

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ◆ We would like to welcome new members Glenda Kyle (021 295 8231) and Peta Smith (021 0288 4966). Please make these members feel welcome. We are also sorry to see these members go: Ian van Delft, Kristen Collins and Anita Olivier.
- ◆ New lessons are starting on 1st March. The best form of advertising is word of mouth so please do your bit to spread the word. New members are our future.
- ◆ The painting of our club rooms is underway—can't wait to see the end result!!
- ◆ A new defibrillator has been agreed to be purchased. Although we have never needed one it would only take one to make it worthwhile.
- ◆ The bar fridge is on it's last legs and so that will be replaced in the near future.
- ◆ Did you see the latest advertorial in last week's midweeker? Thought it looked great. Please take time to support those advertisers: Polson Higgs, Ray and Alison Kean of Property Brokers, Unichem Taieri Pharmacy, Chatsford, Polson Higgs Wealth Management and Campbell & Sons.
- ◆ Please welcome Carol Adler-Morgan and Merv Muir as our two latest committee members. We look forward to having you join us. Lynne Newell has resigned as a committee member.
- ◆ If you were one of the people that got a programme book that was missing some names please don't forget we have stickers for your programme books.
- ◆ Talking about names Peggy Rowe's number is incorrect—it should be: 489 1253.
- ◆ Our next Taieri tournament is Saturday 5th March and it is an Open 8B Tournament. Please note there will be no Saturday afternoon social bridge that day.
- ◆ Just a bit of housekeeping: we have all been learners and passed when we shouldn't (e.g. not responded to a 2 Club bid), yes you may get an undeserved top board but you will win more favours by gently letting the learners correct their bid. Let your bridge halo shine!
- ◆ Covid—please remember if you are feeling at all unwell please do not come to the club rooms.



BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

Whenever an infraction has occurred the Director should be called. It is not unusual to hear players making their own rulings and so often they are wrong!! When calling the director, it would be a common courtesy to add the word "please".

While players might be offended to be accused of cheating, that is virtually what is happening when they make comments like "I don't know what to do here." or "Oh well, in for a penny in for a pound" or "We might as well give it a go" or any other such comment which is giving unauthorised information.

Some have the opinion that it is unfair to call the Director to new players! It is unfair NOT to call the Director to infractions. It is the only way to ensure equity.

A POEM CALLED "A BAD NIGHT AT BRIDGE"

I'm giving up bridge – tonight's my last night
It's Amen to Stayman, I give up the fight
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.
My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten
Who's played and what's trumps
And what's gone on my right!
So for now it's all over – I'm off to the backwood
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwood
I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
I'm getting those bad cards again and again
I'm giving up bridge – tonight's a bad night
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right
My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope

And when she says "double" I know we're in trouble.
My points are not high, and I'm wondering why
She's kept on bidding right up to the sky.
We're in seven spades and all my hope fades
When surprise, surprise, her high bidding pays
We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.
But I'm giving up bridge – tonight's my last night
Farewell to conventions – I give up the fight!
So I leave with few words but some that are true,
Bridge is a game not for me but for you.
So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek
For it's only a game – Oh! And see you next week!





Bridge Songs

Bridge Over Troubled Water — Travel-with-Goren cruise that stops in Havana, Tripoli and Basra.

It's Not Unusual — partner's scream after you misinterpret his 2NT bid.

Monday, Monday — what you wish for after single-handedly blowing the Swiss Teams on Sunday.

The Second Time Around — the usual occasion when your aces get trumped.

Somethin' Stupid — whichever line of play you decide to take.

'Til the End of Time — normal duration before admitting your bridge mistakes.

You pick up this hand and you are dealer. What do you bid?

S: KJ64

H: QT9

D: A95

C: KQJ

Not difficult is it? It Happens all the time! Most of our players play ACOL and will open 1C intending to bid NT next time. **But** Your partner responds 1D.

Now, --- are you going to bid 1S or 1NT?

If you haven't discussed this with your partner, do it now

For me, my first priority is to find an eight card major suit fit and I will bid 1S. I can bid NT next time if I must.

You are entitled to disagree, but your partner needs to know.

Did you know?

We have all had a hand that we didn't know what to bid and sometimes it takes time to think about things. That's ok but if you are in a situation where you hesitate for ages and then pass and then your partner bids it is a form of misinformation. You are giving information to your partner that you have something to bid but not sure what. By all means think before you write your bid down (time permitting) but if you hesitate you must bid.



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