

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ♦ Sam Coutts, as member of NZ Bridge, came to chat to our committee to get some information about our perception as a club. It created some interesting discussion points.
- ♦ Welcome to new members Maurice Burrows (489 8150) and Jennifer MacMillan (021 552 108). Please make them feel welcome. On a sad note Bunty Almond passed away. She was a frequent Saturday afternoon player and will be missed.
- ♦ The recent 5A tournament had 34 pairs attending which was pleasing. The June fun night has just been held and was very successful with over 40 people attending. It's great for our club to have these social gatherings. Thanks to Christine for organising it once again.
- ♦ Our club will have 2 refresher courses being run on Sunday 4th July and Sunday 11th July. We are lucky to have Kristen running them again. If you have any particular topics that you want covered please email us. Cost will be \$10.00 per person per session. You will be sure to learn something so your support would be appreciated.
- ♦ The new table money cards have now been printed. Please reply back to this email and you will then receive an invoice from our accounting package. Payment is expected before the cards will be issued after 1st July. If you leave your cards at home then you will have to pay cash as there will be no IOU's. Remember it's \$50.00 for 11 sessions so you get one **free!!!!**. Cash also will be accepted in payment if you don't do internet banking.
- ♦ With the bank not accepting cheques and making it harder to bank coins it would be appreciated if you minimise the number of small coins being used to pay table money. Hopefully the new table cards will help here too as you will no need to struggle to find the right cash.

**BUY 10
GET 1
FREE!**

THE MISTAKES YOU MAKE AT BRIDGE by Terence Reese & Roger Trezel

I found this book at Otago Bridge Club so I thought I would include a small bit I found of interest.

Limit Bids: Playing with a strange partner, you can never be certain what he means when he responds 2NT to your opening bid of one, or raises, say, one spade to three 3 spades.

This is a matter of system, and it is essential to have an understanding.

Say you have the following cards:



You open one spade on the North cards and your partner responds 2NT. You pass and he makes about 10 tricks. After this sort of incident it is important to have decided about what your limit bid means. The same situation can arise when your partner raises you to three of a major—especially if you are responder and have enough points for game. Sometimes it is better to call another suit at the 2 level and see what your partner responds and then bid to game. This leads to a lot less misunderstandings.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

June 12—Otago Winter 5A Teams, entries close 9 June

June 13—Otago Winter Intermediate 5B Pairs, entries close 10 June.

June 13 Otago Winter Open 5A Pairs—entries close 9 June.

June 19 – Winton Intermediate 5B and Junior 3B Pairs, entries close 17 June.

June 27—Oamaru 8B All Grade—entries close 23 June.



SOMETHING ABOUT THE LAWS

It's always timely to be reminded about some of the rules and bits that you might not know about.

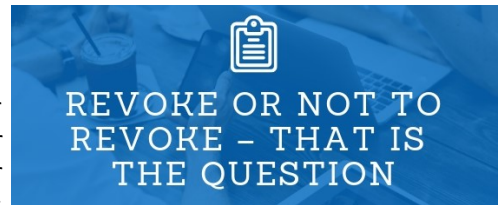
One of the best things you can do when you are defending is when your partner doesn't follow suit is to say "Having none partner?". The benefit of this is that your partner can have a double look at their hand to make sure they haven't revoked or followed suit. If they have they can correct their error. In fact rule 61 of the rules gives these options:

- ⇒ Declarer may ask a defender who has failed to follow suit whether he has a card of the suit led.
- ⇒ Dummy may ask declarer but cannot ask a defender.
- ⇒ Defenders may ask declarer and one another.

Law 62 says that "A player must correct his revoke if attention is drawn to the irregularity before it becomes established. By correcting the revoke this means the offender puts the card aside and then follows suit. The card withdrawn becomes a major penalty card.

Now to clarify what it means when a revoke card is established. Law 63 covers this and it says that a card is only established when the offender or his partner leads to the following trick. So a trick is not established if opponents lead a card—only when the partner or offender plays their next card.

If in doubt always call the director as there are many rules, nuances that must be taken into account when deciding about the revoke.



SOMETHING TO PONDER ON

Brad Johnson from Otago Bridge Club attended last weekend's national conference and amongst the papers was the Victorian Bridge Assn's May Bulletin. Here is the link for the full article <http://vba.asn.au/wpcontent/uploads/2021/04/vbbulletin2105.pdf>. The editorial focused on declining club membership and what can be done to address this. Below are the key points which we could all ponder.

Ultimately the biggest influence on the growth or otherwise of bridge occurs at the club level.... Why do people leave bridge including not pursuing the game after a beginner's course?

- ◆ New players expect and deserve a welcoming, comfortable and non-critical place to play bridge.
- ◆ They do not like to be the recipients of rude, boorish and critical behaviour or to witness other pairs engaging in same, including berating each other for mistakes.
- ◆ People leave bridge because of bad behaviour and a non-welcoming environment. The biggest reason for the success of some clubs is precisely because they create a place to play bridge where such things don't occur or have been eradicated under the influence of a warm, welcoming culture, completely averse to antisocial behaviours.

The ABF research reveals again and again that you can have top teachers, spick and span clubrooms and every creature comfort, but that will hold little weight if the culture is 'off'.

PLEASE PLAY YOUR PART IN MAKING OUR CLUB A GREAT AND GROWING CLUB!

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