



# HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## Congrats!

Taradale hosted a novice tournament on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Congratulations to Lynette Brunt and Kim Potts for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



Wednesday night mixed grade teams concluded last week, great to see 12 teams playing. The winners were the Merry Fitzsimons team of Robyn Andersen, Rachel Hooker, Denise Ohlen and Mairi Fitzsimons.



## FROM THE COMMITTEE

Thank you to those that were able to attend the AGM on Sunday. It was encouraging to see so many people there and hear the member's ideas on what we can focus on in the year ahead.

We thank Julie Solomon, John Bullot and Greg Whitten for their time and energy on the committee and welcome Kim Potts, Trish Andersen and Christine Haronga onboard. The new committee will have their first meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Club books for next year are currently being printed and should be available in the next couple of weeks to start planning next year's bridge!



At the AGM it was agreed that the annual subscriptions will remain unchanged at;

\$65 - Hastings as 'home' club

\$42 - for other members

More details were provided in an email to members on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

Payment would be appreciated by  
24<sup>th</sup> December 2024

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



# THURSDAY CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November our Thursday session celebrated two of our members.

Happy Birthday to Colin Barker who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Unfortunately, there was too much excitement in enjoying the birthday cake made to mark the occasion that there is no photo evidence!

We also farewelled Jo McGowen; a regular Wednesday and Thursday night player. Jo had made the decision to return to her roots in Rangiora near Christchurch to be closer to good friends and family. She was very passionate about our club and the game of bridge. Jo would love to see you if you are down that way visiting, and perhaps even organise a game of bridge!



## THE LEARNER'S CORNER

Our Thursday night lessons continued this month with a discussion around vulnerability and as well as an introduction to the initial bids of the Cappelletti defense over a weak 1NT opening. It is a system of bids which enables the opposition to compete, or at the very least, interfere following the opponent's 1NT opening bid. Attached to the newsletter is some more information about responding bids if you want to continue learning!

Overcall	Meaning
Double	Penalty with roughly 15+ points. (See also: <a href="#">Gates Double</a> )
2♣	A one-suited hand (any suit, normally 6+ cards) with roughly 11-14 points.
2♦	At least 5-4 or 4-5 in hearts and spades, asks partner to correct to either major.
2♥	At least 5-5 in hearts and a minor.
2♠	At least 5-5 in spades and a minor.
2NT	At least 5-5 in clubs and diamonds.