

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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News from the Committee:

- Thanks to the hard work by Eve who has now renegotiated the lease to include the car parks. The lease will run to 2034 and now costs us \$46.18 less than previous.
- Thanks also to Alec Ansett for doing some carpentry work on the day bed in the women's cloakroom that now allows us to store some of the spare lights under the bed. Great work thanks Alec.
- It has been noticed that we are wasting quite a number of biscuits and so will be trialling that whoever collects the tea/coffee will first ask all of those at the table who would like a biscuit.
- Tournaments coming up:
 - April 23rd – Oamaru Open 5A Pairs Tournament, entries close 18th April
 - April 29th and April 30th – Murihiku Teams and Pairs, Invercargill, entries close 26/4.
 - April 30 – Otago Junior 3B Pair – not just for juniors but for those that are rated 30 rating points or less.
 - May 7th - Our own Otago Hospice Charity Pairs – commencing 1.30. Look out on our noticeboard for flyer if you wish to enter. Please remember to bring any donated items for the raffle to the club rooms.

Review and Explanation of Calls.

You may ask the meaning of a call at your turn to speak, or when the auction has ended and the opening lead has been made but not turned over, or throughout the play when it is your turn to play. This is why the lead is made face down! You may ask about a bid without making it difficult for the partner to lead that suit since the lead has already been made. Players should give a full explanation but if they do not seem to be doing so or use terms you do not understand call the director for help. If you are not intending to enter the auction you should not ask about the bidding during the auction. If your opponents are playing a very artificial system with lots of alerts it is often wise to wait until the end of the auction and then ask each in turn what his/her partner has shown.

Unintended v Careless Call

If you have a lovely heart opening hand with a void in spades you sometimes find to your horror that you have written down 1S. Call the director, this is obviously an unintended call and you will be allowed to change as long as your partner has not yet spoken. But if you have 4H and 4 C and you open 1H which will suggest 5 hearts in the ensuing auction this is careless as you have clubs in your hand and you will just have to cope as well as you can. Sometimes you realise as you are writing down your call that you are writing down the wrong thing, or LHO asks a question and you realise that you have written down something other than you intended. If you are obviously changing an unintentional call rather than changing your mind about what call you should have made you will be allowed to change.

A tricky bidding hand for North-South.

North Dealer; Nil Vul

North

S 9

H AJ532

D 96

C AKQJ7

West

S 876

H QT

D KQJ87

C 654

East

S T543

H 9876

D A54

C 93

South

S AKQJ2

H K4

D T82

C K4

Possible Auctions

West	North	East	South
	1H	Pass	1S
Pass	2C	Pass	2D ¹
X	3C	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

OR

West	North	East	South
	1H	Pass	1S
Pass	2C	Pass	2D ¹
X	3C	Pass	4H
All Pass			

¹ Fourth suit forcing

If they do not use fourth suit forcing, then North will have a difficult bid over 3C. If 3S is forcing, then that might be the best lie since that spade suit is as good if not better than many 6-card suits. Those Souths who tried an undisciplined 3NT will suffer a quick and deserved defeat.

Back then to fourth suit forcing. Some play it forcing to game, others, at the 2-level, just for one round.. Here, once 3C is bid, the sequence is game forcing. The question is what to bid over 3C. 3S is my choice, enabling North with no diamond hold to raise with a singleton opposite what they what they imagine is a 6-card trump suit. The defence had better take their two diamond tricks in a hurry or South will make all the tricks.

In the second auction the jump to 4H was weak option. (3H would have been slam interest since the partnership was in a game forcing auction after 3C.

While 5C is the safest contract, who wants to play in a minor when you can play in a 5-1 spade fit? 5C is bound to score poorly, only beating those who attempt 3NT.

Remember When:

- We used to play a team's competition on a Tuesday night?
- One Fun Night we played an individual competition – changing partners each board – and played with a total of 21 partners?
- Fun nights used to be Pot-Luck or Fish and Chips?
- We ran a series of Workshops on Sunday afternoons?

Happy bridging!!!!

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