

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



June 2016

News from June Committee meeting:

- Thanks to those that attended and helped with the 5A Graded Tournament. It was well attended with 11 tables. Profit to date was about \$500.00 (masterpoints still to be deducted).
- Welcome to new members who have come from the lessons: Peter Stechman, Mary Thomas, Wendy Bain, Deidre Bruce, and Alan Lewthwaite. We also wish to welcome Bryan and Lyla Hensley who have moved here from Wanaka. Welcome back to Kristin Collins. Please make all new members feel welcome by asking them to play some games.
- Many thanks to Frank for organising and arranging for the Honours Board to be updated – another job well done. Please take a glance on the wall to admire it.
- We have been successful in applying to run Cadbury car parks on 2 Saturday mornings as a fundraiser. Thanks Donna for instigating this.

Tournaments coming up:

- Our next tournament we are holding is the Taieri Graded Pairs – Saturday 30th July. Starting at 9.30 a.m with play underway by 10 a.m. Cost will be \$20.00. Look out for more information next month.
- Oamaru 8B All Grades Tournament is being held on Sunday 3rd July. Entries close 28th June.
- Invercargill Rowena Jackson Swiss Pairs will also be held on Sunday 3rd July. Entries close 30 June. Cost \$15.00.
- Gore Open 8B Tournament is being held on Saturday 16 July, entries close 11th July. Cost \$20.00.

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.

From The Archives

One of the important decisions to be made by the Club at its outset was how much to charge for drinks to be sold at the end of play. After much deliberation it was decided that a nip of Whisky would be 20c, Gin 15c and Sherry 10c and that these prices would include lemonade if wanted.

Ace Asking RKB

The usual Ace-asking bids are 4C Gerber, or 4NT Blackwood. However many experienced players are now using Roman Key-card Blackwood (RKB)

RKB is used for asking in a suit contract. As soon as the suit is agreed, 4NT asks for the number of Key-cards.

Key-cards include the Aces and the K of trumps — 5 in all

The replies are taken step-wise

5C = 0 or 3 key-cards

5D = 1 or 4 key-cards

5H = 2 key-cards without the Q of trumps

5S = 2 key cards with the Q of trumps

The next suit up (not counting the agreed suit, which is a sign-off) asks for kings. (not counting the trump king which was included in the key cards), and step-wise replies show 0, 1, 2, 3.

From The Bridge Table –

What to lead ??

Dealer—W; Vul—Both

West	North	East	South
Pass	1H ¹	2D	2S
3D	Pass	Pass	3H
Pass	3S	All Pass	

¹ 5-card major

West to lead from -

S 8532

H 84

D AJ7

C QT54

A common dilemma. Your partner has overcalled at the 2 level. Your side is vulnerable so partner is bound to have a strong suit. On the one hand it is normal and appealing to lead your partner's overcalled suit. On the other hand it is unattractive to lead from a suit headed by the ace unless you have the K as well. It is a strong possibility that partner has the K but by no means a certainty. If you do lead a diamond, it should be the Ace in case dummy or declarer has a singleton. If you do not lead a diamond, the only reasonable alternative is a club. Dummy has shown a 5 card heart suit, so declarer will be planning to draw trumps and throw any losers on the long suit. In this situation, it is usually best to lead the unbid suit.

Principle: When dummy has shown a long useful suit, it is usually best to lead an unbid suit. It is highly attractive to lead partner's bid suit, but exercise caution when you hold A without the K

Blonde Cookbook

1. It's fun to cook for Tom. Today I made angel food cake. The recipe said beat 12 eggs separately. The neighbours kindly lent me some extra bowls.
2. Tom wanted fruit salad for supper. The recipe said serve without dressing. So I didn't dress. What a surprise when Tom brought a friend home for supper
3. A good day for rice. The recipe said wash thoroughly before steaming the rice. It seemed kind of silly but I took a bath anyway. I can't say it improved the rice any.