



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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January Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

Welcome to the new bridge year and we trust everyone has managed to relax and contemplate their bridge strategies for 2017.



Celia Crombie

Last newsletter we acknowledged a number of members for their contribution to the club in 2016. We omitted to mention **Celia Crombie** who we gave flowers for her dedication to getting the Tuesday bridge people to social meals after bridge!

New members – we wish to welcome to our club some of whom have recently moved into Hawke's Bay. Denise Ohlen from Waitemate; Teresa Kingsford; Ron Humphreys (from Levin/Otaki); Christine Moffett (home club Hastings); Jeremy Ballantyne; and Pam Ballantyne (home club Waipukurau). Please welcome them and book sessions with them – their names and contact details are in the 2017 club booklet

Newsletter by email – if you are not currently receiving this by email and wish to do then contact me at napfitch@xtra.co.nz so it can be arranged. The advantages of the electronic copy include more timely information, saves the club printing costs, and you get to see it in colour! If you receive the newsletter by email but no longer wish to receive it, please contact me – Ash

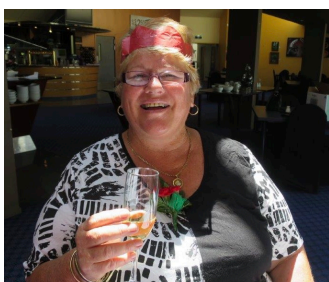


Viv Nelson with Ash Fitchett at the Taradale 40th Anniversary Party in 2015

Viv Nelson – the club members were saddened to hear in late November the passing away of one of our life members. Viv was a keen and successful competitor in no matter what sport she played or coached whether it was tennis, hockey, netball, and bridge. She formed many formidable partnerships at the bridge table including with Carol Herbert and Diana Lees during my time playing bridge. Viv loved being declarer and especially playing a demanding no trump contract. She was also a strong defender and once told me that "every card I play should tell you a story". Due to declining health, Viv has been a lesser attender at our club sessions over recent times and the club has lost a valuable and memorable member.

The Taradale Bridge Club Policies – as we start an exciting new year of bridge with the new Membership Booklet being filled with partner's names, it is perhaps opportune to remind all members of the Policies page within the booklet. Included in the policies are the Zero Tolerance

Policy and Conduct and Etiquette of Duplicate Bridge. There are copies of these documents on the noticeboard in the club rooms.



Chris Stack - President

From the President's Table – Welcome to 2017, I hope everyone had a great Xmas and New Year.

We look forward to a great year of bridge and warmly welcome new players. If you are looking for a partner remember to ring the convener she or he will be happy to help. This year the Hawke's Bay Congress will be held at our club on Queen's Birthday weekend there will be events that you can enter from novice to open and it is a great opportunity to play some excellent bridge with lots of great prizes especially for junior event please think about it. Chris Stack

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

Session	Winners
Gloucester Pairs Monday night (November)	Debbie Mackintosh and Allison Carding
Christmas Individual Monday night (December)	Mike Smith and Ron Humphreys
Spoon Cuisine Handicap Pairs Wednesday night (November)	Jan Stansfield and Catherine Barker
Christmas Individual Wednesday night (December)	Sheryn Thomson
Fish and Chips (25 November)	Maggie Reddington and Phylida Isles
Christmas party (4 December)	Jo Hayes/Ruth Spittle and Pam/Jeremy Ballantyne



Christmas Party Winners L to R; Jo, Jeremy, Pam, and Ruth

Sponsorship subcommittee – the Taradale Bridge Club is very grateful for the sponsorship received that assists with the viability of the club sessions and tournaments we run throughout the year. The lists of sponsors of the club are included in our bridge book. Please support them.

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 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!

Upcoming Tournaments Being run By Taradale Bridge Club - our club is most fortunate to have Rachael Shaw as our tournament secretary. Rachael has already started the publicity for two upcoming tournaments –

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

I have attached the flyers for these tournaments with this email, so get organised with your partner, as appropriate, and support your club with your participation! Also, a reminder to support the sponsors of these tournaments.

