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July 2019 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

This last month certainly has been an active one for your committee, as well as a good number of club members, on issues related to the Bridge Room situation. Thanks once again to you all for your superb support and attendance at the Special General Meeting. However, amongst all of this, we have still played bridge! They say good things can take a while to be fully realised and hopefully the latest batch of Life Members photos on our current Bridge Room walls has put that matter of acknowledgment to rest! The recent Taradale Junior Pairs tournament was another success and some junior members also turned out the following day for the Haverdale Trays one session tournament of Havelock North verses Taradale - which was won again by Taradale!!.

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

- 10 August - Taradale Open Pairs 5A

Also

- 20 July - Napier Open Pairs 5A
- 27 July - Havelock North Open Swiss Pairs 5A



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

*Junior Championship winners,
Debbie Gibson and Terry Stone*

Competition	Winners
Championship Pairs (Monday Night)	Debbie Gibson and Terry Stone
Swiss Pairs (Wednesday Night)	Viv Pinkham & Anne Dempsey
Haverdale Trays	Taradale 683.01; Havelock North 616.99



Jan Davis Co-President being presented the Haverdale Trays on behalf of the Taradale Bridge Club

In the Haverdale Trays competition the Taradale team had Jan Davis/Ash Fitchett come 1st on 65.22; Julie Haslett/Trish Patterson 2nd on 60.10; Chis Stack/Yvonne Whittle 4th on 57.53; and Sue Lambourn/Carol Fraser 5th on 56.73.

The Afternoon fellowship between the two club teams, combined with the inevitable “interesting Boards” led to a most pleasant afternoon of bridge that was well directed by Peter Ramsey with his quirky movement!

Tournament Successes

Taradale Junior Pairs – a good number took part in the Taradale Pairs last Saturday with the local



Winners of Taradale Junior Pairs - Dean Francis & Mary Bymolt



Second place of Taradale Junior Pairs - Marie Richards & Linstead Castle-Allen

clubs Napier, Taradale and Havelock North respectively sharing the honours.



Third Place of Taradale Junior Pairs - Kathryn Ingram & Beverley Fullerton-Smith



Winning Novice Pair - Michael Barry & Faye Gardiner

NZ Bridge Website - a reminder to you about the excellent articles that are being added to weekly for improvers <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/improver-articles.html> and newer players <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/articles-for-newer-players.html>. If you login to the NZ Bridge site

you can actually arrange under your profile for these articles to be emailed to you directly. Try them, they always make you think about your play!

From The Co-President Desk

Hello Everyone



It has been a worrisome month for our Club but after the meeting Jo and I had with the City Council on Friday 4 July, we came away with some positive ideas to follow-up which relate to our future and the Committee is poised to pursue these as swiftly as possible. The Napier Bridge Club has been most supportive with their kind offer of help with temporary premises and we are really grateful to them.

I know many of you feel, as I do, that the Taradale Bridge Club has a very special identity. We have introduced a lot of innovative ideas over the years which have contributed to making it so. Many of these have come from outside the committee, and some of which have since been adopted by other clubs, which is pleasing to see. So I hope, most sincerely, that you will continue to participate actively in our Club after we leave our current club-rooms and look forward to when we are in our new 'home'. In the meantime your Committee will work hard to make that as soon as possible.

Jan Davis (Co-President)

From the Committee - The planning surrounding our move from the Taradale Club will be a significant focus for the committee in addition to running the upcoming tournaments.

- A subcommittee of Chris Hagen, Carolyn Yeomans, and Margaret Hall has been formed to negotiate with the Napier Club for our move there.
- The search for a final location of our bridge club is ongoing. The subcommittee of Jo Hayes, Trish Patterson, Greg Whitten, John Sowerby, Kevin Holmes Jan Davis, Neil McDonald, and Ash Fitchett will be tasked with this from now.
- Jan Davis and Jo Hayes met with Napier City Council representatives last week and the subcommittee will follow up on the ideas gleaned from that meeting. Potentially a business case for requesting assistance from the Council will need to be thoroughly prepared in time for the Napier City Council meeting in February 2020.

Preemptive Bidding - when and when not to try it!

There are plenty of theories of when to pre-empt the opponents and this section is a summary of some thoughts, including parts of a Larry Cohen article.

Rule of 2,3, 4 - this rule concerns consideration of vulnerability when you pre-empt.

