

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- Welcome back to bridge for 2024.
- There are just a few people that haven't paid their subs. If you are one of them please don't delay!!
- We have received resignations from Andrew Reynolds, Lynne Newell and Rose Markby. Thanks for being members.
- Welcome to Nora Dowse. Please make her feel welcome.
- Bridge Lessons start on March 5th. Word of mouth is often the best form of advertising so please spread the word.
- By the way if you have attended our lessons and would like a refresher on the basics you are most welcome to attend the lessons again. Sometimes after playing for a while the lessons make more sense the second time around.
- A new freezer will be purchased as the old one no longer works. This is a critical part of our bar license as we have to have ability to store food.
- We have our own tournament coming up on 3rd March. Please look out for the flyer. We need your support!!
- Still looking for people to help/observe in setting up sessions for Monday night play. Please let me (Barbara) know if you can help out. I want to make sure I leave you in good hands while I am away gadding about.
- Take a look on back pages if you want to know what the Treasurer and Table Card Officer does.

TOURNAMENTS:

Feb 24th—Cromwell 5B Intermediate Pairs—\$30.00 entry fee, 10 am start. Entries close 22/02.

Mar 3rd—Taieri Open 8B Pairs, start time 10 am. Watch out for flyer.

Mar 17th—Otago Bridge Club—Charity Tournament in support of Women's Refuge Dunedin, starting at 1 o'clock. Includes Raffles, silent auction and spot prizes.

PLAY OR DEFEND? BY JULIAN POTTAGE

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| | | Contract: 3NT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Opening Lead: ♠Q | | | | | | | | | | |

This hand is called "Tens and Nines". It looks right to win the opening lead with the king, saving the Ace-ten as a tenace over the jack. Unless spades break 3-3, you will need two diamond tricks, so perhaps you duck a diamond at Trick 2. If you do that, East wins with the queen and switches to a low heart. West's king wins this and, when the ten covers the nine on the next round, you hold up the Ace of hearts once more. East now abandons hearts and sends back a diamond. This destroys any chance of a squeeze and, when neither pointed suit divides evenly, you go down one.

You might think of finessing the ten of spades at Trick 2 to start diamonds from dummy. Unfortunately that does not work either. This time the defenders have a choice of winning actions. The most obvious one is probably for West to win the diamond, switch to a heart now and then revert to spades after the second round of hearts. You lose two hearts, two diamonds and a spade.

Can you see a better way to pay the hand? See over.



You can make the no-trump game and to do so you indeed need to start diamonds from dummy. You should cross over with a club, ideally at Trick 2, (cashing the king first could cost if East, who has the longest clubs, held a late diamond entry). Then lead the ♦10, intending to run it. West can do no better than to win and shift to a heart. After the nine falls to the ten, you hold up your Ace until the third round. Whatever the defenders do now, you can easily cash the Ace of diamonds to drop the Queen and lead toward's dummy's two pointed suit tens.

If East covers the ten of diamonds with the Queen, you win with the Ace and play twice towards the nine of diamonds—it all comes to the same thing.

