

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ⇒ With the departure of Bob from our committee we are now looking for another person for our committee. We promise to ease you in kindly!
- ⇒ If you care to look in the kitchen you will see it has had a fresh coat of paint. Thanks Stuart Kerr for a great job.
- ⇒ News Flash News Flash. Don't forget to come to the Special General Meeting on Monday 18th June at 6.45 pm. The format of the meeting will be a little preamble, then a time for any questions and then the vote. The main reason for the change is so that we can apply for Charity Status. This will allow us to have easier access to apply for funding, it will reduce some costs like software purchases, allow members who make donations to be able to claim back from their tax. It would be great to see a good turnout.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

- 17 June —Otago Bridge Club Fundraising Tournament, starting at 1.30. Cost \$10 entry. Raffles will be available. Please support this tournament as Otago members are great at supporting our events.
- 23 June —Winton Junior 3B and Intermediate 5B Pairs. Entries close 19th June.
- 1st July—Oamaru Open 5B All Grades Tournament
- 7th July —Otago Winter Teams
- 8th July—Otago Winter Open 5A Pairs.
- 8th July—Otago Winter Intermediate 5B Pairs.
- 14th July—Gore Open 8B Pairs

STAYMAN AND TRANSFERS ARE THEY PROFITABLE (exert from a European Bridge 2017 Magazine)

Every convention has its price. There is a downside to Stayman.

There are many hands where the 2 Club weak take-out is more useful than Stayman.

The 2 Club enquiry allows the next opponent to overcall at the 2 level which 1NT-3NT does not.

If Stayman doesn't find a 4-4 fit (which happens quite often) you have painted a picture of your hand which helps opponents with their lead and defence.

Sometimes, even if a Stayman located a 4-4 fit, 2NT makes the same number of tricks but scores more.

Transfers require more skill but the too have their downside.

From the studies it was found that there wasn't one hand in which the lead due to a transfer was found an advantage to declarer, but several we found where it was a disadvantage.

Many of the additional sequence offered by transfers can be done equally well with natural bidding.

Keeping it low with a transfer rather than a jump bid, allows the opponents more room to compete.

The loss of the 2 Diamond weak take-out can cost a lot in part score hands.

Something to think about anyway.

A HAND TO PONDER ON

Occasionally and not very often, does one make a brilliant play at the table which works! The following hand was played on a club night at Auckland Bridge Club and illustrates how a devious and deceptive play can be suitably rewarded.

	SK93	
	HA953	
	DJ10	
	CAK84	
SJ854		S1076
HJ76		HQ84
DA7		DKQ9632
CQJ93		C7
	South	
	SAQ2	
	HK102	
	D854	
	C10652	



The contract was a very optimistic 3NT, played by South. Can it be made? If so, what is the plan?

Fortunately, South received a good start when West lead the QC.

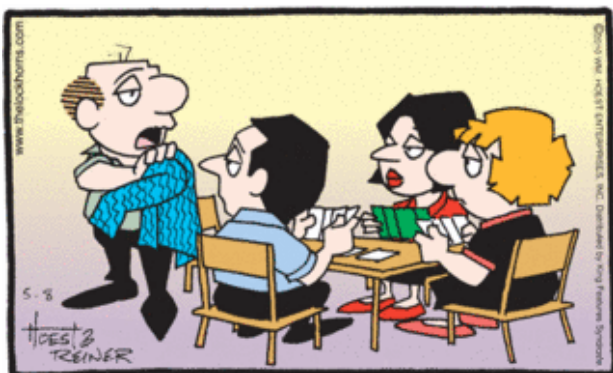
With the diamond suit wide open, the contract looked doomed. However South managed to make the contract by winning the QC with the AC and then playing a spade to the Ace in hand. Next a club was lead towards dummy. West played a low club and the 8C won.

Then South played the JD from dummy, East rising with the QD and West played a low diamond!! East then played the KD and the AD fell, revealing the diamond position. All South then had to do, to make the contract, was to keep East off lead by playing the 10H after winning the next trick in dummy.

The play of the low diamond by West seems reasonable. It looks like South has something like 9xxx – why else would they be playing on the diamond suit?

So the moral of this story is “If you sometimes play like an idiot, it can work in your favour !!”

Thanks to Auckland Bridge Club



"I THOUGHT YOU WERE KICKING ME UNDER THE TABLE BECAUSE YOU WERE READY TO GO."



Happy reading

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