



**Taradale Bridge Club  
Incorporated**

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**November/December 2019 Newsletter**

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

Thanks to all the members who attended the recent Taradale Bridge Club AGM. The past year has certainly been different to anticipated, although the great support to the committee in the challenging decisions that were required made it easier. Don't forget to book your ticket for the Christmas party and seriously consider the HB Christmas Cheer tournament as well. I recall playing in this as a junior and enjoyed it immensely being amongst some very good but forgiving players! As this is the last newsletter for 2019, I wish all our members the very best for the festive season and for 2020.

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

- 1 December - Taradale Christmas party - **please pay by 26 November as unfortunately there can be no late request for lunches on the day. Members can also come to just play and will need to be seated by 1.15pm. Please arrange your own partner in advance, although you can contact Sue Lambourn up to a few days before if you need assistance in finding a partner.**

**Other Club Tournaments**

- 30 November - Hawke's Bay Christmas Cheer - Waipukurau

**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

Competition	Winners
President Pairs (Wednesday Night) -	Wayne Burney & Julian Herbert

Tournament Successes	
Babich NZ Wide pairs	1 <sup>st</sup> N/S Carolyn Yeomans & Alister Buchanan
	2 <sup>nd</sup> N/S Sue Lambourn & Carol Fraser
Zelda Morris Pairs	Saturday Afternoon 1 <sup>st</sup> Carolyn Yeomans & Jan Whyte N/S
	Saturday Evening 3 <sup>rd</sup> Janice Willoughby & Annette Hagan (Howell)

**Taradale Bridge Club Rooms Update** - the sub-committee have made good progress with the Business Case to the Napier City Council for reserve land to build new club rooms. This document should be going to the Council within the week. We are also asking for a time slot in the Public Forum that runs at the beginning of the Council meeting. The first Council meeting will be in February and we are finalising a time for that. We have draft floor plan done and Kevin Holmes has built a model of this for members to look at! The model is in the office at the Napier Bridge Club.

### From the Committee/AGM

- Annual Subscriptions - with the ten years discount for members who were present as the club moved from Devonshire Place now completed, all members will now pay the full subscription - \$70 full members, and \$45 for associate which is discounted by \$5 if paid by 31 January 2020. Whilst the club is no longer paying the Taradale Club the equivalent of club membership, we are paying a monthly rent to Napier Bridge Club. PLUS we now have storage costs for our equipment and other assets.
- Life membership for John Sowerby - at the AGM it was greeted with acclamation the awarding of life membership to John. John has been a stalwart in maintaining the club rooms throughout our shifts and is a person who never declines a request for help. Just a great club member who is thoroughly deserved of the honour.
- Ngairé Bright Memorial Cup - this year the award for the person, who has contributed greatly to the club behind the scenes, went to Carol Fraser. Noel Chambers awarded the cup on behalf of the Bright family.

<b><u>Awarded at the AGM: Results for Club Points 2019</u></b>	
<b><u>Most Club Points gained:</u></b>	
Monday AM Session (Murphy Cup)	Trish Patterson
Monday PM Session (Garbutt Tray)	Paul Canham
Tuesday Session (Marjorie Nilson Vase)	Carolyn Yeomans
Wednesday Session Tray	Lyn Bowcock
Thursday Session (Gwen Wilson Trophy)	Mary Burney
Overall Club Points (Mason Rosebowl)	Trish Patterson
<b><u>Most improved Trophies:</u></b>	
Most Improved Thursday Player (Joan Croskery Cup)	Raewyn Davidson
Most Improved Monday Morning Player ( June Lomas Cup)	Rahira Ellison
Most Improved Player overall (Dolbel Cup)	Katie Caseley
<b><u>Championships:</u></b>	
Monday Night Junior Championships (Summerset Trophy)	Debbie Gibson / Terry Stone
Wednesday Championship (Rosebud Vases)	Diana Lees / Ash Fitchett



*Left: John Sowerby - our new Life member with Co-president Jan Davis. Right: Noel Chambers with Carol Fraser*

**An Unusual Hand** - recently on Tuesday Afternoon a most unusual hand was dealt to my partner and I

Dealer S

♠ 853  
♥ T953  
♦ J976  
♣ A3

♠ AJT6  
♥ AQ4  
♦ AKQ3  
♣ K8

♠ 94  
♥ 872  
♦ -  
♣ JT976542

♠ KQ72  
♥ KJ6  
♦ T8542  
♣ Q

My partner at West opened 2♣ (strong acol) to which I, at East, responded 2♦ (= 0-7 points). My partner then bid 3♦, which removed my opportunity to give a second negative of 2NT. After some thought I decided 4♣ could be interpreted as ace asking so bid straight to 5♣. I was petrified of my partner bidding 5♦ with me having a void and, with my 2♦ response, would make me play the contract.

