



Taradale Bridge Club Incorporated

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September 2020 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

We hope this newsletter find you all in good health as we patiently waiting to return to Covid-19 Level 1. Following advice from NZ Bridge we have recommenced our bridge sessions albeit with some precautions. Some of our members are also heading off to the National Bridge Congress at



Some classy masks have evolved over the Covid-19 pandemic. Our models are from left: Russell Turner, Joy Rose, Lynnaire Hampton, and Janice Willoughby.

Lake Karapiro at the end of the month. Rumour hath it that one such enthusiastic Hawke's Bay couple (not the Newsletter Editor I may add) booked their accommodation at nearby (or so they thought!) Cambridge for the Congress week. It was only when getting clarification on directions to the accommodation that the proprietor, in amongst the directions said, "... and then you take the M1 ...". I am wondering if their bidding system is more accurate than their compass?

A reminder also to members to keep us updated in any changes to your contact details - by phone and email.

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

- 12 September - Hastings Open Pairs 5A
- 19 September - Waipukurau Swiss Pairs 8B. **NOTE - this is now being held at the Hastings Bridge Club**
- 26 September - 3 October - National Congress at Karapiro (all grades)



We were very pleased to receive notification from the Eastern & Central Community Trust that our application for a donation to assist with the purchase of Bridge Tablets has been generously supported. Neil McDonald once again did the hard yards with the application. A huge thanks once again for your efforts. The committee, with Noel Mann and Kevin Homes leading, are working on the various purchases required to bring about the change from the pads to the tablets.

From the Committee

- Our AGM is set for 17 November and we are looking to make an amendment to our constitution with the planned building of club rooms at Northern Hub Park Island. In the “Winding Up“ section of the Constitution it states:

The club may be wound up or dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority of the members present at a General Meeting called in accordance with the Rules to consider such winding up or dissolution.

Such resolution shall also provide as follows:

The net assets of the Club other than Trophies and Honour Boards shall be converted into cash and transferred to New Zealand Contract Bridge Association Incorporated to be held in trust and to be made available to any newly formed Contract Bridge Club providing it is recognised by the Association and is situated within 3 kilometres of the Taradale Memorial Town Clock.

In the event of no such club being formed and recognised within five calendar years of the winding up resolution, the trust monies shall be paid to such charitable trust named in the winding up resolution and the Club Trophies and Honour Boards shall be handed over to the members last winning them.

It is proposed by the committee that the distance from the Taradale Memorial Clock Tower be changed to 6 kilometres.

Explanation - the proposed Park Island site currently is outside the current 3 km and the change brings the planned building site to within this distance.

- In light of the additional tasks being created by the planned building and associated fundraising, the committee has reviewed some roles within our club. It has been decided to create the **Club Captain** position with the emphasis on the overview of running the bridge sessions and member's bridge development. This allows for the committee members involved with the building project to focus more on that role. Next month we will be calling for nominations for the committee positions.
- Bridge Session Convenors for 2021- we have been most fortunate to have an excellent team of convenors for our weekly sessions. However, for a number of reasons we will need new convenors for Monday Morning, and Tuesday afternoon. We would really like people to consider offering their services for these positions, or be prepared to take on the role if approached.

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.

Marie Spiers	New associate	0211304737
Megan Dravitzki	New full member	835 5155
Dave Dravitzki	New full member	835 5155
Alice Dravitzki	New full member	835 5155

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

The subcommittee has had a busy month:

- A meeting to formulate the brief for the Napier City Council. Kevin has produced several plans and these helped us identify our requirements
- A meeting with Napier City Country Music Club to share our brief and hear their comments, which were complimentary
- A visit to the Vintage Car Club rooms. Their rooms are about 8 years old and the main area is the same size as we are planning for the playing area. The visit was very helpful and gave us some new ideas eg the covered patio.
- A meeting with HB Indoor Bowls to share our brief with them.

This week we are meeting with Pirates Rugby Club to share our brief which will then be sent to Debra Stewart at Napier City Council. The brief is below:

Taradale Bridge Club Brief

Playing room: 150 m². Needs to accommodate 24 tables with each table requiring 3.4 m². We want to have sliding dividers so can divide room into 1/3 / 2/3. The Bridge Room would be carpeted with a more durable flooring around the tea/coffee station. An area for a tea/coffee station with sink, dishwasher. Plenty of natural light. Access to a paved area for sitting outside with a covered patio. Steel skeleton.

Office: 18-20 m²

Storage: 8 m²

Refreshment area: 10 m²

Shared areas

Kitchen: 20 m². Stove, fridge, dishwasher, plenty of bench space. Would only use when we have tournaments, about 8 times a year. Would use tea/coffee station for regular sessions.

