

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2017

News from the Committee:

- Thanks to the few members that helped with the spring clean. A job well done!!
- Labour Day fun day is coming up – please remember to put your name up on the list on the notice board so we know how many to cater for.
- Condolences to the family of Doug Leckie who has been a member since 29/01/2003. We shall miss Doug's smiling face around the club. Thank you also to Margaret Murray who has resigned.
- We need you to help out!!!! We are on the look out for the following:
 - Someone to be Saturday Partnership Officer (need this sooner rather than later so that we can have the correct name in the 2018 Programme book).
 - Looking for more volunteers to help with card dealing. Once you have learned you will be paired up with someone else to help. This takes about 1 hour per week for 4 weeks – maximum of 2 months in the year.
 - Most important we are always on the lookout for new blood to come and join our committee. You could either be one of the specific roles (President, Treasurer, Secretary, or one of 6 committee members with other small roles). Our AGM is coming up quickly on Monday 6th November at 6.30 pm. Please keep this time free as it is important to our club to have a good attendance.
- Thanks to Val Wilson for donation a large platter and to Baukje Blok for donating a lovely tablecloth.
- Don't forget if you are one of those Vodafone customers that used their email server and you are having to change your email address we will need your updated contact details.
- Other Tournaments to note: (full notices are on our board should you wish to enter)
 - Nov 3 – NZ Wide Pairs – to be held at our Club on Friday 3rd November. Start time is 7.10 and cost is \$8.00. You can enter online under the Programme tab.
 - Nov 4 – Maniototo Intermediate 5B Pairs, entry fee \$35.00 (includes lunch), Entries close 20th October.
 - Nov 4 – Timaru Anniversary Open 5A Pairs

Hesitations

Law 73 requires that calls and plays should be made without undue emphasis and without undue hesitation or haste. Some hands require more thought than others and there is no law against a hesitation. The problem comes when the ***bidder hesitates and then passes***. This hesitation gives information about the hand. This information is unauthorised for the partner. In other words partner cannot make his/her bid on the basis that the hesitation indicates a bit extra in partner's hand. The hesitation places an extra moral obligation on partner.

The correct course of action is for the opposition is to reserve their rights if they think the partner's bid could be influenced by the hesitation. Then when the hand is finished they call the director if they are still of that opinion.

Systems

The hand below came up last Monday. Perhaps you remember what you bid! Look at it and decide how you think it should be bid.

<p>♠ K632 ♥ 87 ♦ A43 ♣ QJ92</p> <p>♠ 7 ♥ 963 ♦ 752 ♣ 876543</p> <p>♠ J98 ♥ AQJT4 ♦ KT86 ♣ A</p> <p>10 0 15 15 Par: 420</p> <p>Bd 24, 9 October</p>	<p>Dir: W Vul:</p> <p>Systems</p> <p>Most of us play ACOL on a Monday night – Right? Some play 5-card majors and some 4-card majors – Right? We should all finish up in the same place – Right? Nah!! Look again at the hand on the left It was played by North 4 times - in 3NT, 3NT, 2NT, 3D It was played by South 3 times - in 4H, 4H, 3H It was played by East 5 times – in 2S, 2S, 2S, 3S, 3NT</p>
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The best score for NS is bidding and making 3NT, followed by EW overbidding and going light
The best score for EW is when NS overbids in Hearts and goes light.
Even the leads show some inconsistency. The 3 Norths in NT got leads of 5S, QH and TS.
The 3 Souths in Hearts got leads of 3C and 7S

So what is the message?? If you wish to succeed at bridge, you and your partner need to sit down together regularly to discuss how you handle various type of hands, and if your partner does not know the shape and strength of your hand after 2 rounds of bidding, then you are not doing that enough!!

What time?

"I can see that you learnt to play today but could you tell me what time today?"

Misplaced

A fellow had made a bad bid and gone for 1400.

"I'm sorry," he said to his partner, "I had a card misplaced."

Asked his partner innocently, "Only one card?"

Remember: One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts.



Happy bridging –!!!!