

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ⇒ First of all a big congratulations to two couples who have played in tournaments and both came second. Alan Lewthwaite and Colleen Fletcher played in the Otago Junior Pairs Tournament in April and were placed second. Alan Lewthwaite also played with Dale Cameron in the Otago Winter Intermediate Pairs Tournament and again getting second. Well done!!
- ⇒ The committee has agreed to purchase 25 new tablets. This will be very exciting. They are easy to use and very easy to read the screen. Something to look forward to.
- ⇒ A sub-committee has been formed (Christine Samson, Alan Lewthwaite, and Jenny Magee) to look at ways to improve table numbers. Gill Alexander (Regional Bridge Mate) is helping to come up with some innovative ideas. If you have any suggestions that may help please pass them on.



⇒ With the weather being so cold we are hoping that with the temperature being increased on the heat pumps it will make it more comfortable for you to come to bridge.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

July 20 - Winton Open 5A Pairs, Entries close 17th July.

July 21—Otago Junior Pairs (this is the 2nd of 2 sessions. Start time is 1.00 pm. Entries close 19th July. You can attend even if you didn't attend the first session.

July 27—Taieri Graded 8B Pairs. It would be lovely to have support from our club members. Entries close 24th July. (Sorry no Saturday bridge on this day).



SUIT CONTRACTS by Brian Senior

Just as a refresher the book makes this summary of points to remember.

- ⇒ Always make a plan before playing to trick one. More contracts go down at trick one through playing too quickly than fail at trick thirteen.
- ⇒ A key element of effective planning is to count one's winners and losers. Then one can look to see where the extra required tricks can be found.
- ⇒ What seems to be a guess may often prove not to be so if declarer counts the opposing distribution and high cards, remembering what happened during the auction and, just as importantly, what did not.



Drawing Trumps

Having a trump suit has a number of advantages, including offering the possibility to make extra tricks by ruffing and of having greater control of the play. However, the defenders are also looking to take advantage of there being a trump suit – sometimes it is they who can take extra tricks by ruffing your winners. So we come to the most commonly asked question of all: Should I draw trumps?



Sometimes the answer is very easy to see. You may be in a position to make your contract by sheer weight of high cards and in that case should draw all the outstanding trumps as quickly as possible. This simple example would be a case in point:

♠ Q 5	♠ K 4
♥ A J 10 8	♥ K Q 7 6
♦ A K 3	♦ Q J 2
♣ J 10 8 4	♣ K Q 7 2

Playing Four Hearts on the lead of the ♦8, it appears that the only way in which you can be defeated is if the defence manages to ruff out some of your high cards. Win the opening lead, draw as many rounds of trumps as are necessary, and the contract will make with an overtrick.

The reverse occurs when you have a great deal of work for your trump suit to do. Now you cannot afford to draw them at the start as you may need them to do a lot of ruffing to create the extra tricks you need for your contract.

Often you cannot afford to draw all the trumps if you need one as an entry to a long suit. You might even find that you need to establish the side suit before drawing trumps and while you still have control.

Try this one out yourself:

♠ Q 6 5	♠ A K J 10
♥ A 8 7 3 2	♥ J
♦ Q 6 3	♦ 8 5
♣ 8 2	♣ A K 9 7 6 4

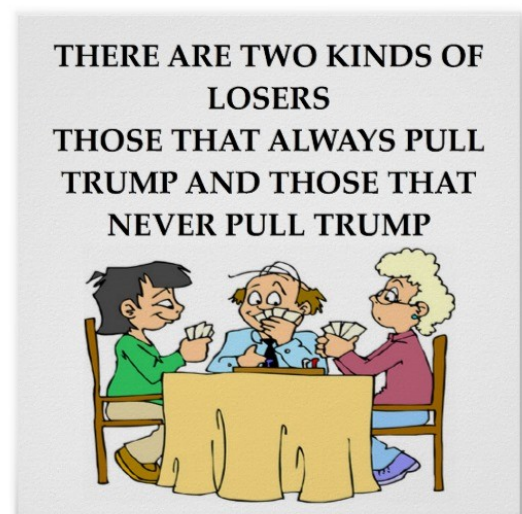
West	North	East	South
			1 C
Pass	1 H	Pass	1 S
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 C
Pass	3 S	Pass	4 S
All pass			

THE GAME OF BRIDGE




West leads the Ace of diamonds and a low diamond to the queen and king. East continues with the jack of diamonds.

Declarer has two problems – retaining trump control and establishing the clubs. The latter can be one if the suit breaks three-two, as declarer will run into a fatal ruff on a four-one split. If declarer ruffs at trick three he will need an even trump split also. However, pitch a small club at trick three and dummy can look after a fourth diamond should the defence choose that line. More likely East switches to a heart. Win the Ace and play three rounds of clubs, ruffing with the Queen. Now draw trumps and succeed on any four-two or better suit.



Mind-Booster: Bridge



Despite all the medications doctors prescribe, the best way to save your brain as you get older is to use it. That's why so many seniors are taking college classes. A less-expensive way is to play bridge. According to a study by the University of California at Berkeley, bridge also measurably strengthens the immune system. Select whichever way is best for you, but keep thinking.

To be sure you have a "full deck" later in life, play bridge.

Happy Bridging!!

Barbara Wilkes

Editor

PS: We need you to play as many times as possible for the longevity of our club!!!

