

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- ◆ There's a lot of bugs around (COVID and the Flu). Please do not turn up to bridge if you are not well as this is not fair on your partner nor other players in the club room. It would be appreciated if you have to isolate shortly after playing bridge that you let your partner know and confidentially let the club know. Don't forget the partnership officer may also be able to find you someone else. (Monday is Dale Cameron 489 2956, Wednesday is Christine Samson 489 7255, and Saturday is Alan Lewthwaite 489 5602).
- ◆ It would be greatly appreciated if members could turn up at least 10 minutes before the start of play. Actually I think it should be more like 15 minutes. As a director it can be quite time consuming working out how many tables there are to get the session underway. It can be very frustrating when a late pair arrive which can change everything.
- ◆ There is a tournament on at our club on Saturday 23rd July. It would be helpful if a couple of our members could turn up around lunch time to help make some sandwiches for the afternoon. Please let Marie know if you can help.
- ◆ To encourage our new members to play on Monday nights we will be allowing them to turn up without a partner. If you happen not to have a partner then it would be helpful if you could let us know that you could be on standby for that night.
- ◆ We are also looking for volunteers to help learn more of the duties that keeps our bridge sessions running. Setting up the computer at start and finishing off at end of night is essential. Help will be given to learn. These tasks do not need to be done only by committee members!!
- ◆ Committee would like to develop a plan of things to be updated over the next 10 years so if you have any suggestions please mention them to one of our committee members.
- ◆ Our table covers need washing—spread amongst our members would make it a manageable task!!

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

- 16 July—Winton 5A Open Pairs
- 23 July—Taieri Graded Pairs—10 am—\$25.00. Bring your own lunch. Support from our club members would be great.
- 23 July—Christchurch 5A Mid Winter Teams
- 31 July — Otago 5A Swiss Pairs.

THE GUIDE TO GOOD ACOL BIDDING by Ron Klinger

Here are some tips on declarer play.

The High-Card-from-Shortage-Rule. When you have winners in both hands, it is usually best to start with the winners in the shorter hand. Sometimes you may even have to overtake a winning card to gain entry to the other hand. Think of it this way: the maximum number of tricks is equal to the length held in the long suit.

Setting Up Extra Winners. With holdings such as K-Q-4 opposite J-3-2, where you have all the vital high cards bar the ace, you can set up extra tricks by leading the suit and using one of your high cards to force out the Ace. When faced with a choice of cashing winners or setting up extra tricks, it is almost better to set up the extra tricks first, cash your certain winners later.

Responding with a Weak Hand. Look at which point range you are in: 0-5 points pass, 6-9 points bid but only at the 1 level. Always respond to your partner if you have 6 points or more. It is not what you have that matters. It is what the partnership holds that indicates how high you should bid. It is important to keep bidding low initially. You are not entitled to bid a new suit at the 2-level with 6-9 points, only with 10+ points.

Drawing Trumps. When playing a trump contract it is usually correct to draw trumps as soon as possible. Your aim is to remove their trump cards so that they cannot win tricks with them by ruffing your winners later. Work out how many trumps the opponents hold. Then after each round deduct the number of trumps played from the initial number. This is much easier to keep track of. One exception to this is if there is one trump left in opponents hand higher than your own – you're best to move on to another suit. Cont.....



Responding with a Strong Hand (10+ points). If you have 4 card suit for your partner your hand is too strong to just go up one level. Responders' most common action with a strong hand is to change suit, await further information from opener and then make a decision as to the best contract or make another descriptive bid to help partner. When responder is changing suit, the normal order of priorities applies: bid your longest suit first, bid higher ranking first, bid 4 card suits up the line.

Pre-Emptive Bidding. Pre-emptive bidding is more effective the sooner they are made since that reduces the amount of information the opponents can exchange. Once you have bid your pre-emptive hand, do not bid again unless your partner makes a forcing bid. You should generally have between 6-10 points and a 7 card suit.

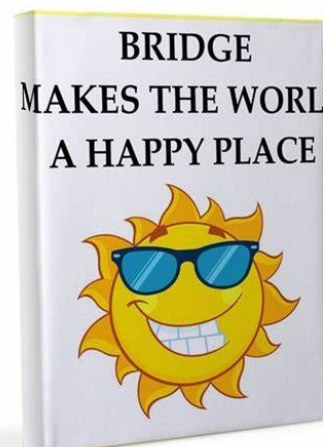
Planning the Play as Declarer in No-Trumps: Count how many instant winners you have without losing the lead. Determine how many more tricks you need to make your contract. Check to see which suit will give you the best chance of making those extra tricks needed. Play that suit, and do not be frightened to give up the lead once or more often, if that is necessary to establish winners.

If you have just one stopper in the suit led it is usually sensible not to win the Ace until the third round. Your aim is to exhaust one opponent's cards in this suit so that if that opponent gains the lead later, he will be unable to return the suit lead. If you only have the King as a winning trick then it is sensible to take it as soon as you can.

As per usual there is always way more to this subject than can be covered in one newsletter.



Apart from taking tricks how wrong can this be??



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