

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ◆ We have received a verbal resignation from Janet Rutherford who has been a member for a very long time. I understand she has held many positions over years and will be sadly missed
- ◆ Welcome to 3 new members: Gillian Alexander, Eunan Cleary and Terry Evans.
- ◆ The lessons are going along very nicely with another 5 lessons to go. There are 16 people in attendance which is great to see. We will be having a couple of practice Tuesday night sessions at the end of May for the newbies to get used to what they can expect on a Monday night. Remember, it can all be a little daunting to say the least!!
- ◆ Next Monday night will be our Easter Monday Fun night. \$10.00 per person and cash to be paid on the night. You can come with a partner or put your name in the hat like most people. Starting time is 5.30.
- ◆ Our Otago Hospice Charity Tournament is full steam ahead on Sunday 1st May. Always a fun afternoon for \$15.00—as usual we are hoping to have great club support. Any reasonable raffle prizes would be greatly welcome.
- ◆ It was discussed at our committee meeting about what to do if you see anti-social behaviour at bridge, or if you are unhappy with bridge protocols not being followed. First of all chat discreetly to the director or the convenor on the night. You may also bring it to the attention of a committee member. If it is a general club matter then please write or email your concerns to the committee who will address it at the next meeting.
- ◆ Did you know that next year will be our 50th Anniversary. If you have any old memorabilia to share then please speak out.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

Please check the NZ Bridge Tournament page for details of online tournaments. There's heaps to enter if you are keen to give it a go from home.

Back to face to face tournaments around our region

23 April—Wanaka 5A Open pairs, change of venue.

30 April—Murihiku Invercargill 5A Teams

1st May—Murihiku Invercargill 5A Pairs

1st May—Our Otago Hospice Charity Tournament

A TREASURY OF BRIDGE TIPS by Edwin B Kantar

Opening

1. Before opening the bidding with a distributional hand, prepare your various rebids. Assume partner will respond in your shortest suit ... they always do.
2. Deduct one point for any singleton jack, queen or king. If you still have 12 points then open.

Responding

3. Assume partner opens 1♣ and you have four ♦ along with a four card major. With less than 11 HCP, respond in the major. With 11 or more HCP, respond in your stronger suit. You are strong enough to bid the other one later, if necessary.
4. Do not respond in a suit that has four small cards when you have an opening bid or better. There may be a slam and you could wind up in the wrong suit.

You hold a) ♠ A875, ♥76, ♦ KQ76, ♣ 654
b) ♠ A875, ♥76, ♦ AKJ9, ♣ 654

North	East	South (you)	West
1♣	Pass	??	

With (a) respond 1♠. You have fewer than 11 HCP

With (b) respond 1♦. You are strong enough to bid both suits if necessary.

Opener's Rebid

5. After a two level response, a new suit by opener is forcing.
6. After a single raise, a new suit is forcing.
7. Avoid rebidding weak 5 card suit, look for something else to bid.

These are just a few tips to whet your whistle. This book is from the Otago Bridge Club library. Just when you thought you knew it all along comes some more tips.

BRIDGE PROTOCOLS

I thought it was timely to remind our members about some basic bridge protocols—especially regarding courtesy.

- Be seated on time (at least 10 mins before start of session—6.50pm at our club). This is so the Director can determine how many boards to put into play, whether there are feed-ins and if there is a phantom. Not always easy when late arrivals.



- Never criticise your partner at the table —not great for partner nor opponents.



- Apart from brief comments, avoid debating hands or your system at the table. (my exception to this is if you have finished both hands early but within reason and don't keep the next opponents waiting).

- Say hello to the opposition, and a brief thanks at the end of the game.



- If you are at the Bye table then please chat/whisper quietly! Actually if you are finished please be mindful that others may not be.

- Don't gloat if you get a good result. The contra of that is your opponents got a bottom board ☹️

- Don't let bad manners get in the way of a good game.



DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE RULES ABOUT THESE POINTS??

- ⇒ NZ Bridge mandated that 1C and 1NT be announced to avoid questions being asked.
- ⇒ The bidding pad must stay in the middle so that opponents may review the auction on the first round. After they have played a card then this right expires so the bidding pad is turned over.
- ⇒ The bridge board should always face North to South and stay in the middle to avoid the cards being put in the wrong pockets.
- ⇒ Once your game has finished do not close up your cards until you agree how many tricks have been made otherwise you jeopardize your right to claim doubtful tricks.
- ⇒ Declarer plays a card from dummy by naming the card. Some people still play the cards from dummy but if you touch it (other than arranging) it's a played card.
- ⇒ After dummy's hand is faced, dummy may not touch or indicate any card without instruction from declarer.



These rules are there for a reason. If in doubt check with the Director as that is their job to make the ruling.

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