Unfavourable vulnerability = 2 - if you are vulnerable and opponents not then you should only pre-empt if you are assured of only going down by a maximum of two tricks. A hand like ♠KQJ1095 ♥54 ♦J52 ♣54 guarantees you only five tricks so to bid 2♠ would make you three light - so don't bid!

Equal vulnerability = 3 - if you and opponents are both either vulnerable or not vulnerable, you can bid such that you go light by up to three tricks. So, with neither side vulnerable, you can open 2♥ with: ♠A76 ♣QJ10985 ♦64 ♣42 You expect 4 heart tricks and the ♠A for 5 tricks, thus pre-empt on the 2-level (you are within "3" of 8 tricks).

Favourable vulnerability = 4 - if your opponents are vulnerable and you are not you can bid such to lose by a maximum of four tricks, so you can open 2♠ with: ♠QJ10876 ♥543 ♦4♣543 as you can see four tricks in your hand and therefore no more than four light!

Larry Cohen (New Bridge Magazine April 2019) states **Position also is a big factor**. In second seat, I am always sound (even not vulnerable). When RHO has passed, there is a good chance the hand belongs to our side, so pre-empting should be well-defined and disciplined. On the other hand, in 3rd seat (when my partner has passed), I know it isn't our hand, so I take more liberties when pre-empting. As dealer, I am somewhat "in the middle-normal." Summary of position: 1st

seat-normal. 2nd seat-sound 3rd-seat-aggressive. Let's talk about 4th seat. After Pass-Pass-Pass, there are some items to consider such as: FOURTH-SEAT WEAK 2-BIDS The normal range for a weak 2-bid is 6-10. But, after three passes, surely you wouldn't open the bidding with 6 points (nor 7, 8, or 9). Really, the range for a 4th-seat weak two should be about 10-14. After three passes, I'd be happy to open 2♠ with: ♠KQ10965 ♥K3 ♦98 ♣KJ5. This combines pre-emption with description. Of course, you can't open this hand 2♠ in any other seat, because it is too strong. Three-level pre-empts in fourth seat also show close to opening-bid values.

RULE of 15 - The "book" rule on whether or not to open with a 1-level bid in 4th seat says to add your HCP to your number of spades. If the total is 15, open the bidding. If less than 15, pass it out. The theory is that it will be a part score battle, and if your side doesn't have enough of the high-ranking suit, you could easily lose the battle. So, you would pass out this hand: ♠4 ♥KJ54 ♦KJ87 ♣K987 (11 HCP + 1 spade=12) but open :♠KQ1092 ♥AJ4 ♦876 ♣53 (10 HCP + 5 spades=15).

Monthly Humour - having worked in the health field for many years, I quickly became used to esoteric medical terminology, as I have also with bridge conventions - such as Swine, Cappelletti, CRO, Roman Key Card Blackwood, etc. So, it was nice to see oblique terminology made "plain english" - well sort of - in the story below:

Two doctors opened an office in a small town. They put up a sign reading: "Dr Smith and Dr Jones, Psychiatry and Proctology." The town council was not too happy with the sign, so the doctors changed it to: "Hysterias and Posteriors." This was not acceptable either, so in an effort to satisfy the council, they changed the sign to: "Schizoids and Hemorrhoids." No go! Next, they tried "Catatonics and Colonics" Thumbs down again. Then came, "Manic-Depressives and Anal-Retentives." But this was still not good! So, they tried: "Minds and Behinds", "Analysis and Anal Cysts", "Nuts and Butts", "Freaks and Cheeks", "Loons and Moons", and "Lost Souls and Ass Holes". None worked. Almost at their wits' end, the doctors finally came up with a title they thought might be accepted by the council: "Dr Smith and Dr Jones, Odds and Ends." APPROVED!

A Special Thanks - to a number of members who have come forward with suggestions for Bridge Club accommodation. An example, but no means the least, was from **Kevin Holmes** with two suggested sketched plans (done in his spare time) of possible newly built rooms! **Sue Lambourn** also is commended for her earnest efforts to get more participants for the Junior Open Pairs last weekend - to get nine tables was outstanding.

Reminders

- [20 July](#) - Napier Open Pairs
- [27 July](#) - Havelock North Open Swiss Pairs
- [10 August](#) - Taradale Open Pairs

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Ash Fitchett
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