

# TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



## NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ⇒ The committee would like to welcome everyone back to the club.
- ⇒ The club will be undertaking major advertising to encourage new members to join the club. We will be looking to help from our members with this—more information will follow in a couple of weeks.
- ⇒ A number of members have resigned recently. We will be sad to say goodbye. Thanks to Nancy Hawker, Alison Kerr, Janet Crowe and Gwen Cowie who were part of the club when we built our current building. Goodbye also to Leona Pine, Pauline Mee and Moira Law.
- ⇒ If you play on a Wednesday night you may have not caught up with the news that some of the series are now handicapped. Refer to your programme book for further details.
- ⇒ The club is offering lessons for intermediate players. Please keep Sunday 17th and 24th February free for this. Lessons will start at 2 pm and finish by 4.30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Never too late to learn new things.



## BID BETTER PLAY BETTER BY DOROTHY HAYDEN TRUSCOTT

Here's a rule that I learnt about many years ago but had forgotten so thought it was a timely refresher.

### The Rule of Eleven

When partner leads the fourth-best from a long suit you should immediately be able to tell how many cards declarer holds in his hand that are higher than the card led. A simple mechanical way to calculate this is called the rule of eleven.

South bids 1NT and North raises to 3NT. West leads the 7♠ and this is what you see:

PARTNER	DUMMY	YOU
♠ 7 led	♠ K 4 3	♠ A J 9 6
	DECLARER	
	?	



A small card is played from dummy. What should you play? First try

the rule of eleven. Seven from eleven is four. This means that you and dummy and declarer together have four spades higher than the seven. You can see all four of them in dummy and your hand. Therefore declarer has no spades higher than the seven.

If partner has led his fourth best, the spade layout must be:

	DUMMY	
	♠ K 4 3	
PARTNER		YOU
♠ Q 10 8 7		♠ A J 9 6
	DECLARER	
	♠ 5 2	

Play the six of spades under your partner's seven. This allows him to hold the lead and continue the suit. You will now win the first four tricks,

## TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

**Jan 19th** Otago Southland 10A Swiss Pairs—entries close tomorrow.

**Feb 3rd**—Otago Festival Open 5A Pairs, entries close 30th Jan.

**Feb 9th and 10th**—South Island Teams, entries close 5th Feb.

## Passive Defense vs Active Defense

There are two basic forms of defense; passive and active. In passive defense the prime object of the defenders is to play safe. They concentrate on giving nothing away by their leads and they sit back to wait for those tricks which are rightfully theirs. When a hand calls for active defense the opening leader is willing to make an aggressive and relatively dangerous lead. He often gives away a trick in order to develop two or more tricks which might not otherwise get.



Hands which you expect to set generally call for passive defense:

South	West	North	East
1♠	pass	2♠	pass
3♠	pass	4♠	pass
		pass	pass



As West you hold: ♠Q J 9 5 ♥K 4 3 ♦10 9 8 4 3 ♣8 What do you lead: Answer: ♦10. You should expect to take this contract light. From the bidding it is clear that North-South have no extra strength in reserve. They have reached a borderline game which they might make if everything went well for them. You know, however, that declarer is in for a nasty shock in the trump suit. The bad trump break will surely spell defeat for this close contract and you should not take any unnecessary risks in leading. A heart lead might jeopardize your ♥K while a ♣ lead might sacrifice one of partner's tricks. Besides, there is no point in leading a singleton when you have natural trump tricks. The best lead here is the passive ♦10.

## Bridge Jokes

There are three kinds of bridge players:

1. Those who can count, and
2. Those who can't.



### EXERCISE YOUR MIND



**PLAY DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

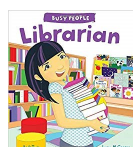
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Happy bridging!!

*Barbara Wilkes*

Editor

PS: we are looking for someone to take on the task of librarian. Please see a committee member if interested!



A contestant in a tournament suddenly slumped down in his chair, victim of what seemed like a seizure or fit of some kind. A doctor was hastily summoned.

He took the stricken man's pulse and noted that it was steady and firm.

Obviously it was no heart attack. From the victim's white face and clammy hands the doctor surmised that this was a case of shock. A bridge player himself, he picked up the victim's cards and studied them. He then turned to the others at the table. "Now let me have a review of the bidding," he requested.