My partner was not deterred! He, after some thought decided upon 5NT. I rebid 6♣ (basically damage minimisation) without any thought and thank heavens my partner passed. So, by a high degree of mismanagement (or was it unbelievable bidding?), my partner had to play the contract in 6♣. He received a ♥T lead taken eventually by his ♥A. He laid down the ♣K which took out the ♣A and ♣Q in the one stroke. Upon regaining the lead, he cleared off his losers in his hand with trumps and claimed. No one else bid clubs. All the other bids such as 3NT went light. A top board, by some margin, bid through fortuitous means! Well done Jim B.

**Our new Sponsor for Wednesday Evening Sessions** - for 2020, the Wednesday evening sessions will be kindly sponsored or supported by Michaela Vodanovich, Managing Director of Business Strategists, Game Changer Limited (*and allegedly favourite daughter of Jan Davis*). Thanks Michaela for your support!



**From The Co-President Desk**



Our AGM was extremely well attended. Just another confirmation of the wonderful support our members are giving to our Club at this time. This was reinforced when so many members have commented since on the pleasant and positive atmosphere that was present. The AGM allows us to focus for a short time on all that goes on 'behind the scenes' and to recognise this in a small way. The highlights for me was bestowing Life Membership on John Sowerby and awarding the Ngaire Bright Trophy to Carol Fraser. PLUS seeing for the first time Kevin Holmes proposed model for our next 'home' Meanwhile, being in the Napier Bridge Club's rooms is great and its pleasing to see how everyone has adapted to this. Thank you again, Napier Bridge Club and thanks too, to all our members.

Jan Davis Co-President

### **Hawke's Bay Congress 2020 -**

The HB Congress Committee has some exciting news. First off we have been given the chance to try a new venue for next year. It is the Hastings Sports Centre on Railway Road in Hastings. Check it out its awesome and has plenty of room for our Congress to grow. The next bit of news is also awesome. Each person who wins a novice, junior or intermediate tournament at one of our 5 contributing clubs, will receive free entry for a matching event at the following Congress. Wahooo!

Francey Rolls  
Secretary

### **NZ Bridge Newsletter #7 - see [attached](#)**

### **Monthly Humour -**

Interpretation of the bidding (especially if there are a multitude of circled bids) can be misleading or be understood differently to what was intended. As a Christmas bonus we have a double up of contributions in humour that have been kindly provided by club members (more contributions are most welcome). Enjoy!

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10,000,000.00. His bookkeeper is deaf and dumb. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing so he would not have to testify in court. When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about his missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer who knows sign language. The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the money is!" The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, Where's the money? Guido signals back, "I don't know what you are talking about." The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about." The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again or I'll kill him!" The lawyer signals to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him." Guido trembles and signals, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house. The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?" The lawyer replies, "He says \*@@# you, you don't have the balls to pull the trigger."

A little boy goes to his dad and asks, "What is Politics?" Dad says, "Well son, let me try to explain it this way: I am the head of the family, so call me The Prime Minister. Your mother is the administrator of the money, so we call her the Government. We are here to take care of your needs, so we will call you the People. The nanny, we will consider her the Working Class. And your baby brother, we will call him the Future. Now think about that and see if it makes sense." So the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what Dad has said. Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him. He finds that the baby has severely soiled his nappy. So the little boy goes to his parent's room and finds his mother asleep. Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny's room. Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny. He gives up and goes back to bed. The next morning, the little boy says to his father, "Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now." The father says, "Good, son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about." The little boy replies, "The Prime Minister is screwing the Working Class while the Government is sound asleep. The People are being ignored and the Future is in deep shit."

**A Special Thanks** - to the convenors and directors who have run our bridge sessions over this past year. Without your guidance the play would be far less pleasurable. A special mention also of Lyn Bowcock who has continued to organise the monthly Monday evening Junior/Senior nights.

#### **Reminders**

- 1 December - Taradale Christmas party
- 30 November - Hawke's Bay Christmas Cheer - Waipukurau

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