- Thursday evening (1730 – 2000) \$30 in “two meals for one deal” – steak or fish options
- Saturday evenings (1730 – 2000) \$12.50 Blackboard menu served with salad and fries
- Sunday evenings (1730 – 1930) \$30 buffet meal in “two meals for one deal”.

The Sunday meals are certainly popular and bookings are required. There are also other bar snacks, light, and main meals options available. Bridge players may consider utilising the restaurant prior or following their bridge session to either plan their strategies or debrief what could have happened!

KiwiBridge – for those bridge players who are in Facebook you may be interested in joining the Facebook group “KiwiBridge”. This often has interesting articles and links to other useful and informative bridge web sites. Currently there are also updates on the NZ Bridge Board saga. An example of an interesting bridge web site I came across from KiwiBridge is <http://www.rpbridge.net>

Devonshire Place Property – The club approach by an organisation interested in purchasing this property was detailed in the January newsletter. The organisation has further inspected the property and very recently made a firm offer to purchase the building. The committee has decided to hold a special meeting of the Taradale Bridge Club to consider the options. As required by our constitution, we are announcing the meeting at least 28 days in advance. The meeting will be held in our current club rooms at 2.00pm on Sunday 19 March. All members are urged to attend to consider the options and have your say.

A Matter of Priority - A man has a severe heart attack and is rushed to the hospital emergency room.

The admitting nurse says, "I'm sorry, you'll have to wait in line."

"But I might be *dying!*" says the man.

"Sorry, a doctor will see you when one is available."

Then an ambulance races up with its siren blaring, and a woman is carried in on a stretcher.

A paramedic explains, "She was in a terrible accident and has just stopped breathing."

"I'm sorry," says the nurse, "she'll have to wait in line."

Next a guy walks in without assistance, whispers something to the nurse and is taken immediately to the examination room, surrounded by doctors.

"What's *this?*" says the first man. "How come he goes right in?"

"Oh," explains the nurse, "he's a bridge player and his partner just passed him in a cue-bid."

Thank you – for the various helpers within the club and their spouses for their contributions towards the club. This month, Owen deserves a special mention, for assisting with washing and drying the many bridge table cloths!

Remember – Special Meeting for ALL members of the Taradale Bridge Club to be held on Sunday 19 March at 2.00pm, Taradale Bridge Club Rooms, Taradale Club, Wharerangi Road.

Ash

Ash Fitchett (Newsletter Underling)



Jo at a bowls afternoon tea celebrating her birthday

Stop Press!!

It has come to my attention my regular bridge partner, Jo Hayes, has now reached an auspiciously significant age where a celebration with her bowls friends was called for. The photo proves that the dress code for bowls has significantly lapsed, although I can assure fellow bridge players that we still maintain superior "standards" within Bridge, and Jo will not be similarly dressed for any tournaments we may play together in the future!