

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



April 2016

News from March Committee meeting:

- There will be a working bee on Saturday 23rd April starting at 9.30 am. We would really appreciate your help even if it is just for 1 hour. Hope to see you there.
- Our tournament on 19th March had 14 and a half tables. It was reported that the food was well received. Excluding bar profit and paying master C points the club made just over \$800.00.
- If you had been noticing that the “next” button on the keypad was wearing out then hopefully this has been sorted. Thanks to Laurie Smeijers for replacing 14 of them.

Tournaments coming up:

- Our next tournament we are holding is the Otago Hospice Charity Pairs on Sunday May 8th starting at 1.30. Club members are asked to donate prizes for the raffles as usual. It would be great to have a great turnout from our own club.
- Wanaka is holding a 3A Tournament on 7th May. Entries close for this on 2nd May.

Did you know? When we first opened our New Club rooms in 1986 a drinks cooler for the bar was given to us by the Taieri Bowling Club. It has since been replaced by a more up-to-date model.

From the Archives

The club entered for the Otago/Southland Junior Teams event held at the West Otago Clubrooms at Tapanui in 1999.

The Taieri team won the event. Congratulations to Ian and Davena Renwick, Alex Ansett and Stewart Kerr who brought back the Truman Cup.

Unfortunately Ian, on his way home, was caught speeding going through Clinton and was fined a considerable amount which took away the gloss of victory a wee bit. Still, as Ian says, it was a little unfair as he was only going slightly over 50 and he had to overtake a truck that stopped without warning in front of him. We believe you Ian.

From the Law Book

- Any lead out of turn becomes a correct lead if declarer or either defender accepts it by making a statement to that effect, (“I accept that lead”) or if a play is made to that lead by the next hand in rotation.

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From the bridge table

Board 15

♠ 542		Dir: S	
♥ AK32		Vul: N-S	
♦ KT3			
♣ A95			
♠ A	♠ K9763		
♥ QJ96	♥ T84		
♦ AJ974	♦ 6		
♣ T84	♣ KQ63		
♠ QJT8			
14	♥ 75		
12 8	♦ Q852		
6	♣ J72		
Par: -110			
Bd 15, 6 April			

Occasionally you find the hcp evenly split and the hand is passed out. This time almost everyone finds a bid !

North-south played it in 1NT twice, in 2 NT twice, and in 3C once (what happened??)

East-West played it in 3NT once (disaster), and once each in 2D, 2H, 2S, and 3H.

The best results for both NS and for EW were gifts from the opposition but otherwise for NS making 2NT or for EW making 3H. Where were you?

Thanks to Frank Gradon for his contributions to this newsletter. They are really appreciated. Should you have any items you wish to add please email me at wilkesm@xtra.co.nz.

Otherwise happy bridging

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