



HASTINGS BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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JENNESS CLARKE INTERMEDIATE SWISS PAIRS

The club hosted an intermediate swiss pairs tournament on Saturday 19th October with 26 entries.

Congratulations to Greg and Suzee Whitten for their 3rd place and Tony White and Bernie Schroder finishing a close 4th.

The tournament was well supported by the club, not just with the continuous supply of baking throughout the day, but those that gave up their time to look after the kitchen and caddy.

A big 'Thank you' to Jenness (Tremains Real Estate) for the sponsoring our event.

TREMAINS

FROM THE COMMITTEE

The committee met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday 8th October. The following were key points of conversation;

- Wording to be included in next year's book was confirmed.
- Discussion around the Zelda Morris pairs. These will now be played online 2/3 November.
- It was decided that we will not be hosting NZ Loveblock pairs this year (November 15th). Members wishing to take part should visit the tournament section of the NZ Bridge website to locate a local club participating.

CONGRATS!

Monday Holiday Pairs winners:

Mairi Fitzsimons and
Dennis Apperley

Wednesday Swiss Pairs winners:

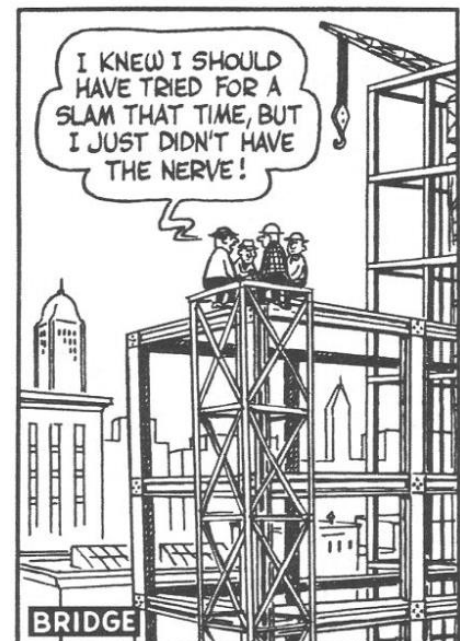
Alistair Poulgrain and
George Masters

2nd Taradale Open Pairs:

Mairi Fitzsimons and
Frank Nieuwland

4th Napier Junior Pairs:

Lorraine and Chris Burns





AGM and CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Sunday 24th November the club is hosting the annual general meeting from 11am.

There will be a Special General Meeting to vote on the acceptance of the new constitution to align with the updated incorporated societies act, then the AGM will follow immediately after.

A reminder, if you wish to raise any formal notice of motion to be considered this needs to be presented to the committee 3 weeks prior (before 3rd November). Papers for consideration at the AGM will be made available to members after the 29th October committee meeting.

Nominations are now open for those wishing to join the committee. These can be located on the pin board near the TV in the main playing room. We have a number of current committee members stepping down following this AGM so would welcome new (or returning) faces to continue growing the club.

Christmas lunch followed by a social game of bridge will start at the conclusion of the AGM. Further details regarding the lunch will be available soon. We would love to see all our members down at the club celebrating another year of good bridge and good friends!

**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS NEEDED**





THE LEARNER'S CORNER

This month our Thursday session has been learning about transfers over 1NT. Transfers are used after a player has opened or overcalled a natural 1NT and his partner holds at least one 5-card major suit. Responder naturally wants his side to play in his long suit, but with a weak hand, he would prefer his partner to play the contract. The reasoning is this: If the weak hand plays the contract, the strong hand becomes dummy and exposes its high card points and tenaces to the defenders. If the strong hand plays the contract, however, the weak hand becomes the dummy and the opponents have a harder time locating the high cards. It also allows responder to describe their hand more accurately. The initial responder bid is easy to use, but what do you do after partner transfers?

Response options to 1NT:

2♣	Stayman - asks for a 4-card major (Improvers' Lesson 1)
2♦	Transfer to hearts - shows 5+hearts - any point count
2♥	Transfer to spades - shows 5+spades - any point count

Responder's subsequent action

After a major Transfer (2♦ or 2♥):

Pass	Weak hand
2NT	Invitational (11-12) with exactly 5 of transferred major
3-level bid of the transferred major	Invitational (10-11) with 6+ of that major
2 nd suit	Shows at least 5/4 and forcing 1 round
3NT	Enough for game with exactly 5 of the transferred major
4-level bid of the transferred major	Enough for game with 6+ of that major

There are a number of Youtube videos that talk through example hands that are worth a watch and maybe this week there might be a chance to use this at the bridge table!

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Writing this note from the director's corner, I am reminded that frequently players seem to prefer that the corner is where I should stay! Directing at your own table seems to have almost become the norm. After all, many players are happy in the knowledge that they know just as much about the laws of the game as the director and are determined to show this. But would these same bridge players suggest that it should be the players that referee at netball or rugby?

The problem is that often those making up rules at their own table are simply wrong. Agreeing to create a penalty card without calling the director is an example. You might be right in recognising that an infraction suggests a penalty card be created, but do players really understand the rules around the disposition of that penalty card, what rights the non-offender has and whether the card is a major or minor penalty card?

An incorrect application of the rules at your table may result in an incorrect score. An incorrect score at your tables impacts on the scores at all the other tables.

Please, call the director whenever there has been an infraction or whenever you are unsure about how to proceed.

