



**Taradale Bridge Club
Incorporated**

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October 2021 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

It has been an interesting month with Covid-19 Advisory notes from the NZ Bridge chair and our internal survey of vaccination rates, to the fundraising efforts of the members and building committee. In amongst this, the committee has been actively preparing for the new bridge year with the upcoming AGM in November. A number of members have been successfully approached to stand for the new committee and it has been gratifying to see the calibre of the members who have become available. The club will indeed be in great hands for the important club building year. Following the survey of members regarding the sessions format, the committee have made a number of changes to fit in with the views supported – which will become apparent when the next year’s Membership Booklet is issued.

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

- Sunday 5 December – Christmas Party

Recent Club Results

Shires Pairs (Monday Evening)	Jan Davis & Colin Dolley	1 st
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Other Tournament Results

There have been very few tournaments being run due to the NZ Bridge recommendation, although last weekend Napier had their Junior Tournament. The Taradale players had great success as well as learnt a lot about playing in tournaments.

Pair	Result
Mike Callahan & partner	1 st
Dave Dravitzke & Alice Dravitzki	2 nd
Rahira Ellison & Colin Dolley	3 rd

Gold Coast Tournament – many of our members have gone to this in Queensland in the past although it was cancelled this year due to Covid-19. Here is the information for their upcoming tournament:

Gold Coast Entry Form link https://www.qldbridge.com.au/entryforms/3073_qba18Feb2022.pdf. Please note that it is vital that players enter earlyish so we can get an idea if the event will be viable or not.

- Following ABF guidelines on Gold Point events in 2022, it is a requirement that all players and officials be fully vaccinated. For those ineligible to be vaccinated for medical reasons, a medical certificate confirming such ineligibility along with confirmation of a negative Covid test conducted within 3 days of commencement of the event will be required.

- Full refunds will be given to all entries if the event is cancelled for Pandemic reasons or border closure reasons. We are asking everyone with the intention of coming to enter so we know if the support is out there. If we realise that entries are not coming in as we would like, we will need to go back to the drawing board.



Our Daffodil Day Cancer Collection raised \$192.30!!

Princess Alexander Garden Visit – Mike has arranged a delightful garden visit and morning tea on Friday 5 November starting at 9.30 am. Here is a great way to start Guy Fawkes day with a bang, and support a good sponsor of our club! **See the attached flyer and contact Mike with numbers attending.**

Fundraising

YTD, including September, (from 1 October 2020) we have raised \$7161 from the additional \$1 table money and raffles etc.

As emailed to all members separately, we have been successful in getting sponsorship from ECCT for the building fund to the tune of \$156,000. This has been a fantastic boost to this major project and we must acknowledge their great support towards our building of this community facility. The original target of \$230,000 was based on April 2021 pricing and the committee is well aware of building costs since then. We will continue to raise well past the original target. At a recent meeting with Coresteel, it was indicated that building prices have risen in the order of 20%. We have recalculated the gap in our funding accordingly to accommodate this leaving the shortfall to now be an estimated \$100,000.



Building Update – This has been a busy month of meetings and emails!

17/9 Met with Coresteel

28/9 Met with Napier City Council officers to discuss the lease. Discovered we could have started this process several months ago. The Council lawyer has been asked to prepare the draft lease. If we approve the draft this is the timeline provided by the Council officer:

The process we propose to follow is:

1. Council resolution approving in principle the lease pursuant to S54. Noting that pursuant to S54, the proposed lease needs to be publicly notified and that after that process the matter will be brought back to Council for final approval. We will seek a Decision of Council at the 11 November meeting of the Sustainable Napier Committee. (Agenda closes 26 October).

2. Advertise 20 November 1 month objection period ends 20 December

3. Should no objections be received then a Decision of Council could be requested at the Sustainable Napier meeting in February 2022 (no set date yet but probably 10 Feb)

4. If objections are received (highly unlikely) may need double debate, therefore the matter would have to go to the Council meeting estimated to be 10 March 2022.

In summary, in terms of a timeline the earliest a lease could be approved is approx. 10 February 2022, with the worst case scenario being approx. 10 March 2022

Ash wrote back:

I am wondering if the Sustainable Napier Committee could, without prejudice, approve the decision - subject to there being no objections received - in advance of/during the one month time period for public objections. This would allow us to stick to the planned ground works commencement in January 2022 whilst allowing the due process to proceed. This would alleviate the issue of the Council not meeting in late December or in January, after the objection period ending on 20 December.

The Council officer replied:

I think that's a good idea. We wouldn't normally do that, however in your case the matter has already been agreed by Council in principle, the RC issued, and it is unlikely there would be objections. Therefore I will word the resolution of 11 November to only require further consideration by Council in the event of objections being received. No guarantees of course that they will accept a decision of Council on 11 November or accept the suggestion but we will try.

Ash is following up hard to get the draft lease asap. Jo emailed Mayor and Taradale Ward Councillors to seek their support in getting the lease expedited.

