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November 2020 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players



Our final tournament for the year was run earlier this month with a number of our recent learners competing in our Novice tournament. Well done to you all as tournaments can be intimidating even to the more experienced. This is the last and nineteenth newsletter (including the Covid newsletters) for the year and we wish all members and their families all

the very best for the festive season. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

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

- Sunday 6 December - Taradale Christmas Party

Other Club Tournaments

- 28 November- HB Christmas Cheer Pairs 5A at Havelock North.

Recent Tournament Results

Novice Tournament - run at Lodge Omarunui had a number of our members featuring in the results, with Alice Dravitzki coming a merited fourth playing with a new partner whilst studying for exams! Well done to our members.

First	Trish Freer and Jocelyn McLelland
Second	Murray Newbold and Heidi Purda (both Taradale)
Third	Sue Davey and Bridget Hildreth (also Taradale)



Novice Tournament Winners. Left: Trish & Jocelyn; Middle: Murray & Heidi; Right: Sue & Bridget.

NZ Bridge

- The latest newsletter (No.8) from the Chair is **attached**.
- There has been an adjustment in the tournament grading for 2021

From 1 January 2021 all players graded Provincial Master and above will be graded open. A Provincial Master is a player with at least 100 A & B points of which at least 50 are A Points. Currently players ranked as Local Master 5 and above are graded open. This change will see approximately 700 additional players eligible for Intermediate level events.*

Our Sponsors and Supporters



We have been most fortunate to receive a grant of \$1808 from the Lion Foundation for costs associated with our website, accounting, and insurance. We are grateful to **Neil McDonald** for all his work with the grant

application, and the local businesses associated that contribute funding to the Lion Foundation.

- **Masonic Hotel** - 2 Tennyson Street, Napier
- **The Horse And Harvest Family Restaurant And Ale House** - 270 Gloucester Street, Taradale

From the Committee

- Talking during play in sessions - is discouraged as we have had concerns of the noise expressed whilst others are trying to complete playing their set of boards. The directors have reinforced these concerns as well.
- Xmas Party - the noon luncheon is at the Taradale RSA starting with drinks at 1130. Please pay for this prior so we can give the caterers a firm number in advance. **See the attached notice.**
- Invoice for 2021 Membership - An email will be going out after the AGM confirming the subs that are due for 2021. There will be the usual \$5 discount if you pay by the end of January, but of course we would prefer you to make the payment as soon possible.
- Monday Evening Sessions for 2021 - at a recent Monday evening session, those Junior/Intermediates who regularly played this session were surveyed to see if there was a preference to switch to Thursday evening. The majority of those surveyed indicated for the status quo.
- AGM - There were a number of awards presented at the meeting earlier this week. **The Ngaire Bright Memorial Cup** that was awarded to a non-committee member who has given great assistance to the club in 2020 was presented to Kevin Holmes.



Left: Kevin being presented the Ngaire Bright Memorial Cup by Co-President Jan Davis;

Centre: Margaret O'Leary (L) and Margaret Hall - the Junior Pairs Champions;

Right: Lyn Bowcock (L) and Shona Richards - Senior Pairs Champions.

- The retirement of long-standing convenors of our bridge sessions by Pat Hay and Julie Haslett was gratefully acknowledged for their dedicated service.
- Donations to the club via the \$1/session have added to the building fund \$1899 since introduced.

Sonia Whale - 30 December 1944 - 31 October 2020



Sonia was born in Taihape and worked in waitressing, and cooking etc in Taihape before marrying on 29/01/1965. Sonia had two children, , Dean and Joan, before the family moved to Napier 15th Aug 1977 (the day Elvis Presley died). Sonia studied as an Enrolled Nurse and worked at Napier Hospital until it closed then worked as a receptionist at Day Surgery, Hastings Hospital until she retired. She joined the Maraenui Golf Club in 1984 and held various positions in the women's club including Club Captain. Sonia started playing Bridge 4-5 years ago and enjoyed it and the many friends she met, and also played at the ukulele club, and mahjong.

She completed numerous walks throughout the country including the Tongariro crossing as a mark of her 70th Birthday and became a great grandmother in November 2019.

Our thoughts are with Sonia's husband Don and her family at this sad time.

