

## TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER



### NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE MEETING

We welcome two new members from the learner's class—Sue Abernethy and Heather Wilson.

Our learners will be joining the Monday night competition starting with the Brooklands Village Pairs on 21 July. For this competition they will be paired with their mentor who they have been playing with for the past few Tuesday nights. We all know it can be hard learning bridge and we can support our new members with encouragement and understanding.

It has taken sometime to find a new tea person. We are happy to report that Mikalya Walsh started on Monday July 14. Mikalya is a school pupil and is looking forward to starting her new job with us.

There are two more improver lessons coming up:

3 Aug—Play in no trump, play in a suit

7 Sep—Double and more doubles, 2nd & 3rd hand defensive play.

They are 10am to midday.

Just a friendly reminder we prefer you to pay for your bridge with table cards. However, if for some reason you have to pay cash for a bridge game please bring the correct amount (\$6) because we do not have change.

### RECENT RESULTS

Well done to our winners of competitions this month.

#### Monday Competition

*Beryl Bishop Trophy (junior grade only, played over 5 nights)*

- ♦ 1st place—Cheryl Tapp & Janet Gafford
- ♦ 2nd place—Fiona & Brian Ellis

*Winter Pairs (handicap event played over 3 nights)*

- ♦ 1st place—Catherine Smith & Allan Dyer
- ♦ 2nd place—Angela Wilson & Gerard Geoffrey

#### Wednesday Competition

*Winter Pairs (handicap event played over 3 nights)*

- ♦ 1st place—Barbara Wilkes & Robert Cowan
- ♦ 2nd place—Margaret Auty & Christine Samson

**Beryl Bishop Trophy**—the Monday players recently competed for this trophy. Beryl Bishop was a founding member of the Taieri Bridge Club (after only having learned the game two years previously). She was the convenor of a committee set up

in 1973 with the purpose of forming a Bridge Club. She then became the first President of the Taieri Bridge Club. She worked tirelessly to get the Club off the ground and her work continued through running the first beginner's lessons, instigating the formation of a Junior Division to play on Monday nights, being the Tournament Director, encouraging members to get involved in Teams and donating various trophies. She was made an Honorary Life Member in 1980. We can be very grateful for the late Beryl's vision, energy and enthusiasm.

### NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



In order to play a game of bridge many things go on in the background before that can happen. One of the important functions is 'card dealing'. The cards that we play each session have been processed by the card dealing machine located in the back office a few days previously. This processing is done by volunteers. Many of these volunteers have been doing this job for a number of years and they are ready to hand over to others now. At present there are 6 pairs of volunteers who operate the dealing machine.

The job involves coming to the clubrooms twice a year (usually six months apart) and using the dealing machine to deal the weekly sessions cards for that month. Time taken about one to one and a half hours each week for the months you are on duty. Overall it only takes about 12 hours spread throughout the year.

To find out more Christine Samson and Lyn will be doing card dealing on the next two Thursdays—17 and 24 July and you are most welcome to call into the back office at the clubrooms from about 11.05am to observe the process which is interesting to see.

The card dealing process is well managed, a roster is organised so you know when you are on and support is available. It is also satisfying because you are doing an important job for the Club.

### UPCOMING TOURNAMENT

Taieri Graded Pairs—Open 8B, Sunday July 27. \$30 entry book online, entries close 24 July.

## INSUFFICIENT BID

Did You Know? When you make an insufficient bid (and we all do it sometimes) you must NOT say “I didn’t see that 1 Club .....” (or whatever). To do so gives unauthorised information to your partner and puts her in an impossible situation. The ONLY thing to say is “Director please”. The Director will (should) take you from the table while you explain what happened and may even let you make a correction.



When you make an insufficient bid LHO opponent may choose to accept the bid after hearing all the options which are open to you. These are usually that if you make the bid sufficient in the same denomination the bidding proceeds as usual, but if you jump the level, or bid another suit, or pass, your partner must pass throughout although you may bid again if you have a chance. If your insufficient bid or the lowest sufficient bid may be artificial your partner must usually also pass. You may not usually double or redouble.

However the director may take you from the table to find out the meaning of your bid or other possible bids and you may be allowed to make a bid that used not to be allowed. The aim is as far as possible to get a good but fair bridge result. If the bidding went 1C 1S 1H you may have not seen the 1S bid or you may have intended to bid 2H - please do not tell the whole table which of these it was. If you play a system where a negative double promises hearts a double will be allowed as it has the same meaning as your insufficient bid. If you are replying to a 4NT Ace ask and answer say 4H you will be allowed to answer 5H if you intended to show 2 aces or 5D if you intended to show one, and your partner will still be able to bid even although your bids are artificial.

Should you accept an insufficient bid? Not usually if you and your partner are not in the auction. But if you are interested in bidding it may be to your advantage to accept the bid if you can now bid at a lower level. 1D 1S 1H – if you accept this you can bid 1S to show support for your partner but not many points, or 2S jumping to suggest game but still being at the two level! And if you do not accept the bid the offender may choose to jump to game – his/her partner will not be able to speak again but it might now be difficult for you too.

## REMINDER



Reminder: If a hand is thrown in— please remember to shuffle your cards as it is very obvious if you pick your cards up and they are in suit order that the hand was thrown in.

## ONE WISH

A bridge duffer was polishing a lamp and... poof! Out popped a genie who said, “I will grant you *one* wish.”

The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said, “Let all of these countries live in peace and harmony.”

“You’ve got to be kidding! I’m only a genie.”

The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, “OK, then make me a winning bridge player.”

“Hmm... ” the genie pondered. “Let me see that map again.”

