



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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February 2020 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

The January Improver Lessons run by Lyn Bowcock and helpers turned out to be a stunning success. The yearly Bridge Lessons start next month so get onto your contacts with the information below. Our committee have been busy working towards establishing a new bridge building to become our permanent home. Our club spoke at the Public Forum of the Napier City Council meeting and received good support from the Mayor and Council members. The cars parked outside the Napier Bridge Club rooms continue to have security issues when our security person is absent. **The committee has decided that all sessions are now \$5 as we are providing security for all sessions and tournaments.** Please also remind fellow members to shut their car windows and not leave a gap through which things can be thrown.

Membership

New members whose details are not in the new booklet:

Brigitte Spiekerman	835 3344
Simone Stranaghan	836 5339
Allison Armstrong	022 461 1050

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

- 22 February - Taradale Intermediate Pairs 5B
 - 21 March - Lawson Jugs 8B
- Other Club Tournaments**
- 29 February - Taupo Intermediate Pairs 5B
 - 28 March - Hastings Open Teams 5A

Charity Tournament - Our Charity Tournament is coming up in June and the committee is keen for members to make suggestions of who the recipient of this tournament should be. Please contact any committee member with your ideas.

Results – as you are no doubt aware several bridge sessions have the winners accumulated over the whole year i.e. Monday morning, Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon, and Thursday afternoon. The Wednesday evening bridge sessions are accumulated over a month and the recent results for those have the following winners of the month

Competition	Winners
Summer Individual (Wednesday Night)	Chris Hagen

Learn to Play Bridge Lessons - these are commencing soon so now is the time to get onto your friends and workmates about coming along to learn the game you love. Ruth Spittle is running these starting on Thursday 5 March from 1.15 - 3.30 pm

Improver Lessons Summary

Our Bridge year has got away to a booming good start with 80 Junior/Intermediate players attending some or all of the Improvers sessions held over the Monday nights in January. The Improvers sessions held over the Monday nights in January have been completed. Over the four nights mostly junior players from the Hawkes Bay clubs attended:

- 55 were Taradale members
- 18 from Napier
- 6 from Hastings
- 1 from Havelock North

A great job by Lyn and helpers.

From The Co-President Desk



It is great to see good numbers attending all of our sessions, an excellent start to the year. Our improver lessons were very well attended. A huge thank you to Lyn Bowcock for taking these and to all those who helped to make these such a success. We have three tournaments coming up over the next three months. This is an opportunity for all of us to get involved in supporting our club and the organisers as there will be requests for food and for helpers. Your committee members are very busy with the new build so this is a chance for other members to lighten the load. You know the old saying 'many hands make light work'. Do consider playing in these tournaments as they are lots of fun. Don't be

put off because of your grade. The Intermediate tournament has a prize for the best Junior pair and the Lawson Jugs for the best Intermediate pair. It is also an opportunity for junior and intermediate players to watch and learn from higher ranked players while either playing or helping out. We also want to encourage our Intermediate players to enter as many Intermediate tournaments as possible and our Junior players the same as Central Districts provides \$500 prize for each grade for the top performers. See NBC notice board for details.

At our last meeting, the committee considered at length the letter from the Napier Bridge Club suggesting our two clubs combine to form a new club. We decided that right now we want to focus on obtaining land on which to build. **Our reply to NBC is attached** to this newsletter. Enjoy your Bridge.

Jo Hayes

Co-President



Napier City Council Public Forum Session - Jan Davis presents whilst her co-presenters Jo Hayes and Ash Fitchett await their turn. Look at all of our supporters!

