



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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March 2023 Newsletter

SWISS PAIRS ONLINE CHARITY TOURNAMENT – 18th MARCH

In aid of the NZ Bridge Foundation Cyclone Recovery Fund. The money raised will be allocated to clubs that have been impacted by the recent devastating weather. It would be great if lots of us could support this NZ-wide initiative as it's anticipated that our Bridge club will be a recipient. Playing online is really straightforward and easy to navigate and it's interesting to meet people from all over NZ. The Master-Points and RealBridge fees have been donated by NZB.

Cost: \$20

Points: 8B

Start time: 9.30am

Those unable to play might like to make a donation instead:

NZ Bridge Foundation- Cyclone Recovery Fund 02-0466-0272518-026

MEMBER UPDATE

Please note that Peter Lambourne has a new phone no. 027 403 9884

URGENT HELP NEEDED

We desperately need someone to manage our website and keep the content updated...possibly even give it a minor makeover! You may have a family member who would be willing to assist us? It's not an arduous or very time-consuming job – we just want someone with expertise and enthusiasm to take on the responsibility...and ease the load of members who are already heavily committed.

WORKING BEE

Once all the workmen have vacated, we'll be giving the building a super clean – the week prior to the official opening. "Many hands make light work" so we'll putting out a call for helpers nearer the time.

INTERMEDIATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Our recently run Intermediate Tournament, sponsored by Craig Smith from Harcourts, was well run with Trish Murphy and Sue Kay from Hastings and Havelock North respectively winning overall. Jim Brown and Ann Dempsey came third after a great morning session coming top of east/west. Not too far behind, and coming fourth overall was Mike Smith and Masami Ozawa who stormed home in the afternoon as top of north/south.

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Left: The winners of the Intermediate tournament, Trish Murphy (Left) and Sue Kay look to still be discussing a board.

Right: The top Junior pair - Adrienne Cudby (left) and Suzanne Ahipene.



MOVING ON

Our last Bridge session at the Masonic Lodge will be on Thursday 16th March. On Thursday 23rd March there will be a Swiss Pairs at 9.30am in the new rooms prior to the opening tournament on 26th March. We look forward to being able to commence all our sessions in the new clubrooms on Monday 27th March.

SWISS PAIRS OPENING TOURNAMENT - NEW CLUB ROOMS

Have you registered yet? We're anticipating a very good response from members and other clubs.

Cost: \$20

Start: 9.30am

Points: 8B

Registrations close on 17th March. If the tournament's full and you're still keen to participate then please contact Linda Smith on 027 281 3997

There will also be a silent auction. No cash needed on the day – payment by successful bidders will only be necessary on collection.

BRIDGE LEARNER LESSONS

These start on Wednesday 29 March from 1-3 pm. For the first two Wednesdays there will be \$2 table money per lesson. After that, the lessons, and club membership are at \$70 per person. Thus covers your 2023 club membership. If you are already a club member then you will continue to pay the table money. Any family or friends are welcome.

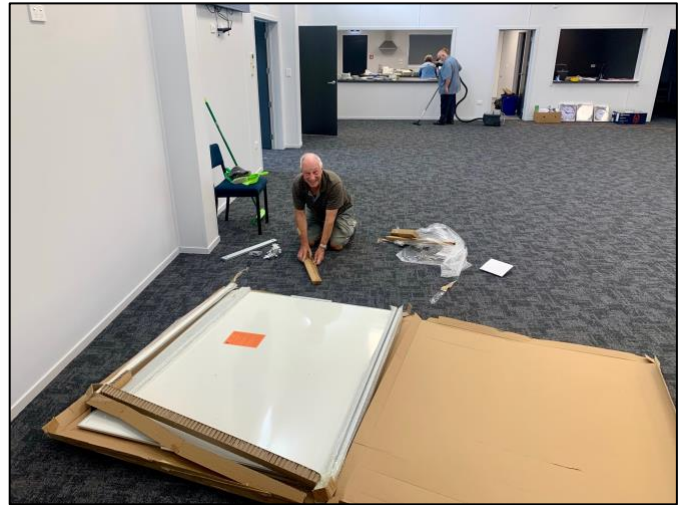
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BUILDING UPDATE

There are two main jobs for the building completion that have had many cancellations by the contractor involved – the sewer line and installation of fibre by Chorus. Meanwhile we are slowly moving in items as well as purchasing replacements for the chattels lost due to flood damage.



*Left: This Sunday some of the donated kitchen and refreshment centre items were moved into the building. In the kitchen are Linda Smith, Carol Fraser and Clodagh Norris. Noel Chambers after sorting his area, vacuums the bridge room carpet
Right: Kevin Holmes assembling the Whiteboard.*

Meg Rodel

Co Vice President