



**Taradale Bridge Club  
Incorporated**

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**October 2018 Newsletter**

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

We have the AGM coming up in early November – Sunday 4 November at 3pm – and we encourage all members to attend. Apologies for the meeting can be sent to Trish Patterson. Our club has essentially completed the tournament program for 2018, however our close neighbours in Napier are about to have a plethora of tournaments in November – being called *November Bridgefest!* It is important for all our bridge players to understand that this presents great opportunities for all grades to enjoy the playing (*Flyer attached*).

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

- 27 October – Intermediate pairs, Hastings
- 2 November – NZ Wide Pairs held at Napier 3A
- 3-4 November – Zelda Morris Pairs, Napier 10A (*Flyer attached*)
- 11 November – Novice Pairs, Napier
- 24 November – Hawke’s Bay Christmas Cheer, Napier 5A
- 2 December - Christmas Party, Taradale

Jane O’Brien, Napier Club President, summarises the Napier November Bridgefest

*NZ wide pairs are on 2 November, we are going to have a wine and nibbles first in our new foyer, then we have Richard Solomon, who started NZ Wide Pairs competition, come and direct it for us. He is playing in the Zelda Morris the next day so thought he would come down and help promote the NZ Wide Pairs.*

*We have the Zelda starting at 1pm Saturday, we have been trying to lift the tournament as it has faded in the last years, so we have made a winning prize of **\$1000** as an incentive! We need players to make it work so hope that Taradale open players will support us!*

*The novice tournament follows a weekend later. At the moment however, we are just thinking of the first weekend!*

*Two weekends later the Xmas Cheer completes the busy bridge month, with the Bristows catering for us and hopefully making it a delicious event! Lots of generous prizes as well!*

**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

Competition	Winners
Napier Junior Pairs Tournament	Rachael Shaw & Carol Murphy

**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 Princess Alexandra Retirement Village



The Princess Alexandra Retirement Village provides a full range of retirement options, along with the best of resthome, hospital and dementia care. The village is located at 145 Battery Road Ahuriri Napier in a wonderful setting with stunning views of the neighbouring reserve. Features include architecturally designed independent townhouses and apartments, serviced apartments, and a care centre, set amongst beautifully landscaped gardens. The resort-style facilities include an all-weather bowling green, indoor heated swimming pool, spa, grand internal atrium, library, gymnasium, hair salon, bar and shop.

**Sales Advisor**

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**From the Committee**

- A reminder – to all players to assist with clearing up after play has completed. Please take glasses and cups to the dishwasher; place waste paper into the bin adjacent to the water cooler; and return the boards/bridgepad/table number to the appropriate table.
- Table Money – to assist the directors, we are encouraged to bring the correct table money amount. The committee have discussed introducing a voucher system, however have decided to review the current arrangement in six months
- 2019 Beginner lessons – Ruth Spittle will run these commencing Thursday 14 March in the afternoon from 1.30 – 3.30. So, start talking to your friends who have missed out learning the great game of bridge!
- Christmas Party – Sue has planned another good event for our Christmas Party (*see attached flyer*). For those unable to make the lunch, and can come to the afternoon bridge simply turn up at 1.30pm. We look forward to celebrating with as many members as possible.

**Bridge with Larry Cohen - (A New Bridge Magazine October 2018)**

**Balancing on the 1-level**

When the auction starts as follows:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♣/♦/♥/♠	Pass	Pass	Pass?

we try not to pass. As South, we are considered to be in the “balancing seat.” That means, “if we pass, the auction is over.” Usually, it is not right to sell out so easily without competing at least for the part-score.

Accordingly, the guidelines for bidding in this position are relaxed a bit. The general approach is to take action with a king less than you would have in the direct seat (which would have been North in the above auction). Since an overcall in direct seat usually contains at least 9 or so HCP, an overcall in the balancing seat can be made with as few as 6 HCP. A direct-seat takeout double is usually a hand worth 13 points – in balancing seat it can contain only 10 (counting distribution). Overcalling 1NT in direct seat shows 15-18, so in balancing seat it shows approximately 12-15.

In summary, here are the balancing seat auctions:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1♣/♦/♥/♠	Pass	Pass	?

Overcall = 6+, 5+ card suit

Double = takeout with approximately 10+ points counting distribution

1NT = approximately 12-15 points with opposition suit covered

After all of these balancing actions, the partner (North in the diagram) must tread lightly. He has to “subtract a king” in all of his follow-up actions (in other words, he needs more than usual to raise or look for game). After the 1NT balance, he should use Stayman and transfers. What if the player in balancing seat has a regular 1NT opening (15- 17) with the opponent’s suit stopped? He is too strong for 1NT (12-14), so he must double and then bid notrump. Doubling followed by bidding (in balancing seat) shows a “big” hand in context. Not the usual 18+, but more like 15+.

Note: When it goes 1NT-Pass-Pass it is also usually a good idea to balance. Again, the standards are relaxed. In this case, though, there is also the matter of which methods you and your partner play against 1NT opening bids.

*Advanced note:* Believe it or not, jumps in the balancing seat are *not* preemptive. It makes no sense to pre-empt if you can just pass to end the auction. Accordingly, a jump in balancing seat shows a good hand. A jump in a suit (such as 1♣-Pass-Pass-2♥) shows a good 6+ card suit and at least a full opening bid. A jump to 2NT in balancing seat is not the Unusual Notrump. It shows 19-21 balanced with a stopper(s) in the opponent's suit. So, 1♥-Pass-Pass-2NT is something like:  
♠AQ ♥KQ10 ♦KJ87 ♣AJ92



#### **From the President's Table –**

As we are nearly at AGM time I would ask all members to consider helping our club in some way because as you know a good club only runs with the help of its members. We have many members that help which is great but we do need help with tournaments cleaning away cups, putting them in the dishwasher and generally keeping the room tidy if you can help please contact one of the committee or Sue Lambourne. We would also like a representative from the juniors on the committee I promise we will not give you any big jobs or responsibilities but your input would be great if you can help please contact a committee member or if you know someone that would be good ring me! Our Xmas party is on the 2nd Dec a free drink will be given tickets are \$25 from a convener, see you all there.

Happy bridging  
Chris Stack

**Monthly Humour** – bridge is to some a very analytical game whilst others have a different approach or logic to a problem.

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer...

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!"

The priest said, "Here comes the green-keeper. Let's have a word with him."

He said, "Hello George, what's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The green-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

The group fell silent for a moment.

The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

**Well done** -to **John Sowerby** for his great work in organising the Junior Championship Board. The 2018 champions have been added to this new board and it looks great.



*The new Junior Championship Board - - sponsored by Somerset Villages*

### Reminders

- 27 October - Intermediate pairs, Hastings
- AGM - Sunday 4 November at 3.0pm
- 2 December - Christmas Party, Taradale

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