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January 2019 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players



Christmas tree at Taradale Shopping area

Welcome to 2019! The summer appears to have finally arrived to Hawke's Bay and what better than to cool off inside, and rejuvenate our brain playing some bridge. I recently read that playing bridge even exceeds sudoku in stimulating the brain to avoid memory loss when one reaches a maturing phase of life.

Over the festive season our club unfortunately has had illness involve a number of our members. We wish those people a speedy return to both good health and the bridge table.

Upcoming tournaments, being run by Taradale Bridge or local Clubs - It seems strange to already listing tournaments but now is the time to arrange partnerships, strategize, and plan which games to play. I, like many sport followers, have been amazed at the successes of Bianca Andreescu, the 18 year old Canadian tennis player ranked 152 in the world. Bianca, as I write, has played her way into the semi-finals by beating Caroline Wozniacki (world ranking #3) and Venus Williams on consecutive nights. So do not be afraid in playing in bridge tournaments, including those graded above you! A beautiful opportunity presents at Napier on 9 February where open players have to play with a lesser graded player.

- 23 February - Taradale Intermediate Pairs 5B
- 16 March - Taradale Lawson Jugs Open 8B

Also

- 9 February - Napier Restricted Pairs - Open 8B

Club Bridge 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
Spoon Cuisine Handicap Pairs (Wednesday Evening)	Neil McDonald & Dave Halliday
Christmas Individual (Wednesday Night)	Julian Herbert
Christmas Party	N/S: Chris Stack & Shona Richards E/W: Glenys Offergeld & Norman Knight



Sue Tarrant (Thanks Jo Hayes for these words)

It was with great sadness to note that our club lost a most valuable member to cancer shortly before Christmas. She loved Bridge and played several times a week. Her partners say she was a joy to play with. She was very patient with players of lesser ability and was always supportive and encouraging to the new players. Being Sue she didn't just play but got involved in the running of the club, serving several years on the committee and as president. She went beyond the requirements of these roles, doing lots of work behind the scene. As an example, for many years, until her health intervened, every Wednesday night she arrived early and got everything set up ready for play. Also, she was a font of knowledge about the club and the go to person when we were unsure of protocol or rules. Her kind and thoughtful nature was evident in things she did for other players, especially those experiencing life's setbacks, she would phone, visit, often with food, all done in a quiet and unassuming manner. She was a friend to everyone. All of the above led to Sue being nominated as a life member of the club, a nomination that was wholeheartedly and unanimously endorsed by the members. Sue's courageous approach to her illness is a wonderful example to all of us approaching life's end. She is going to be sadly missed by us all.

From The Co-President Desk



A Happy New Year to you all.

Twelfth Night has gone and all the lights and decorations we associate with this Season are packed away for another eleven months. I hope all of you have had a Happy Christmas. Traditionally, Christmas is a time to be with, or catch up with friends and family, even if sometimes, it's by post, phone or e-mail. I also think of the family or friends who are no longer with us at this time. I was feeling quite sad because I had not received the usual card and letter from two friends I was at school with in England and one I'd worked with (Westminster Bank) and who has sent me a Christmas Card and a week later a birthday card, since I left England. Happily three cards arrived in my letterbox on 3rd January (posted 6 Dec) X!!-xq!!xxx to whatever postal services was to blame. I hope you have booked partners in your Club booklet (if not, our great Convenors will help where they can) and are looking forward to returning to "Our Game" as much as I am.

May all your finesses be the right way!

Jan Davis



New committee members from left: Margaret O'Leary & Margaret Hall

From the Committee –

- Locking the bridge room doors – as a preventative security measure, it was decided that we are to arrange for the Bridge Room to be locked. A key will always be available from the front desk of the Taradale Club and appropriate club members.
- Vouchers for payments of bridge sessions – following the suggestion at the recent AGM, the decision is to conduct a 3month trial using a pre-paid voucher system. The committee needs to work through some associated issues before the trial can commence and we will keep you posted on this.
- Dishwasher upkeep – a reminder to all members to ensure this is both turned on and emptied as appropriate. This appears to apply specially to turning on the washing cycle on Tuesday afternoons with the glasses and tea cups remaining after play has stopped.

- Be at bridge at least 10 minutes before play commences to allow director to set up the appropriate session including board numbers. Arriving as play is about to commence is a discourtesy to the fellow club members whom have made this effort.

