



# Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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## July 2020 Newsletter

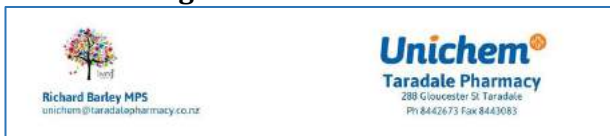
Hi Taradale Bridge Players

With the passing of the shortest day of the year, we can look forward to brighter and longer daylight. Our learner lessons have re-started with good attendance and we have run our first post lockdown tournament with several of our members playing featuring in either a session or the overall result. Congratulations to all who played. Our annual club tournament with Havelock North was a very pleasant occasion with hospitable and friendly hosts. This coming weekend we have our members-only Mahine Creagh tournament and we look forward to seeing you all on Sunday afternoon.

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

- 12 July - Mahine Creagh (club members only)
  - 8 August - Open Pairs 5A
- Other Club Tournaments**
- 18 July - Napier Open Pairs
  - 25 July - Havelock North Open Swiss Pairs 5A
  - 17 August - CD Fullarton Teams in Hastings 10A

**Mahine Creagh** - We are most fortunate to have the Taradale Unichem Pharmacy returning as our sponsor for this event. This club members only tournament commences at 1.30 pm this coming Sunday.



**Results** – on 4 July we ran our first post-Covid-19 tournament.

Competition	Winners
Taradale Junior Pairs Tournament	1 <sup>st</sup> : Rahira Ellison & Colin Dolley 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gaye Robertson & Francis Flynn 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Marie Richards & Mike Smith

Alison Hucker has dutifully ensured the weekly bridge results go into the newspaper. However, the recently submitted results have not been printed and the editor has responded to her query:

*Hawke's Bay Today no longer employs sports reporters. It doesn't mean we no longer report on sport, but we no longer do it in the depth we used to. This is a change that arose out of the collapse of the economy, in the first few weeks of the Covid 19 lockdown. Like many businesses in Hawke's Bay, we have sadly lost staff. We also have multiple staff on leave to reduce costs to our business. This has meant some changes to our reporting, as we work our way out of the Covid 19 health and economic crisis. Things are going well and we can start getting results back into the paper over the next week. Thanks for your patience.*

**Intermediate & Junior league** - these leagues have been cancelled this year due to the number of such tournaments that were cancelled during the lockdown.



*Winners of the Junior Pairs - Colin Dolley and Rahira Ellison.*



*2nd place Junior Pairs - Gaye Robertson & Francis Flynn.*

**Covid-19** - as we watch the daily news of how the outbreak continues essentially unabated overseas, we internally acknowledge how fortunate we are in New Zealand. We must ourselves however remain vigilant. **A timely reminder perhaps to all that if you have any signs of an infection - cough, runny nose, slightly sore throat, and/or temperature - please do not come to bridge.**

#### **From the Committee**

- Saturday 8 August - **Sue needs some assistance**, with both baking and help, with morning tea (scones etc) for our Open Pairs Tournament. Please contact Sue (021 795 568) directly.
- **Player Unwell Document** - **please find attached our updated policy**
- All members will be asked their individual thoughts on the vision/ideas for the Taradale Bridge Club going forward. **Please use this opportunity and place these into a box available!** These ideas do not to be identified to the person and will be collated into a document that will be shared with the Napier Bridge Club prior to a meeting between the two committees.

#### **From The Co-President Desk**



How good it is to be back at the Bridge table again and the last two weekends have occasioned some enjoyable events. Firstly the friendly annual "Arthur Willoughby" tournament between Havelock and Taradale. The teams are made up from the Club committee and our support groups (convenors, dealing teams, building sub-committee). This year Havelock was the host club and as always made us most welcome with a delicious afternoon tea. We were delighted to retain the Arthur Willoughby Shield for another year. Then last weekend saw our Junior tournament - the first tournament since Covid-19. Well done to all of you who took part. Again, it was good to see Taradale members do so well. Our next event is the Mahine Creagh tournament - so named for another memorable early member of our Club. We look forward to seeing many of you there .

Jan Davis  
(Co-President)

## Taradale Bridge Club Rooms Update

The Building sub-committee has met with two groups who could be part of the sports hub at Park Island but neither is ready to proceed yet. Both HB Indoor Bowls (IB) and Pirates Rugby and Sports Club are having Special Meetings soon to consider their future plans and possibly get a mandate from their members to relocate. It will probably be at least two years before either club is ready to proceed. The TBC committee will be meeting with Napier Bridge Club committee within the next month to discuss the vision each club has for the future and where these intersect. A tentative date of 14 August has been set for a meeting with NCC rep Debra Stewart to be attended by TBC, Pirates, Napier Country Music Club and possibly IB as both Pirates and IB should know by then if they are going to relocate. Other interested parties will be included. We are very eager to maintain momentum and get the build underway asap.

