

# TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



## AUGUST 2017

### News from the Committee:

- The lessons have nearly finished. Thanks to Kristen for the great job for taking them.
- We would like to welcome the following new members to our Club: Stewart Whyte, Lee Whyte, John Aitcheson, Tai Tua'i, Justin Farquhar, Simon Schack, Jennifer Schack and Jennifer Rennell. Of interest is to note that Simon is our youngest member as he is still at school. If you come across any of these folk please make them feel welcome.
- Coming up is our Cancer Society Charity Pairs Tournament on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please look out for the notice on the board to write your names on. As usual we are looking for donated items from our members to use in the raffle. Suggestions include: Jigsaw puzzles, wine, plants, baking books and toiletries.
- Other Tournaments to note: (full notices are on our board should you wish to enter)
  - Aug 13 – Oamaru Intermediate 5B and Junior 3B Pairs, entries close Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug.
  - Aug 20 – East Otago Charity – limited entries, entries close 14<sup>th</sup> Aug
  - Aug 26 – Invercargill Open 8B Pairs – entries close 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug.

### Notes about the New Rules:

Murray Wiggin has formulated a document with a brief outline of the changes in the 2017 rules. I will summarise them for you:

- The bridge board should remain *correctly oriented* in the middle of the table.
- Dummy may now attempt to prevent an irregularity by any player, but is still unable to draw attention to an irregularity which has occurred until play concludes.
- The director now has powers to award an *assigned* adjusted score – enter a bridge result rather than an adjusted percentage.
- If a player gives an incomplete or incorrect explanation of their partner's bid, they must call the Director prior to the opening lead to correct their explanation. Players are not permitted to enquire about a call if the sole purpose is to elicit an incorrect response from the opponents.
- Comparable bid is the new buzz word and many of the changes in laws are around this. A comparable bid is one that has the same or similar meaning attributed to the withdrawn call, or defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call or has the same purpose. Comparable bids applies to an insufficient bid, a pass out of rotation, bid out of rotation, double or redouble out of rotation, and call withdrawn. If the bid is replaced with a comparable bid then there is no further rectification. Previously insufficient bids were replaced with a bid in the same suit at the lowest level otherwise partner couldn't bid again so this is quite a change.
- Legal and illegal changes of calls. This law has become more stringent and loss of concentration is specifically mentioned. It is not a justification claiming that a call is unintended.
- If dummy plays a card that Declarer didn't name, then it must be corrected before defenders play to the next trick.

- Players may now look at, but not expose, the card they played to their last trick, until either player from their side has played to the next trick.
- Claim or concession of tricks – a hand can now be played out following a claim but only if a member of the non-claiming or non-conceding side requests the hand to be played out, and all 4 players concur – otherwise the director should be called.
- It is now an infraction to state that there is a partnership agreement when there isn't one e.g. I'm taking that as ..." You are better to say something like "not discussed".

For full notes please visit the following website:

<http://www.nzbridge.co.nz/latest-updates,listing,3254,revised-wbf-rules--effective-from-1-aug-2017.html>

## System

<p>You pick up this hand and you are dealer. What do you bid?</p> <p>S: KJ64 H: QT9 D: A95 C: KQJ</p>	<p>Not difficult is it? It Happens all the time! Most of our players play ACOL and will open 1C intending to bid NT next time. <b>But</b> Your partner responds 1D.</p> <p><b>Now</b>, --- are you going to bid 1S or 1NT?</p> <p>If you haven't discussed this with your partner, do it now</p> <p>For me, my first priority is to find an eight card major suit fit and I will bid 1S. I can bid NT next time if I must.</p> <p>You are entitled to disagree, but your partner needs to know.</p>
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## Bridge Songs

- Bridge Over Troubled Water — Travel-with-Goren cruise that stops in Havana, Tripoli and Basra.
- It's Not Unusual — partner's scream after you misinterpret his 2NT bid.
- Monday, Monday — what you wish for after single-handedly blowing the Swiss Teams on Sunday.
- The Second Time Around — the usual occasion when your aces get trumped.
- Somethin' Stupid — whichever line of play you decide to take.
- 'Til the End of Time — normal duration before admitting your bridge mistakes.



Happy bridging -!!!!

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