



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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October 2020 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

We certainly have had a disruptive year for bridge sessions - both at club and tournament level. With the National Bridge Congress cancelled, a number of our club members have taken the opportunity to play in the make-up tournaments with success. Ruth Spittle has managed, through all the disruptions, to complete the learn to play lessons and this week we have a number of new members to welcome from this group. Read below about the Thursday sessions Ruth is organising to help these new players bed into regular bridge sessions.

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

- Sunday 8 November - Novice Tournament (**flyer attached**)
- Sunday 6 December - Christmas Party

Other Club Tournaments

- 17 October- Hastings Intermediate Pairs 5B
- 31 October - 1 November - Zelda Morris Pairs at Hastings

Recent Tournament Results

Noel and Claire Woodall - 5th in Cambridge 5A Swiss Pairs

Carolyn Yeomans and Jan Whyte- 1st in the Havelock North Swiss Pairs by 0.19%

Jan Davis and Hayden Seal (a former member, now living in Christchurch) - 3rd in Christchurch Congress 5A Open Teams.

Mike Smith and Marie Richards - 2nd in Napier Junior Pairs

Congratulations to all these people!

New Members - please welcome these new members to your bridge table. Their contact details are included should you wish to contact them for a game.

New member	Phone Details
Marilyn Perko	027 679 0276
Dianne Lishman	027 497 660
Bridget Hildreth	835 8667
Sue Davey	021 159 6497
Phyllis Patrick	845 0013

Our lessons for 2020 have now finished. As of Thursday 15 October, I would like to help support our very keen new players transition into Monday night by having a "session" on Thursday afternoons where we play boards, have the movement and score using the new tablets to help them become familiar with session routine. This would run from 1pm to approximately 3.30pm. My idea is that anybody can ask me questions as we play and anybody, more the merrier, can attend these sessions to help out our new players and help your own confidence and play. A nominal charge of \$2 would be appreciated. Please support our new players and help your own

bridge. Please phone or text me at 027 2494336 if you can come. Looking forward to seeing you all. Thanks Ruth

Improver Lessons

These were run by Lyn Bowcock in January this year and were an outstanding success. The great news is that Lyn is willing to do these again. We would like to know from members what they would like included in the proposed Improver Lessons. To assist with this, we ask members to contact us by return email what you would like included. Listed below are some ideas but please use this as a guide and suggest anything not included - however being aware Lyn cannot cover everything!

- Leads
- Discards and suit preference signals
- Common Conventions: e.g. various 2 Openers such as Multi Two Diamonds, Tartan Twos
- Defence to INT
- Negative doubles
- Other Control Asking Conventions (Ace asking ...)
- Jacoby 2NT Response
- Loosing Trick Count
- Michaels cuebid



Two Long-standing members are moving out of the Bay. Left - Murray Mills; Right - Therese Fontein

From the Committee

- Our AGM is set for 17 November and we are looking for nominations for the committee positions - for the Executive roles (that now includes the new role of Club Captain), and the general committee. A sheet of paper for such nominations will be placed on the noticeboard.
- Esk Hills Fundraiser 21 November - we have an excellent venue come available for an enjoyable day (two sessions) of social bridge. So, keep this date free and we will be in touch with more details.
- Tablets - Could all members shut down their tablets after the session play has finished. As we work through adding a new modem, we need to shut down the tablets left charging otherwise they are still logged into the wifi!
- 4th Thursday Morning of the month - a reminder that this month there will be no play.

- This bridge year has certainly been disrupted - it has been suggested that to encourage new members, we make it **free to join for the remainder of 2020!** So, if you know of any bridge players who could be interested in joining our club - tell them they can do so at no charge. All they have to do is complete the Application form on our website - <https://taradalebridgeclub.org.nz>

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

In mid September the building sub-committee met with Pirates Rugby and Sports Clubs to discuss both clubs' briefs to Napier City Council (NCC) for the Northern Hub build. During this meeting it became apparent to us that Pirates would not be ready to build for 2-3 years at least and that building at the Northern Hub may not be the best idea for us. We decided to go back to Debra Stewart at NCC to ask if we would be able to build at one of three sites we identified as possibilities:

- At Park Island in the area of the Central Football Assn offices, adjacent to the Hockey Club fields
- At Bledisloe Park near Oamaru Bowling Club, in an area that in the past housed a Scout Hall
- At Park Island near Marist Old Boys Clubrooms.

Debra asked us to put in writing the reasons why the Northern Hub was not looking to be suitable and to prepare a plan for each of the alternative sites (Thank you, Kevin, for the plans). Debra thought we would have to go back to the Councillors to get approval for a change of venue. We sent the plans to Debra, copying in the Mayor and Taradale Ward Councillors. We have since contacted Debra to ascertain our next steps. Unfortunately we have missed the October agenda for the Council meeting but hope to get on the November agenda. Debra thinks the Area by Central Football offices is our best option. We will be meeting with her this Thursday to keep the ball rolling!

Director Training - we have received this notice from Martin Oyston

*In conjunction with the CD Region of NZ Bridge, we are promoting the education of Directors - at this point for Club level Directing. Please **find attached flyer** for the Director Training course to be held at Wanganui on the weekend of 7-8 November. Can you please make your members aware of this and promote appropriately for your club. Starting time will be 9am on Saturday and finishing approx. 5pm on Sunday. **The committee thinks this a great opportunity and would be happy to have discussions with people interested regarding the club covering any reasonable costs incurred.***

From The Co-President Desk



Our club is losing two members who have both contributed a lot to the club over the years, Murray Mills and Therese Fontein. They will be missed. This month I would like to send a **BIG Thank You** to all those who contribute to the smooth running of our club: the members of the committee and building sub-committee, the session convenors, the dealing team, the booklet compilers, the sponsorship and grant coordinator, the maintenance person, the catering coordinator, the lesson providers, the new member support person, the Recorder, the IT person, the Barman, those who have donated raffles, those who provide food for tournaments, and all the members who help to make the sessions run smoothly and who have helped with our moves. If I went through all the names in the membership booklet there would be very few who would not fit into one of the categories above. This hasn't been an easy year for our club and there remain challenges ahead until we finally get our own rooms again. Your help and support is **very** much appreciated.

Jo Hayes

Monthly Humour – over time, bridge partnerships change for varying reasons. In this month's humour, we have an example of partnerships changing for somewhat unique reasons.

Her 4th Marriage

A local news station was interviewing an 80 year-old woman on why she had recently got married for the 4th time. They wanted to know her secret for finding love again and again. The interviewer asked her a few questions about her life and about what it felt like to be a bride again at 80. Then he asked her what her new husband did for a living. "He's a funeral director", she answered. The newsperson was surprised at her answer, and wondered who else she had married. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands, and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. Her life has been full of exciting moments especially with three husbands. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's. Then a Circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's - a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her quite astonished, and asked why she had married for men with such diverse careers. She smiled and explained. "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

A Special Thanks - to **Noel Mann** who has done a great job getting the Bridge Tablets up and running.

Reminders

- Sunday 8 November - Novice Tournament
- 17 October- Hastings Intermediate Pairs 5B
- 17 November - **our AGM**

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