

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

First of all a welcome to the new members coming into Monday night sessions at the end of August— Noel Graham, Ivan Murray, Trish Enright, Anita Olivier, Judy Moore, Annemarie Tangney, Phil Morris, Sue Macaulay, Naomi Mottershead, Dorothee Hall, Pat Hart, Rhonda Mitchell, Lenore Armstrong, Helen Haig. For the Mable Porteous series we will be having a maximum of 21 board nights to ease our new players in. Don't despair as where else can you get 3 hours entertainment for \$5.00

We would like to encourage all our to wear name badges. We are instigating an August amnesty so if you have lost your badge and would like a new one please email me (wilkesm@xtra.co.nz) with the name you would like to appear on the badge plus your membership number. The club will pay for these new badges.

Well done to Donna Ruwhiu and Kristen Collins who won overall the 8A tournament held at our club. Great Effort.

The new tablets will not be purchased for another few months.



Our Charity tournament will be held on Sunday 25th August. As usual we are looking to our club members for donations towards raffle prizes. Our prizes are al-

ways well received.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

August 18—Oamaru Junior and Intermediate Pairs, entries close tomorrow.

August 24—Invercargill 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs Tournament. Entries close 21st August.

August 25th—Cancer Society Charity Pairs—there is a notice on board to complete or entries online. Entries close midday Friday 23rd August It would be great to see you supporting our club.

Sept ember7/8—Central Otago 5A Teams and Pairs.

A Poem to Ponder

It would never happen at the Taieri Bridge Club ...

10 new bridge players came to cheese and wine, 1 was criticised for laughing loudly. Next week there were 9



9 new bridge players, one was a minute late. "You have to be seated by 7" Next week there were 8



8 new bridge players, one slowly tried the rule of 11, Tutting, sighs, rolling of eyes. Next week there were 7

7 new bridge players, one couldn't remember his bids "We haven't got all night you know", Next week there were 6

6 new bridge players, one forgot to follow suit, "You've reneged" in an accusatory voice. Next week there were 5



5 new bridge players, East handled a board, "Don't touch that – I'm South" was hissed. Next week there were 4



4 new bridge players, one nervous and desperate for a pee. "You can't go now, we're already behind " Next week there were 3



3 new bridge players, sharing boards and scoring was new. "You are so slow" as the board was snatched, next week there were 2



2 new bridge players, had thought the lessons were such fun, If new players are not made welcome we will find there will be none.



All of us are ambassadors for the Taieri Bridge Club. We need new members and we want them to stay. Please do your bit.

Kristen has generously given up 25 weeks of her time, and spent hours in preparations for lessons. Don't let your sharp words end the weeks of effort that have gone into bringing these new members to the club.



Whats' the best way to play this hand? - according to Vil Gravis

East is in 6 H with no opposition to bidding

South leads the Space Ace. If you do what most people do, and that is to immediately draw trumps, your contract will depend on a successful club finesse; the only way to finesse is to play the king first lead lead to the jack. But if you have drawn all the trumps, noting the 4-0 breal, even if the club finesse works, the clubs still need to be 3-3 or you will still lose a club.

You could hope for the king of spades to fall in two more rounds. That is the case but after ruffing two spades declarer would fail against a 4-0 trump break.

There is a far easier way to make this slam, as long as there are no really bad breaks in the minor suits.

Win the diamond king after the switch, discard a CLUB on the ace of diamonds, and then proceed on a fairly simple cross ruff; starting with taking the top clubs then a diamond ruff with the TWO. As long as the diamonds are no worse than 6-3 this will not be over-ruffed. You then have a dead set thing in cross ruffing the clubs and spades with your top trumps.

Tip: Always think before you draw any trumps and work out a plan. Learn some basic statistics about chances of suits breaking. Use your trumps wisely and don't just draw trumps immediately just because you have been taught to draw trumps.



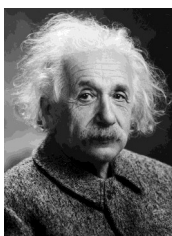
♠ J987	
♥ 6543	
♦ J32	
♣ 32	
♠ Q10643	♠ 2
♥ 10972	♥ AKQJ8
♦ 5	♦ AK7
♣ K65	♣ AJ74
♠ AK5	
♥	
♦ Q109864	
♣ Q1098	



To quote someone of brilliance:

You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else.

[Albert Einstein](#)



Happy Bridging!!

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