Toilets: 2 cubicles for women, a urinal and 1 cubicle for men, disability access toilet.

You need a good reason to delay drawing trumps

(https://www.andrewrobson.co.uk/article/if_you_remember_just_one_thing/1907)

There is one issue that towers above all others when declaring a trump contract: Do I get rid of ("draw") the opposing trumps immediately, or do I delay the process? There is no simple answer (sorry!), but you do need a reason to postpone matters, because there is the risk that that the opponents will trump ("ruff") your winners.

South Deals	♠ 9 6 5
Both Vul	♥ 9 7 3
	♦ A K Q 5 2
	♣ Q 10
♠ Q 10	♠ J 7
♥ K Q 10 8	♥ J 6 2
♦ J 9 8 4 3	♦ 10 6
♣ 8 4	♣ A K 6 5 3 2
	♠ A K 8 4 3 2
	♥ A 5 4
	♦ 7
	♣ J 9 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠ ¹
All pass			

1. Close - but vulnerable games are worth bidding, as the reward for success is high.

What happened

Declarer won ♥ K with ♥ A, and was in too much of a hurry to discard his heart losers on dummy's diamonds. At Trick Two he crossed to ♦ Q, and followed with ♦ A, (on which he threw one heart), then ♦ K. It was on this last top diamond that East ruffed sharply with ♠ J. Declarer made the best play, refraining from overruffing (dooming him to a trump loser), and instead threw his last heart (as planned). On many layouts declarer would have survived, but here East was able to cash ♣ AK (noting West follow with ♣ 8 then ♣ 4 to encourage), then lead a third club. West ruffed with ♠ 10, and that meant down one.

What should have happened

If drawing trumps had involved a quick loser, declarer would have been correct to cash dummy's diamonds first. But there was no need here. Win ♥ A, and cash ♠ AK. Here you are favoured by a 2-2 split, but on a (more likely) 3-1 split, you would leave the master trump outstanding, and progress to diamonds, still making unless the second diamond was ruffed. As it is (trumps gone), you cross to ♦ AKQ knowing your game is secure (indeed for an overtrick). Away go the two losing hearts, after which you can force out ♣ AK. 11 tricks and game made plus one.

If you remember one thing...

You need a reason to Delay drawing trumps.

From The Co-President Desk

The return to Bridge this week was a little tentative, which is understandable, but personally I found it was good to play in the way we are used to playing with four people at a table and cards you could hold in the hand. Despite the break away from the clubrooms, there has been lots of activity for your committee, plus the building committee, with an average of two meetings a week as we continue to plan for our new Club building.



Other aspects of our Vision statement are another focus and we have decided to establish two new roles in the new year- of Club Captain and Beginning Member Liaison. These are key roles, designed to encourage, unite and strengthen membership of our Club.

Jan Davis (Co-President)

NZ Bridge

- The Chairperson's News No 7 (**Attached**)
- Daily Bridge in New Zealand - I have mentioned these articles previously but thought worthwhile reminding our members. These are published daily and are well worthwhile looking at for all levels of playing ability. Richard Solomon must put in a huge effort to produce these every day. Go to the website <http://www.nzbridge.co.nz> to view. You can also login into NZ Bridge and get the links sent daily under your email preferences.

Monthly Humour – during the Covid-19 lockdown, I saw or heard of many club members out exercising. However, there is a school of thought that these well-being endeavours are not necessarily an advantage to bridge players.

The Bran Muffin

The couple were 85 years old and had been married for sixty years. Though they were far from rich they managed to get by because they watched their pennies. Though not young they were both in very good health largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade. One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven. They reached the pearly gates and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favourite

clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now." The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing, remember, this is your reward in Heaven". The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth. "What are the green fees?" grumbled the old man. "This is heaven, St. Peter replied. You can play for free every day." Next they went to the Club House and saw the lavish buffet lunch laid out before them, from seafood to steak to exotic deserts, and free flowing beverages. "Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man. This all free for you to enjoy." The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat, low cholesterol foods and decaffeinated tea?" he asked. "That's the best part" St. Peter replied. "You can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!" The old man pushed "No gym to work out at?" "Not unless you want to," was the answer. "No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..." "Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself". The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your Bran Muffins. We could have been here ten years ago."

A Special Thanks - to **Noel Mann** who has taken over looking after our computer and systems (huge sigh of relief from someone) and is right on the job at looking at our best options for the replacement of our "mature" computer.

Reminders

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