

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- Welcome to new members: Denise Blair, Dominick Geoffrey and Gerard Geoffrey. Please welcome them.
- Our Alcohol Licence is up for renewal next month. Part of getting this approved is having a fire evacuation. Be prepared. Do you know where the other exit is? Do you know where the meeting area is?
- The Club has just had our building valued for insurance purposes. As it is our biggest asset it is worth insuring correctly!!
- Our charity tournament held last month raised \$1,000.00 for the Hospice. Thanks to all those that attended and donated raffle prizes.
- Our Kings Birthday weekend fun night is not too far away. \$15.00 (cash on the night) for a winter meal plus bridge.
- On behalf of the sub-committee I am very pleased to note that we only received 2 emails with feedback. I am hoping that this is a vote of confidence and trust in the committee that we are doing the best for the club. I am expecting that the Special General Meeting planned for Monday 17th June at 6.30 pm will proceed very smoothly and quickly.
- It was reported at our committee meeting that the club being 2/3rds through our financial year is tracking well financially. Always a pleasing result to know. Table money has increased compared to last year so that's a healthy sign.

TOURNAMENTS:

May 18—Te Anau 8B Open Pairs, 10 am start, \$30.00, closes 15/5.

May 19—Otago Junior Pairs 3B—9.30 am for morning tea and 10 am start, entries close 16 May.

May 25—Gore 5B Intermediate Pairs, 10 am start, \$30.00, closes 21/5.

May 26—Gore 3B Junior/Novice Pairs, 1— am start, \$30.00, closes 21/5.

June 3—Taieri Fun Night, \$15.00 cash .

June 9—Taieri A Grade Tournament, 9.30 am start. \$30.00, enter online. Entries close 7/6.

SUIT CONTRACTS by Brian Senior

Extra Tricks: One of the benefits we get from having a trump suit is the possibility of establishing an extra length tricks in a side suit by ruffing. Holding, for example, K2 facing A8764, in a suit, it would usually be possible to create extra tricks even if playing in no-trumps, but that would involve losing one or more tricks in that suit. However, if this is a side suit and declarer has an ample trump fit and communications between the two hands, he may be able to establish 1 or 2 extra length tricks by ruffing, without having to give a trick to the defence along the way.

♠ K 7 4
♥ J 2
♦ J 8 3
♣ A Q 9 8 6

The contract is 4 ♠ and the lead is the K♥. Declarer has 9 top tricks and a 10th could come by way of a heart ruff in the dummy. Unfortunately, there is a big danger that defence will take 3 diamond tricks when they win their heart trick, leading to one down.

♠ A Q J 9 8
♥ A 8 3
♦ 9 6 2
♣ K 4

One possible solution would be for declarer to try to cash 3 rounds of clubs to discard a diamond before he gave up the heart trick but, of course, the third round of clubs would stand up only if the suit splits evenly, in which case simply drawing trumps and cashing the clubs would lead to eleven easy tricks. The even club split will occur only a little over one time in three. However, a four-two or better split is a very good chance, which suggests a better line of play.

Declarer should win the opening lead for fear of a deadly diamond switch. Now he cashes the ace and queen of spades. If the suit splits four-one he will have to just draw the rest of the trumps and then play for a three-three club split. But if spades divide three-two, declarer next plays king of clubs, a club to the ace, and ruffs a club with the jack of spades. That will establish a fourth club winner, and he can now cross to dummy with the carefully preserved king of trumps to cash the clubs, coming to ten tricks.



WHAT IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST?

Our new proposed rules talk about conflict of interest and so I thought it would be great to expand on it for further clarification. The Incorporated Society says the following: It can be any situation where an officer's personal interests, obligations or relationships could interfere with their ability to act in the society's best interests.

Officers have a duty to act in good faith and in the best interests of the society. A conflict of interest may arise when:

- An officer benefits directly financially or otherwise from a matter involving the society or indirectly through a family member who may obtain a financial or other benefit from the matter.
- The society is negotiating or entering into an agreement or contract with a company or an organisation that the officer is a director or officer of that has a financial interest in the matter.

SCORING

I know the tablet calculates the score but you should understand how scores are calculated for each bid you make.

For part games you get 50 points for making a part game. If you are in clubs or diamonds you get 20 points for each additional trick over 6 tricks. So 2 Clubs making is calculated at 50 for part game plus $2 \times 20 = 90$ points. If you are in 2 Clubs and scoring 3 then it is 110 points but just a bit harder to make. If you are in hearts or spades you get 30 points for each additional trick over the first 6 tricks. 3 Spades making 3 is calculated at $50 + (3 \times 30) = 140$. In essence you want to be in a major contract rather than a minor contract as you score more points. This is why it is said that if your partner opens 1 club and you have 4 little hearts or 4 little spades then you should always bid the major before bidding 1NT. It makes no difference if you are vulnerable or non-vulnerable unless you go light. If you are non-vulnerable and you go 1 trick light then opponents will get 50 points whereas if you are vulnerable and go 1 light then opponents will get 100 points.

If you are in no-trump then the scoring is a little different. You get 50 for the part game score, then the first trick after the 6th trick is worth 40 points, and then additional tricks are worth 30 points. So 1NT making 1 is calculated at $50 + 40 = 90$ and 2NT making is 120 points.

For game value contracts then the game value is dependent if you are vulnerable or not vulnerable. For game value non-vulnerable the base score is 300 points and if vulnerable the base score is 500 points. The same calculation is made for minor contracts or major contracts. E.g. 4spades making 4 vulnerable is calculated at $500 + (4 \times 30) = 620$. 5 clubs making 5 is calculated at $500 + (5 \times 20) = 600$.



"Yes, I am employee of the month again. And yes, I'm the one who chooses the employee of the month. And no, I don't see a conflict of interest."

Barbara Wilkes

Marama Ice Cream

If you liked the dessert from the last fun night and want to make it there here it is. Thanks Marie.

Melt together (don't boil): 120 gr butter, 120 gr icing sugar, 4 Tbsp golden syrup, 4 tsp cocoa, 2 tsp coffee.

Add 170 gr Rice Bubbles. Freeze in 2 ob-long tins. Split each in two.

Layer with ice cream (centre). Cream and fruit on top

