

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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News from the Committee:

- Correction to dates of learner's lessons – they start on Tuesday 7th March. Flyers are being distributed by some members. Please remember to speak to neighbours and friends as you never know who may be interested.
- If you wish to play with the learners then please be aware that it will be easier for the learners to play their system rather than trying to teach them your own – it can be very confusing when starting bridge and getting mixed messages won't help.
- Our club will be running an 8B Open Tournament on Saturday 18th March. We are always looking for great support from our club – whether it be attending or helping out in other ways. Cost of playing is \$25.00 per person. You need to bring your own lunch. Just out of interest an "Open" tournament is open to all players. The fact that it is an "8B" tournament means that the winner of the tournament is eligible to win 8 B points (each B point is worth 100 C points and if you were to go to an A Grade Tournament then A points is equivalent to 100 B points).
 - Thanks to John Sheehy and Robert Cowan for sponsoring the first newspaper advertisement, to Barbara Wilkes for organising the flyers, and to Donna for organising fundraising from the Cadbury Saturday car park to offset some of the costs.
- Just a reminder that there are still 24 people who haven't paid their subscriptions yet.
- Congratulations to Barbara Wilkes for passing her directors exam.
- Welcome to Cathy Ferguson who has recently joined the club - please make her feel welcome.

Excerpts from the Bridge Protocol Booklet

Revoking

If another player thinks you have revoked and you disagree. Don't get upset. Call the Director.

Penalties (i.e. rectification). Penalties are assigned according to which hand the revoke occurred in and whether any subsequent tricks were won by offending side.

The penalties for revoking vary from awarding zero to 2 tricks to the opposition. This is to compensate them for what they would have won if the revoke had not occurred. It is not about punishing the guilty party, but about giving the opposition what they were due. In the rare case where the opposition would have won more than 2 tricks had the revoke not occurred, the Director will award extra tricks.

No Penalties Many people think that a revoke should be a hanging offence, but actually there are no penalties in the following situations:

- If offending side didn't win revoke trick or any subsequent trick
- For a second revoke in the same suit
- If revoke was from a penalty card or Dummy
- If revoke noticed after the hand has been played
- If revoke occurred on the 12th trick. Director must still be called in case offender's card has given his partner unauthorised info that affects his play
- When both sides have revoked on the same board.

Avoiding a Revoke – always the best plan!

When your partner fails to follow suit, ask: "Having none, partner?" Or if the opposition fails to follow suit, Declarer can ask a Defender if they are out and vice versa, but Dummy can only ask Declarer.

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 your Grade Convenor and Director. The notices are to let you know what's happening around the club or during the session. 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.

Playing Challenge



South Dealer; E-W Vul

	North		
	♠ K952		
	♥ 864		
	♦ 83		
	♣ T542		
West		East	
♠ T7		♠ QJ8	
♥ JT952		♥ 73	
♦ J7		♦ KQT96	
♣ QJ86		♣ K73	
	South		
	♠.A643		
	♥.AKQ		
	♦.A542		
	♣.A9		

How do you play this hand? It looks easy enough. You will need a 3-2 trump break to restrict trump losers to one. You can then afford to lose a club and a diamond, ruffing your other two diamond losers in dummy. Suppose you win the heart lead and draw two rounds of trumps. Now when you give up a diamond trick to prepare for the ruff, the defenders can draw a third round of trumps. Restricted to only one diamond ruff you will go down one.

The winning line of play is to draw just one round of trumps and then to duck a round of diamonds. The defenders can't damage you. You will win their return and draw a second round of trumps. You can then ruff your two diamonds at leisure, not minding when the defenders choose to take their trump trick.

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	2NT
Pass	3C	Pass	3S
Pass	4S	All Pass	
All Pass			

Opening Lead JH

Paraproverbs

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

Happy bridging!!!!

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