

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ◆ We have received a resignation from Keith Spence. Thanks for being an active member for a number of years.
- ◆ If any of you are members of the Facebook Group “Dunedin News” please look out and like posts I have been creating about joining bridge. The more “likes” or comments means that more people will see the post.
- ◆ Have you noticed a few changes around? The new painted building looks great (will have to update the photo above). Thanks to Stewart Kerr for awesome effort. Also a new fridge for the bar has been purchased and a defibrillator has yet to be erected somewhere in the main room.
- ◆ Unfortunately our tournament last Saturday was cancelled due to low table numbers. It has been suggested that a minimum of 9 tables would be a great start.
- ◆ Did you know that next year in May our club will be 50 years old. If you have old photos that may be of interest please put them aside.
- ◆ Just a reminder that if you are one of the partnerships that play 5 card majors and open a club on less than a 4 card suit then please alert your partner’s bid by saying something similar to “We are playing 5CM and our 1C bid could be as short as 3 card suit”. Opponents deserve to know the same information your partnership does. Wednesday night sessions have a lot more variety in bidding if that’s what you are after.



- ◆ You will also be aware that doubles are a part of the bridge game. With people straight out of lessons we have a grace period of a couple of months with no doubling learners. Possibly that is over now but as a kind and caring club member it would be great not to double learners if they have misbid or ended up in a completely wrong suit.

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TO OTHERS.

- ◆ One more reminder—did you know that each position at a table has duties. South enters the score, North manages the boards—making sure it is the correct board and the right way up. East checks the score and West moves the board back to the previous table and moves on quickly.

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.



MORE SKILLS

North

♠ A954

♥ AQJ42

♦ J3

♣ T2

West

♠ KT83

♥ 653

♦ AT7

♣ 765

East

♠ Q2

♥ KT98

♦ Q864

♣ Q93

South

♠ J76

♥ 7

♦ K952

AN INTERESTING HAND FROM THE PAST

Six out of eight NS pairs played it in 3NT. One pair was in 3 Clubs and one in 2 Hearts. Of the 3NT players, only one pair made the contract. The other 5 went 1 or 2 light.

The hand was played by South with a lead of 3S

If the QC and the KH finesses work the contract is easily made. If not, it is much more difficult.

Duck the opening lead of 3S and let the QS win. Duck the likely return of a Spade for West to win with the Ten. The A9 of Spades is now sitting over the K8 in the West hand when the J is eventually lead.

Ducking the spade lead twice, establishes an extra spade trick and the contract is made with 5 Clubs, 2 Spades, 1 Heart and 1 Diamond

SEVEN THINGS A BRIDGE PLAYER WOULD NEVER

SAY ...

- ⇒ This club's playing area is always at the right temperature – never too hot or too cold
- ⇒ Free coffee? No thanks
- ⇒ Cool! A four board sit out.
- ⇒ No. I don't think tournament fees are too high.
- ⇒ I can always count on my partner to remember every convention on our card.
- ⇒ No gossip please – I'm not interested.
- ⇒ Great. More new alerts.

