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November 2018 Newsletter



Peg Lynex wearing her 80 years old hat for the "Melbourne Cup" bridge session. The hat was part of the national costume in Provence in France – Peg was given it when she was 12 years old!

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

We are starting the run into the festive season and this will be the last newsletter for 2018. However there are still good opportunities for playing with the Hawke's Bay Christmas Cheer and our Christmas Party in early December. The recent Tuesday afternoon coincided with the running of the Melbourne Cup. The committee wishes all club members the very best for the festive season.

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

- 24 November – Hawke's Bay Christmas Cheer, Napier 5A
- 2 December - Christmas Party, Taradale

Thursday Morning Bridge Xmas lunch- Thursday players are having a Xmas buffet lunch. \$20 on Thursday 13 December at 12.30 but would like to extend invite to anyone who would like to attend. Please put your names on the white board in the

Bridge Room.

Carol Fraser

Convenor



Club Bridge Results – as you are no doubt aware several bridge sessions have the winners accumulated over the whole year i.e. Monday morning, Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon, and Thursday afternoon. The Wednesday evening bridge sessions are accumulated over a month and the recent results for those have the following winners of the month

Hastings 2018 Intermediate Pairs Winners Robyn Andersen & Marit van Rangelrooy. Their win was comprehensive with percentages of 64 and 60!

Competition	Winners
President Pairs (Wednesday Evening)	Lyn Bowcock & Ron Humphreys
Hastings Intermediate Pairs Tournament	Robyn Andersen & Marit van Rangelrooy

Sponsorship Corner – our club has many generous sponsors whose financial assistance allows the club to run our weekly club sessions, tournaments, and the printing of our Membership Booklet. We encourage our members to reciprocate such valuable support. This month we are highlighting G.J. Gardner Homes Hawke's Bay

G.J. Gardner. **HOMES**

G.J. Gardner Homes Hawke's Bay Franchise opened its door in May 2006. The franchise is independently owned and operated by Grant and Fiona Lee. The G.J. Hawke's Bay team has a wealth of local building experience and knowledge to offer you. Combining this with "New Zealand's Number One home builder", they have built a reputation that ensures that all customers will receive excellent customer service and a quality home. They have a new office which is located at 86 Austin Street Onekawa, Napier. So go see their friendly sales staff today as they are always on hand to help with all your building requirements.

Call in to see them today at the new office at 86a Austin Street, Onekawa or view the showhome at 4 Waimakariri Drive, Te Awa Napier – open Wednesday to Sunday from 1pm – 4pm. They look forward to seeing you soon!

From The Co-President Desk



Hello everyone.

Thank you for supporting Jan and me as co-Presidents. My absence at the AGM is a good example of why it is a good idea to have the role shared. A huge thank you to Chris Stack for the excellent job she has done over the past two years. I know we all send Chris our best wishes and hope to see her back at Bridge soon. Also, welcome to our new Committee members, Margaret Hall and Margaret O'Leary. Thank you both for volunteering. I hope to see many of you at our Christmas Party on 2 December. Also don't forget the Thursday morning group are having a Christmas lunch on 13 December to which any of you are welcome. The

2019 booklet will be out soon so this is a good time to think about partners for next year's series. May the cards be with you.

Jo Hayes.

From the Committee –



Presenting the Ngairie Bright Memorial Cup to Helen Grant is Aaron (Ngairie's son) and granddaughter Zanthé

- The AGM – this was very well attended with over 40 members present. There were many awards for the various members including the presentation of the Ngairie Bright Memorial Cup to a most deserving Helen Grant. Life membership was also conferred to Lyn Bowcock. Lyn having been deservedly nominated for her many years of service to the Club with particular mention of her years of beginner lessons and nurturing those lesser experience members
- Christmas Party – a reminder for members to arrange their \$25 luncheon ticket in advance by purchasing at the club session, or pay by internet banking.
- Occupancy Agreement with the Taradale Club – we have essentially concluded negotiations for an extension of our agreement for a further ten years. The main changes are summarised as:
 - The Taradale Bridge Club has priority usage for the Bridge Room and consultation is required with us for any new use of the room.

- We will pay \$40/ membership per head to the Taradale Club with the bridge membership numbers calculated as of 1 July.
- We will pay \$2000 towards the cleaning and power costs.
- These costs (and membership numbers) will be reviewed every three years with any price increase being up to CPI only.

