

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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News from the Committee:

- The committee recognises that at the end of August we will have 7 new players joining us on Monday nights and that it may take a while for them to get up to speed. With this in mind we shall attempt to play at least 24 boards but play may be stopped at 10.30 pm if it looks like it would take too long to finish.
- A correction from the previous meeting regarding our first aid box. Due to health and safety regulations we cannot supply medications but a first aid box is available.
- If you are a key holder to our club rooms please ensure that before you leave you check that all lights are turned off and that the front door is locked as a couple of different times recently the main lights were left on and the front door unlocked.
- Tournaments coming up
 - July 23rd – Otago Junior 3B Pairs – a continuation of the 30 April Tournament, entries close 21 July.
 - July 29th – Taieri Open 8B Graded Pairs – look out for flyer on our notice board. Entries close 26th July. **Saturday people – don't forget no bridge on this day.** Would love some volunteers to help out in the kitchen morning and afternoon. See Jude Smeijers if this is you.
 - August 6th – Otago Open 5A Swiss Pairs.

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. Let us say a player hesitates – nothing wrong with that, you are not forbidden from thinking – and then passes. A partner who now bids may have been influenced by the hesitation and get into a contract that most players do not. Sometimes the partner's bid is clear cut but if there is any doubt the director must be called because you do not have the right to affect the scores of all the other players in the room by ignoring an infraction. Sometimes the problems of hesitation could have been avoided.

Seven things a Bridge Player would never say ...

- This club's playing area is always at the right temperature – never too hot or too cold
- Free coffee? No thanks
- Cool! A four board sit out.
- No. I don't think tournament fees are too high.
- I can always count on my partner to remember every convention on our card.

- No gossip please – I'm not interested.
- Great. More new alerts.

An Interesting Hand from The Past

East Dealer; E-W Vul

North	
♠ A954	
♥ AQJ42	
♦ J3	
♣ T2	
West	East
♠ KT83	♠ Q2
♥ 653	♥ KT98
♦ AT7	♦ Q864
♣ 765	♣ Q93
South	
♠ J76	
♥ 7	
♦ K952	
♣ AKJ84	

Six out of eight NS pairs played it in 3NT. One pair was in 3 Clubs and one in 2 Hearts. Of the 3NT players, only one pair made the contract. The other 5 went 1 or 2 light.

The hand was played by South with a lead of 3S

If the QC and the KH finesses work the contract is easily made. If not, it is much more difficult.

Duck the opening lead of 3S and let the QS win. Duck the likely return of a Spade for West to win with the Ten. The A9 of Spades is now sitting over the K8 in the West hand when the J is eventually lead.

Ducking the spade lead twice, establishes an extra spade trick and the contract is made with 5 Clubs, 2 Spades, 1 Heart and 1 Diamond



Food Shortage: Recently a world-wide survey was conducted by the UN. The question was "Please give your honest opinion on possible solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world".

The survey was a complete failure because:-

- In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant
- In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant
- In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant
- In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant
- In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant
- In South America they didn't know what "please" meant
- In the USA they didn't know what "rest of the world" meant
- And in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Great Britain, everyone hung up as soon as they heard the Indian accent.

Etiquette

- Be polite when winning or losing – this applies to your partner as well as opponents.
- Please make opponents feel welcome on arrival and on departure.
- Consider that not everyone is open to constructive criticism – and even less to comments on "bad play".
- If you can't say something nice then don't say anything at all.
- Please remember: our club objects are a spirit of encouragement, friendliness, co-operation and enjoyment for all.

Happy bridging -!!!!