Devonshire Place Property – The club has received an approach from an organisation wishing to purchase our former bridge club rooms. The committee will be looking at this opportunity seriously over the next intervening period and will keep you updated. It is important for members to be assured that no final decision will be made, should a recommendation arise to sell, without a Special General Meeting of the Taradale Bridge Club.

NZ Bridge Association Board – those of you who also belong to the Napier Bridge club would have received their newsletter commenting upon the conflict amongst certain members of this board. The NZ Bridge Board is responsible for organising bridge at a national level. The conflict involves a suggested change in the management structure of NZ Bridge, with the employment of a part-time CEO. Like all affiliated clubs, we are most concerned that matters get resolved with no detrimental effect upon the future of NZ bridge and the players throughout New Zealand. The situation is somewhat lacking clarity and unfortunately is involving lawyers representing various parties involved. The Taradale Bridge club committee has written to the NZ Bridge Board (letter attached with this emailed newsletter) urging for a measured decision and delaying that until the next Board member elections in March 2017.

Convenors for 2017 Bridge Sessions

Session	Commencement date	Convenor	Contact details
Monday Morning	9 January	Maureen Underhill	844 7910
Monday Night	9 January	Murray Mills	835 0884
Tuesday Afternoon	10 January	Julie Haslett	844 1253
Wednesday Night	11 January	Ash Fitchett	844 8380 or 0272492001
Thursday Morning	6 January	Maggie Reddington	845 3101
Friday Night "Fish & Chip"	27 January	Frances Willis	845 2561

Recently our club received publicity about the following Bridge Book. I have attached details for your information. **I must stress however that I do not have any personal knowledge of the efficacy of this text.** Ash

Bridge Smarts:

A Path to Bridge Success- Augie Boehm

\$US14.95 140 pages (paperback) *The shipping fee for international customers brings the total cost to approximately \$US30 (Ash)*

2016 ABTA Book of the Year

Bridge success is the result of many factors talent, knowledge, experience, and, to a surprising extent, luck. But there are other, perhaps less obvious, factors that are well within your control, such as maintaining stamina, an even temperament, and concentration. What to focus on? Start with evaluating what your hand is worth as an auction develops. No supercomputer brain needed; just an ability to add and subtract from 13 plus memory, deduction, and analysis. This book will help you become a better bridge thinker by exploring the nuances of hand evaluation. Good evaluation produces better judgment. The book's numerous problems and quizzes provide you with the opportunity to test that judgment and show off your bridge smarts.

"Refreshingly different from other intermediate-level books"--*The Bridge World*

"This useful book will help intermediate players improve their hand evaluation and inferential ability."---*ACBL Bridge Bulletin*

Read the Preface or order at http://www.hnbpublish.com/General_files/B-S-Pref.html

Recipe of the Month! Many of you may know that I have recently retired and whilst having a coffee, with Jan Henderson and El Presidente, was telling them of my superlative "cooking skills" ... This is one "safe" meal I have cooked effectively and is included below for your interest. I find the slow cooker great in allowing you to go and play bridge! I also use it for pork chops and roasts (with different mixtures).

I very much welcome contributions from the club members for future newsletters. Please email them to napfitch@xtra.co.nz

Slow Cooked Lamb

I was given this recipe by a lady who stated “once you’ve done this (and if you like cold meat), you probably will never do it another way”!

- Trim all visible fat off leg of lamb
- Place on a trivet in slow cooker – I use an upside-down saucer
- Coat with a mixture of:
 - Mint jelly – I use olive oil to make the slurry
 - Coriander powder or any other spices you wish
 - Paprika
 - Salt & pepper
- Cook 7 hours ish – start on high (I do 30-60 minutes) and switch then to low

I find the juices in the slow cooker are excellent to make a gravy from – it has a certain zing.

Thank you – for all of the convenors of 2016 as keeping your sessions going as effectively does not happen by automatic. Thanks also to Marjorie Thomas, our Director for Wednesday night, who brought along some treats for the players to boost their sugar levels during play on the last individual night in 2016 – she saved a certain El Presidente’s embarrassment as she had forgotten to bring the cheese to go with the crackers!

Ash

Ash Fitchett (Newsletter Flunkie)