

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ⇒ Welcome to new member Bernadette Van der Lem. She is a current Otago Player. Please make her feel welcome.
- ⇒ We have received a resignation from Rosemary Pickersgill who has been a long time member. Thanks for your help and attendance over the years!!
- ⇒ The proposed increased visitor table charge has now been deferred until possibly the AGM.
- ⇒ We currently have 14 people attending the lessons. Thanks to all that have been involved behind the scenes with this.
- ⇒ Thanks also to Kristen who ran the very successful Intermediate lessons. Great effort.
- ⇒ Unfortunately the novice lessons organised by Gillian Alexander were cancelled due to low numbers pre-registering for the event.
- ⇒ Charity Status update—we are now a registered Charity. No great changes will be seen initially.
- ⇒ Just a reminder that should you fancy playing bridge but don't have any bookings please make your name known to the partnership officer.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

Mar 16th—Taieri 8B Tournament, entries close 6pm Wednesday. Looking for more support from our own members.

Mar 23rd— Queenstown Open 8B Pairs, entries close 19th June.

THIRTEEN TRICKS AND EVIL ACOL: A BETTER WAY TO PLAY ACOL by Vil Gravis

This is the latest book out (borrowed from Otago Bridge Club). This was an interesting bit I found so thought I would share it with you.

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRICKS

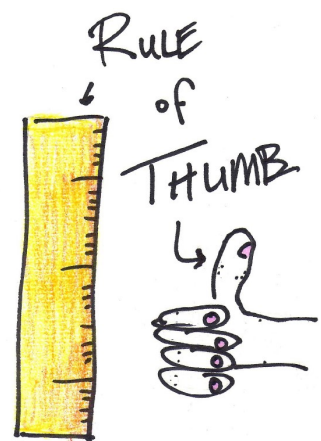


You can estimate the tricks you can hope to take with your suit as trumps, simply by the total number of *trumps* that you and your partner hold, given that you have as many high card points as your opponents. Thus, if you have ten trumps between you and half the points, you can expect to make ten tricks if your suit is in trumps. In other words, Trumps equals tricks. If you have fewer high card points, you expect to make fewer tricks and if you have more high card points you can expect to make more tricks. Val usually adds or subtracts one trick for two points.

Here's a hand to look at using the total number of tricks. Dealer S and NS are Vul.

♠ A10	♠ 9532	♠ 84
♥ K1075	♥ 62	♥ AQ843
♦ KJ4	♦ 9872	♦ 1063
♣ A875	♣ KJ2	♣ 1096
	♠ KQJ76	
	♥ J9	
	♦ AQ5	
	♣ Q43	

North South have nine spades and 19 points. That should equal nine tricks except for being one point short of 20, so say 9 tricks with good play and if the defense isn't perfect, in normal circumstances. Close enough I guess. East West have nine hearts but one point more than 20 so they can expect 9 tricks but ten if the defense isn't perfect. And as the cards lie, East West can make nine tricks but they are unlikely to make 10. The cards and the distribution in this deal is not normal, with flattish hands all round. In contested auctions the hands are much more distributional and the 'law' works much better, but this can serve as a reasonable illustration of the simple way to apply Total number of Tricks which does work amazingly accurate a lot of the time. It is worth using as a rule of thumb in its simplest form, you need not start reading the full tomes that have been written on it by the experts,



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IT'S NOT WHETHER YOU
WIN OR LOSE THAT
COUNTS.
IT'S WHETHER I WIN OR
LOSE....



**LIFE IS LIKE
A GAME OF BRIDGE**



**THE HAND YOU ARE
DEALT WITH
REPRESENTS DETERMINISM;
THE WAY YOU PLAY IT
IS FREE WILL**

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