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September 2021 Newsletter

Hi Taradale Bridge Players

Welcome back to the bridge table for those members who have been able to attend. A diet of BBO bridge, library books and streamed TV such as Netflix (I enjoyed *The Good Liar* film and *Clickbait*) has been a somewhat poor replacement to face to face bridge! Our fundraising for the building fund also became “on hold”, although hopefully will get back into gear soon.

Fundraising

YTD, including August, (from 1 October 2020) we have raised \$6643 from the additional \$1 table money and raffles etc.



The Members Donations include sponsorship of two car parks. The donations have been significant and any donation amounts will be most appreciated.

Building Update - Resource Consent was received on 26 August, allowing us to submit our application to the Lottery Community Facilities Fund. An expression of interest was sent to the Lindsay Foundation. This was declined as our application did not meet their criteria. We expect to hear about the success of our ECCT application in early October and the Lottery one in early December. We should receive the detailed plans from Coresteel this month. Meanwhile work is underway in negotiating the land lease agreement with the Council.

NZ Bridge – Covid-19 once again is going to disrupt Congress. The likelihood of New Zealand being at Level 1 for the last week of September is beyond remote so, regrettably no Congress at the end of September. **Congress will now take place from Thursday 10th February 2022 to Thursday 17th February 2022.** A little different in that the event will run mid-week to mid-week. It also means we have had to shuffle the timetable. The weekend (12th - 14th) of the event provides an exciting opportunity for Novice, Juniors and Intermediates to participate. We are hopeful a large number will play. After all, these players are the future of the game. We know the prospect of a week's bridge maybe daunting for some, hence the decision to have Novice, Junior and Intermediate events over the weekend. We encourage everyone, irrespective of your grade to give it a go. It is a lot of fun and you will make lifelong friends. Moving to mid-February means we are outside the school holiday period which hopefully means accommodation is more readily available and will be a bit cheaper.

From the Co-President's Desk



I was thinking during Level Four Lockdown that I can almost understand what Grizzly Bears feel like when hibernating – except I believe they sleep most of the time and their confinement is much longer – so it is so good to be able to “come out” after a few weeks and return to some normality. I was listening to the News Correspondent speaking from the U.K. today where he reported there are still thousands of new cases of Covid being reported each day and I felt blessed that N.Z. reports such a few and this now enables us to hold those thirteen pieces of card and (Yeah!) play Bridge again. It's also so enjoyable to see and greet other Bridge members – texting, e-mailing and phoning just doesn't compare, does it? Meanwhile Spring has arrived (and when it isn't raining) we are inspired by the colourful re-awakening of our garden that we have lots to look forward to. As I said last month, each month that passes is one month closer to our new “home” and as you are aware, our Building and Planning committee have not been ‘hibernating’ but have been using the time to pursue all the many necessary things that need to be done to make that a reality. Finally, I will add to the request that you all give serious thought to suggesting members (or volunteering yourself) to fill the important Committee vacancies which will occur in November.

From the Committee

- Constitution – we are, with Ron Humphrey's help, revising this to align it with current needs of the Club and will keep you updated.
- 2021/22 Committee – the replenishment of new members for this has not progressed. If you are approached, please give it serious consideration as we need a committee of vitality leading forward.



A Worthy Cause

Hi Ash

I see the Cancer Society have cancelled their daffodil day fundraiser for the second year in a row. As this is their major fundraiser they will feel the pinch. In your next newsletter could you promote the daffs at the bridge club as I will leave them there awhile when bridge reopens as I am sure the Cancer Society will gladly accept a late donation.

The Fundraising box (shown in the picture) and information is placed on the table just inside the bridge room.

Monthly Humour – The need of and the value of dedicated frontline healthcare professionals in our DHBs has never been greater as we grappled with the Delta strain of Covid-19. The “bean counters”/management in the backroom however

Two doctors and an DHB manager die and line up together at the Pearly Gates. One doctor steps forward and tells St. Peter, "As a paediatric surgeon, I saved hundreds of children." St. Peter lets him enter. The next doctor says, "As a psychiatrist, I helped thousands of people live better lives." St. Peter tells him to go ahead. The last man says, "I was an DHB manager. I got countless families cost-effective health care." St. Peter replies, "You may enter. But," he adds, "you can only stay for three days. After that, you can go to hell."

Reminders

- **16 November our AGM**
- 9 October – Napier Junior Pairs - *Level 1 will be required*
- 16 October – Hastings Intermediate Pairs - *Level 1 will be required*

Ash

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