

# TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



## NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ◆ Welcome to new member Karl Power. He is one of the learners and we are looking forward to him joining our friendly Monday night competition.
- ◆ The table money cards seems to be going well. We have sold 52 sets of table money cards. On the first week 44 were collected, and then the second week 52 were collected. Please remember if you wish to purchase any or additional sets then please email the club email. They must be paid before they will be issued.
- ◆ Table money/card collection. It would be great that when you come to bridge that you first get your money or cards all ready on the table, then discuss bridge conventions. This should be a very quick job but is taking longer as people are not as quickly organised as they could be. It just helps get the bridge session starting smoothly.
- ◆ Thanks to Alan and Bill who were able to fix the faulty steriliser pipe in the kitchen—catastrophe averted.
- ◆ The committee is going to look at getting quotes for getting non-slippery vinyl for the kitchen and bar.
- ◆ It was agreed at committee that the bar prices will be looked at. There are more hidden costs that you probably know about: bar licence, share of power, insurance plus consumables. Lots of things have increased like insurance and so it is better to have a small increase to keep up to date.
- ◆ The lessons are coming to an end. A huge thanks must go to Kristen Collins as this is her final year as lesson tutor. Her lessons have always been well received by the learners and her effort has been appreciated by the committee.
- ◆ AGM is not far away. There are likely to be at least 3 committee members retiring and so we will need replacements. We can't run the club without the committee. If you could seriously consider being nominated then your contribution to the club would be well received.
- ◆ A big thanks to Jenny Magee who has been doing small but important tasks in the background. At the end of this month she will no longer be organising for all the pencils to be sharpened, the convention and record cards to be printed, and finally that extra set of hands for tournaments. We are now looking for someone to help at Tournaments and sharpen the pencils. These are task that club members can help with.



## TEACHING MATERIALS

Did you know that there is lots of information that the New Zealand Bridge Website can provide you if you want to learn some different systems.

Go to New Zealand Bridge, find the Lesson Resources tab and then find Improvers lessons.

These are the subjects that are covered for improvers:

Stayman
Blackwood
Play Techniques
Notrump Play
Declarer Play in Suit Contracts
Opening Leads
Signals and Discards
Defensive 2nd and 3rd Hand Play
Minimum Invite Game Force Bids
Types of Doubles

And there are way more subjects for intermediate players:

Transfers
Checkback Stayman
Escaping 1NTX
Combating Interference over our 1NT
Competing over Opener's 1NT Opening
Competitive Bidding - when we open
Competitive Bidding - when we overcall
Michaels Cue Bid and Unusual 2NT
High-Level Bidding
Defence to Pre-emptive Openers
Multi 2D – Opening and Defence
Weak 2 Suiter Openers
Roman Key Card (RKC) and Splinters

Think I might even have to brush up on some of these myself. There are notes, quizzes and even answers. I challenge you to look and learn.

## A Poem called "A Bad Night at Bridge"

I'm giving up bridge – tonight's my last night  
It's Amen to Stayman, I give up the fight  
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles  
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.  
My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten  
Who's played and what's trumps  
And what's gone on my right!  
So for now it's all over – I'm off to the blackwood  
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwood  
I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain  
I'm getting those bad cards again and again  
I'm giving up bridge – tonight's a bad night  
Declarer is horrid and nothing's gone right  
My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope.  
And when she says "double" I know we're in trouble.  
My points are not high, and I'm wondering why  
She's kept on bidding right up to the sky.  
We're in seven spades and all my hope fades  
When surprise, surprise, her high bidding pays  
We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick  
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.  
But I'm giving up bridge – tonight's my last night  
Farewell to conventions – I give up the fight!  
So I leave with few words but some that are true,  
Bridge is a game not for me but for you.  
So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek  
For it's only a game – Oh! And see you next week!



*Barbara Wilkes*

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## TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

17 July—Winton Open 5A Pairs, entries close 17 July.

18 July—Otago Junior 3B Pairs, start time 1.00 pm, entries close 6pm on 16th July.

24 July—Taieri Graded 8B Pairs. Currently we only have 10 pairs entered. Please support your own club. Prizes for Junior, Intermediate and Open. Entries close 7.00 pm on 21 July. Morning Tea from 9.30 am. Cost \$25.00. Bring your own lunch. As this tournament is on Saturday there will be no social bridge that day.



## Bridge Humour

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

If you have the slightest touch of masochism, you'll love this game.

Bridge is a great comfort in old age. It also helps you get there faster. One gets used to abuse. It's the waiting that is so trying.

Bridge is essentially a social game, but unfortunately it attracts a large number of antisocial people.

One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.  
-Alfred Sheinwold

South: Alert! East: Yes? South: I'm requested to further misdescribe my hand.

It's not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It's the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones.  
-S. J. Simon