The 90's club

At the last committee meeting it was proposed and accepted that club members whom have reached the auspicious (?mature) age of 90 years will have complimentary membership of our club. This has duly been retrospectively awarded to Ruth Duckworth, Rita Best, and Peg Lynex. If any other members have been omitted, or are upcoming, please pass on their names to a committee member.

Our Directors – we are most fortunate to have dedicated directors who run our bridge sessions. Last year, training was run especially for aspiring directors and only one person (regrettably not from Taradale) from the whole of the Hawke's Bay region completed the course and passed the exam. We must treat our directors with respect and courtesy otherwise they may defer to utilize their valuable time for other pursuits. Please arrive as requested above for your session; allow the director to perform their role without any undue pressure or comments; and don't forget to actually thank them!

A Quick Brush up of Bridge Laws before next week's commencement of 2019

CONTRACT BRIDGE LAWS – MOST COMMON INFRINGEMENTS

Due to the many laws covering the game of Contract Bridge, listed below are the main infringements a Director would be called on to give player options during play.

- **PASS OUT OF TURN**
 - Offenders Left Hand Opponent (LHO) accepts pass out of turn, elects to call (a call is any bid, double, redouble or pass) and bidding continues normally.
 - If LHO chooses NOT to call, the pass out of turn is cancelled and the Auction reverts to player whose turn it was to call
 - The offender must pass when NEXT it his turn to bid
- **BID (OR CALL) OUT OF TURN**
 - Offenders LHO accepts bid (or call) out of turn, elects to call and bidding continues normally. OR
 - LHO does not accept the bid out of turn, the Auction reverts to player whose turn it was to call
 - If Right Hand Opponent (RHO) passes, offender must repeat the call/bid made out of rotation
 - If RHO bids, offender may make any legal call
 - Offender repeats the denomination, offender's partner must pass when NEXT it his turn to call
 - Offender does not repeat the denomination, offender's partner must pass WHENEVER it is his turn to call
- **INSUFFICIENT BID (NB. This is a simplified version – for the full version refer to Law 27 and NZB Manual)**
 - Offenders LHO accepts insufficient bid, no further action required OR
 - LHO does not accept insufficient bid
 - Offender can make the bid good with a “comparable bid” at the legal level (no penalty)
 - Any other bid (change of suit, jump or pass) offender's partner MUST pass for the rest of the Auction. (Offender can NOT double)
- **OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN (LOOT)**
 - 1. Declarer can accept the lead;
 - 1a. Dummy goes down first, playing dummy's card last - OR
 - 1b. Declarer spreads hand as dummy and partner plays the hand - OR

- 2. Declarer does not accept the lead;
 - 2a. Declarer can ask or forbid lead of that suit from the correct hand (LOOT card goes back in offender's hand) - OR
 - 2b. Declarer makes no suit lead request; lead comes from the correct hand, LOOT card remains on the table as a penalty card (NB: can lead the penalty card suit)
- REVOKE
- A revoke is established when the offending side leads or plays to the next trick.
- A one trick penalty is awarded (but do read the full law)
- A two trick penalty is only* given if the offender made the revoke trick with the revoke card (can only have ruffed and not been over-ruffed) and made another subsequent trick. (*More tricks can be awarded to establish equity – please refer to Law 64.C)
- NB. There is no penalty if offender makes no tricks at, or after, the revoke

Monthly Humour – no doubt many club members are grandparents and can relate to the words below. For all club members, the advantages sometimes to hold off before taking an action at the table could also prove beneficial!

Grandparents' answering machine message



Hello ... At present we're not home, but please leave your message after the beep.

Beeeeeeppp ...

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of birthdate so we know who it is.

* If you need us to stay with the children, press 2

* If you want to borrow the car, press 3

* If you want us to wash your clothes and do ironing, press 4

* If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5

* If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6

* If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered

to your home, press 7

* If you want to come to eat here, press 8

* If you need money, press 9

* If you are going to invite us to dinner or take us to the theatre; start talking we are listening!

New Gradings

The new Rating Points and Gradings for 2019 are now available for you to check out online at <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/online-points.html>

Well done –to **Chris Hagen** who has done another fantastic job with the Membership Booklet. Chris is undoubtedly the guru in setting up this booklet. The time spent getting dates, advertisers, and formatting spot on must have been immense.

Reminders

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