

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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News from the AGM:

It was pleasing to see 39 members in attendance at the AGM. Our financial position has been strengthened over the year with a surplus of \$7,529.00. Although saying this some of the income was of a one off nature like Donna organising Cadbury Carpark fundraiser. Table money was the biggest increase in income. In the current year we will finally be writing off a loss of \$4,457.00 from Strategic Finance.

It was suggested and agreed that Directors be reimbursed for any out of pocket expenses. Some of the other ideas included: that Directors should receive more than a free night, table money should be reduced due to the large surplus, a sub-committee should be formed to look at all the rules, handicaps on Monday nights to be reviewed, and the bar to be opened every night. These ideas were referred on to the incoming committee to look at.

The committee would like to thank Ryan Sonntag for his great work in organising the bar and also welcome Dale Cameron.

News from the Committee:

A very long meeting was held with and a summary of it is below:

- A new zip is to be purchased and installed in the kitchen.
- The committee is obtaining quotes to get the curtains cleaned.
- The theme for the Christmas party on Wednesday 13th December will be Christmas Bling. As a change to the usual the committee has agreed to pay and organise the supper and so no need to bring a plate. (This assumes we can find someone to cater for this night).
- If you have any trophies from last year please return them urgently to the club.
- As the bar is to be opened every club session we will need a lot more volunteers to help with this. Please see either the convenor or Dale Cameron if you are able to help out with this. Of course we are always on the lookout for members that can help with various other jobs in the club. Please look out for the list of duties that you may be able to help out with.
- The new footpath is still work in progress.
- Handicapping will be reviewed with it most likely to be done automatically by computer software every 3 months. There is quite a bit of set-up involved.
- Welcome to our new member Margaret Auty. We would also like to wish these resigning members well for the future: Rosalie Douglas, Lyla Hensley, Bronwyn Powell, Margaret Murray, Alec Weavers, Simon Schack and Jennifer Schack.
- A long discussion was held on the idea of reducing the table money. Donna Ruwhiu, with support from the auditor, made the following comments: the financial reports from 2009 -2017 were reviewed in conjunction with our auditor. It was noted that the surplus reported in the 2016/2017 year is the first year we have made a profit of this level and some of the income attributed to this profit was not recurring. Previous years were either a minimal profit or in fact a loss. Donna finally recommended a cautious and considered approach to be called for. The committee would need to provide to Donna and the auditor, workpapers, budgets, forecasts etc before the full ramifications of such a decrease (and its sustainability) could be understood. While the committee has not had time to do this, it has done some preliminary

calculations which suggest that over a fairly short time, our reserves would be reduced. Our club has always ensured that our premises are well maintained and kept up to date. With this in mind funds will be required to replace the zip, paint the roof, replace the carpet, replace the heating units and cover any unforeseen costs etc. Also mentioned is that it is also very important to promote the club – rejuvenation and lessons are an important aspect of our continuation. The committee passed a motion and agreed unanimously not to decrease the table money but would offer to trial reducing the cost of the March tournament entry fee for our members only. We will also run 4 free Sunday afternoon season sessions.

A Common Dilemma

Dealer—W; Vul—Both			
West	North	East	South
Pass	1H ¹	2D	2S
3D	Pass	Pass	3H
Pass	3S	All Pass	
¹ 5-card major			
West to lead from -			
S 8532			
H 84			
D AJ7			
C QT54			

Your partner has overcalled at the 2 level. Your side is vulnerable so partner is bound to have a strong suit. On the one hand it is normal and appealing to lead your partner's overcalled suit. On the other hand it is unattractive to lead from a suit headed by the ace unless you have the K as well. It is a strong possibility that partner has the K but by no means a certainty. If you do lead a diamond, it should be the Ace in case dummy or declarer has a singleton. If you do not lead a diamond, the only reasonable alternative is a club. Dummy has shown a 5 card heart suit, so declarer will be planning to draw trumps and throw any losers on the long suit. In this situation, it is usually best to lead the unbid suit.

Awards: Low club 100; AD 80; 8H 50:

Principle: When dummy has shown a long useful suit, it is usually best to lead an unbid suit. It is highly attractive to lead partner's bid suit, but exercise caution when you hold A without the K.

This Month's Funnies

'OLD' IS WHEN... Your sweetie says, 'Let's go upstairs and make love,' and you answer, 'Pick one; I can't do both!'

'OLD' IS WHEN... Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

'OLD' IS WHEN... A sexy babe or hunk catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door.

'OLD' IS WHEN... You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police

'OLD' IS WHEN... 'Getting a little action' means you don't need to take any fiber today.

'OLD' IS WHEN... An 'all-nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom.

AND *'OLD' IS WHEN....* You are not sure these are jokes



👉 How should I have played?

“How should I have played that hand?”
“Under an assumed name”

Happy bridging -!!!!

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