

# TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



## NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- A very successful fun night was just held last night. A very big thank you to Marie who did all of the preparation, and set-up. 34 people were in attendance which is about usual for the Easter night. Have a look at the photos at the end of the newsletter!
- 160 invites have been sent out for the 50th Anniversary on 20/05/23. To date we have had 37 replies. If you are unable to complete the Google Form, then you can just email the club, or even just put your name on the list at the Club rooms. Please only enter your name once.
- It has been noted that there are some tablecloths with considerable pen marks on them which are not always able to be washed out easily. The committee would like to strongly encourage all members to use the pencils provided.
- Not long until our Charity Hospice Tournament on Sunday 23rd April. As usual we look to our members to provide some great raffle prizes. Please bring them to the club rooms. Of course your presence on the day would be greatly appreciated too. Entries close on Friday 21st but if you have nothing to do on the Sunday please don't hesitate to turn up.
- Word to the wise: just remember that duplicate bridge is all about having the same settings for all players, same time to play each hand (so if you take longer than everyone else then this creates an imbalance), also if you are South please remember that the results are for viewing by all at the table not to be read out for all to hear (especially the next table that still has to play that board).

## Tournaments:

Apr 16—Invercargill 8B Swiss Pairs, \$25.00 per person, 10 am start. Entries close 14/04.

April 22—Wanaka 5A Open Pairs, \$35.00 per person, 10 am start, entries close 18/04.

April 23—Taieri Hospice Charity Pairs—Starting time 1.30, \$15.00 per person. Entries close 21/04. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CLUB!!

Apr 29 Invercargill Murihiku 5A Teams, \$30.00 per person, 10 am start, entries close 26/04.

Apr 30—Invercargill Murihiku 5A Pairs, \$35.00 per person, 9.30 am start, entries close 26/04.

## PLANNING ON THE PLAY OF A BRIDGE HAND by Barbara Seagram and David Bird

How to plan a suit contract:



First step is to count the potential losers in your hand, declarer's hand, looking at each suit in turn. You do this by taking into account the high cards in both your own hand and dummy. If you have more losers than you can afford you will then need to plan how to reduce the number of losers so that you will make your contract. You may have to ruff, finesse or discard. It is much better to take a short minute and make a plan than to get half way through and be lost.

Finessing: There are two main forms of finesse. The most common one is where you lead toward a card in the hope that the missing high card lies with the defender who will have to play second to the trick. The other option is to lead a high card towards an Ace. If the high card is covered by opponents then put your Ace up otherwise let it run. You should work out how many tricks you need from a suit to work out which way to play the finesse. If you are holding the Ace and King in a suit then the correct play is to lead the Ace first (this is the hand with two honours in it). You may even need to repeat the finesse twice. It is also important to look at entries in each hand as this may be a critical card.

Making a Plan – to discard losers.

The easiest way to discard losers is when you draw all trumps and then play surplus winners in dummy, throwing your losers. Sometimes you must establish a suit in dummy before you are able to take a discard. Remember whenever possible, you should draw trumps before taking any discards, otherwise a defender may ruff one of your winners. When dummy has a long side suit, you may be able establish the suit by ruffing a round or two in your hand until the defenders have no more cards in the suit.

If you are planning to take a ruff or two in dummy, it may not be possible to draw trumps immediately. Ruffing in the short-trump hand gives you an extra trick; ruffing in the long-trump hand does not.

Always so much to learn!! As my dad used to say "every day you don't learn something is a day wasted". Hoping you have learnt something from this today.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

Did you know that there is a law on conduct and etiquette? You wouldn't think that this would be necessary but it is. The law says the following things:

A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.



A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.



It also says a player should refrain from:

Making gratuitous comments during the auction and play

Detaching a card before it is his turn to play

Prolonging play unnecessarily for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.

Violations include:

Indicating the approval or disapprove of a call or play.

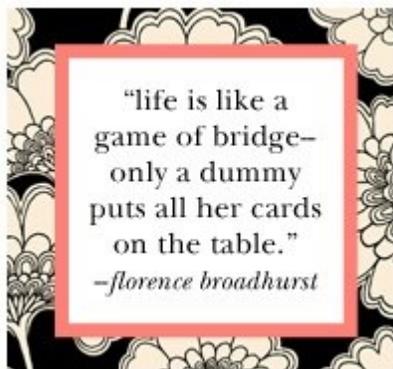


What can you do if you are at a table when any of these things occur:

As a preference you can call the director, or you can quietly chat to the convenor. If you are not comfortable with either of these then you can talk to one of the committee.



"OH FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, CHARLIE, JUST LET THEM *HAVE* THE BID!"



*Barbara Wilkes*

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Great  
Social Night

Delicious!!!



Nice for a change



Thanks  
Marie!!