



# Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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## June 2021 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

We had a good number of members playing in the Hawke's Bay Congress and the tournament was well run throughout. Well done to the Congress committee whose membership is made up of the various clubs in our region - chaired by Peter Ramsey. The summary of the Congress results is shown below although a special mention must be made for our Novice team members who showed great spirit in entering into the wholly new and foreign environment with aplomb. We have successfully applied for charity status with the Charities Commission, which we hope will show benefits with future fundraising ventures. We are running a number of tournaments over the next month so volunteers to assist Sue and her team will be crucial.

**We are calling a meeting with ALL CLUB MEMBERS on Sunday 27 June - see the information below.**

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

- Sunday 4 July - Junior & Novice Pairs - **Note at Lodge Oamaru (Flyer attached)**
- Sunday 11 July - Mahine Creagh (Club members only - **Flyer attached**)

### Other Club Tournaments

- 19 June - Hastings Intermediate Teams
- 26 June - Dannevirke Intermediate/Junior Pairs (worth the trip as usually a most enjoyable day)

### Recent Club Results

Junior Club Champions for 2021 are Alice and Dave Dravitzki over the five weeks of sessions

Senior/Intermediate Club Champions for 2021 are Shona Richards and Lyn Bowcock

Other Tournament Results of note for our members are:

Tournament	Members	Result
Taradale Tierney Teams	Diane Lees/Lynnaire Hampton/Jo Hayes/Ash Fitchett	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Waipukurau Junior pairs	Colin Dolley & Rahira Ellis	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>HB Congress</b>		
15A Swiss Pairs	Diane Lees & Lynnaire Hampton	15 <sup>th</sup>
Intermediate Pairs	Diane Pye & Henny French (afternoon session)	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Robyn Anderson & Partner (afternoon session)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Barrie Russell & Dave Halliday (morning session)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Intermediate Teams	Bridget Willcox and team	1 <sup>st</sup>
Open Teams	Carolyn Yeomans, Peter Ramsey and team	7 <sup>th</sup>
	Shona Richards, Lynne Bowcock & sisters	8 <sup>th</sup>
Novice Teams	Ginny Churchill, Kathleen Rowe, & team	4 <sup>th</sup>
Congress Swiss Pairs	Haden Seal & Jan Davis	10 <sup>th</sup>
Multi Grade Pairs	Sheryn Thomson & Chris Hagen morning session	4 <sup>th</sup>



*Top Left: Tierney Team of Jo Hayes, Diane Lees, Lynnaire Hampton, & Ash Fitchett.*

*Top Right: Novice Teams at HB Congress - Dianne Lishman (blue top) plays with her partner Anne Hodgson.*

*Bottom Left: Novice Team of Sally Woods (pink top) with her partner Noel Mann*

*Bottom Right: Novice Team of Ginny Churchill (purple top) & Kathleen Rowe*

### **Improver Lessons**

The Hastings Club is arranging these and our club members are welcome. They are to be run by Gerry Palmer who is a vastly experienced player with an easy-to-understand style. The cost is \$5 with the session lasting about three hours. There is [a flyer attached](#)

Also, there is another opportunity for our lesser experienced members to enjoy the Thursday afternoon Novice sessions being run at Havelock North starting at 1.20pm. Noel Woodhall arranges these and again our region is lucky to have a Gold Grand Master willing to run these interactive sessions. The cost is the usual \$4 table money.

### **Wednesday Afternoon Bridge**

This is a reminder about the supported play that we are having on Wednesdays from 1 till 3pm. There are always 1 or 2 helpers to support the players if necessary. Anyone is welcome to come, but those who have learnt in the last few years may find it particularly useful. The ones who have been coming regularly find it really helpful with one person mentioning recently that it's really given her confidence and that she's finding it really fun. So come along for more great afternoons of Bridge.

Alison Hucker

### **NZ Bridge <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/blog/7326/New-teaching-material-added>**

The Teachers Group had added two more topics in the set of Intermediate lessons There are 12 - Weak 2 Suiter Openers 13 - Splinters and Roman Key Car Blackwood (RKC). You can click on

this link to go to the Intermediate lessons page. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have been involved for years building this wonderful resource. It has been a lot of hard work on a voluntary basis. We know they have been used extensively here and overseas. The group was initiated by Alan Turner and other who have been involved over the years are: Richard Solomon, Shirley Newton, Jenny Wilkinson, Tina McVeigh, Alister Stuck, and Karen Martelletti.

**Building Update** - The Building Committee has chosen Coresteel to build our new clubrooms. We have signed a contract for \$21,600 (deposit of \$10 800 paid) for the Architectural and Structural design, Fire report and design. Coresteel met with the architectural draughtsman, the plumber and NCC rep at the site to discuss where the building will go. They are organising a surveyor to prepare the site plan.

Ash and Jo met with Derek and Lyn Evans from Napier City Country Music Club to update them on progress to date.

Our application to ECCT Grassroots Fund was a success and we have received \$5000 towards our operating expenses. This will allow us to put more money into our reserves for building. No word from Lotteries or COGs yet.

### **Members Meeting Sunday afternoon 27 June 2pm at The Lodge**

The committee invites all members to attend this information sharing meeting.

#### Agenda:

- An update on our fundraising efforts for the new building
- Explanation of the benefits of being a registered charity
- How members can help with the fundraising applications and effort

Please come along to find out how you can assist the committee in this vital task.



#### **Judith Clem Christensen. 24 March 1941 - 14 May 2021.**

Clem passed away suddenly on May 14. She played bridge the previous week so this news was a shock to all. Fortunately her two daughters managed to get here from Australia at short notice in these Covid times.

Clem shifted to Hawkes Bay about six years ago with her long term partner Peter. This move was so that they could be near his family. Their property included a swimming pool because their lives had benefited from socializing around swimming pools for many years. Clem loved cooking and had hundreds of cook books. She loved entertaining her family and they appreciated the wonderful meals. Clem was also a smart dresser and had wardrobes full of clothes. She also loved jewellery and liked to wear many rings. Clem enjoyed her bridge very much. She even attended a Gold Coast

Bridge Congress in Australia which of course included shopping trips. She is sadly missed by members at the bridge club but will be remembered fondly with a smile.

Janice Willoughby

#### **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 last 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

### **Fundraising**

YTD, including May (from 1 October 2020), we have raised \$5027 from the additional \$1 table money and raffles etc.

### **From the Committee**

- Moving and Sitting Rights - a reminder to members that such rights are available upon application to the committee. The list of players with this right is on the cupboard “noticeboard” inside the entrance to the bridge room. All other players should toss a coin to determine their position at the bridge table.

**Monthly Humour** – Bridge, like many activities has a certain logic to follow with especially in bidding and the play of the cards. As one “matures”, logic can be a tested however ....

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, " How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?" "Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the tea cup." "No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"  
ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THIS ON, OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?

### **Reminders**

- 19 June - H Teams
- 4 July - Taradale Junior & Novice Pairs
- Sunday 11 July - Mahine Creagh

**Ash**

Ash Fitchett  
Newsletter Editor