



**Taradale Bridge Club
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September 2018 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

As you know I have recently returned from a wonderful trip to Europe and have only just got my brain back into order! We had a wonderful trip which included a narrow boat trip in Wales and a canal boat trip from Amsterdam to Budapest - my personal highlight. We also visited Berlin which was very interesting.

Thanks to all the wonderful committee for keeping the club running so smoothly while I was away especially Ash and Jo.

The Haverdale Tray was recently played in Havelock North and I am pleased to say won by Taradale - well done to all our members who played and thanks to Carolyn Yeomans for organising this.



In Memoriam - Mavis Steele

Mavis was a member of our club for a very long time, over 20 years, and we remember her with love. She was very keen on bridge and made many friends there. Recently she moved to Kapti to be near her family. I visited her there and she was happy and still able to play bridge which was lovely. We will miss her and so will all her friends.

RIP Mavis.

Upcoming tournaments:

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- 22 September – Waipukurau Open Swiss Pairs 8B
- 29 September – 6 October – National Bridge Congress, Hamilton
- 13 October – Napier Junior Pairs
- Novice Tournaments in Hawke’s Bay
 - Hastings - 23 September
 - Havelock North – 28 October
 - Napier – 11 November

Club Results for recent series and tournaments:

Competition	Winners
Shires Pairs (Wednesday Evening)	Clark Nicol & Ruth Spittle
Taradale Novice Pairs	Yvette Hewlett & Glenys Ross N/S Wayne Dallimore/Carole Dallimore E/W
Mahine Creagh tournament	Russell Turner & Viv McLauchlan - winners
	Ruth Spittle & Wayne Burney - second



Mahine Creagh winners: Russell Turner & Viv McLauchlan



Second place in Mahine Creagh: Wayne Burney & Ruth Spittle

Sponsorship Corner – our club has many generous sponsors. Their 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.

From the Committee –

- Open Tournament Catering – as stated in the last newsletter, there were a number of concerns regarding the food at our recent Open tournament. The committee have decided as a gesture of goodwill we will refund \$5 to all those who entered.
- The Taradale Bridge Club AGM is set down for 4 November. A reminder to members to assist with this by:
 - Making themselves available for the 2019 committee. We have a number of upcoming vacancies, including the positions of President.
 - Nominating a recipient of the Ngaire Bright Memorial Cup for the club member who has given exemplary services to the club. A paragraph supporting your nominee would be useful.
- Fish and Chip night – After much consideration it has been decided that this will be cancelled until next year, when we will visit it again in the winter months. If anyone is interested in starting this again please let me know as the last two sessions have been cancelled due to lack of numbers. Thanks to Frances Willis & Judy Tiffen for all their efforts in trying to keep this going.
- Junior Championship board – The board has been made and now we are awaiting the signwriting - hopefully you will see it up in the next few weeks. The first names on will be Raewyn Cooper & Margaret Vaughan - Congratulations!

Becoming a Director –

Lessons have started in Hastings on a Sunday afternoon. If anyone is interested please contact Carolyn Wiggins who is running the lessons - it would be good to have more directors in our area.

Bridge with Larry Cohen - Hand Evaluation (A New Bridge Magazine August 2018)

Partner Opens NT - Which Game?

You open 1NT. You hold:

♠ K93 ♥ KJ2 ♦ AQ32 ♣ Q92 (*remember they play 1NT 15-16 HCP*)

Partner bids 2♦, and you accept the transfer by bidding 2♥. Now, partner bids 3NT, offering you a choice of games. Which game? Should you pass, or correct to 4♥? Does it depend on whether it is IMPs or Matchpoints? These are often difficult decisions. I'd probably opt for 4♥ with this hand (at either form of scoring), but it is very close. Change the clubs to ♣QJx, or maybe even ♣Q10x, and I'd pass. With a side doubleton, I'd "always" go back to the major. With a doubleton in partner's suit, I'd almost always play 3NT. With 4-3-3-3, I'd often choose no-trumps. But, here is my special tip. Everything changes when you face this same dilemma after a 2NT opener. Change the above hand to:

