



# Taieri Bridge Club: November 2015

## 1 From the Championship Pairs

The Wednesday Championship Pairs came to an end at the beginning of this month and it was won by Robert Cowan and John Sheehy who managed a very impressive overall average of 62.89%. Second were Donna Ruwhiu and Keith Spence. The final night had a hand where Deep Finesse (playing South) managed one of his usual fine performances. How did he make 12 tricks in no trumps on this board?

Board 11	♠ Q7
South dealer	♥ K84
None vul	♦ AT64
	♣ KQ84

♠ JT963  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ QJ7  
 ♣ JT63

W N  
S E

♠ AK54  
 ♥ QJ65  
 ♦ K92  
 ♣ A9

♠ 82  
♥ AT932  
♦ 853  
♣ 752

It doesn't matter but let's assume that West leads ♠J. Declarer wins in dummy and takes the next trick with ♥K. So far, so normal. But now Deep Finesse plays ♥8 intending to finesse East for the ♥10,9: a bold decision for us mortals but bread and butter for DF. However, even with this play producing three

heart tricks, declarer is not yet out of the woods (3 spades, 3 hearts, 2 diamond and 3 clubs makes 11 tricks). The 12th trick comes from a squeeze against West who has too many threats to guard against.

## 2 Club news and comments

**AGM** Many thanks to the 20 members who turned up to the AGM. The minutes are available on the Taieri Bridge website under 'Resources'. Welcome to the new committee members: Laurie Smeijers and Joy Martin Frew. Thanks to Pam for her help on the committee for the last couple of years. Table money is going to increase next year to \$5.00 as this was felt to be a better option than not paying to have the tea girls help out. It was also decided to trial having alternative Christmas party nights on the Mondays and Wednesday nights so the 2016 party night will be on Monday next year. Much discussion was held on why Wednesday nights were not as popular as they used to be as this is the official night for the club: no great answer was reached. It was timely to remember that a good standard of behaviour is required that if there is a problem it should be brought to a committee member's attention to deal with a committee level.

**Carpets** Our carpets are going to be restretched before Xmas

with a date unknown but if you believe you could help on a Thursday/Friday to move furniture could you let Ryan know please.

**Bar volunteers** As many members are quite happy to have a small drink at the conclusion of play a request has been made for more volunteers to run this. We need 5 or 6 people to share the load so if can help then also see Ryan or the convenor.

**New and old members** Welcome to new member Barbara Clare. Resignations have also been received from Noeline Dean and Sharon Van Turnout. Special thanks to Noeline as she has been an active member for a very long time.

**Bert Matthews trophy** In 2016 there will be a change in the criteria for the Bert Matthews Trophy. In future it will be awarded to the member that plays with the highest number of different players over the year. This is to encourage our members to play with as many different people as possible. Are you up for the challenge?

**Party** The 2015 Xmas party will be held on Wednesday 16th December. Theme for this year will be "Black and White" to celebrate the win the All Blacks had at the Rugby World Cup. As usual bridge will be played followed by Prize giving and supper. Please bring a plate of food. Don't forget to return any trophies if you still have them. Also if you would like to help decorate the Xmas tree then please come to the bridge club rooms at 2 o'clock on Wednesday 18th November.

**Editor's farewell** This is my final newsletter and, from next year, Barbara Wilkes will be the editor. I'd like to thank all my readers over the years. It's been fun and, were I playing more at the club, I would have been happy to continue. But it's always felt somewhat awkward to be writing about events I wasn't participating in and a change was therefore inevitable. I'm sure you'll all enjoy Barbara's tenure.

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