



JULY 2023

What a wet few weeks we've had recently - and with the dampness comes aches and pains, coughs and colds. At least we're almost halfway through winter and can start looking forward to spring.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!

To....

- **Barry George** for his work on the electrics for the security screens in kitchen and refreshment tea
- **Lyn Bowcock** - for all her organising of the recent Mixed Teams event over Wednesday evenings in June. This was a huge amount of work and a lot of additional effort filling in the gaps when people couldn't play or simply didn't turn up! Overall, this event was a great opportunity for both open and lesser graded members to play together and learn some valuable tips. The format of swapping during the night certainly provided a spectrum of play!
- **The people/unsung heroes** who do a lot of work behind the scenes to make our club operate efficiently

TARADALE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the winners



Left: Junior winners - Megan and Dave Dravitzki

Right: Novice section winners - Dianne Brady and Jacqui Rye (Napier BC)

MAHINE CREAGH TOURNAMENT

A very convivial and relaxed evening for all the participants who were offered soup (choice of three) and a bun on arrival. The bar was open too, so folk were able to enjoy their light dinner with a drink. And that's not all! Dessert was freshly baked chocolate and cream sponge cake. It was a great opportunity to meet new people (and discuss tactics!) prior to play commencing.

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Well done to the winners.

North/ South – Viv Pinkham and Alison Hucker
East/West – Ron Humphreys and Janice Willoughby

ATTENTION NOVICE AND JUNIOR PLAYERS!

How would you like to play some competitive Bridge where you get offered a “get out of jail free” card? All participants will have an opportunity to ask one question at any stage during the course of play. Yes, the focus is on having fun (plus learning and improving in the process). And wait there’s more some prizes to be won!

When: Saturday 12 August at 1pm
Sunday 17 September at 1pm
Cost: \$10 per session (includes afternoon tea)

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Please add the following folk to your booklet:

Jeremy Ballantyne 022 0122 166
Pam Ballantyne 021 297 1511
Chris Burns 021 167 5827
Lorraine Burns 021 1253 123

CLUB PHONE

The bridge club now has a mobile phone in the office. The number is 027 4380 383. As it is a prepay phone, we discourage people using it to ring out. It is primarily intended for people to ring the club, as members usually have their own phones silenced during play. It is in the top drawer of the desk when the club is not in use.

BIDDING SLAMS

Scott Smith will be doing two talks about splinters, key card Blackwood and cue bids.
Tuesday 18th and Tuesday 25th July at Havelock North Bridge Club from 5.30 - 6.30 pm.
Members from all clubs are welcome.
You’re invited to arrive at 5.15pm and grab a wine or coffee and a cheese and cracker.
Gold coin entry/ cash bar.

QUIP FOR THE MONTH

On the appearance of dummy, the partner responded, “Well, that’s a hand of biblical proportions - three kings from the east.”

Meg Rodel
Co-President

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