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Hi Taradale Bridge Players

Wow, what great club members we are privileged to have. The call for assistance with our temporary move to the Napier Bridge Club was fantastic and the defrocking of the Bridge Room was achieved within a few hours. The Napier Bridge Club has been very welcoming, with balloons and 'welcome' signs. We have a **couple of important club events coming up - our AGM and the Christmas party (Flyer attached)**. For those of you who have been to a bridge event catered for by Matthew and Mairi Bristow, I am sure you will be first in line to get your ticket for the party!

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

The Hawke's Bay Congress is offering free entry to their Congress next June to winners of any Novice, Junior or Intermediate Tournament in Hawke's Bay this year.

- 1 December - Taradale Christmas party

Other Club Tournaments

- 12 October - Napier Junior Pairs
- 19 October - Hastings Intermediate Pairs
- 20 October - Mini Shakers (Novice) Havelock North - be there at 12.30 for 1300 hrs start
- 2-3 November - Zelda Morris pairs at Havelock North
- 10 November - Hastings Novice pairs

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
Shires Pairs (Wednesday Night) - Junior/Senior partnership	Kevin Holmes & Lyn Bowcock

Tournament Successes	
Waipukurau Swiss pairs	Trish Patterson & Julie Haslett
Hastings Open Pairs	1 st Carolyn Yeomans & Jan Whyte
	3 rd Noel & Claire Woodhall
	4 th Jo Hayes & Ash Fitchett



Jan Whyte (left) & Carolyn Yeomans - winners of the Hastings Open Pairs



Winners of the Waipukurau Swiss Pairs - Trish Patterson (left) & Julie Haslett

The Move Heroes - Thanks again to you all for your help and support during our recent move: the packers, the unscrewers, the stackers, the lifters, the shoveller, the cooks, the laundry maids, the cleaners, the scrapers, Sheryn and the dealing team for looking after the boards, and those who sent their good wishes. You all helped to get a daunting task completed very quickly.

John Sowerby has overseen the liaising with the Taradale Club, packing up, disconnection of plumbing, moving of equipment to Napier Bridge Club and storage of the rest. A huge thank you to John for the hours of work he has put in. Kevin Holmes has been our Tech expert, installing the computer etc at Napier and sorting out the problem with the Bridge Pads that we encountered at the first session on the Monday morning. Communication was restored in time for Monday night. Thank you, Kevin.



Kevin Holmes has the shifting of the computers sorted.



John Sowerby - the shift guru looks calm under pressure



Noel Mann helping with some of the heavy lifting



Margaret Hall (left) and Margaret O'Leary quality controlling the morning tea for the workers



Terry Stone dismantling the planter boxes outside the Bridge Room

The Role of the Recorder - in our membership Booklet you will see that Lyn Bowcock is our Club Recorder. Those participating at a Bridge Congress - such as out Hawke's Bay one - would have heard the recorder identified by name. So, what exactly does the Recorder do? A bridge recorder is an experienced player who is available for informal advice; this could be about an issue of play, bidding or etiquette. Any bridge player may contact the recorder to help them decide whether to take an incident to formal appeal, or just to report a concern about another bridge player's behaviour (at or away from the table). Communications with a recorder should remain strictly confidential to that person alone. A recorder receives, investigates and evaluates incident reports. He or she then communicates, as appropriate, with those involved with a reported incident, especially the reporter and the subject. A record of all incident reports, along with records of investigation and resolution, is maintained. The recorder may make or assist with an impartial presentation of evidence to a disciplinary committee or may present a complaint to

his or her appointing organisation.

From The Co-President Desk



Our first week at Napier Bridge Club premises has gone well, after the Monday morning bridge pad glitch was sorted out. Our sessions have continued to be well attended with no discernible drop in numbers. Thank you again to NBC for making TBC so welcome. It is now up to us all to make this work. To help the session convenors please remember to empty the table baskets, push in your chairs and take your cups and glasses to the kitchen. If we all tidy up after ourselves it makes their job so much easier. Don't forget, if you need transport to phone Trish Patterson and she will organise someone to collect you. This last busy month has reminded me again of what a great club we have and of how many, and how well, our members respond to a challenge. Thanks Jo Hayes

From the Committee

- We would like to establish a phone list of the emergency contact details for all members. This would become part of our Health & Safety Policy. Please email your name, the emergency contact name and phone number back to our club secretary.
- Members subscription - the Devonshire Place members have not had a subscription increase for ten years. The committee are proposing that all members should now pay the same subscription of \$65 Full and \$40 Associate members. This will be discussed and decided upon at the AGM.
- AGM - nominations for the committee are on the noticeboard in the Napier Club Rooms.
- Convenors are to be reminded to ensure the room is left tidy after the bridge session. Please assist them with this task.

