



## Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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### November Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

As the bridge year comes to a close, there are still some important events for the members to note

**The AGM** was held last Sunday 6 November with a new committee in place. The club office holders are:

	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Chris Stack	President	844 9983
Viv Pinkham	Past President	843 6560
Jan Davis	Secretary	843 7066
Jo Hayes	Treasurer	843 2452
<b>General Committee:</b> Raelyn Henderson; Rachael Shaw; Bill McKee; Margaret Pattullo; Alison Hucker; Chris Hagen; Carolyn Yeomans; and Ash Fitchett.		

- Life Membership – the club committee were honoured to nominate **Sue Tarrant** as a life member which was unanimously supported by the members present. Maggie Reddington gave a vote of thanks to Sue Tarrant and listed her wonderful qualities of leadership, calmness, and knowledge which have been so valuable as a supporter to our Club.
- Ngaire Bright Memorial Award – this has been newly established in memory of a most valuable club member who passed away in 2016. The



*Sue Tarrant - our latest Life Member*



*John receiving the Ngaire Bright Award from Ngaire's daughter Nadine*

award is to be given to someone who has been of especially great help to the Bridge club, often to a person who has been working behind the scenes in a huge variety of ways. The club committee were delighted to award this to **John Sowerby**. John has been responsible for the maintenance of the club room and the Devonshire Place property (where the Taradale Bridge club used to play bridge). An example was quoted where committee members met

with the tenant to ensure all was well. John was up on the roof cleaning out the guttering and this being a sheer coincidence as he did not know there was a visit scheduled for that day. John quietly and efficiently goes about this role without grandstanding. The club is indebted to his dedication of many years.

**Fish & Chip final night for 2016** – this is on Friday 25 November. **Please ensure you have your name on the list placed on the noticeboard by Wednesday 23 November.** Alternatively, you can also contact Lavinia Hart by phone – 843 3680.

**Christmas Party and Lunch Sunday 4 December**– The Christmas buffet lunch starts with drinks at 11.30am costing \$22. There will be no table money and bridge will begin at 1.30pm. **Please buy tickets for the lunch from your bridge session convenor by Thursday 1 December.**

**From the President's Table** – I am honored to be your president for the next year I have big shoes to fill as Viv has done a superb job and I will value her input in the following weeks. We have a very good committee who all do wonderful work behind the scenes which I am grateful for. As this the last newsletter for the year I wish you all a safe a happy Christmas and hope to see as many of you as possible at the Xmas party on the 4 December for lunch and bridge or just bridge you are all warmly welcome. Chris Stack

**Sponsorship subcommittee** – the Taradale Bridge Club is very grateful for the sponsorship received that assists with the viability of the club sessions and tournaments we run throughout the year. The committee would like offers from the members to assist with the Sponsorship subcommittee in 2017. Please contact **Neil McDonald** phone **845 0142** directly.

#### **Convenors for 2017 Bridge Sessions**

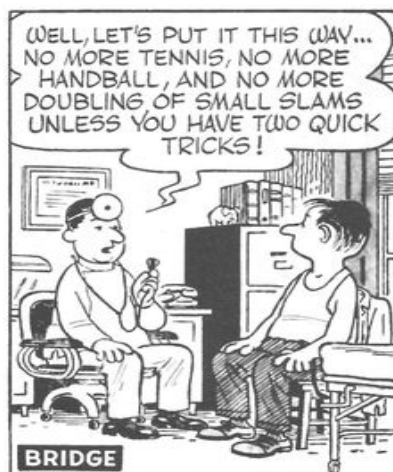
<b>Session</b>	<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
Monday Morning	Maureen Underhill	844 7910
Monday Night	Murray Mills	835 0884
Tuesday Afternoon	Julie Haslett	844 1253
Wednesday Night	Ash Fitchett	844 8380 or 0272492001
Thursday Morning	Maggie Reddington	845 3101
Friday Night "Fish & Chip"	Frances Willis	845 2561

I (Ash) am keen to encourage all available members who wish to play on Wednesday night to have a partner. Obviously the Christmas Party is a prime time to get this organised but please contact the convenor of the appropriate session if you are having difficulty or need a substitute.



*Viv receiving a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her presidency*

**Thanks to Viv** our outgoing president – whilst I am new to the Taradale committee, I have personally noted what a great job Viv did during her tenure as our president. Her “out of the box” thinking has ensured our club is in very good shape for incoming president Chris.



All the best in bridging

*Ash*

Ash Fitchett (Newsletter Publisher!)

