

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ◆ Welcome to the following new members from lessons: Judy O'Donohue, Philip Kirk, Diane Paterson, Heather Urquhart, Karen Baughan, Julie Andrews, Judy Gorman, Karilyn Canton, Sophie Canton, Barry Gibbons, Jan Gibbons, Ulli Graham, Lorna Isaac, Joe Isaac, Glenda Kyle, and Lyn McLaren. Not all have joined yet but we are hopeful.
- ◆ To help our new members get used to a club night format we intend to have 2 free Tuesday practice nights on 24th May and 31st May. We would ideally like to match each learner up with an existing player. Your help would be appreciated. Time to start would be 7 o'clock.
- ◆ New members will be joining the Monday sessions on 13 June which is a Championship Pairs night. It would be helpful if for that night (assuming you're not in the running for winning as a junior) and Winter pairs you could change your scheduled partnership to pair up with a learner for the series to help them feel welcome.
- ◆ According to NZ Bridge they recommend the following for entry and play: 1. *Wearing of face masks is optional.* 2. *The Director (President) has the right to preclude entry if they consider the player is a risk to others,* 3. *The player will have no right to contest the decision of the Director or President.* 4. *If a player has contracted Covid or been a close contact, they should not enter the club.* 5. *If a player is unwell, they should stay home.*
- ◆ As a member it would be appreciated if we could have a number of people that are prepared to do some home baking for tournaments. Please let Marie know if you are happy to help out.
- ◆ Queen's birthday fun night is just around the corner so look out for notices.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

- 14 May—Te Anau Open Pairs—(online)
14/15 May—Canterbury 10A Open Teams and Pairs
15 May—Otago 3B Junior Pairs (2nd one is on 3/7).
21 May—Gore Junior and Intermediate
29 May—Taieri 5A Open Pairs—don't be shy and give it a go!! We would appreciate seeing you there.
4 June—Otago /Southland 15A Teams—Wanaka
5 June—Otago/Southland 15A Pairs— Wanaka

BETTER BRIDGE WITH A BETTER MEMORY by Ron Klinger

Little Triggers for Card Play—Rule of 11

This rule applies to leading 4th highest of your longest suit. *Deduct the pips on the card led from 11.*



When your partner is on lead against NT's and you have an agreement that this will be your common lead you will want to work out what is in declarers hand. Say South is in 1NT and West leads a 6, the 8 is played from dummy. What are you going to do? So you deduct 6 from 11 and that tells you that there are 5 cards higher than the 6 in dummy, your hand and declarers. You can see how many cards dummy has higher than 6, you know how many are in your hand and so by deduction it will tell you how many hold declarer has.

Odd numbers break evenly, and Even numbers break oddly

If you are trying to work out the most probable split of the missing cards in any suit then this is handy to know.

If you are missing an odd number of cards, chances are that they will divide as evenly as possible between the 2 opponents. **ODD**
EVEN

If you are missing an even number of cards, chances are they will not divide evenly between the two opponents.

Most of the time you have eight trumps between you and dummy. How often will the opponents' card divide 3-2? And 4-1? Easy way to remember this is reverse the numbers so for cards to split 3-2 it will 2/3rds of the time and 4-1 it will be 1/4 of the time. So if the choice for success is between taking a finesse, 50%, or relying on a 3-2 break, the 3-2 break is the better bet.

This is just a sample of information that is around that can add to your decision making process.

You're never too old to keep learning.

**PLAY IN HASTE
REPENT AT
LEISURE**



WHAT IS UNAUTHORISED INFORMATION?

Many players have a very hazy idea about the term Unauthorized Information (UI). So don't be embarrassed if you are one of them. You are not alone. It is information that did not come to you from bids made or cards played.

UI can come from partner's comments, gestures or mannerisms, breaks in tempo (hesitations), a question partner asks or replies to, an alert or announcement made by partner, or hearing partner explain a bid as something other than you intended, or even overhearing a comment at the next table.

Creating UI is not illegal but acting upon it is so we must take great care not to let it influence our actions. It is accepted that UI is made available unintentionally and, equally, in the majority of cases it is acted upon unintentionally. We must consider the auction carefully and be certain that if we are going to take further action it is not based on anything we are not allowed to know (UI!).



If you believe that UI has been made available you should call the Director. This is known as 'Reserving Your Rights'. The Director will establish the facts and then advise the players to continue and call him back at the end of the hand.

As opponents you should try not to ask questions if you don't intend to bid. Don't delay when declarer is thinking about making a finesse. These are all things to be aware of!!



"No, Mrs. Finster, when you're counting your losers, you do NOT include your partner!"

A DAY WITHOUT
BRIDGE
WOULDN'T KILL ME
BUT WHY TAKE
THE CHANCE?



LOOKING FOR WINTER DRIVERS

Just thinking that there may be some of our elderly folk who would rather not drive during Winter but may be too shy to ask for rides. Can you help out by offering to pick up and drop off? Please let one of the committee know if this is a way you can help out.



Barbara Wilkes

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