Taradale Bridge Club Rooms Update - Accompanied by a large number of our members, we made our presentation to the Napier City Council at their Public Forum on 30 January. This was well received. Last week I contacted the Council to learn that hopefully our request will be considered at a meeting on 9 April. However approval is just the first step and it will be probably be 12-18 months before our building can begin. The ongoing security issues in the car park are excellent motivation to get our build going asap. The committee and building sub-committee members met with a representative from the Lotteries Commission who explained their requirements and processes. Our case to them would be aided by having a feasibility study completed. We can apply for a grant of up to \$25000 for this. It was decided we would obtain quotes and put in an application in their next funding round which closes early March. Both the Lotteries Commission and Eastern and Central Community trust made it clear that the success of any grant applications would be strengthened if we had other groups committed to using our facility. The building sub-committee met with representatives from the Napier City Country Music Club which meets on two Sunday afternoons per month and has struggled to find a permanent home. We will continue to include this group in our discussions. U3A have also shown interest in using our proposed facility for some of their group activities. A letter has been sent to HB Rugby Union Board re our inclusion in their current building or their proposed new build. Acknowledgement of our request has been received and we have been advised it will be discussed at their February or March meeting, most likely March.

From the Committee

- The draft Health and Safety Policy has been considered and approved.
- HB Congress - there is free entry for Intermediate, Junior & Novice Tournament winners this includes winners from any of these events that have occurred since the last Congress.
- We celebrate our players who have reached the milestone of 90 years of age by giving them free membership for the rest of their playing lives. So, this is a reminder that we have a category of membership called Over 90's member, (alongside Full member, Associate member, Life member). Over 90's members have the free membership from the next subscription period after their 90th birthday, so please let the committee know when you (or a friend) turn 90!

Reverse Bids

I have observed regularly at bridge opponents making their second bid a Reverse Bid when their HCPs don't warrant such a bid. I once (only once, after Ian Clayton's deeply furrowed brow reaction to my laying down dummy!) made such an error whilst playing with a very acknowledged grand master. "We" had bid to game only to fall well short due to my meagre hand. Painful as it may be, potentially a rebid of a four card suit at the two level is required if there is no other lower suit to bid.

What is a Reverse Bid? **A reverse bid is a second bid in a new suit at the two level by opener in a higher ranking suit than opener's first bid suit.** Thus responder has to bid at the three level to support opener's first bid suit. It shows more cards in the first bid suit than in the second suit and is forcing for one round. **Opener should have more than an opening hand, usually 16 or more HCPs and an unbalanced hand,** such as 5/4, 6/4, 6/5, or 7/6 (most often 5/4). You can show 15 or more points in a balanced hand by bidding NT. It is however important to note a rebid of a higher suit at the one level **is not** a reverse bid!

Opener	Responder	Opener	Comment
1 ♣	1 ♦	1 ♠	This is all at the one level - is not a reverse bid
1 ♣	1 ♦	2 ♠	A rebid in a higher level at the two level = reverse bid (16+ HCP)

After your partner has done a reverse bid, you are essentially obligated to bid for the next round unless there are exceptional circumstances such as zero HCP and you have length in the second suit and little support for the first bid suit. Remember, if your partner had an exceptionally good hand they would have opened differently.

Monthly Humour – bridge to beginners can seem a complicated game with many bidding conventions to learn. However, the underlying systems can be explained in simple terms with a bit of patience. It is as simple as politics - as a father explained to his son below!

A little boy goes to his dad and asks, "What is Politics?". Dad says, "Well son, let me try to explain it this way: I am the head of the family, so call me The Prime Minister. Your mother is the administrator of the money, so we call her the Government. We are here to take care of your needs, so we will call you the People. The nanny, we will consider her the Working Class. And your baby brother, we will call him the Future. Now think about that and see if it makes sense." So the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what Dad has said. Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him. He finds that the baby has severely soiled his nappy. So the little boy goes to his parent's room and finds his mother asleep. Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny's room. Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny. He gives up and goes back to bed. The next morning, the little boy says to his father, "Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now." The father says, "Good, son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about." The little boy replies, "The Prime Minister is screwing the Working Class while the Government is sound asleep. The People are being ignored and the Future is in deep shit."

A Special Thanks - to all those club members who managed to support our Public Forum presentation to the Napier City Council - either by physical presence or watching the live streaming!

Reminders

- [22 February](#) - Taradale Intermediate Pairs 5B
- [21 March](#) - Lawson Jugs 8B
- **Tell all your friends about the upcoming Bridge Lessons**

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Ash Fitchett
Newsletter Editor