



HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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ANZAC DAY TOURNAMENT

The ANZAC day charity event last month was a great success. With 18 and a half tables and good support for the raffle we were able to donate \$1000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawke's Bay.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle. We had a fantastic variety of donations from native trees to cinema vouchers.

Big Brothers Big Sisters acknowledged our donation with a kind letter and a certificate that is displayed as you enter the club as well as a message on their Facebook page.

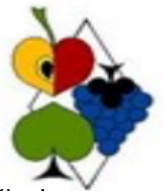


FROM THE COMMITTEE

The committee met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday 21st May. The following was a key point of conversation;

- We are starting to see more winter illness appearing in our bridge community. We know our members love a game of bridge, but please consider the health of other members and stay home if you are feeling unwell.

HAWKE'S BAY CONGRESS - King's Birthday Weekend



The Hawke's Bay Congress is happening over King's Birthday weekend (31st May – 3rd June) and its not too late to enter!

There are events for all grades from novice to open, in pairs, teams and Swiss pair formats.

Friday night there is a 3+1 teams event aimed at any novice, junior or intermediate players who wish to improve their bridge. You can enter as a single, pair or team of 3 and be allocated an open player for the night to give you tips to improve your play. Entries to this event are free.



When Mary de Lange offered to write something to share in the newsletter it led me to Arthur Bennett's 2014 publication celebrating the golden jubilee of the club which included the history of where the Hastings Bridge Club started.

The Hastings Bridge club was born on the 29th October 1964. What was the Hawke's Bay Bridge Club at the time was requested to consider the creation of two bridge clubs (Hastings and Napier) recognizing that the growing popularity of bridge would mean there would be enough members for two clubs.

The club had cards, tables and members but needed a venue. Competitive play started in Feb 1965 out of the St Luke's Hall in Havelock North.

Mrs G. R. Baillie donated a house to the club that could be moved from it's Nelson St—Queen St corner in Hastings to a new site. After looking at a few options it was decided to purchase a section at 911 Railway Road. The house was moved there and play started at the Railway Road site in Nov 1965.

In Sept 1969 there was a proposal to extend the club to be able to play 25 tables and in Jan 1970 the extension was officially opened.

In June 1971 the corner section of Railway Road was offered to the club to purchase. After it's purchase, a tenant remained in the house and paid rent to the club, but it became clear as the club continued to grow that a major development was needed to accommodate increasing numbers.

It was decided that it would be in the club's best interest to build a purpose-built building rather than look at further extensions to the existing one. Tenders for the build were received in 1976 with Linnell Builders successful in winning the contract for \$58, 000. On 15th April 1977 our current club rooms were officially opened for play.

MARY'S SPECIAL CONNECTION TO THE CLUB ROOMS

"I think my original association with Hastings Bridge Club could have started in 1975/1976.

At one of my niece's (Raewyn Godwin) genealogy classes she was sitting next to a man who noticed her name in her notebook. He asked her "who is Mary Godwin?" She replied that I was her Aunt. He told her he had been looking for me and my sister for almost a year.

When Raewyn visited the next morning, she was quiet but excited about something. She told me she had some exciting news to tell me. She told me I was not who I thought I was and proceeded to tell me about three nephews and their families who would like to meet me.

My birth Father was George Linnell who owned Linnell Builders Hastings and with his son John (my brother) built the Hastings Bridge Club building. John's son and wife live in Garnett Street and I have driven past their home to and from bridge for many years.

My son David and his wife Alison were married in 1981 and the wedding reception was held at the bridge club. Strange to think now that some of the guests who were celebrating at the venue were related to George and John Linnell and had never met them!"

Mary de Lange



RECENT RESULTS

Hastings Junior Pairs

The tournament was held on the 11th May. Unfortunately, due to illness, we had some pairs pull out in the hours before the tournament leaving 8 tables playing. Congratulations to the below Hastings members who won session prizes and also to John Newland who took away the \$100 spot prize. We must acknowledge again the generous donation of Carol Edwards. Our overall winners in both junior and novice grades receiving \$100.



Session 1: Deb Papuni and partner Meg Rodel



Session 2: Judy Chen and Sarah Kilmister

Taradale Tierney Teams

This event was held on 19th May in Taradale. The Fitzsimons team of Dennis Apperley, Mairi Fitzsimons, Frank Nieuwland and Sue Kay placed 2nd. Congratulations!



THE LEARNER'S CORNER

Our most recent beginner classes have now finished and we have a handful of new faces joining our Thursday junior nights.

Steve is getting ready to start a new series of beginner lessons. If you know anyone that may be interested in learning, please pass on the details below. All ages welcome

When: Thursday 13th June

Where: Hastings Bridge Club 911 Railway Road

Time: 7-9pm

Cost: Free

Anyone interested can contact Steve directly or send an email to the club.