

## TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



### MESSAGE FROM NEW PRESIDENT - JEN MACARTNEY

The first meeting of the new committee, following the AGM, was held last week. I would like to welcome Sue Johnstone, Heather Urquhart and Peta Smith to the committee. The full committee is Jen Macartney (President), Lyn McLaren (Vice President), Barbara Wilkes (Secretary), Allan Dyer (Treasurer), Marie Kean (Past President), Jan Methers (Table Card Administrator), and members—Diane Paterson, Sue Johnstone, Heather Urquhart and Peta Smith. I would like to thank Marie Kean for her significant contribution over the past two years and I hope I can carry on her good work. I look forward to working with the committee on some new initiatives this year. Finally, for any ideas or feedback you may have please do not hesitate to talk to me or anyone on the committee.

### NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee would like to thank our going committee members—Margaret Auty, Deirdre Bruce and Merv Muir for their great work over the past few years.

On Tuesday 25 November at 7pm there is an informal evening for our learner group and mentors and also anyone else who would like to learn about 'transfers'. There will be a short social get together followed by a session on transfers that will be taken by Robert Cowan. The evening will conclude around 9.30pm. Nibbles and drinks are provided. If you would like to attend could you contact Deirdre Bruce so we know numbers for catering.

In our recent survey, there was feedback asking for an intermediate championship pairs competition to be introduced into the programme. After discussions with the committee and wider consultation it has been decided to create a new intermediate championship pairs competition next year. The intermediate players will play their championship pairs at the same time as the juniors on a Monday night but in a separate competition. There will be a trophy and a new category will be included on the honours board.

The committee has also agreed to a change to the Saturday competition with the introduction of 'c' points. It is thought if this competition had points status it might attract more players. This will start in January 2026.

The new programme books are now available. If you are new to bridge we would suggest that you read the information relating to the Monday competition. In particular you need to be aware of those competitions, including championship pairs, that are just for juniors. If you play with a higher grade player you are not eligible to win the particular trophy.

The Christmas Party and Prizegiving is coming up on Wednesday 10 December at 5.30pm. This is a fun night and we would encourage you to come along and enjoy the company of others. The cost for the two course meal is \$40 and this includes one free drink.

We usually have an annual working bee to tidy up the clubrooms in late November but we know this is a busy time for everyone. Given this situation the working bee will now be on 31 January. We will send out an email to remind you nearer the time.

We have been doing a review of our health and safety issues around the club. Just a quick reminder, if we need to evacuate the building we have two exits—one through the office and the other the front door. Our assembly place is on the pavement on the other side of the street under the Woolworths sign. We have signs around the building to this effect. The director is the person in charge in the event of any emergency.

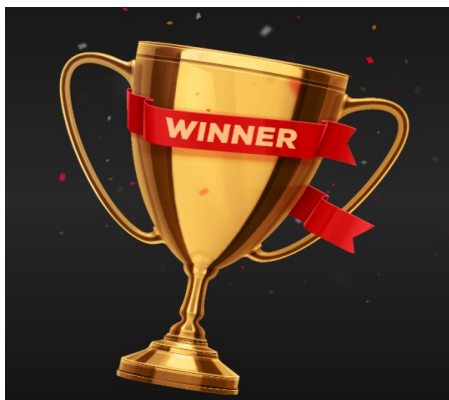
We have had a great response to our request for new people to be involved in card dealing. Now some of our longtime, loyal card dealing players can retire! Comprehensive training has been provided.

We still need a couple more people to help out in the bar on Saturdays and on tournament days. If you play reasonably regularly on a Saturday then you might like to join the team. If you are interested can you contact Jan Methers.

## RECENT RESULTS

Well done to our winners of competitions this month.

### Championship Pairs Winners



#### *Junior Championship Pairs*

1st place—Jenni Wright & Gabrielle Campbell

#### *Championship Pairs*

1st place—Kristen Collins & Tim Webb

### Congratulations from us all!

#### **Monday Competition**

##### *Junior Championship Pairs*

2nd place— Terry Evans & Alan Nicholls

##### *Spring Handicap Pairs*

1st place—Bob Gillanders & Darry Haines

2nd place—Cheryl Tapp & Janet Gafford

#### **Wednesday Competition**

##### *Championship Pairs*

2nd place—John Sheehy & Robert Cowan

##### *Holiday Pairs*

1st place—Bob Gillanders & Peta Smith

2nd place—Margaret Auty & Vivienne Cowan

##### *Spring Pairs*

1st place- John Wolken & Robert Cowan

2nd place— Jo De Bono & Margaret Auty

The Spring Pairs trophy was kindly donated by Robin Gillespie in 1981. Thank you Robin for this trophy and your amazing support of the club over many years.

#### **Wolken Cup—Fun night 27 October**

1st place N/S—Avril Power & Rona Chave

1st place E/W— Lyn McLaren & Sandra Lawn

## C POINTS / MASTERPOINTS

C Points are part of the NZ Bridge masterpoints scheme and are awarded to the top placings in a session.

- The number of C Points awarded depends on the number of pairs playing in a section.
- If the section is small, usually only the top two placings in each direction (NS/EW) will get C Points.
- If the section is large, C Points may be awarded down to 6th place.
- Top place will always receive 40 C Points.
- To get C Points, at least 20 boards must be played in a session.
- The point of C Points is to give all players a national ranking should they want to enter tournaments.

## RATING POINTS AND MASTERPOINTS

- Rating points are based on the number of A, B and C points you have earned from the time you started to play. They are recalculated annually at 80% of your previous total + the no. earned in the current year, so they may go down if you have a year off.
- C points are earned from both club sessions and tournaments. 100 C points = 1 x B point.
- B points can also be earned by competing in tournaments.
- A points (highest level) can only be earned from tournaments. (In the tournament programme in your Programme Booklet, you will see there are A and B tournaments, named for the level of points you can earn.)
- A, B and C points are referred to as 'masterpoints'. For a more detailed explanation go to: [www.bridge.co.nz](http://www.bridge.co.nz).
- There is a system of national rankings based on how many A and B masterpoints you earn, starting at Junior Master with 5 B points. When you achieve a new ranking, you will get a slip from the club to let you know. (Rankings remain, even if you take time off bridge.)

