



# HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## HASTINGS INTERMEDIATE TEAMS

The club is holding a teams competition on Saturday and it's not too late to enter!

We would love to see some junior teams entered with prizes up for grabs for the teams with at least 3 junior/novice players.

**When:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**Where:** Hastings Bridge Club

**Time:** 09:30 (morning tea from 9)

**Cost:** \$30 per person

If you are able to provide support in the kitchen or by providing a plate, your help would be greatly appreciated.

## FROM THE COMMITTEE

The committee met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The following were key points of conversation;

- With a number of players now paying for tournaments online it was agreed that prizes for tournaments will move to being paid online. We will still accept cash payment for entries.
- We are still seeing a lot of winter illness in the community. Please continue considering the health of other members and stay home if you are feeling unwell.

## CONGRATS!

The Askerne Winery Wednesday championship pairs were held over 5 weeks in May. Congratulations to Christine and Turei Haronga for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place and to Robyn Andersen and Marit van Rangelrooy as top intermediate pair. Monday championship pairs are currently being played and the Junior's begin Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July running over 4 weeks.



# Success at HB Congress

On King's Birthday weekend we had a number of club members attend the Hawke's Bay Congress.

The weekend kicked off on the Friday night with the 3 +1 teams. 18 teams entered and were provided an open player, giving advice and answering any questions at the table. Although the focus of this session was about learning, Hastings players took the top 3 places.

## 3+1 teams

1<sup>st</sup> Penny Park, Bernie Schroder, Rachel Hooker (Scott Smith)

2<sup>nd</sup> Marit van Rangelrooy, Robyn Andersen, Deb Renton-Green (Lorraine Stachurski)

3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Bannister, Susan Scott, Carol Edwards (Sandy McKirdy)

## Intermediate Pairs

3<sup>rd</sup> Marit van Rangelrooy and Robyn Andersen

## Junior Pairs

3<sup>rd</sup> Trish Weaver and partner Sonia Heeney

## Intermediate Teams

4<sup>th</sup> – Marit van Rangelrooy, Robyn Andersen, Greg and Suzee Whitten

Top junior team – Lorraine and Chris Burns, Rachel Hooker, Trish Weaver

## Novice Pairs

3<sup>rd</sup> Christine and Cliff Church

*Thanks to Nan Wehipeihana and Rob Armstrong for the photography*





## THE LEARNER'S CORNER

This month we welcomed 3 new faces into the Thursday night sessions and also welcomed back a few familiar faces to the club. Steve started his next series of lessons last Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June so if you know of anyone who was hoping to attend there is still a chance to join in.

New Zealand Bridge is offering a new, free series of online practice games starting July 7<sup>th</sup>. These sessions are aimed at those who have gone through lessons in the last 2 years or those needing a confidence boost to return to the bridge table. There will be a teacher/helper at each virtual table to help play and talk through the hands.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

### OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN.

We have all done it, and we will do it again. The penalty for doing so is harsh. The best way to overcome what could be a very costly play is to develop the strong habit of placing your opening lead face down. This has three major benefits.

Firstly, you are not going to turn your card over until partner has agreed that it is your lead. Trouble is avoided.

Secondly, it gives partner the opportunity to ask any questions about the bidding, an advantage that is delayed if the opening lead is "faced".

Thirdly, after this clarification period, it is not just sensible to place the lead face down, but Law 41A actually requires you to do so!



**SUPPORTED ONLINE PRACTICE GAMES FOR NEW PLAYERS**

**NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE**

**ARE YOU A NEW BRIDGE PLAYER LOOKING TO PRACTICE AND IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE GAME? THESE ONLINE PRACTICE GAMES ARE MADE FOR YOU.**

Supported online play is like having a friend at the table, offering support whenever you need it. Imagine it like using Zoom; you can see and talk to each other while playing cards, and with an experienced player available to offer advice or answer questions.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**  
 Registration is not required  
 Log in by 3.45 pm on Sundays. Games start at 4 pm  
 We recommend that you play on a computer/laptop  
 Players will need a registered NZB number to play – temporary numbers may be available on request from [sonya.adams@nzbridge.co.nz](mailto:sonya.adams@nzbridge.co.nz)  
 You can do a test login to check your video and microphone at:  
<https://play.realbridge.online/dt.html?p=231120127003&q=RealBridgeClinic>  
 This is a space for new players who want to practice their game  
 Each session will be 90 minutes.

**♠ WHEN** Starting on Sunday, 7th July at 4:00pm to 5:30pm

**♥ WHERE** Online <https://www.playbridge.co.nz/realbridge/>

**♦ COST** Free of charge, thanks to NZ Bridge!

**♣ CONTACT** For more details, visit our website [www.playbridge.co.nz](http://www.playbridge.co.nz) or email us at: [sonya.adams@nzbridge.co.nz](mailto:sonya.adams@nzbridge.co.nz)

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