

Taieri Bridge Club



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Coming Events

3 March: Te Anau Open B Pairs
17 March: Alexandra Intermediate
24 March: Taieri Open B Pairs
14 April: Winton Junior Pairs

Festival Pairs

Congratulations to Robyn Hawkesby who, with her partner, won the Junior Cup, and to Donna Ruwhiu who, with her partner Kristen, got second place in the open section

Insufficient bid – Law 27

We might think we know what to do about this, but -- did you know that this Law was re-written for the 2007 Law Book and there were 4 pages devoted to this infraction in the Bridge Manual?

The first option is for the left-hand opponent to accept the insufficient bid. The second option is for the culprit to make the bid good in the lowest level in the same denomination – for no further penalty. BUT if the bid is (or could be) a conventional bid, or if the culprit makes any other call, it gets much more complicated. If there is another legal bid which incontrovertibly gives the same information, This is allowed. If the culprit makes any other bid, his partner must pass throughout.

From the last Committee Meeting:

Arrangements for our next **tournament** are well under way. It is a B-point tournament to be held on March 24. Keep this date free. To be directed by Jared Fudge. Look to the Club notice board for further details.

A committee has been established to look at **handicaps**. Decisions will be made within the next day or two.

Sadly, **Resignations** have been received from Paula Westoby, Ron Robert, Elaine Donaldson and Hennie Smith. **New members** are Robyn Hawkesby, Kay Healey, Glen Blanchard. New members are important to us – remember to offer them a game when you can

Lessons will begin for beginners on Tuesday March 20. They usually run for 10 weeks. The cost is \$20 including notes. The system to be taught is basic Acol with emphasis on the word “basic” - 4-card majors, strong twos etc. Refresher workshops are being considered for later in the year for other players.

From the Bridge Director's Forum

NS are a junior pair who know nothing about cue-bids and who, if their partner makes a strange bid, would gaze at the ceiling for a while, shrug shoulders and silently mutter "what the hell is going on" and PASS. (They are also not fully up to speed with their methods of taking out 1NT into a suit)

N opens 1NT

S bids 2H (intending to transfer) not alerted

N bids 4H

S bids 4S

N pass

Cards lay favourably allowing 10 tricks to be made. Other tables are all in part-score also making 10 tricks.

Apart from the misinformation with the failure to alert (let's assume there was no damage from that) were any rules broken by NS and if so by whom, and what rectification would apply?

North/South just got lucky. South has to bid as though North had correctly alerted the transfer and then bid 4H. In this particular case it can't possibly show long hearts because partner can't have long

hearts and have opened 1NT. Therefore South is entitled to know something has gone wrong and correct to 4S. The fact that the misunderstanding resulted in their bidding a fortunate game that other people did not bid is just one of those bizarre pieces of luck you can sometimes have at this game.

The only times when N/S dig themselves a hole they cannot escape from, are situations where partner's bid has a rational possibility and the only reason you know that isn't the case is because partner failed to alert

Hand Records *(Letter in a recent Bridge Magazine)*

"In the past two tournaments I have played in, I have been a little annoyed to find that there were not enough printed hand records to go around and I have missed out on these very important pieces of evidence. How else can one convince partner of the error of their ways, or dispute their false memory, and use Deep Finesse as your closing argument??

These Hand records are the mainstay of conversation at lunch and after the tournament as we are waiting for the results. We even use them and the hand analysis involved as a learning tool to improve our partnership understanding."

(This letter is abridged and comes from Te Puke)

What I want to know is how many of our members use the hand records from a Club night to improve their play? Even though they are provided, it is seldom that more than half a dozen are taken!!

Who said that?

"I am always pleased to see you Frank -- then I know my car is not the oldest one in the car park!!"

"Be who you are and say what you feel
Because those that matter... don't mind
And those that mind... don't matter."

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her

After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of a coin; they just can't face each other, but still they stay together.

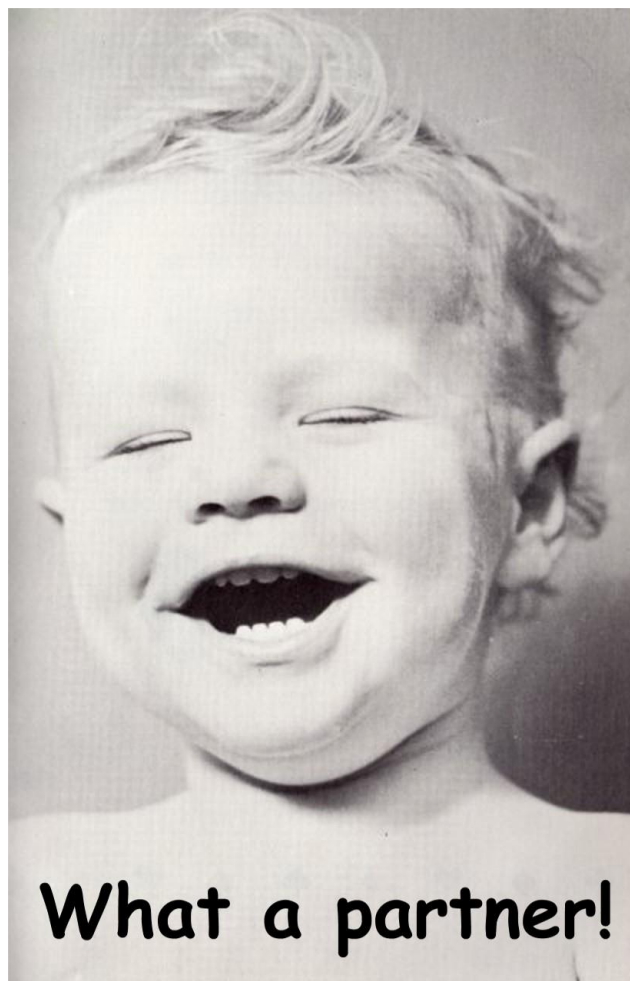
The Irish are at it again

Two Irishmen are hammering floorboards down in a house. Paddy picks up a nail then realises it is upside down and throws it away

He carries on doing this until Murphy says "Why are you throwing them away?"

"Because they are upside down" says Paddy

"You daft prat" says Murphy. "Save them for the Ceiling"



The 40th Anniversary of the Club occurs in 2013. A sub-committee is being formed to begin preparations.