



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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January 2021 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players



A new bridge year is about to begin and we are hopeful of a safe and enjoyable one for all our members. We kick off with distant memories of Covid-19 lockdowns, and lost opportunities to visit family and friends overseas. So, **we start our bridge year NEXT WEEK - Monday 4 January!** A lot of things are happening already this month with Building Committee meetings, Improver Lessons (run again by the guru of lessons - Lyn Bowcock), and follow up with our Learner Lessons - again being run by Ruth Spittle. More information on all of this is included below.

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

- Sunday 14 February - Taradale Intermediate Pairs. **Flyer attached**
- 7 February - Napier Restricted Pairs. **Flyer attached**



Our Christmas Party was well attended and was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Learner Lessons

Ruth (contact Ruth 027 249 4336 or Alison 8448 204) with her helpers is starting these lessons on Wednesday 10 February in the afternoon - from 1.00 - 3.00pm. The lessons run for 15 weeks and includes consolidation sessions. **So, if you know of anyone who may be interested in these lessons, get cracking and get in touch with them asap!** These lessons would also be great for people who have learnt bridge in the past and wish to get back playing. We had a few of last year's learners who due to the Covid-19 interruptions dropped out of the last few lessons so if you know them, get them interested in picking up their bridge knowledge as well. Our club

needs “new blood” within the membership to keep our club vibrant and progressing so please do your bit to find these newbies.

The Napier Bridge Club are also running lessons on Monday evenings starting from 1 February which may suit some people, who work, better. The contact for the Napier lessons is Dave Halliday phone 021 1172296

Mini Improver Lessons

Following last year’s stunningly successful Improver sessions, Lyn Bowcock has come up with some short improver sessions. The Monday series will be attached to our regular sessions on the Monday Evening, whilst others will run after the Thursday morning bridge session. The Monday evening lesson will start at 6.45pm in time for the regular evening session to start at 7.15pm - a good time to put into practice what you have just learnt! For the Thursday lesson, it is suggested you bring your lunch and stay on after the morning session had completed. This lesson is scheduled to finish by about 2.0pm.

Date	Lesson Topic
Monday 11 January	Leads
Thursday 14 January	Multi 2D and Review of hands played
Monday 8 February	Transfer bids
Thursday 18 February	Slam bidding

From the Committee

- Membership Booklet phone number correction - Linda Smith’s contact phone number is 027 197 8841 (The booklet has it ending with a “2”).
- Designated Impaired Mobility Car park - this is now signposted and it to the left of the entrance ramp as you look at the building. Please ensure this is used appropriately.
- 2021 Membership Booklets - these are available in the Lodge Bridge Room. Don’t forget to pay your subs account, as emailed to you previously, before the end of January to receive the discount.
- Building Committee - following on from the Council approval of our building site in late December, we have scheduled an appointment with Debra Stewart, and other appropriate Council staff, on Wednesday 13 January. This is to discuss the next steps. Alan Haslet has joined the committee to add his expertise with the project. Janice Willoughby will also be assisting with some of the letter writing to various organisations associated with the project. **A further reminder to all members to get your comments, suggestions, and input in general regarding the draft plans for the building by Friday 15 January. We have received a number of ideas and comments so please keep them coming.**

Co-President and Club Captain Roles

- The **role of the club captain** is to promote the enjoyment of Bridge at all levels by promoting good etiquette, supporting members, and assisting with any problems they may have. The person also ensures learners and improver lessons occur annually, suggesting innovations to our current sessions when a need is identified. She will meet regularly with the Co-Presidents. She also attends the committee meetings with full speaking rights.
- The **role of our two Co-Presidents will alter slightly accordingly**. Jo Hayes is chairperson of the Building Committee and as such will focus upon that function primarily. Jan Davis will be the first point of contact for all members under the *President of the Committee* functions.

Point of Contact

- Viv Pinkham as Club Captain - all matters relating to bridge play
- Lyn Bowcock as Recorder for any concerns regarding inappropriate behaviour at the bridge table (see the Membership Booklet for further clarification).
- Trish Patterson as Secretary and Lodge Liaison person for all matters related to the Lodge Oamaru.
- Jan Davis as Co-President for committee/management/strategic matters
- Jo Hayes as Co-President leading the Building Committee for all matters pertaining to the Build, plus whenever you can't get hold of Jan!

Club Captains Corner



Welcome to a New Year of Bridge and hopefully one with full and uninterrupted sessions. My new role as Club Captain will allow me to promote the enjoyment of Bridge at all levels. I hope I can assist members with problems or innovative ideas they may have to improve the Club. Please get in touch if there is a way I can help do this. Lessons for this year start on Wednesday 10 February at 1 pm. Please encourage interested friends and family to come along and learn. Contact Ruth Spittle on 0272494336. With regards to

etiquette in playing Bridge, it is fair to all concerned if you toss to see whether you are moving or sitting for that session. If you do have a good reason for sitting or moving rights, please contact the Committee to go on the official list. I look forward to seeing you at the Bridge table again soon.

Viv Pinkham (Club Captain)

Monthly Humour – with the extended season for celebrations with family and friends it pays to be cautious:

An elderly man was spotted driving erratically down the street. When he passed a police car, he was quickly stopped. The time was 2 a.m. The cop got out and came to the driver's window.

"Where are you going this late?" he asked.

The man replied, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking, and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replied. "That would be my wife"



John Sowerby, our maintenance guru, took part in Movember and was seen here on the last day of the month before he could shave. He was presented with a Santa hat for his efforts.

A Special Reminder - to scan the Covid-19 Q-code at Bridge, and every shop you visit, with the cell phone NZ Covid Tracer app. The possibility of a resurgence of Covid-19 is ever present and should it occur (likely in my opinion), traceability of close contacts will be vital for the containment. There are many examples overseas of people getting lax about such simple precautions, to the country's and the individual's detriment

Reminders

- Sunday 14 February - Taradale Intermediate Pairs
- 7 February - Napier Restricted Pairs
- **Recruitment for the Learner Lessons**

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