



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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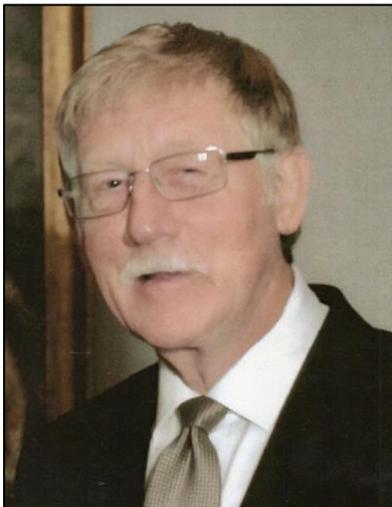
Hi Taradale Bridge Players

It has been great to see the numbers at the bridge sessions this last month. This coming year will continue to be tricky, however with a combination of RealBridge and face to face sessions we will keep the play going. On 9 February, our bridge teaching team start running the Beginner Lessons. If you know of anyone interested in attending then please refer them to **Ruth Spittle 027 249 4336** for further information.

Recent Club Results

Christmas Individual (Monday evening)	Wayne Burney	1 st
	Chris Hagen	2 nd
Monday Morning, January	Mary Burney	1 st
Monday Evening, January	Chris Hagen	1 st
Tuesday Afternoon, January	Yvonne Whittle	1 st
Thursday Afternoon, January	Doreen Nunn	1 st

Three players have gone up from Junior to Intermediate at the beginning of 2022: Ngaire Billington, Colin Dolley, and Sue Fenwick. There will be a list of 2022 rankings on the noticeboard at the Club. Congratulations to you all!



Brian Boxall - 24 September - 15 January 2022

Bryan learnt to play bridge in the early 1980s. He had a love of technology and early on in his bridge career devised the first computer base scoring system (something we take for granted these days), for the Hastings bridge club. He loved DIY and told many stories of not his successes but his misadventures, such as one day, after standing on something inappropriate while DIYing, arrived at bridge with his arm in a sling. He was a respected director and directed regularly at Napier and Taradale but while playing the game was reminded by his partner that he needed to take his directors head off! He contributed a lot to bridge and Hawke's Bay and for many years made a huge contribution to the Hawke's Bay congress. His knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed.

Trish Patterson

Upcoming Tournaments -

Taradale - Lawson Jugs 19 March

Other Clubs

- 5 February Restricted Pairs 8B - Napier

- 6 February Waitangi Day Charity – Havelock North

Sales table reminder - As a fundraising idea we will have a sales table for the next few weeks, Suggestions are:

- Jigsaw puzzles
- Cakes and biscuits
- Produce, Jams, & Pickles

NZ Bridge – News from the Chair #1 2022 **attached**

Real Bridge – many of you attended the introduction session to Real bridge at the Napier Bridge Club rooms last weekend. If you missed this and are still interested in trying it out then go to the Hastings Bridge Club website <https://www.hastingsbridge.org.nz> and look through the link <https://www.hastingsbridge.org.nz/real-bridge-training> to learn how it can be played. To play a session, click on <https://www.hastingsbridge.org.nz/real-bridge-sessions> . Throughout February, sessions are being run on Sunday evenings starting at 7.00 pm

At present this will be free, although a small “table money” charge will be introduced later. Any profit, above the director fee expenses etc, will be evenly divided amongst the Hawke’s Bay Bridge Clubs.

Fundraising

As mentioned in emails recently, the costs for the building have become a constant increasing trend. Last week the cost of concrete reportedly rose 5%. This is the situation at present:

Current Club Funds	\$593,857
ECCT	\$156,000
Lotteries	\$74,000
Exterior Naming Rights	\$100,000
Estimated Building Cost	\$963,641
Deficit (as of 13 January)	-\$15,520

The naming rights decision is pivotal for the building. We are still looking at other naming rights opportunities for interior rooms, although acknowledge the process can take some time, often with no successful outcome!

Building Update –

- **Budget** - We have enough money to proceed with the build. The Napier City Country Music Club has indicated that they can provide a debenture of up to \$60 000 if the cost exceeds our available funds. Hopefully any shortfall will be less than \$30 000.
- **Building Contract** - This has not yet been signed as we await the finalising of our lease to ensure it allows us to have naming rights sponsorship, without which we will be \$100,000 short. The Council will approve the lease clause change next Thursday. Once the lease and building contract are signed the application for Building Consent can be made. Unison has organised the power connection so that the electrician can get the power supply on site. Applications have been made to NCC for the sewage, stormwater and water connections. So, we are ready to go once we hear from NCC.

Arthur’s hints – Arthur Bennett is not only a former President of our club but a Grand Master. He also designed the fantail emblem of the club and a year or so ago, reinvigorated this when we moved to a new website platform. He recently has summarised parts of bridge play and this month we include his “Leads against NT contract” information sheet - **attached**. Next month we will have Arthur’s thoughts on Leads against Trump contracts.

From the Committee

- Our Charity Tournament – this year the tournament is being held on Sunday 29 May with **Cranford Hospice** decided upon as the recipient.
- A reminder to members that they can come along without a partner to the morning and night sessions. They will either be paired with another single player or there will be a volunteer to play with them. A special thanks the volunteers and we are looking for some more volunteers. Contact Viv Pinkham if able to help.

From the President's Desk



Hello everybody

Losing Brian was a sad start to our bridge year. He will be missed as both a player and director. We welcome our new Monday morning director, Phillipa Gardiner. After directing our session, Phillipa goes to Napier Bridge Club to direct their afternoon session. This is a tight schedule for her so let's try to make her job as easy as possible by playing to time.

Our lessons start next week. Please tell your friends and family about them and encourage anyone with an interest to come along and have a go. We will be starting off with sessions of Mini Bridge which focuses on

the play so hopefully we will get the participants hooked before we move onto the hard part, learning to bid.

A huge thank you to those who were able to respond to our pre - Christmas plea for help and donate towards the building. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately it is possible Covid might have an effect on our numbers over the next month or so as not everyone feels comfortable playing face to face at this time. Let's all do our part to keep infection out of our club and hope that normality returns before too long.

Jo Hayes

Thanks to all members - from Sheryn Thomson for flowers and the many kind wishes from members during her recent hospital visitations. Sheryn is well on the mend and we look forward to her friendly and kind demeanour back at the bridge table soon.

Monthly Humour – As a partnership develops at the bridge table, signalling through the particular card you play, can assist your partner on what suit and/or card to lead in defence. Sometimes this may go astray and potentially frustrate your partner ...

A female bridge professional graciously agreed to donate her services for a charity event. Her partner was nice enough, but it would be fair to say that bridge was not his game. Late in the evening, he excused himself from the table and headed for the men's room. The hostess asked the pro how they were doing. "My partner is a charming gentleman, but to be perfectly honest, this is the first time all night I know what he has in his hand!"

A special thanks to the fundraising team making the various chutneys, as well as running the sales table.

Reminders

- **Beginner Lessons – start 9 February**
- Restricted Pairs, Napier – 5 February
- Charity Tournament, Havelock North – 6 February

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