

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- Welcome to Ulli Graham who has joined our club.
- Some updating is underway in the next few months so look out for new vinyl in the kitchen, windowsills to be painted, and new blinds to be installed to replace the deteriorating curtains.
- If you have a spare night with no partner just remember that some of our learners are able to turn up on Monday night without a partner so if you could let Dale know that you would be available then it would be greatly appreciated. Likewise this applies to wanting to play on Wednesday nights as well as a few extra couples can help add to the vibe.
- Our Charity Tournament is coming up on Sunday 28 August. This year the Committee has decided to donate the funds to the Mosgiel branch of St John. As usual your support with raffle prizes as long as turning up on the day would be appreciated.
- I am pleased that the majority of committee members are willing to be re-elected which is great. Just a reminder that there are plenty of other tasks that you can do to help the club so don't be shy in volunteering.
- If you have a key/s to our clubrooms, bar etc then please reply to this email with your key number. We are in the process of updating the key register.
- If you have had a change of your phone number from last year's programme book then please email the club with your preferred number. A list will be at the club for updating too!!



LIGHTNER DOUBLES

I thought it was a good time to use something from an old Newsletter—and oldie but a goodie from 15 years ago.

Imagine that you have sat silently as the opponents have bid confidently to a slam. It's all rather depressing as you stare at your collection of tram-tickets.

You perk up a bit though when your partner doubles the final bid. What's this? Has partner got two certain tricks? Well, that may be the case, but in expert circles it is far more likely to be a Lightner double, requesting that you lead something unusual.



Lightner doubles were named after the bridge player Theodore Lightner in 1929, and they are made when partner has an unusual holding that may have to be exploited at trick 1.

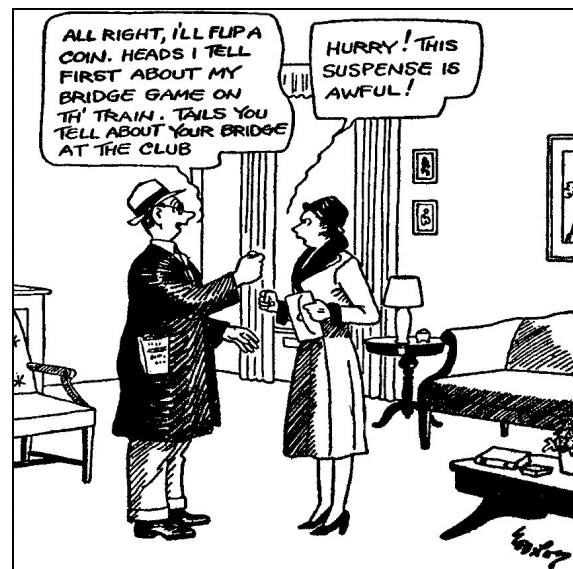


If your partner makes such a double you have to put on your thinking cap. Could partner be ruffing a suit? Normally your own holding in each suit, together with the bidding, will tell you if that is likely (and what the operative suit is).

Another possibility is that partner has a strong holding in dummy's first bid suit and wants it led immediately.

It definitely excludes that you lead trumps or your own partnership's suits.

So for example if the opponents have bid 1H-6NT and then partner doubles you must lead a heart.



TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

14 Aug—Oamaru Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs—closes tonight!!

20 Aug—Invercargill Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs

27/28 Aug - South Island Open 20A Teams

28 Aug—Our charity Tournament—name on list or turn up on the day

How many Bridge players do you need to change a light bulb?



Four. One to change the bulb and three to tell him how he could have done it better.

Don't be like this with the learners!!!



Don't forget play on Monday nights is for a simple bidding system. We have adopted the junior bidding system that NZ Bridge specifies. Check out the following website for the defined system.

<https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/systems-guide-for-junior-intermediate-tournaments.html>

If you want to play fancy stuff then try Wednesday nights!!



Don't get all weird about getting older!
Our age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying us!!

**Bridge won't solve
your problems but
neither will house-
work!**



Barbara Wilkes

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