

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- ⇒ As there is a spare Wednesday night this week with no scheduled bridge there has been a suggestion that it become a social night for all grades. Please bring a plate along. Usual table money applies. Start time is 6.30 pm.



- ⇒ Christmas Party is next Monday night. Start time is 5.30 pm for socialising. Dinner will be served at 6.15 pm and the prize giving will happen at the conclusion of the meal. Only a few more people to pay for their meals by tomorrow. Reply to this email if you still want to come as it's not too late!
- ⇒ Saturday Bridge—currently Christine Samson is a one-stop shop with the set up, directing and tablets. We are looking for regular Saturday players to take on some of these duties. It's your time to shine by helping out. Training will be given. Please email back with what you can do to help.
- ⇒ I hope you enjoy reading the attached PDF—stories by Michael Atkinson—previous newsletter editor. Thanks Mike for your amazing work.
- ⇒ Next February there will be flyers available for distribution for those keen walkers.

Barbara Wilkes

NEWSLETTER EDITOR



BARBARA'S BRIDGE TIPS by Barbara Seagram

I still love the title of this book so thought I would find some more tips from it.

PREEMPTS—HOW TO UPSET THE OPPONENTS

Preempts are opening bids at the three-level with a weak and long suit which are designed to make life difficult for the opponents. You have to recognise that it is better to go down 2 or 3 tricks than let them make game—especially if they are vulnerable.

You can be friskier with your pre-empts in 3rd chair (i.e. your partner has passed) as you won't risk missing slam but never pre-empt in 4th seat.

Requirements for an opening bid at the 3 level include the following:

- ⇒ You must have a good quality 7 card suit e.g. Q J 10 8 7 3 2—absolute minimum hand.
- ⇒ No more than one Ace or King outside your trump suit.
- ⇒ Less than 10 HCP or don't pre-empt.
- ⇒ If you have a 4 card major then don't open unless your partner has already passed.

If you pre-empt at the 4-level then this would show an 8 card suit.

As a responder you need to have a good 15+ points to respond if you think there is game. A lot depends on which suit your partner has pre-empted in.