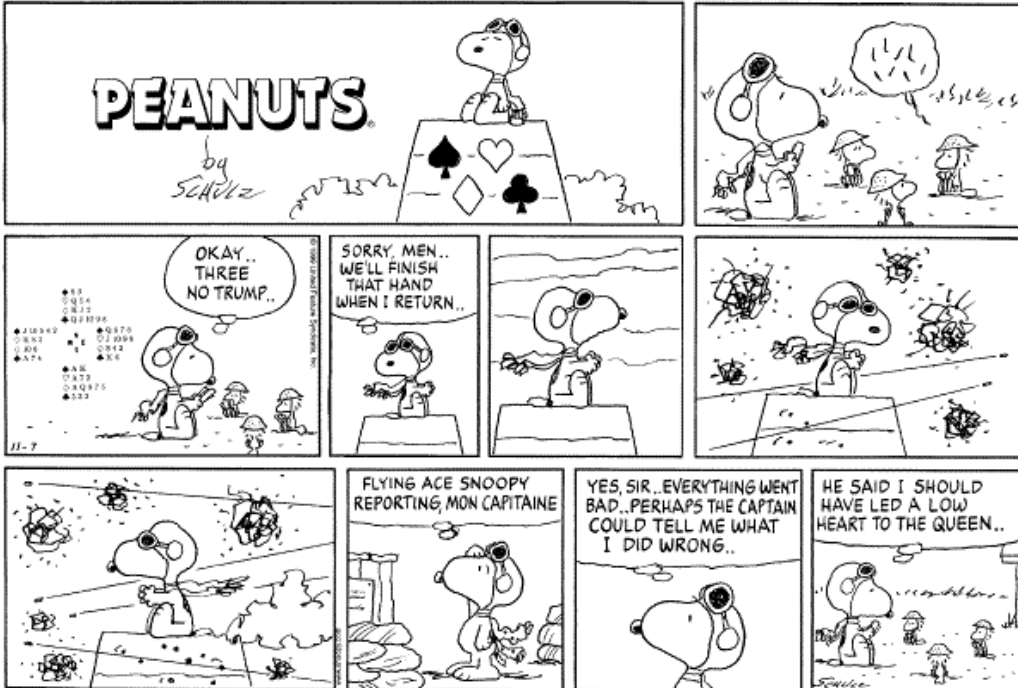
With the ten of Spades and the ten-nine of Diamonds playing such a crucial role, North's raise to 3NT on a 3-3-4-3 nine count now appears fully justified.

Famous Bridge Quotes

The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in.

When I take a 50-50 chance I expect it to come off 8 or 9 times out of 10.

It's not the handling of the difficult hands that makes the winner player. There aren't enough of them! It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones.



Barbara Wilkes

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Please note correction to

Mavis's number

027 445 7187

[Monday night partnership messenger chat group.](#)

Jenni Wright has created a chat group for this too.

Please let her know if you are interested in joining.

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB

TREASURER - JOB DESCRIPTION

WEEKLY

- Reconcile bank accounts in Xero – cheque account and kitchen account.
- Ensure receipts are received for payments from kitchen account.

MONTHLY

- Create creditor bills in Xero. Create payments to creditors in banking system and authorise. Request 2nd authoriser to check and final authorise payments.
- Provide list of creditor payments to be authorised at meeting plus a list of any payments made since last meeting to Secretary.
- IR file, load PAYE amount in banking system to be paid by 20th month.
- Wages – check number of weeks for payment, taking into account any public holidays, calculate payment, create payment in banking system, and email tea person amount being paid if different from standard amount.
- Monitor term deposits for re-investing.
- To monitor any outstanding invoices for subscriptions for Club room hire invoices.
- Calculate and invoice new member subscriptions after loading member as new contact in Xero.
- Loading any fixed asset purchases into Xero.
- Running depreciation in Xero.

3 MONTHLY (April / July / October / December)

- Invoice Societies who hire Bridge Club rooms

6 MONTHLY

- GST (due March and September)

ANNUALLY (Financial Year 1 September – 31 August)

- Accounts to Auditor as soon after 1st September as possible.
- Help with bar stock take.
- Create financials for Charities return – required for AGM. Pass info to Secretary to allow the Charities return to be completed in November.
- Write and present financial report for AGM.
- In December – invoice all annual subscriptions for following year after liaising with Membership secretary to ensure membership lists have been reconciled between Xero and Scorer.
- Running reports to check for consistency of coding before end of financial year.

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TABLE CARD OFFICER - JOB DESCRIPTION

DAILY

Respond to text message requests

Respond to e-mail requests

Deal with verbal requests

Raise invoices in Xero for table card purchases—often 50 in a month

Issue cards to members

WEEKLY – BANKING

Empty grey box in cupboard so that Banking and table cards can be reconciled.

Checking cash from bar sales tallies with receipts provided from cash register.

Reconcile the table cards used each week with the amount of cash paid.

Count the cards into bundles.

Complete separate deposit slips for -

i) table money/bar sales and

ii) table cards paid for in cash

Deposit cash (inside branch**) in red Westpac bag

Load as separate invoices (table money/bar sales and table cards paid in cash) into Xero.

Collect mail from post box.

Ensure there are sufficient money bags/table money chits in cupboard.

Manage Petty Cash