

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- The AGM was held but the composition of the elected committee did not comply with the current rules. To rectify this Jen has resigned as a general committee member and will assume the position of Immediate Past President. Merv has also resigned as a general committee member. As per our rules about vacant position the committee has appointed Merv as Vice-President until the next AGM.
- The issues with the tablets are still being looked at but it appears to be a trial and error approach so fingers crossed!
- A question was asked at the AGM about the amount of honorariums. The amounts paid are as follows: \$300.00 to each of the President, Treasurer and Secretary, \$400.00 to the Auditor, and \$75.00 to the Purchasing Officer.
- Our Christmas party is coming up on 13th December. Grizzlies will be catering. Cost will be \$35.00 per person which is to be paid online. Your name will also need to be written on the flyer on the noticeboard.
- Calling for more directors!! Barbara is heading off overseas for 3 months mid August next year and so will need at least one person willing to learn what to do. Training will be given. Also looking for people to learn the computer set-up before and at the end of sessions. An info night on computing will be held early February.
- A working bee will be held on Saturday 9th December at 10 am. Hope to see you there.
- Welcome to new members: Cheryl Tapp, Trish Whelan, Anne Marie Tamati and Jamie Smith.

TOURNAMENTS:

Dec 3—Otago Bridge Club Nina Hewitt Xmas Pairs 3A. 10 am start. \$25.00 to be paid by direct credit 06 0911 0020619 00. Please include your last name and computer number as reference. Also bring a can for Food bank.

Jan 5 and Jan 6—Alexandra Bridge Club Holiday Pairs . 6.30 pm start. Cost is \$35.00 for both nights. Online payments by 03/01 to account 02 0916 0044863 00, reference 'hol prs' and your name. Entries close 03/01.

BETTER SIGNALLING NOW by Mark Horton

It was at the battle of Copenhagen that Nelson, on being instructed to disengage the enemy, put his telescope to his blind eye and said "I see no signal".

Now, while most bridge players possess excellent eyesight, it's remarkable how often they ask partner, "Didn't you see my signal?"

Why do things go wrong in defence? Perhaps the most common reason is that players get confused about which signal they are supposed to be giving or trying to give.

In simple terms there are three basic signals which you may wish to give:

1. Count, where you tell partner how many cards you have in a suit.
2. Attitude, where you tell your partner that you like their lead.
3. Suit-Preference, where you try and tell partner which suit to switch to.

Count: It is important to be able to help partner distinguish whether we have led from three or four cards. Count actually concentrates on whether you have an even number or an odd number of cards. Traditional way is to show high-low an even number of cards. Conversely, low-high shows an odd number of cards.

Attitude: Although the book tells the opposite I like reverse attitude which means if I discard a low card I like it and if I discard a high one I hate it. By doing this you are preserving a better suit and discard rubbish which are any cards above an 7.



Better signaling continued: Suit Preference: One of the most common ones is when you are out of the suit that has just been lead is to use a useless suit to indicate which of the other two suits you like. If you discard a high card then you want the higher of the 2 other suits and conversely if you discard a low one then you want the lower suit.

There is so much more to this subject than this brief outline on different signals given. The most important thing is that you have a system that both you and your partner agree on.

INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT 2023

Now that I have your attention you may well ask why I am even writing about this. Just to refresh your mind Taieri Bridge Club is an Incorporated Society as well as a Charity and with this in mind we are obliged to follow the rules as specified by the Act. We have our own rules that we follow. If you want to refresh yourself on where to find our rules then please look at our website under resources (<http://otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/taieri/resources.php>) and you will see a file on the right hand side called "The Taieri Bridge Club Rules for 2018 SGM Agreed Web".

The new Act requires all Incorporated Societies to re-register by April 2026. There are also a whole lot of new rules that are specified which are quite different to our own rules. These new rules will have to be agreed upon at an Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting if we decide earlier that we are ready.

A sub-committee will eventually be set-up to undertake this work as there is a lot of work involved.

ONE WISH

A bridge duffer was polishing a lamp and... poof! Out popped a genie who said, "I will grant you *one* wish."

The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said, "Let all of these countries live in peace and harmony."

"You've got to be kidding! I'm only a genie."

The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, "OK, then make me a winning bridge player."

"Hmm..." the genie pondered. "Let me see that map again."



Barbara Wilkes

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Don't forget to return any trophies for the end of year prize giving ceremony!!

[Wednesday night partnership messenger chat group.](#)

Deidre is the new partnership officer and she is going to create a chat group if you are looking for a partner.