

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everybody thought I would introduce myself and make you aware of some of the things we as a committee are planning to do in the next year or so. I came to New Zealand in the 70's and have lived in Dunedin all the time, I did decide to go back to the UK for a while but found I missed Dunedin so came back!! My son was born here and I have all my family in Dunedin/Mosgiel so I suppose you could say I'm here to stay.

We will look at painting the front of the building and putting extra lighting on the front so the street is better lit for when players go home. We plan to do this in the near future.

The club's Christmas party and Prize Giving is to be held on Wednesday 11th December. This will be a subsidised event and I hope to see all of you there. More information about this event to follow.



Our new members are bringing new life into the club and I hope this will continue throughout next year with some more learners. Spread the word about the lessons which start in March and also if you know of anybody who can play bridge but has been away from a club for a while. We would love them to join us on a Wednesday or Monday night.

Any ideas regarding bridge evenings or social events are welcome just give me a call or any of the committee.

Jen Macartney

President



TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

16 Nov— Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs, cost \$20.00, BBYO lunch, entries close 13th November.

23/24 Nov—Inter Provincial Teams

8 Dec—Otago Nina Hewitt Christmas Open 3A Pairs

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to David Larsen, Marijke Schofield and Vyvienne Hodgkin. Please make them feel welcome.

GUIDE TO BETTER ACOL BRIDGE by Ron Klinger

I keep trying to find things of interest to suit all but thought this is a worthwhile topic to mention.

Weak Jump Overcalls: These bids basically show 6-10 HCP and a good 6+ suit. The aim of the bid is to shut opponents out of the auctions or at least impede their bidding. Partner needs a strong hand (16+ HCP) to take the bidding further.

Here's a hand to look at:

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| | North | |
| | ♠ A K 4 | |
| | ♥ K J 10 9 4 | East |
| West | ♦ J | ♠ J 6 |
| ♠ Q 8 5 3 | ♣ J 10 9 8 | ♥ 7 3 |
| ♥ A Q 8 | | ♦ 10 8 3 |
| ♦ A K Q | South | ♣ A K Q 7 6 4 |
| ♣ 5 3 2 | ♠ 10 9 7 2 | |
| | ♥ 6 5 2 | |
| | ♦ 9 7 6 5 4 2 | |
| | ♣ - - | |

The bidding goes as follows: North opens 1♥, East bids 3♣, South: pass and West bids 3NT, all passed out.

East is a jump overcall, could have bid at 2 level but chose to bid at 3 level. What should North lead? Klinger suggests J♥ which is the top of an interior sequence, hoping to set up this suit, but could also lead a top space.

Correct play: on most days declarer would have an easy 11 tricks to collect (6 clubs, 3 diamonds, and 2 hearts). Here, declarer wins the ♥ lead and leads a club to the Ace, but receives a nasty shock when South shows out. It would be an error to continue with clubs as there is no entry to them on dummy. If you have to give up a trick then do it early. Best play is after playing the A♣, duck one round of clubs, playing a low club in both hands. When you regain the lead, the K and Q of clubs will draw the remaining clubs and allow you to cash the other two club winners.

AN INTERESTING HAND BY STEWART KERR

Board 22

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| ♠ AT943 | Dir: E |
| ♥ AK973 | Vul: E-W |
| ♣ 976 | |
| ♠ Q62 | ♠ AQT743 |
| ♥ KJ862 | ♥ 5 |
| ♦ 84 | ♦ K85432 |
| ♣ AQJ | |
| ♠ KJ875 | ♠ |
| ♥ 95 | ♥ |
| ♦ QJT62 | ♦ |
| ♣ T | ♣ |
| 11 | N - 5 - 6 - |
| 13 9 | S - 5 - 6 - |
| 7 | E 4 - 6 - - |
| Par: 200 | W 5 - 6 - - |

Bd 22, 2 October

Well Christine and myself knew as did John Sheehy and Rob Cowan that the next 3 boards would be hard fought. We were after a big swing against them if we were to have any chance of toppling the reigning club champs.

Along came this remarkable hand board 22 that effectively sealed both our fates. Christine opened 1♥! (she loves shape and is counting losers), 1♠ from Rob, (I prefer Michaels here, 2♥ spades and another). Moi decides to cue with 2♠ (either good limit raise in hearts, spade stopper ask or big hand), John jumps to 4♠ (if Rob had his 2♥ then John could have bid 2NT asking for Rob's other suit then the beauty double fit would have been found). East bids 5♥, South passes and moi takes the right view and bids 6♥. John, a slam afficionado, bids 6♠, passed round to me. (What now? It's double or bid and I chose to double), then all pass—end of auction.

After a ♥ lead and a couple of tricks Rob Cowan says' there was another level!) and quickly racks up the doubled slam. This was a truly remarkable hand, 2 makeable slams, imagine the potential swing at teams! (as an aside whilst on holiday we played bridge at Hamilton and encountered a 7,6 hand , extremely rare

Thanks Stewart—if anyone has any other interesting hands then please email the club and I will endeavor to include them.

NOTES FROM THE AGM

26 members attended the AGM which is about the usual number that attend. There were 9 apologies.

Jenny Magee read out her President's report. In summary she made mention of the 12 members that attended the lessons and have joined the club, the various tournaments held over the year with slightly less attendance from our members compared to the past, the two charity tournaments raising approximately \$1,800.00, a vote of thanks to all members and committee members that helped out in their various ways, the club is now a registered charity, and the roof was painted in November 2018.

The treasurer's report was read out by Cathy Ferguson. In summary: the club made a small loss, partially due to a decrease in table money from member attendance, reduced interest rates on investments, the roof being painted, and more money being spent on advertising. The club is still in a very healthy financial position. There were various financial questions addressed from the floor and all were able to be adequately answered.

Nominations were read out, welcome to Jen Macartney who is now our president, John Aitcheson as Vice President, and one new committee member—Dawn Brieseman.

In general business: members requested the following items to be considered by the committee; the front of the building to be painted, new wine glasses, extra lighting of the Wickliffe Street footpath.

AGM concluded after 40 minutes.

DONATION RECEIVED WITH THANKS

A very big thank you to Robert Cowan for donating some new wine glasses to our club. Much appreciated. You're still getting the same amount of wine it just looks less now.



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PLAYERS
NEVER DIE
THEY JUST
STOP
TURNING
TRICKS**

Happy Bridging!!

Barbara Wilkes

Editor