



AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Winners: Claire and Noel Woodhall

2nd: George Master and John Pitts

3rd: Janice Willoughby and Ron Humphreys



NOVICE AND JUNIOR TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Novice/novice (pictured below L-R) Viv Blackmore and Trish Weaver



Novice/junior – Phyllis Tuck and Hisayo Shimizu

Junior/junior – Kathleen Rowe and Meg Rodel

What a fabulous afternoon of fun and learning! To help with bidding or playing, everyone had the opportunity to ask a question (novices could ask two) – and they proved to be game-changers.

A special shout-out to Alison Hucker for organising it, those who provided afternoon tea and for all the people who gave up their afternoon to answer questions and support the players. Undoubtedly, all the players came away feeling valued and supported. It was great to host members from other clubs too. Another similar tournament (same rules) will be held on **Sunday 17th September @ 1pm.**

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FACEBOOK

Have you liked the Taradale Bridge Club yet? We welcome more engagement. Just a reminder, though, that the page is not intended to be a platform for members' general/internal enquiries.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Trish O'Hagan 027 3226 522
Tala McCleary 021 070 4670

Please note that Megan Dravitzki's mobile no. in the booklet is incorrect – it should be 021 410 332

UPDATE

We have received a very thorough and comprehensive discussion paper from Napier Bridge Club (NBC) President, Peter Ramsey, outlining the dilemma their club is facing in terms of sustainability. Dwindling numbers and financial pressures are the major contributors. It would be fair to say that recruiting and retaining new members/players is a challenge for most bridge clubs currently. Options available to address this include - raising their annual subscriptions; raising table money contributions; or looking for possible letting/funding/sponsorship opportunities. They also currently have roles on their committee that are not being fulfilled. It's important that you are aware of this because our club faces a similar dilemma in terms of committee representation. We need more people to be involved to share the load. Peter has also proposed a couple of options that could potentially impact our club viz. in terms of revisiting the option of combining with Taradale Bridge Club. For example, NBC simply becoming one of our tenants and running their club out of our premises or merging the operations of both clubs in some way so that in the future we operate as a joint or single entity. Some advantages of pooling all available financial assets and administrative resources, and reducing the overall number of sessions per week, would also reduce pressure on Director availability; create a more solid membership base and enhance sustainability.

This discussion paper is very much in its infancy, but the committee felt it was important that members be kept in the loop, rather than hear things through the grapevine. We will keep you updated, as more information comes to hand.

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BRIDGE BOOKS

The committee is keen to build up a library of good Bridge books. Do you have any sitting on a bookshelf that you'd be willing to donate to the club? If so, please leave them in the office.

WELCOME HOME ALICE!

Alice's participation in the 18th World Youth Bridge Championships in the Netherlands was invigorating. She has learnt so much and made lots of new, good friends. Alice was the only female in the NZ team, which came 15th out of 20 teams. According to Alice, "The international exposure was amazing. There was so much to learn because of the different systems and interacting with so many other young people was wonderful. Everything in the Netherlands is so unlike anything in New Zealand! I couldn't have had this experience of a lifetime without all the support I received."

SPREAD THE WORD

Alison Hucker is organising a learn-to-play-Bridge holiday activity. Please encourage grandchildren or friend's children to participate. It's a great way to encourage young people to learn and pique their interest.

Dates: 25th to 29th September (can come for one, some or all of the days)

Time: 9am to noon.

Cost: Free

Ages: 10+

Bring own morning tea.

Meg Rodel
Co-President

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