

# TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



## May 2016

### News from May Committee meeting:

- Thanks to the 9 people who turned up for the spring clean – a job well done.
- The Otago Hospice Charity Pairs Tournament had a great turnout of 17.5 tables and made a profit of \$950.00. Thanks to all those who made it a success.

### Tournaments coming up:

- Our next tournament we are holding is the Taieri Pairs – 5A Open Tournament on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Starting at 9.30 a.m with play underway by 10 a.m.
- Otago Club are holding “Save the Children” Charity Pairs on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Start time is 1.30 but you need to be seated 15 minutes earlier. Cost is \$10.00.
- On the same date is Te Anau 8B Open Pairs.
- Gore 3B Junior and 5B Intermediate Pairs will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Entries close 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Cost is \$20.00 per player.

**From the Archives:** The first AGM of the club was held in November 1974. Unfortunately one of the original elected members had to resign due to ill health and was replaced by Nancy Hawker. Nancy is the only surviving member of that first committee.

**Monday Systems:** The program tells us that players should only play systems allowable for Junior Tournaments. The programme also says these are posted on the noticeboard. For those who can't find them, here are a few examples. From the 2016 Manual D50.

Opening	Acol Type systems	Precision Type Systems
1♣	Opening Strength, at least 2 clubs	Strong forcing, any distribution
1♦	Opening Strength, at least 3 diamonds	Opening strength, any distribution
1♥, 1♠	Opening Strength, at least 4 cards	
1NT	At least 11 hcp balanced	
2♣	Very Strong, any distribution	Opening strength, at least 5 clubs
2♦	Very Strong any distribution, forcing OR 6-cards, weak	NOT multi style, weak with 6-card major, with or w/o strong option
2♥, 2♠	Weak minimum suit length 6 cards or	
	Strong, at least 4 cards	NOT weak with 5/4+ suit
2NT	Balanced with at least 18 hcp	NOT weak in minors
3NT	Strong or “gambling”	
3 suit	Weak at least 6 card suit	
Any defence to opponents; opening 1NT		
Any defence to opponents’ artificial forced opening		
Any meaning of double in any sequence		
Any Ace asking bids and responses		
Any treatment for a cue bid		

NB The bids in Red are allowed in Intermediate Tournaments. Something to think about for 2017

**Visitors:** We have a reputation as a friendly club. If you bring a visitor along, please make sure the Director knows so that they can be properly welcomed.

**For the Director:** Surely a 6½ table Mitchell movement must be about the worst one could possibly find? Suppose the director puts the phantom NS and decides to play 27 boards. Those sitting NS notice nothing – they get to play 27 boards.

Those sitting EW get the phantom and play 24 boards – but two pairs get the phantom twice and only play 21 boards.

But there's more—those starting at table 4 get the same opposition 3 times for 9 boards!!.

#### **From the Mouths of Babes ....**

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

#### **Did you know?**

So far this year we are averaging 10 tables for Monday nights and averaging 7 tables for Wednesdays. I wonder why the difference? What's on TV?

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From the newsletter Editor

Happy Bridging.

Barbara Wilkes