



JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone

Congratulations and well done to all those players who participated in the Hawke's Bay Congress. I know there were people who achieved fantastic results, but all of you who participated must have achieved satisfaction and happiness with your play on some hands. A great experience for you all. Special mention must go to Debbie Gibson for all her hard work over the weekend. Such dedication is highly commended.

A couple of notes please....

- If you want to purchase the yellow tickets, please do it before play starts. It's easier for whoever is collecting the money and reduces the risk of the table money not being correct.
- We're not going to continue having the sales table. If you want jigsaws you can get them free from the Taradale Library. However, if you have excess veges etc. that you want to give away that's fine.



Happy bridging everyone

Ruth Spittle 027 249 4336

CONGRATULATIONS!



Alice Dravitzki has been selected to represent NZ in the under 21 team in the 2023 World Youth Bridge Championships being hosted in the Netherlands. An amazing achievement as well as an exciting opportunity plus great exposure for our club. She will be accompanied by Dave, her father. Have fun, Alice, and show the other contestants what Kiwis are made of!

The club is supporting them by hosting a fundraising tournament on Sunday 18th July, starting at 1pm. You are welcome to come along even if you don't have a partner – one can be arranged for you.

FACEBOOK

We recently set up a Facebook page – TARADALE BRIDGE CLUB - as another way of raising our profile and connecting with the wider community. Many thanks to those of you who are already following us - we encourage others to do the same. Margaret Williams is administering the page so please contact her if you have anything you consider worthwhile sharing. Just a reminder that the page is not intended to be a platform for members' general/internal enquiries.

UPCOMING CLUB TOURNAMENT REMINDERS

- 18 June Fundraiser for Alice Dravitzki @ 1pm. \$10 entry.
- 2 July Junior Pairs @ 9.30am. \$25 entry.
- 7 July Mahine Creagh (members only) commencing @ 5.30pm with soup and bread rolls. The bar will be open too. No entry fee.
- 6 Aug Open Pairs @ 9.30am.

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TARADALE CHARITY TOURNAMENT

A great afternoon for those who participated for a worthy cause. \$1,000 was donated to St. John. Congratulations to the pairs at the top of the leaderboard:

WINNERS

Teresa Kingsford &
Ken Carmichael



2ND PLACE

Chris Hagen &
Sheryn Thomson



3RD PLACE

George Masters &
John Pitts



HB CONGRESS

Congratulations to our members who were placed as follows:

Junior Pairs – Dave and Alice Dravitzki (2nd)

Kathleen Rowe and Meg Rodel (3rd)

Swiss Pairs – Mike and Alison Williamson (1st)

3 plus 1 Teams – Sue Fenwick, Debbie Gibson and Anne Dempsey (3rd)

Open Teams – Carolyn Yeomans got through to the finals.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

It's great to have more new members. Please introduce yourself and add their contact details to your booklet:

Marie Bymolt – 021 0365 334

Peter Clark – 021 0862 2996

Malcolm Stockwell – 027 653 7011

Helen and Peter Berry – 021 1616 343

Sue Halliday – 021 2510 352

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

It's wonderful to have our own club rooms, however, to keep everything top-notch requires regular maintenance – therefore, we need to set to a maintenance committee to look after the upkeep of the building, take care of repairs, etc. Is this something you could get involved with? John Sowerby is willing to head up the team so please get in touch with him if you can help.

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HOME CLUB DIRECTORS

This is a free initiative that will involve 6 sessions of approx. 3 hours each (4 online and 2 face-to-face) plus 2 revision sessions. Please see the noticeboard for more information. Some zoom sessions are clashing with tournaments, but Ash Fitchett is dealing with that and can advise you, if you're interested.

HEADING NORTH?

The Congress AGM is being held at the Mt. Maunganui Bridge Club at 4.30pm on Friday 22nd September. If you are interested in attending, please contact Alison Hucker as there's a form that requires completion.

FURNITURE

From now on please DON'T stack the chairs, to avoid them getting scuffed on the sides. After play, however, please place stools upside down on the tables.

INTERESTED?

A position is going to be available soon for someone to take over the membership administration and help with tournament organisation. If this sounds like you, please contact Clodagh Norris for more information.

"It's not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It's the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones." S. J. Simon

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