The Purpose and Use of **STOP CARDS**

When a player makes a skip bid, his left hand opponent may have quite a bit to think about especially as he may have been planning to make a bid which may no longer be possible. He may have to decide if the skip bid is pre-emptive, whether it is a strength showing bid, what his partner would think if he doubled and should he even bid on considering the vulnerability etc. These considerations may take some time over and above the normal bidding tempo.

Unfortunately some players may take advantage of this and hesitate before passing, thereby making available unauthorized information to partner; further this pair would seemingly have a valid excuse for this hesitation, viz. they were taken by surprise and needed time to consider their next call.

So a mandatory pause of about 8-10 seconds is imposed by the use of this **"stop card"**. Effectively this says to left hand opponents "I am about to make a skip bid so I will give you about 8-10 seconds to consider your next call and thereafter you are expected to call reasonably promptly because if you hesitate, and your partner uses this unauthorized information, you will have no excuse"

Once a **stop card** has been put in front of you, you should at least act as if you are considering the situation and then wait until the **stop card** has been removed before making your call. You should not make a call until the stop card has been removed.

If your right hand opponent forgets to remove the **stop card**, wait about 8-10 seconds and courteously remind him that you are still waiting, this would normally be accompanied by a respectful apology from right hand opponent.

Monthly Humour – bridge is often a test of how a partnership respects one another (with no reference to any club member who owns a motorhome – editor included!)

A husband and wife were traveling together in a motorhome and decided they needed some groceries so called into a countdown.

The husband picks up a case of steinlarger and puts it in the cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife.

"They're on sale, only \$20.00 for 15 bottles " he replies.

"Put them back, we can't afford them", demands the wife.

They carry on with their shopping.

A few aisles farther on, the woman picks up a \$40.00 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket.



"What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband.

"It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife.

Her husband retorts, "So does 15 bottles of steinlarger and it's half the price."

That's the husband out cold in Aisle 5.



Paul Canham receiving the trophy for the most C points accumulated over the year for Monday night sessions. Paul has won this for the last three years and has also reported to have won on at least two earlier years as well. A model of consistency – well done Paul!

In the spirit of the upcoming Christmas, we have a bonus story – bridge has been described as a simple game but somehow, like life, it can be made complicated!

It had been snowing all night

8:00 am I made a snowman.

8:10 A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.

8:15 So, I made a snow woman.

8:17 My feminist neighbour complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest saying it objectified snow women everywhere.

8:20 The gay couple living nearby threw a hissy fit and moaned it could have been two snow men instead.

8:22 The transgender ma..wom...person asked why I didn't just make one snow person with detachable parts.

8:25 The vegans at the end of the lane complained about the carrot nose, as veggies are food and not to decorate snow figures with.

8:28 I am being called a racist because the snow couple is white.

8:31 The Muslim gent across the road demands the snow woman wear a burqa.

8:40 The Police arrive saying someone has been offended.

8:42 The feminist neighbour complained again that the broomstick of the snow woman needs to be removed because it depicted women in a domestic role.

8:43 The council equality officer arrived and threatened me with eviction.

8:45 TV news crew from the ABC shows up. I am asked if I know the difference between snowmen and snow-women? I reply, "Snowballs" and am now called a sexist.

9:00 I'm on the News as a suspected terrorist, racist, homophobe sensibility offender, bent on stirring up trouble during difficult weather.

9:10 I am asked if I have any accomplices. My children are taken by social services.

9:29 Far left protesters offended by everything are marching down the street demanding for me to be beheaded.

Moral: There is no moral to this story. It's just the world in which we live today and it is going to get much worse.

Well done –to **Chris Stack** our outgoing president for her two years of steering the bridge club through the various club decisions that will have a notable bearing upon our future. Included in the list of decisions were the sale of the Devonshire Place property and the renegotiation of the Occupancy Agreement with the Taradale Club. Chris was always cognisant of members whom had become unwell and always arranged for a card or flowers to be delivered. It was therefore most regrettable that, due to illness, Chris missed the AGM and hence the opportunity to be thanked in person for her contribution. We all wish Chris the best with her recovery and a return to the bridge sessions.

Reminders

- 2 December - Christmas Party, Taradale – get your luncheon tickets!

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