

# TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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### News from the Committee:

- If you happen to go to the movies around the 9<sup>th</sup> February you will notice a generic advertisement placed by NZ Bridge – promoting Bridge. Who knows it may be a start of a conversation for an interested learner.
- If you know of anyone in hospital or a bereavement of a member please contact me (Barbara Wilkes) as I will send out an appropriate card.
- We are looking at running lessons again beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you know of anyone that may be interested then please plant the seed. Last year it was also very effective with the mail drop and so we are looking at volunteers to give up a few hours to distribute flyers.
- Also remember that if you are looking for a partner please ring Jenny Magee for Monday session, Christine Samson for Wednesday session and Mary Hibbs for the Saturday session.
- If you play on a Monday night handicapped session you may notice that your handicap may have altered a little (or not). All handicaps are posted on the notice board.
- Our next Club Tournament will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March. It is an open 8B Tournament. Please look out for flyer on noticeboard should you wish to enter.
- It is with regret that we accept Laurie's resignation from the committee. Thanks Laurie for all your help over the time you have been on the committee.

### 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".

### From a Director – Hesitations

This is a frequently occurring problem. There is *no law against hesitating* over your bidding. Some hands do require a little thought. There is no problem if you hesitate, then bid your suit. However, there is a problem if a player hesitates then passes, because it is obvious to his partner that he had extra values. Partner is not entitled to that information. – (Law 16A Extraneous information from partner.) and he may not make any bid suggested by that hesitation. In other words, the problem lies not with the player who hesitates, but he does place a strong moral obligation on his partner for any subsequent actions. Again, if that partner passes, there is no damage done

If the partner does bid, then opposition should announce that they reserve their rights to call the director later if in fact they think that damage could result. They don't wait until they have seen the hands. If there is any doubt about either the hesitation or the partners bid, the Director may wait to see how other pairs deal with the hand and if necessary award an adjusted score.

## Waiving of Penalties

Someone drops a couple of cards on the table when sorting their hand. We usually carefully refrain from looking and say 'pick it up', and I am happy with this although it is against the rules. But on the whole no one has the right to waive a penalty. If someone drops the AKQ of a suit this obviously changes the situation at that table and the director must be called. Sometimes after, say, a revoke, a player will say 'never mind it won't make any difference to our score ' – but that is the point. It will make a difference to everyone else's score and you have no right to do that.

## Review and Explanation of Calls

You may ask the meaning of a call at your turn to speak, or when the auction has ended and the opening lead has been made but not turned over, or throughout the play when it is your turn to play. This is why the lead is made face down! You may ask about a bid without making it difficult for the partner to lead that suit since the lead has already been made. Players should give a full explanation but if they do not seem to be doing so or use terms you do not understand call the director for help. If you are not intending to enter the auction you should not ask about the bidding during the auction. If your opponents are playing a very artificial system with lots of alerts it is often wise to wait until the end of the auction and then ask each in turn what his/her partner has shown.

## From the Archives

- In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb
- The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

## Letters from Sunday School

- Dear God, Are you really invisible or that just a trick?
- Dear God, I keep waiting for spring but it hasn't come yet. Don't forget
- Dear God, Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that, or was it an accident?
- Dear God, Instead of letting people die and then making new ones, why don't you keep the ones you've got?
- Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother, but what I really prayed for was a puppy

Happy bridging!!!!

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