

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ⇒ Don't forget about the lessons for intermediate players on Sunday 17th and 24th February. Lessons will start at 2 pm and finish by 4.30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person.
- ⇒ The Club would like to acknowledge resignations from Nancy Waters, Mary Jamieson, Jo Steele and Barry Bouton. Special thanks must go to Nancy who has been very active over 32 years (director, convenor, card dealer, committee member). Thanks Nancy.
- ⇒ A warm welcome to 2 new members—Avril Power and Karilyn Canton.
- ⇒ We are in the middle of a membership drive. Please contact Barbara if you can post a photo of the flyer on your personal Facebook page.
- ⇒ The committee has agreed from 1st April to charge any visitors a slightly higher table money \$7.00.
- ⇒ Don't forget if you need a ride to bridge we have a number of members who would be willing to help. Just contact one of the committee. Also if you are looking for a partner our partnership officers are very willing to help find someone for you to play with.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

March 2—Winton Intermediate 5B Teams, entries close 27th Feb.

March 16 —Taieri 8B Tournament, look out for flyer.

March 23, - Queenstown 8B Tournament—entries close 19/03.

PARTNERSHIP DEFENSE IN BRIDGE BY KIT WOOLSEY

A very important part of the game is defense. This is a book we have in our library if you would like to read more.

It is agreed by nearly all experts that defense is the most difficult part of the game. There are many reasons for this. The often critical opening lead is made with the dummy concealed, while dealer can examine the dummy before making his first play. The declarer knows the combined assets of his and his partner's hand and can accurately count potential winners and losers. He can form an appropriate plan, while the defenders are often groping in the dark, not realising their correct action until too late.

The opening lead, if chosen properly, can give the defenders a crucial first jump toward beating a close contract. The greatest advantage for the defenders is the ability to signal information to each other. There are many different types of signals and what follows is a brief description of each.

The Basic Signals

The attitude signal—a high card indicates strength and the low card indicates weakness. This is the usual but learners have learnt reverse attitude— a high card means “hate” and change to another suit whereas a low card means “love” - please continue leading.

The count signal - A high card followed by a low card shows an even number of cards in the suit.

LOVE
HATE



A low card followed by a high card shows an odd number in the suit. The signal is usually applied when following the declarer's lead.

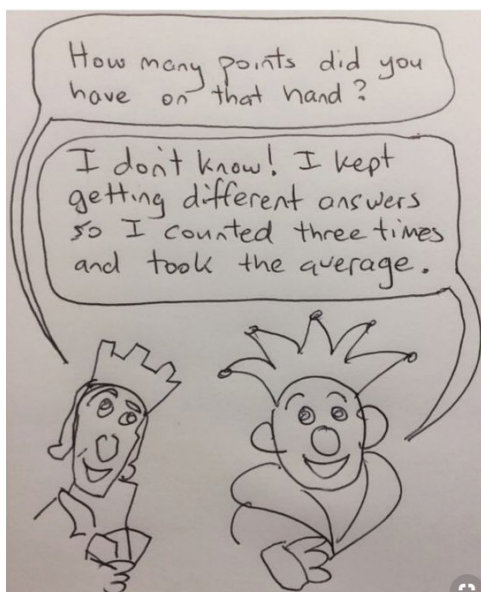
The suit-preference signal. A high card shows strength in the higher ranking of the remaining non-trump suits, a low card shows strength in the lower ranking of the remaining non trump suits. This signal is most commonly used when returning a suit for partner to ruff, although there are many other applications.

Mixing Count and Attitude Signals—If you are happy with both count and attitude signals and you want to extend this it is possible to combine them. A simple approach that works well is to use an Attitude signal if you lead the Ace and a count signal if you lead a King.

Carding Signals
Discards Leads

Something for you to discuss with your regular partner!!

Bridge Joke Corner



To Give to Good Home

We have about 20 of these table-cloths to give away. Please see Jenny soon otherwise we will donate them to the Salvation Army.



Happy bridging!!

Barbara Wilkes

Editor