

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



October 2016

News from October Committee meeting:

- A quick update on Val Wilson who collapsed last Saturday. She has been in intensive care but has now been transferred to a ward. Our thoughts for a speedy recovery.
- Please remember to put your name on the list if you wish to come to the Labour Day Fun night of bridge. Cost is \$10.00. Names are required for catering purposes.
- The DCC will be pruning all our shrubs yearly at no extra cost. Thanks Jude for organising this.
- The AGM is coming up quickly. This year it will be held before Monday night playing on Monday 7th November. It will start at 6.30 pm. Bridge will be played at the conclusion of this night. In preparation for this we are always looking to welcome new committee members. Nomination forms would need to be completed.
- The committee is looking at changing some of the rules which would need to be ratified at the AGM.
 - Rule 14(b) with regard to guests. Guests are welcome to play up to 3 times in one financial year. Wording in rule says “consecutive” which will be deleted.
 - Rule 18 with regard to when Annual Subscriptions are due. Currently it says they are due upon the conclusion of the AGM. We are looking at changing it to say due after 1st January.
 - Other rules may require changing to allow us to apply to be a Charity. This is still in the pipeline.

Do you know about the following rules?

Insufficient bid

When you make an insufficient bid (and we all do it sometimes) it is natural to justify yourself by saying “I didn’t see that bid.....” (or whatever). To do so gives unauthorised information. E.g. your Right hand opponent opens 1H, you say 1C. We don’t know whether you meant to say 2C or perhaps you were dreaming and meant to say 1S. As soon as you say “I didn’t see that bid” you have given your partner the information that you have an opening hand and not just an overcall. That is unauthorised and penalties may apply.

Moral: Don’t say anything –except “*Director please*”

Hesitations

There is no law against hesitating. No harm is done if you hesitate and then make a bid. The problem arises if you hesitate and then pass. The hesitation clearly indicates values in your hand which might warrant a bid. You are giving unauthorised information to partner if you now pass.

If partner now bids, it may be claimed he has done so on the basis of information he was not entitled to. If this is the case, and if the opponents have been harmed by the unauthorised information, the Director may award an adjusted score. In this case “adjusted score” means the most favourable the non-offending side is likely to have made if the infringement had not occurred, while the offending side gets the least

favourable score - Law 16 and Law 73. The ruling is not an easy one for the Director.

Moral: If partner hesitates and then passes, you should also pass unless you have an outstanding hand.

Stop Cards

It is precisely because of the problems which arise with hesitations, that Stop Cards were introduced. Whenever you make a jump bid, you place the Stop Card in front of the next bidder, make your bid, wait 10 seconds, and then remove the card. The 10 seconds are considered to be enough time for the next bidder to think about their bid so that they can make their call without hesitation when the card is removed. It also gives time to ask about the bid if you wish.

From Newsletter August 99

Some of our members will have noticed the new drinks cooler in the bar. This replaces a second hand cooler we were given by the Taieri Bowling Club when we built the new Clubrooms in 1986.

Which Way Will I Play?

Bert Oskam gave this poser at bridge from a book written by Alfred Sheinwold:

Spades	843
Hearts	1042
Diamonds	8742
Clubs	AJ10

Spades	10962	Spades	7
Hearts	98763	Hearts	J5
Diamonds	J	Diamonds	AQ109
Clubs	Q95	Clubs	876432

Spades	AKQJ5
Hearts	AKQ
Diamonds	K653
Clubs	K

The lead by West against a contract of 4 spades was the jack of diamonds, which East takes with the Ace and returns the queen of diamonds which is ruffed by West. West now leads the 9 of hearts. South now ponders on how he can get, what appears to be 10 easy tricks – 5 spades, 3 hearts and 2 clubs. It is not that easy. Can you find the correct play?

The answer is to establish the 10 of clubs in dummy. At trick three South wins with the top heart, draws all outstanding trumps and plays one further round of hearts and is pleased to see the jack of hearts fall from east. South now plays the club king and overtakes with dummy's ace. Then he leads the jack of clubs, discarding the queen of hearts unblocking the heart suit. After taking the queen of clubs West has no alternative but to lead a club or a heart which dummy can take thereby setting the contract. Not as easy as first thought, is it!

Happy bridging!!!!