



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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July 2021 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

Thanks to those members who attended the meeting of all members regarding the building update and fundraising planning. The responses from the members have been beyond our dreams and confirms to the club what a great support the committee has. Alison and helpers have continued the popular Wednesday afternoon supported bridge group, which has been great. We have given green pens to our learners to use with their bidding at club sessions. This allows our more experienced members to identify the newer player and make the appropriate allowances as they grapple with playing with the more experienced people. They may also be allowed to use their "cheat sheets" with their bidding. Be kind and encouraging, as I am sure we all remember being cast out into routine sessions after our learner lessons.

New members - please welcome to our club these new members.

Simon Law	New associate member	027 444 5055
Geoffrey Nauer	New associate member	021 0269 3193
Alison Williamson	New full member	021 509 009
Mike Williamson	New full member	027 4 513 983
Ian Sainsbury	New associate member	021 02277783

Contact details of members - a reminder to members that if these change (phone or email) - more people are abandoning their landline for cell phone only - please tell the committee the change so we can let the other members know.

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

- Sunday 11 July - Mahine Creagh (Club members only)
- Saturday 7 August - Taradale Open Pairs 5A

Other Club Tournaments

- 17 July - Napier Open Pairs 5A
- 24 July - Havelock North Open Swiss Pairs 5A
- 14 August - CD Fullarton Teams Hastings 10A

Recent Club Results

Other Tournament Results of note for our members are:

Tournament	Members	Result
Taradale Junior Pairs	Katie Caseley & Raewyn Davidson	1 st
Monday Night Teams	Theresa Bevin, Alison Hucker, Sue Lambourne, & Kevin Holmes	1 st
	Marianne Wynands, Linda Smith, Jan Davis, & Michael Jensen	2 nd
	Colleen McGettigan, Dave Dravitzki, Margaret Hall, & Ash Fitchett	3 rd



Above: Winners of Taradale Junior Pairs - Katie Caseley (L) & Raewyn Davidson.



Right: Another addition to our Nineties Club - Helen Grant recently celebrated her birthday - giving an impromptu speech to mark the occasion in her usual inimitable style.

NZ Bridge – this year the National Congress is being held at a new venue in Mount Manganui. **Attached is information about National Congress.** The longer standing members of our club would not have been

surprised to see a former secretary of our committee - Estelle Davis now residing in Taupo – has been named the volunteer of the month. Congratulations Estelle!

A message from a Sponsor – Searle Travel are organizing a travel morning tea in their rooms on Tuesday 17 August at 10.30 am. **Please see more details in the attached flyer and RSVP to Mike Smith (phone 842 0142).**

Building Update -

Our members' meeting on 27 June was well attended and covered building update, explanation of being a registered charity, advertising and sponsorship, and raising the additional \$230,000 that we need and how members can help. Ash and Mike are working on getting donations/sponsorship from corporate donors or wealthy philanthropic individuals. The donations from companies could be 'in kind' e.g. the plumbing fixtures or all the timber we will need. Ash has prepared a document we can use to approach potential sponsors. This outlines the history of our club, our aims and objectives, Membership, playing arrangements, and our proposed new building including the budget for this. We will consider selling naming rights to the building as a whole e.g. The ???? Taradale Bridge Club, and each room and possibly each table. To buy the naming rights to the building will take a substantial donation. At the Members' meeting it was suggested that members could donate \$4500 to cover the cost of one parking place or make other donations. To date \$21 500, including \$4500 for a car park, has been received. We are very grateful to those who have donated.

The application to ECCT is almost finished and will be submitted shortly.

Last Friday the outline plans were received from CoreSteel. On receipt of these Ash was able to submit the Resource Consent.

Don't forget to contact Jo if you have any ideas for potential users of our new rooms.

