

## TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



### NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Work is now starting on the 2026 Programme book. Shortly we will be checking your details to ensure we have them correct for the book. If you have in the last twelve months changed your phone number or address can you please provide those new details to Jen Macartney.

It seems far away but the Annual General Meeting is only 2 months away—Monday 13 October. There will be vacancies for general committee members. What does being on the committee entail? There is a monthly meeting that lasts one to one and half hours. You actively participate in meetings, contribute to decision making and assist with projects or initiatives. You are part of a team that is positive and proactive. It is also worth noting that the committee does not do everything in the club. There are other club members who in association with the committee perform important functions that contribute to the smooth running of the club. If you are interested in joining the committee speak to Marie, Barbara or Jen and they will let you know the next steps. Nominations need to be in by 22 September. Finally, you do not need to be an experienced bridge player to be on the committee—people who are new to the game potentially offer fresh insights and ideas that can be invaluable to keeping our club vibrant.



It isn't too soon if you have a burning issue to be discussed at the AGM to start thinking about it. Any items to be discussed at the AGM will need to be emailed to the club or inclusion in the AGM Agenda by 22 September.

Our local charity tournament is coming up on 24 August starting at 1.30pm. The proceeds from this tournament will be donated to the Mosgiel Food Bank. This is a fun afternoon of bridge—we have spot prizes to give out during the play, a lovely afternoon tea, interesting raffles, winners' prizes and there is the opportunity to socialise at the end of the afternoon when the bar will be open. The cost for the charity event is \$20 and this includes a set of raffle tickets. We would also like to donate grocery or household items to the Food Bank so could you bring something along on the day. We will have a bin at the front of the club rooms where these items can be deposited during the week before the tournament. This means if you are unable to play in the tournament you can still make a donation.

There is only one more improver lesson coming up on **7 Sep, starting at 10am**. Double and more doubles, 2nd & 3rd hand defensive play.

### RECENT RESULTS

Well done to our winners of competitions this month.

#### Monday Competition

No completed competitions

#### Wednesday Competition

*Presidents Pairs (played over 4 nights)*

- ♦ 1st place— Murray Barron & David Larsen
- ♦ 2nd place— Christine Samson & Barbara Wilkes

#### Taieri Graded Pairs Open 8B

This tournament on 27 July attracted 20 pairs including many top players from around the region. We are happy to report that Lyn McLaren and Deirdre Bruce from our club were placed 4th in the competition. Well done!

### DEREK TINGLE



Derek Tingle and John Wolken  
2023 Prizegiving (photo Barbara)

Derek Tingle, a friend of many, sadly passed away earlier in the week. Just over two weeks ago Derek was farewelled from the Otago Bridge Club and our Club. On his final outing at both clubs his scores were, as one would expect, very close to the winners on the day! Derek joined our club in 1984 and he made a significant contribution over the years. He was on the committee for five years from 1993-1997, he organised the Bridge library, he helped with the establishment and maintenance of the gardens and he assisted numerous players improve their game either through his contribution to the lessons or on going coaching and supporting of players. We have had shared laughter, interesting conversations and camaraderie with Derek and these times leave us with fond memories.

## SOME HELPFUL REMINDERS...

### COURTESY

- Be seated on time (at least 10 mins before start of session). This is so the Director can determine how many boards to put into play, whether there are feed-ins and if there is a phantom.
- Listen carefully to any announcements. The notices are to let you know what's happening around the club or during the session. Please don't talk or pick up your cards until they have finished speaking.
- Never criticise your partner at the table.
- Apart from brief comments, avoid debating hands or your system at the table.
- Say hello to the opposition, and a brief thanks at the end of the game.
- Don't let your desire to do well make you forget your manners.

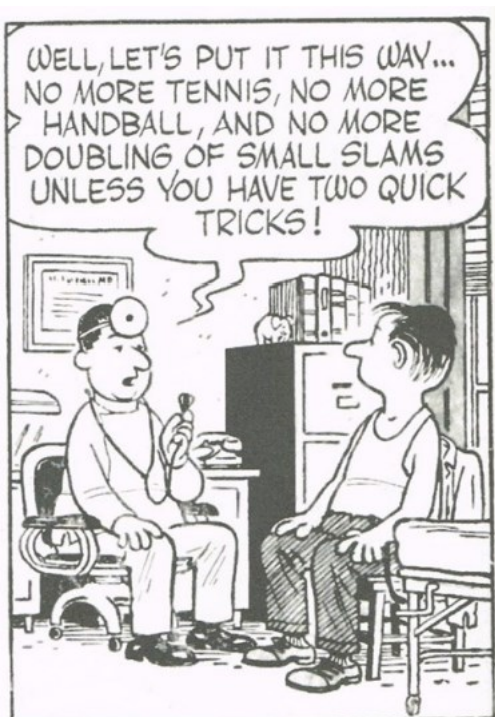


### BIDDING PADS

- North usually writes the board number in the middle of the bidding pad. This ensures boards are played in order and makes it a lot easier to sort out scoring errors further down the track.
- DO NOT mark vulnerability or dealer on the pad.
- Turn the bidding pad over after the third card has been played to the first trick. This allows time to still review the bidding.

### BOARDS

- Players sitting N-S are responsible for making sure boards are played in the right order and orientation. North checks from the bidding pad and South checks on the tablets.
- Boards must always be kept in N-S orientation, no matter where they are. (This prevents hands being put in the wrong pockets. Boards must be kept in the middle of the table – but slightly off to the side is acceptable.)
- Vulnerability (as written on board) must remain visible throughout the game. Don't cover it with your bidding pad.
- West passes the board/s back to the previous table. If play has been held up, then one of the pair waiting can pass the completed board back. (No person from the table waiting to play the board is allowed to get it in case they see the cards or a contract being written down.)



A man walked by a table in a hotel and noticed three men and a dog playing cards.

The dog was playing with extraordinary performance.

"This is a very smart dog," the man commented.

"Not so smart," said one of the players.

"Every time he gets a good hand he wags his tail."