♠ AKJ ♥ KQ10 ♦ AQ32 ♣ Q92

You open 2NT and partner transfers to 3♥, then bids 3NT. Your call? This is now an easy removal to 4♥. In fact, whenever partner transfers to a major after your 2NT and then bids 3NT, I recommend playing in the major every time you have 3 card support. Why? Because after 2NT, partner doesn't have room. When he transfers and bids 3NT he can be off shape. Don't assume he has a nice balanced 5-3-3-2 shape. He could have a singleton. Consider this hand:

♠ A43 ♥ Q10543 ♦ 8764 ♣ 3

After partner's 2NT, what else could you do but transfer to hearts and then bid 3NT? This would be the right contract opposite, say: ♠ KJ2 ♥ A2 ♦ AKQ32 ♣ K102

After a 1NT opener, when responder transfers and then bids 3NT, he is balanced. He can't have a singleton (he would have bid out his shape). But, after a 2NT opener, responder will often have a side singleton. He has no room to show his shape -he is forced into showing his major and then bidding 3NT with numerous 5-4-3-1 patterns. He could even be 5-5, something like:

♠ J ♥ KJ642 ♦ 108432 ♣ 102

Opposite my partner's 2NT, I see no other option but to transfer to hearts and then bid 3NT, offering a choice of games between 3NT and 4♥. This hand is not good enough (or strange enough) to transfer to hearts and then persist with 4♦, maybe bypassing a laydown 3NT. So, as

the 2NT opener, I am always aware that my partner's transfer - then-3NT sequence does not guarantee a balanced hand.

This is why my tip for the month is:

When partner offers you a choice after your 2NT opener, "never" leave it in 3NT when you have 3 card support.

Special related bonus tip: Consider this auction:

1NT 2♦ 2♥ 2NT ??

Let's say the 1NT opener has a minimum. He has 3-card trump support and a flat hand (say, 4-3-3-3). Should he pass 2NT, or correct to 3♥? My advice: **"Always" correct to the suit.** Why? Use the same logic as the main article above. The responder might not be 5-3-3-2. He might have a singleton. Consider this hand for the responder:

♠ Q ♥ J8652 ♦ A32 ♣ Q532

He transfers and wants to invite game. He can't bid 3♣ next, because that would be forcing to game. His only choice is to transfer to hearts and then bid 2NT invitational. Because the 2NT-bidder in these auctions will sometimes have a singleton, the opener should always correct to 3 of the major. Contrast this with:

1NT 2♦ 2♥ 3NT ??

Now, responder won't have any singletons. If he was off shape he could have easily bid his second suit. On this auction, opener will often choose no-trump if he is 4-3-3-3

More about transfers next month!

Monthly Humour –

There is nothing worse than a Doctor's Receptionist who insists you tell her what is wrong with you in a room full of other patients.

I know most of us have experienced this, and I love the way this guy handled it.

A 65-year-old man walked into a crowded waiting room and approached the desk.

The Receptionist said, 'Yes sir, what are you seeing the Doctor for today?'

'There's something wrong with my dick', he replied.

The receptionist became irritated and said, 'You shouldn't come into a crowded waiting room and say things like that.'

'Why not, you asked me what was wrong and I told you,' he said.

The Receptionist replied 'Now you've caused some embarrassment in this room full of people. You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and discussed the problem further with the Doctor in private.'

The man replied, 'You shouldn't ask people questions in a roomful of strangers, if the answer could embarrass anyone. The man walked out, waited several minutes, and then re-entered.

The Receptionist smiled smugly and asked, 'Yes??'

'There's something wrong with my ear,' he stated.

The Receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice.. 'And what is wrong with your ear, Sir?'

'I can't piss out of it,' he replied.

The waiting room erupted in laughter... Mess with seniors, and you're going to lose....(yep, sure are) 😊 😏

Reminders

- AGM on Sunday 4th Nov at 3pm in the club rooms
- Our Christmas party Sunday 2nd December

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