

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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News from July Committee meeting:

- For those of you that play on a Monday night you will be interested to note that discussion was held about whether to double or not for penalties. It was agreed that doubling was part of the game but if doubling a new player it is done ethically.
- Lighting outside the club rooms is being worked upon.
- Welcome to new members from the lessons: Patsy Williams and Lewis McKirdy. Welcome also to Roger Gudsell and to Jan Kelly. Please make our new members welcome.

Tournaments coming up:

- Taieri Bridge Cancer Tournament on 14th August. Entries close on Friday 12th August. Cost is \$10.00. Starting time is 1.30 pm. Thanks to Cadbury's for sponsoring with 18 boxes of chocolates, New World with a voucher, Agora Meats with 2 vouchers, and Wal's with some plants.
- Oamaru 3B Junior and 5B Intermediate Pairs Tournament, but entries close today.
- East Otago Cancer Society Charity Pairs Tournament, starting at 1.30 pm at the Ardleigh Golf Club. (Directions: 3.3 km west on the Pigroot road). Online entries to digorman@xtra.co.nz by 15th August.
- Invercargill Open 8B Pairs on Saturday 27th August, starting 10.00 am. Cost is \$30.00 entry. Entries close 23rd August to inv.bridge@gmail.com.
- Otago Arthritis Charity Pairs on Sunday 4th September, starting at 1.30 pm.

Defence to 1NT

Many gadgets have been devised to compete against an enemy 1 NT opening. (The last time I looked on the internet I found 32) If you like simplicity, you should play Landy. If you want to be adventurous, try Pottage. (Also known as Cappelletti or Hamilton) The important thing is that you and your partner should have some agreement

Natural: Double = penalties
Suit bids = natural.
(Works fine for single suited hands)

Landy:
Double = penalties
Suit bids = natural

Pottage: Double = penalties
2C = single suited. (*Partner bids 2D—pass or correct*)
2D = both majors 2H = hearts and a minor
2S = spades and a minor 2NT = both minors

Remember, the best system is the one you know!!

From the Archives

Do you know where the money came from to build our Club Rooms?

- 16 members took debenture totalling \$5,400
- 57 members gave donations totalling \$6,075

- 34 members took life memberships at \$200 each totalling \$6,800
- Add to that money in the bank from fundraising
- Add to that a mortgage (paid off in 7 years)
- And we had the building built by Calder Stewart for roughly \$80,000 in 1986

Of those members above, 11 are still active members. If they tell you they own the building – they do. Current members get the benefit of their efforts.

Bridge Proprieties

As a refresher for all these are on page 3 of your programme book but it doesn't hurt to read them again.

The following acts should be carefully avoided:

- Bidding with special emphasis, inflection or intonation
- Passing or doubling with exceptional haste or reluctance.
- Making a call with undue delay which may result in conveying improper information to a partner.
- Indicating by facial expression or in any way showing approval or disapproval of partner's call or play.
- Giving unauthorised information as to an incident of the auction or play.
- Volunteering information which should be given only in response to a question.
- Playing a card with special emphasis or playing a card with undue delay when it does not need consideration.
- Detaching a card from hand before the turn to play or lead, or detaching a card and then replacing it.

In fact there is a law that covers a lot of this. Some of the important parts of Law 74 are as follows:

- A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
- A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
- Players should refrain from:
 - making gratuitous comments during the auction and play,
 - prolonging play unnecessarily for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
- Violations of procedure include:
 - indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play
 - indicating the expectation or intention of winning or losing a trick that has not been completed.

Happy bridging everyone!!!

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