30/9 Ash, Jan, Jo gave presentation to ECCT Trustees.

30/9 Building committee met to approve the plan. Received tentative payment and building timeframe from Coresteel. Kevin is in discussions with minor changes of the plans.

4/10 Advised that a grant of \$156 000 received from ECCT. Jo has advised Vanessa from Lotteries that we have received ECCT grant. Asked how that would affect our Lotteries application. Vanessa considered it would be viewed positively by her Board as it has narrowed the funding gap. Ash continues to work on the Coresteel contract with input from Robyn Andersen and Terry Stone. He is also continuing to pursue possible Corporate Donors.

NZ Bridge – The Covid-19 survey that we ran on behalf of NZ Bridge had the following results

Number of responses	139
Number who had received the first job	139 = 100%
Number who had received the second job	137 = 98.6%
“No job/no play” query	Replies were from 130 people Yes = 119 (91.5%); No = 11 (8.5%)

Thank you for all the responses. These have been passed onto NZ Bridge.

From the Committee

- We need a convenor for Tuesday afternoons: the job involves setting up the room and kitchen ready for Bridge, then checking that the room and kitchen are left tidy after Bridge. 2 people willing to share the job would work well. Please advise Trish if you are able to help.
- AGM Tuesday 16 November at 5pm. Nomination form for the committee is on the cupboard under the 'sponsor' TV.

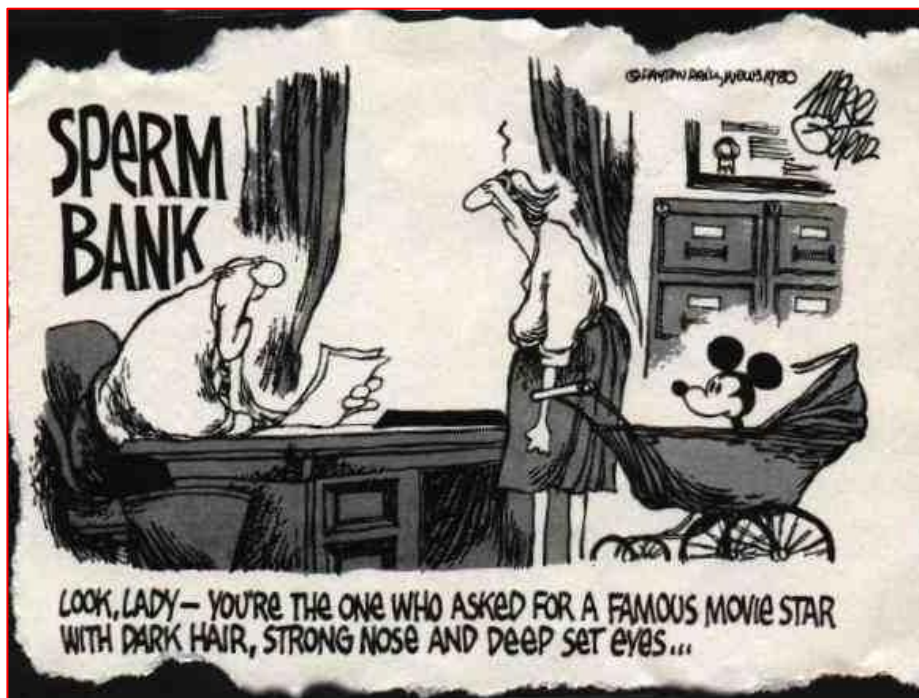
From the Co-President's Desk



It seems hard to believe that Christmas is only a matter of weeks away. Most of this year has seen many of your Committee and the Building team thinking of, planning and working on, the next phase of our fund-raising and building, so that the months have flashed by. What a wonderful reward it was to receive the grant from ECCT. It enables us 'to gird our loins' for the next push towards completion. Many of us have been on the Committee for a number of years and the last few years have, as you know, presented quite a challenge. This has created a lot of extra work, which isn't normally a part of being one of the executive, so you will appreciate that some 'new blood' to help to boost the energy levels. So, PLEASE - do think about helping by offering your services, if not in a committee role or as a Convenor, if you feel you can help do step up and let us know. Despite the dreaded Covid preventing us enjoying weekend tournaments, we have still been able to play either at our Club or online. Whenever I go along on a Wednesday to help Alison with the newer players, I think how good it is to see another keen group developing their skills and enjoying the game.

Jan Davis

Monthly Humour - Hopefully when bidding with your partner you get a mental picture of their hand, although sometimes despite your great partnership system, you don't quite get in dummy what you wanted!



Security Mathers

At Heathrow Airport today, an individual, later discovered to be a public school teacher, was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a compass, a protractor, and a graphical

calculator. Authorities believe he is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He is being charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

A special thanks to Alison Hucker for organising the vaccination survey on behalf of NZ Bridge. Thanks also to the members who responded so quickly.

Reminders

- AGM – Tuesday 16 November
- Convenor for Tuesday afternoon
- Garden Visit on 5 November – **please contact Mike Smith.**

Ash

Ash Fitchett
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