

# TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



## March 2017

### News from the Committee:

- Work is being done on renewing the lease with DCC – will update when finalised.
- It is pleasing to note that about 13 people are attending the lessons – some of these are existing members getting a refresher.
- If you're into drinking light beer then you're in luck as it is now offered for sale in the bar.
- Tournaments coming up:
  - Our own 8B tournament this Saturday – maybe too late to enter now.
  - March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – Timaru Congress Intermediate and Open Pairs.
  - March 25<sup>th</sup> – Queenstown Open 8B Pairs – entries closing 21<sup>st</sup> March.
  - March 26<sup>th</sup> – Waimate All Grades Open 8B Pairs
  - April 9<sup>th</sup> – Lions Club Charity Pairs at the Otago Bridge Club.
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### Club Notes

South and East toss for position. The winner of the toss shall sit North-south – No argument. If you require rights to sit or to move because of some disability you must write to the committee – No argument. If you have a mishap on the way to bridge and have a temporary need to sit, make your request to the Director.

### Scoring the Bye

One disadvantage of the Mitchell system is that if you have feed-ins you must have a switch. If you have a switch you get to play some people twice. Most of the time this is no problem - unless it's the phantom. You don't get zero and you don't get 50%. Your percentage is just scored over the reduced number of boards you play. Example: you have 10 tables. You have two boards per set. You have two sets of feed-ins (4boards). You play 12 rounds of two (=24 boards). Still with me? Now we have a phantom which we put at NS table 3. Now NS never get the phantom and play 24 boards. EW get it once and play 22 boards – except the 2 pairs who get it twice and only play 20 boards. Your percentage is calculated on the number of boards you play!! Of course with a Howell movement there is no switch so nobody gets a phantom twice. But you knew that didn't you?

### Some more Paraprodsokians

1. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
2. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
3. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
4. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
5. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.

## What to Lead?

South Dealer; SVul

Auction

West	North	East	South
			1H
Pass	2C	Pass	3C
Pass	3H <sup>1</sup>	Pass	4H

<sup>1</sup> Invitational

What would you lead as West ?

The full deal:—

### North

S AK

H 987

D 7652

C KT98

### West

S 762

H AKQ2

D Q9843

C 5

### East

S QJ9543

H 3

D JT

C 7642

### South

S T8

H JT654

D AK

C AQJ3

With Such a powerful trump holding, it seems to West that there should be little problem in defeating 4H, but you need to find a fourth trick. If partner has a winner there should be no problems. If not, you have to create an extra winner yourself. There is no urgency to lead the club singleton. If partner has the AC you can get your club ruff later.

Also ,you should not lead a trump That is likely to help declarer in drawing trumps. There is a basic rule that when you hold length in the trump suit, you should try to force declarer to ruff so that you gain control of the trump suit.

**Principle:** With length in trumps, leading your long outside suit is usually your best chance to make declarer ruff and so shorten declarer's trump holding.

**Awards** Low diamond 100; spade 80; 5C or top trump 50.

## Another bit on Rules – Withdrawn Calls

If after insufficient bid or a bid out of rotation you have withdrawn a call and do not subsequently bid that suit, if your partner is on lead at any stage during the play the declarer has the right to ask for that suit to be lead, or forbid it from being led. If the lead of the suit is forbidden your partner cannot lead the suit as long as s/he holds the lead. If the lead is regained later on there is no further restriction. Sometimes the director forgets, after sorting out the original infraction, to mention this point. It is quite in order to ask 'are there lead penalties?' if this happens!

Happy bridging!!!!

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