Sponsorship Corner - Our club relies upon sponsorship for the viability of tournaments and bridge sessions. It is important for members to support such generosity in return. This month we feature a new sponsor to the club - Craig Smith from Harcourts.

Harcourts

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Bridge with Larry Cohen (New Bridge magazine June 2019)

Forcing or Non-Forcing?

Due to (constant) requests, I have given in and written about this annoyingly tricky topic.

How hard can it be? "Just tell us Larry, which bids are forcing and which are not."

It is very hard. It requires study, memory and sometimes partnership agreement (PA).

Forcing versus Game Forcing

In this series, it is important to recognize the difference between Forcing (F) and Game Forcing (GF). "Forcing" (F) means your partner "cannot" pass the bid. If he does pass, he does so at his own peril. I might pass a forcing bid once a decade. Suppose my partner opens 1♣ and I dredge up a response with a very weak shapely hand. Partner (opener) now makes a forcing rebid (like a jump shift) but I decide to bail out with a pass. I'd better be right!

"Game Forcing" (GF) means neither partner can pass below game. In this 5-part series, I plan to break it down as follows: Our opening bid, response and opener's rebid (with no interference) The fourth bid and beyond of our auction (with no interference) After Overcalls (by us or the opponents).

Auctions with Doubles Other/Conventions In this article, we address:

Our opening bid, response and opener's rebid (with no interference)

The obvious forcing opening bid (though not GF) is 2♣. Any other forcing opening bid would have to be conventional.

I recommend a two-level response (in a new suit) to be played as GF. That ends any need to know what is forcing, because everything is forcing until game is reached. But, even in "old-fashioned," a 2-level response (in a new suit) is forcing one round. A jump-shift to the two-level (for example,

1♣-2♥ is a matter of partnership agreement (if it is played as weak, it is not forcing; if a strong jump-shift, then it is GF).

What about other responses? One-level responses (in a suit) are forcing (such as 1♣-1♥) and responses of 1NT are not (unless your partnership plays 1NT forcing after a major-suit opener). A response of 2NT or 3NT is a matter of partnership agreement.

A raise is certainly NF. Conventional raises (such as Bergen Raises or Splinter bids are forcing if they are artificial bids; the opener will have to return eventually to the real trump suit).

Opener's notrump rebid is NF (2NT after a one-level response is 18-19, but passable).

Opener's bid (non-jumps and non-reverses) in a new suit is NF. For example: 1♣-1♥-1♠ or 1♦-1♠-2♣. While not forcing, these rebids do have a fairly wide range (up to about 17 or even 18).

Opener's rebid of his own suit is NF (a jump rebid such as 1♦-1♠-3♦ is only invitational).

Opener's raise of responder's suit (such as 1♣-1♥-3♥) is NF (the higher the raise, the more the opener has).

Opener's artificial raises (such as a splinter bid like 1♣-1♥-4♦) would obviously be forcing.

Opener's reverse or jump shift is forcing and covered in this article.

Monthly Humour – when playing a contract in bridge some of your declarer play will need to cover when the “what if” unfortunately happens. This month's contribution from a club member fully encapsulates planning a safe play!

A man wakes up one morning to find a bear on his roof. So he looks in the yellow pages and sure enough, there's an ad for “Bear Removers.”

He calls the number, and the bear remover says he'll be over in 30 minutes. The bear remover arrives, and gets out of his van. He's got a ladder, a baseball bat, a shotgun and a mean old pit bull. “What are you going to do,” the homeowner asks?

“I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, then I'm going to go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van.”

He hands the shotgun to the homeowner.

“What's the shotgun for?” asks the homeowner.

“If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog.”

A Special Thanks - to all club members who have supported the committee so strongly over these past few months!

Reminders

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- 20 October - Mini Shakers (Novice) Havelock North - be there at 12.30 for 1300 hrs start
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- **AGM Tuesday 12 November at 5.00 pm**
- **1 December - Christmas party at \$25 cost for the lunch. Luncheon at 12.00 with play starting at 1.30 pm**

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