From the Co-President's Desk



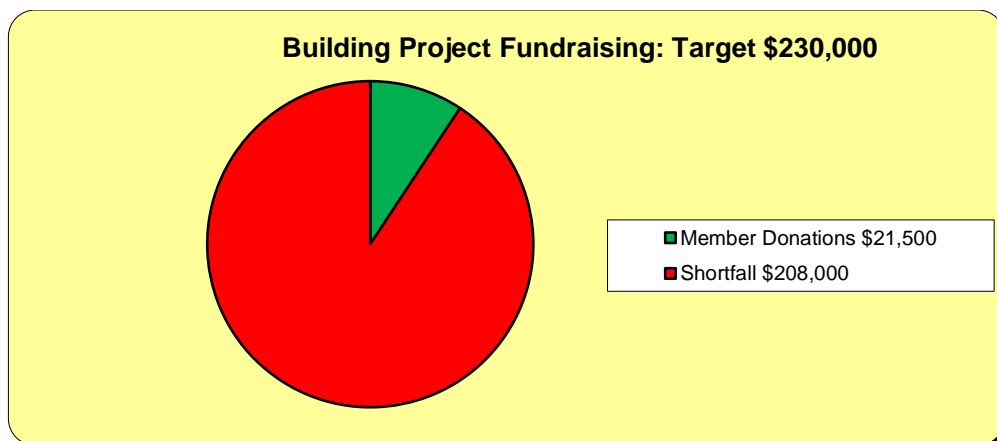
It's exciting to think that by sending Coresteel our first payment that we are one step closer to our new Clubrooms. Your building committee are moving as quickly as they can to ensure we can make the next step soon. You can be assured we will keep you posted as we progress.

Our Charity tournament on the recent Sunday in support of the Stroke Foundation went well. There was praise for the afternoon tea and our thanks to those generous people who contributed to what looked to be a varied and tasty plate for each table. Also, what an amazing and exciting selection of prizes. Well, done members and again a big "Thank you" to all those who contributed. I have been along to the Wednesday afternoon sessions to encourage our new (and junior) members. I have found it enjoyable to be amongst such an enthusiastic group and can already see quite a number of emerging talent. So if you have a few hours free, do think about coming along to help – it is really worthwhile to everyone involved. Our thanks to Ruth and Alison (and Sue – who is developing her Director skills). You are all doing a splendid job. As Social Almoner, I have delivered many more cards over the last month than in any previous period. Our thoughts and good wishes are with those people and/or their families – we are thinking of you and wishing you all the best.

Jan Davis (Co-President)

Fundraising - YTD, including June, (from 1 October 2020) we have raised \$5681 from the additional \$1 table money and raffles etc.

Members Donations to Building Fund – following the members meeting on Sunday 27 June we have received a number of generous donations from our members. This, as of the committee meeting on 13 July, **totals \$21,500**. A huge thanks for these contributions towards our building fund. The committee is overwhelmed with what have been relatively spontaneous donations, and is very open to future such donations. The Club issues a GST receipt that included our Charity number for tax rebate purposes.



From the Committee

- Bidding Pads – we appear to be going through a lot of these, far in excess to the historical usage of club play. If members wish to have pads for home bridge, they can be purchased from the club for \$3.50. See Margaret Williams to arrange this.
- Wednesday Afternoon Supported Bridge – Alison reports this is going very well and she and Sue Lambourne are happy to continue with these sessions whilst numbers playing are good.
- Special General Meeting Tuesday 17 August 1630 hours – please **see attached** the reason why we are calling for this meeting.

Mahine Creagh

This members-only afternoon tournament was well supported with Judy Richards, Mahine Creagh's daughter attending to present the winner prizes.



Mahine Creagh: Left - Judy Richards with N/S winners Wayne Burney and Barry George.

Right -E/W and overall winners Jan Stansfield (L) and Kay Glenny with Judy Richards.

Monthly Humour – Bridge play often requires an intuitive sense of the future, although looking at miscellaneous evidence, from bidding etc, can help. By the way, it looks like a cold winter ahead!...

It's late autumn and the natives in a remote village in the Amazon asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared. But, being a practical leader, after several days, he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service (NWS) and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?" "It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the NWS responded. So, the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared. A week later, he called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be quite a cold winter?" "Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "In fact it's going to be a very cold winter." The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later, the chief called the NWS again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely," the man replied. "it's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen." "How can you be so sure?" the chief asked. The weatherman replied, "The natives are collecting a LOT of firewood!"

A special thanks to Mike Smith who certainly has hit the ground running with his new role as a great replacement in the fund raising and sponsorship for our club. A special mention must also be made of the great job **Lyn Bowcock** did with organising the Monday evening teams event last month.

Reminders

24 July - Havelock North Open Swiss Pairs

- **Contact Jo with any ideas of potential sponsors for our new Bridge Building**
- **Member's donations to our building fund are very welcome.**

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Ash Fitchett
(Newsletter Editor)