



**Taradale Bridge Club  
Incorporated**

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**March 2021 Newsletter**

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

The club sessions are being sustained despite the increasing numbers of community spread covid-19. Thanks to all players for their tolerance of the face masks rules. We want to ensure we have good ventilation in the bridge room – hence the open side door and windows – so please bring an extra layer of warmth, in case you need it. Tournament play is essentially restricted to on-line play. The lessons run by Ruth and Alison are going well and we welcome a number of new members joining as a result.

**Recent Club Results for the month**

February Monday Mornings	Noel Chambers & Clodagh Norris	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Raewyn Cooper & Ruth Spittle	2 <sup>nd</sup>
February Thursday Mornings	Shona Richards & Janice Willoughby	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Noel Chambers & Jo Hayes	2 <sup>nd</sup>
February Monday Evenings Green	Philip Ward & Margaret O’Leary	1 <sup>st</sup>
February Monday Evenings White	Wayne Burney & Ron Humphries	1 <sup>st</sup>

**Upcoming Tournaments –**

It was regrettable that due to low entry numbers we were unable to run the Lawson Jugs.

With the Covid-19 spreading throughout the country there appear to be almost no face-to-face tournaments being run. However, there are plenty of on-line tournaments on offer. This gives many players who prefer not to travel out of the Bay to join in tournaments that otherwise they would not play in. To find these tournaments, click on the link below.

<https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html>

Check out the Palmerston North Junior and intermediate on-line tournaments on Saturday 26 March for example.

**New Members – from the current lessons**

- Jenny Nash
- Cilla Verry
- John Patten
- Bob Morrison
- Alison Morrison
- Ruth Reid
- John Reid
- Trudi Winchcombe
- Jan Kale

**Sales table reminder** –we have a sales table for the next few weeks, Suggestions are:

- Jigsaw puzzles
- Books – **apparently, we are increasing the selection here**
- Cakes and biscuits
- Fruit and veges

**Australian Bridge Federation Newsletter** – this is available on-line and always has some interesting articles. The February issue includes *Bidding Judgement*: Paul Marston; *Slam Bidding At The ANC*: Peter Gill; *Defending without signals (Bridge Vid)*: Peter Hollands as articles all levels of playing ability can learn from.

Click on the link below

<http://abfevents.com.au/newsletter/February2022/February2022.pdf>

**Game forcing bids (Rule of 29)** – This was attached to the December 2021 newsletter, however, from watching play at the club recently, many members are still uncertain what this means. The Acol 2C opener now has to abide by certain rules, and if your partnership agreement does not follow those rules, then the bid must be circled – and an explanation why given, if asked by the opponents. The shortened description of the 2C open (not circled) is for a hand containing either **(the full article is attached)**:

- 23+HCP (high card points) balanced or semi-balanced
- 20+ (approximately) unbalanced – where the number of cards in your two longest suits added to your points = 29+ (this is where the “rule of 29” comes about). Examples of these could include HCP less than 20 such as

S –

H –

D KQJxxxx

C AKQJxx

Here you have 16 HCP plus a 7 and a 6 card suit giving a total of 29!

**Building Update** – Last week Coresteel submitted the Building Consent Application to the Napier City Council. Ash continues to investigate potential sponsorship opportunities, so far with no success. He is trying to finalise the flooring cost and getting quotes for the fire alarm and security systems.

The lease has now been signed by the Council officials. When the Building Consent is granted we can send all the documentation to Lotteries Board and ECCT so we can access their grants.

**The Total Spent on the Building so far is \$94,101.**

**Arthur’s hints** – Last month we had an article from Arthur Bennett about *Leads against NT contract* information sheet. This month we have Arthur’s thoughts on *Leads against Trump contracts* – **attached**.

#### **From the Committee**

- We are approaching the Lions Foundation for money to fund the appliances and equipment for our new building. We will also look at other foundations to fund the air conditioning units for the new building.
- Linda Smith, Debbie Gibson, Alison Hucker, and Jo Hayes represented the Taradale Club at the recent East Coast Central Districts Bridge Clubs Meeting. The outcome from our club’s perspective included:
  - There will be no Junior and Intermediate League winners locally as CD region will be awarding the top players from the CD region.
  - Taradale will not be hosting any of the major regional tournaments this year.

### From the President's Desk



Jo Hayes

Hello everyone. I am delighted that as of the time I am writing this we are able to continue playing Bridge face to face with reasonable table numbers, all be it looking like a gang of bandits as we do so. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. None of us enjoys wearing a mask for three hours plus and going without a cuppa but nor do we want our club to be the source of an outbreak.

Hopefully the next time I write we will be close to getting back to normal and will have got through without having to close the club for face to face Bridge. And we will be a month closer to having our own rooms again.

**Monthly Humour** – playing in teams at bridge can be most enjoyable – especially if any minor irritations with your team mates are glossed over by success! However, when things are not going so well, minor irritations can become major .....

*There was an Englishman, an Irishman, a Welshman, and a Scotsman captured by the Iraqi soldiers. They were going to shoot them all however the Iraqi soldiers gave each one a last request. The Welshman asked for 1000 Welshmen singing "Land of Our Fathers", the Scotsman requested 100 bagpipes playing "the Flower of Scotland", the Irishman asked for 1000 Irishmen doing the "Riverdance", they turned to the Englishman asking, what is your request?" He replied, "shoot me first"!*

### Reminders

- There are a couple of items of clothing, including a jacket, that have been left in the bridge room. Please check that the items are not yours when playing next.
- Check the sales table for the books – and other interesting items.
- Have a go at Real Bridge!

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