Taradale Bridge Club Rooms Update from the Building Sub-Committee-

On 15 October Ash and Jo met with Debra Stewart and three HB Indoor Bowls (IB) committee members to discuss two alternative building sites to the Northern Hub site, Bledisloe Park (BP) or by Central Football offices (CF)/Hockey Stadium. Debra said we needed to settle on a site and produce a plan of the site layout before we could go back to the Council to request permission to build away from the Northern Hub. Both the building subcommittee and the main committee were asked their site preference and the CF site was the preferred one. Indoor Bowls advised that they wanted to go with BP site. Kevin prepared a site layout plan for inclusion with the letter to Debra. Ash sent a letter to Debra detailing the 15 meetings we have had between June and October, the outcomes of these, our wish to build alone at CF site and the reason why. Debra advised that our request will go to a Council committee meeting on 3 December and the full Council meeting on 17 December. Debra will prepare a report for the Council. The Mayor and Taradale Ward Councillors have been sent copies of the meeting notes and the letter to Debra. Ash and Jo met with Councillor Graeme Taylor to discuss whether he thought the Council would object to our request to build away from the Northern Hub. He did not think this should be a problem and said he would support our application. We have continued to look at other options. A letter was sent to Lodge Omarunui asking if they had any plans to sell the Lodge building. They replied that they did not. In June we enquired at the Taradale RSA about their spare section and whether this might be available for us to build on. We have finally received a reply to say that their committee has plans for it so it is not available for the Bridge Club. So it is now a matter of waiting until December. Members of the public can attend the Council meetings unless the Council decides to exclude the public. When we receive details of the venue and time of the meetings we will send out an email as you might want to join us there.

From The Co-President Desk



As I watched the lake stretching from Westminster Drive to within four feet of my back fence (and then the rain stopped) I thought; this is just another happening in what has been a year marked by 'challenges'. I sincerely hope none of you were badly affected by that downpour (At least the garden didn't need watering for several days). But a New Year is just around the corner and before we greet it, there is still our Christmas Party and then our personal Christmas celebrations with friends and family. So, 2021 is not far away and with it the renewed efforts of your Building Committee to secure us a new home!

Best wishes.
Jan Davis

Ways Playing Cards Reduces Stress

1

Good conversation starter

Playing cards is a great activity that allows people to talk to each other face to face and can take your mind off other worries of life.

2

Makes you laugh

Conversations lead to stories, memories and laughter. Laughter relaxes the whole body and reduces tension.

3

No pressure

Playing cards is light-hearted fun. There is no pressure to win (unless you have very competitive friends and family).

4

Exercises the brain

Playing cards makes the brain think in different ways. There are hundreds of games to choose from and they can be as difficult or as easy as you like.

5

Is a break from technology

Playing cards allows you to unplug from technology, gives your eyes a break from the screen, and connects you with others.

Monthly Humour – when you look at your results from a session of bridge, you sometimes find that one pair (no pun intended) in the whole room managed to get a top board that no one else thought possible. This month's humour also had an unexpected outcome:

Royal Flush

Dolly Parton and Queen Elizabeth went to the Pearly Gates on the same day. They both met with an Angel to find out if they would be admitted to Heaven. The angel said "Unfortunately, there's only one space in Heaven today so I must decide which one of you will be admitted."

The Angel asked Dolly if there was some particular reason why she should go to Heaven. Dolly took off her top and said, "Look at these, they're the most perfect breasts God ever created and I'm sure it will please God to be able to see them every day, for eternity." The Angel thanked Dolly, and asked Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the same question. The Queen walked over to a toilet, pulled the lever and flushes it without saying a word.

The Angel immediately said, "OK, your Majesty, you may go into Heaven." Dolly was outraged and asked, "What was that all about? I showed you two of God's own perfect creations and you turned me down. She simply flushed a commode and she got admitted to Heaven! Would you explain that to me? "Sorry, Dolly," said the Angel, "but even in Heaven, a royal flush beats a pair."



A Special Thanks - to **all the directors, convenors, dealers, and other non-committee members** who have contributed to the running of the club over this unsettled year. Without your input, the club would simply not function. Thanks also for the **members of the Building sub-committee** who have put in many extra hours at meetings, plan drawing, emails, and phone conversations over the year.

Julie Haslett who was thanked for her many years as convenor of the Tuesday afternoon sessions, was found finishing tidying up in the kitchen.

Reminders

- Sunday 6 December - Christmas Party
- 28 November - HB Christmas Cheer Pairs Tournament

All the best for the festive season to our members and families, and may 2021 be very different to this year - in a positive way.

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