

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ⇒ Cancer Society Charity Tournament is coming up on Sunday 26th August. The club is once again looking for reasonable raffle prizes.
- ⇒ It was great to see a good turnout from the Club with the latest Graded Tournament — 30 of our members attended. Well done to Bob Gillanders and Dianne Carruthers for winning overall.
- ⇒ A motion was agreed by the committee that “in the next financial year, the TBC will renovate the building exterior including the roof”.
- ⇒ The committee would like to welcome Janis Tizard (456 0469) to the club. Please also remember to make to new members fresh from lessons welcome.
- ⇒ If you are interested in your handicap results they are on our webpage but will be on the notice-board.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

- 19th Aug—Oamaru Intermediate 5B/ Junior 3B Pairs.
- 25th Aug—In’gill Intermediate 5B/ Junior 3B Pairs
- 26th Aug—Taieri Cancer Society Charity Tournament
- 1st/2nd Sept—Otago National 15A Pairs
- 8th/9th Sept— Central Otago 5A Teams and Pairs



A WINNER listens to his partner's point of view;

A LOSER just waits until it's time to express his own.

“THE VITAL PRINCIPLES” BY FREDDIE NORTH

How would you play this hand? South is the dealer.

N ♠ Q8543
 ♥ AQ4
 ♦ A97
 ♣ QJ

S ♠ A10976
 ♥ 52
 ♦ KQJ
 ♣ 752



Contract 4♠ by South

The bidding:

W	N	E	S
-	-	1♣	1♠
Pass	4♠	All pass	

West leads the six of club. East cashes the two top clubs and switches to the five of diamonds which is won in dummy. A small spade is played from the table, South covering East’s jack with the Ace while West follows with the two. How should declarer plan the rest of the play?

♠ 2	♠ Q8543	♠ KJ
♥ 10763	♥ AQ4	♥ KJ98
♦ 108642	♦ A97	♦ 53
♣ 963	♣ QJ	♣ AK1084

♠ A10976	
♥ 52	
♦ KQJ	
♣ 752	

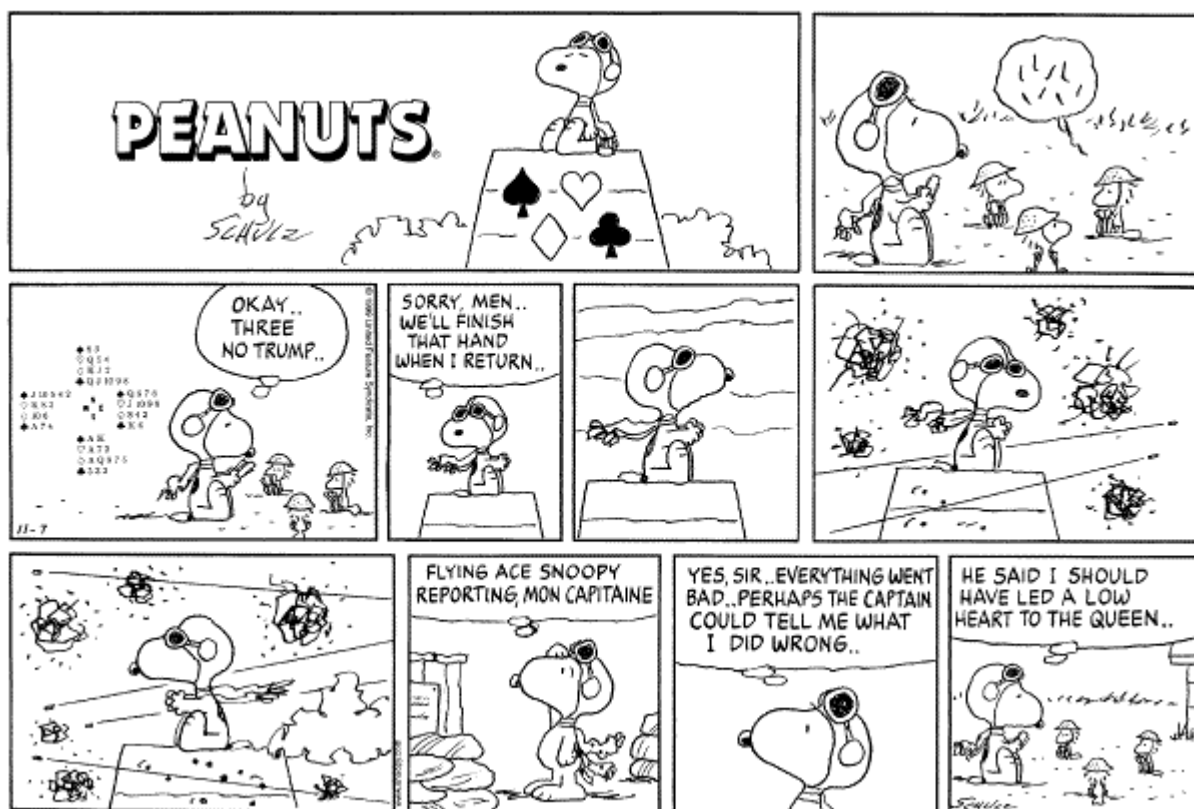


The Play

Declarer should trump his third club in dummy and then attempt to cash his remaining diamonds. If East refuses to ruff (best), he is then thrown on play with the ♠K and will either have to concede a ruff and discard (a club would be ruffed in dummy while a heart would be discarded from the closed hand) or lead a heart into dummy's ace-queen. Either way declarer cuts his losses to just three tricks.

The Principle

When an end-play offers a better chance than a simple finesse, it should always be preferred. However, after relinquishing the lead declarer should, whenever possible, extract the safe cards of exit from his intended victim. That is why on the above hand he ruffed his last club and cashed his diamond winners before playing a spade to East's king. East was able to defer his eventual demise by refusing to trump the third diamond, but it was only a short respite.



FAMOUS BRIDGE QUOTES

The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in.

When I take a 50-50 chance I expect it to come off 8 or 9 times out of 10.



It's not the handling of the difficult hands that makes the winner player. There aren't enough of them! It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones.

Happy reading

Barbara Wilkes

Editor

Hard

Easy