### “Never underlead an ace”

[http://www.andrewrobson.co.uk/andrew/if\\_you\\_remember\\_just\\_one\\_thing/](http://www.andrewrobson.co.uk/andrew/if_you_remember_just_one_thing/)

Have you heard the motto, “Never underlead an ace”? There is much validity to this, but it needs clarification: At Trick One (although not once dummy is tabled), in a trump contract (not notrumps), it is most unwise to lead a low card from a suit headed by the ace.

Consider this layout:

Dummy  
73  
West East  
AJ85 Q10962  
Declarer  
K4

Left to his own devices, declarer will try to promote his king by leading from dummy in the hope that East holds the ace. The finesse will fail this time, though, his king losing to West’s ace. The only way declarer can score a trick with the king is if West is kind enough to lead the suit. Note that it doesn’t matter whether West leads low or the ace - either way the king is promoted.

South Deals ♠ 8 6 5  
None Vul ♥ 10 8 7  
♦ A K 6  
♣ 8 5 4 2

♠ A J 4 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ 8 7 3 ♣ A 10 6 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ Q 10 9 7 2 ♥ 3 ♦ J 10 9 4 ♣ Q J 9
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♠ K 3  
♥ A K Q 6 4 2  
♦ Q 5 2  
♣ K 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♥ <sup>1</sup>
Pass	4 ♥ <sup>2</sup>	All pass	

Jumping to shows 16+ points (and a six card suit) Two quick tricks and three trumps make the raise worthwhile.

### What happened

West came from the (outdated) “I lead my best suit, please return it partner” school. His ♣ 3 lead was disastrous. Declarer won the first trick with ♣ K, a card he was not otherwise destined to

make. He quickly drew trumps, cashed diamonds, and led towards ♠ K for his eleventh trick. This finesse failed, ♠ K losing to West's ♠ A, but it was ten tricks and game made.

### **What should have happened**

West has seven losing leads and six winning ones. The losing ones are his black cards, leading away from an ace and promoting declarer's king of the suit. West's winning leads are his passive red cards. A trump lead would be fine, but a tad better (perhaps finding partner at home) is a diamond (choosing ♦ 7 as a "high for hate lead"). Declarer wins ♦ Q, draws trumps, then crosses to ♦ K to lead towards one black-suit king. West wins his ace, exits passively (anything but the other black suit), and declarer wins, leads over to ♦ A, then leads to the other black king. West again beats it with his ace, and the defence score two tricks in each black suit. Down one.

**If you remember one thing...** Do not lead away from an ace at Trick One to a trump contract.

### **On-Line Bridge Magazine**

**BeBridge** is publishing an English-language edition which you can subscribe to. The first (free) edition is available and for fun, try the quiz "What Kind of Player are You. The link is here: <https://kiosque.lebridgeur.com/en/publications/bebridge-01-march-2020/>

### **Fundraising Committee -**

The current initiatives are going well and we will give updated totals each newsletter. It appears jigsaws, produce, jams/chutneys, and home baking are very successful. Keep bringing those goods for the trading table!

**Monthly Humour** – bridge players will always have to make crucial decisions at the table and often think deeply before that decision, when often the answer is obvious!

*Airman Jones was assigned to the induction center, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits, especially their GI insurance. It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Airman Jones was having a staggeringly high success-rate, selling insurance to nearly 100% of the recruits he advised. Rather than ask about this, the Captain stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones' sales pitch. Jones explained the basics of the GI Insurance to the new recruits, and then said: "If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6000."  
"Now," he concluded, "which group do you think they are going to send into battle first?"*

**A Special Thanks** - to **Kevin Holmes** who keeps churning out building plan options for discussion with the various groups the building sub-committee has been meeting over the months. The rest of the sub-committee simply sit back whilst Kevin impresses our guests as he not only explains in some detail the options but also produces a printed colour floor plan!

### **Reminders**

- 12 July - Mahine Creagh for all club members
- 25 July - Havelock North Open Swiss Pairs 5A
- 28 July - Napier Open Pairs
- 8 August - Taradale Open Pairs 5A

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