

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ◆ The lessons are just about to finish and as such the committee would like to welcome the following members: Elizabeth White, Ian Van Delft, Sue Johnstone, Gail Williams, Dianne Lawlor, Jan Methers, Gaynor Brown, Shar McGrath, Kathryn Fagg, Kitty Caldwell. These members will be joining us on the Fun Night so I hope you will all do your best to make them feel welcome.
- ◆ The Hospice Charity Tournament was a success—even with a lower turnout that we would usually have. There were 13 full tables and \$690.00 was raised for this worthy cause. Once again thanks to Wal's for donating the wonderful 1st prize plants, to New World for the lovely food baskets and to Occasion Box for providing the vouchers for 3rd place getters. Results are on our website.
- ◆ If you are looking for a partner for Saturday bridge please now ring Alan Lewthwaite.
- ◆ It has been noted that Monday night attendance is down whilst Wednesday's have slightly increased. It would be great to have you back if you've been having a break from coming to the club rooms. The more the merrier
- ◆ The fun night is coming up for Labour weekend. You have to put your name down for catering purposes. You have the choice whether to come with a partner or put your name in the hat.
- ◆ We are still looking for one general committee member for the AGM. Nominations will be taken from the floor.
- ◆ There will be a spring clean on Sunday 8th November, starting at 10 a.m. Hope to see you there.



TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

Labour Weekend—Otago Southland Congress—Pairs Saturday and Teams Sunday—entries by Oct. 21.

30 Oct—Babich NZ Wide Pairs—held this year at Otago Bridge Club.

31 Oct—Timar Anniversary Pairs

LEADING QUESTIONS IN BRIDGE by Sally Brock

I'm hoping you read the article last month as this is a continuation of it.



Which suit should I lead when I'm guessing?

Leading fourth of your longest and strongest suit is still advisable—but what happens if you have 2 four card suits?

You hold the following cards:

♠ 6 5 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ Q 10 8 3 ♣ K 5 3 2

South opened 1NT and his North bid stayman, to which South replied 2H, then North bid 3NT.

Which card should you lead? South has shown 4 hearts and North has implied 4 spades, That rules leading the majors which didn't look attractive anyway. Which of the minors is the strongest? The one headed by the King or the Queen?

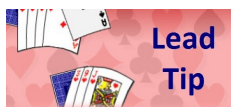
When you have two suits of equal length headed by either the Queen or King you should look at the intermediate cards. It is much more attractive to lead from a suit with a 10 or a 9 in it from one when the next highest card is tiny. In this case lead diamonds.



What happens if one of your suits is a major and one is a minor? If again opponents bid 1NT, stayman was called, majors were denied, 3NT was the final bid.

It is recommended that if stayman is used looking for the majors then lead a minor. In an auction when no suits have been bid it is better to lead a major.

Should I lead a Trump?



Whenever the opponents are in a suit contract, the issue arises as to whether to lead a trump. This is never an easy question to answer and there is no way you will get it right every time. However, you should learn to identify the situations when it is a good choice.

When declarer is playing in a suit there are two main ways to generate extra tricks, by suit establishment and by ruffing. When it looks like declarer wants to ruff then this is the time to lead trumps.

Lead a trump:

- ◆ when you think your partner has a strong trump holding.
- ◆ When you have five trumps.

- ◆ When declarer is very strong and a trump is unlikely to give him a trick.
- ◆ When you have all the suits guarded and declarer has been warned by the bidding of the likely trump layout.
- ◆ When you have the Ace and King of trumps.
- ◆ When you have the balance of points and the side suits are well held.
- ◆ When it is hard to see the possibility of establishing two tricks against a slam.
- ◆ When you can more or less guarantee that leading a side suit will only set up tricks for declarer.
- ◆ Against a grand slam.



Steer away from a trump when:

- ◆ Against a part score when there is no reason to think dummy has a ruffing value.
- ◆ When trumps are breaking badly (4-0).
- ◆ When there is a positive reason to do something else.



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A man walked by a table in a hotel and noticed three men and a dog playing cards.
 The dog was playing with extraordinary performance.
 "This is a very smart dog," the man commented.
 "Not so smart," said one of the players.
 "Every time he gets a good hand he wags his tail."

