

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ♦ The committee had quite a brief meeting and so there is not a lot to mention.
- ♦ We have received 2 resignations—one from Dave Mellish and the other one was from Jennifer Rennell.
- ♦ You may be interested in a new Bridge Podcast called “Sorry Partner”. This is available on Apple podcasts and Spotify. I’ve not listened to any but would be interested to hear if any of you have.
- ♦ Just in case you haven’t heard the AGM is next Monday night starting at 6.30pm. As usual we need at least 15 members to make a quorum but always looking for more. This is one way that you can show support for your committee by attending this.
- ♦ Found this apt little poem which hangs up in our club rooms so thought it appropriate to quote it.

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you choose to stay at home, then criticise and knock?

Do you take an active part, to help the work along?

Or are you satisfied to be the type who just belongs?

Do you get behind the club and help to make things clique?

Think this over clobber, you know the right from wrong?

Are YOU an active member, or do you just belong?



"Notice anything strange, Eunice?" "Yes, the 5-0 trump split."

A TREASURY OF BRIDGE TIPS by Edward B. Kantar

Always great to learn from the best so here's some tips for you to ponder on.

The Opening Bid

1. Before opening the bidding with a distributional hand, prepare your various rebids. Assume partner will respond in your shortest suit—he/she always does.
2. Deduct one point for any singleton jack, queen or king, as well as QJ doubleton. If you still have 12 points including distribution, open; otherwise pass.
3. With two five card suits, open the bidding in the higher ranking suit regardless of relative suit strength.
4. With 4-4 in the minors, open the stronger suit. Remember, partner may be on lead.
5. It is permissible to open 1NT or 2NT with a small doubleton, however it is best to have the other 3 suits covered.

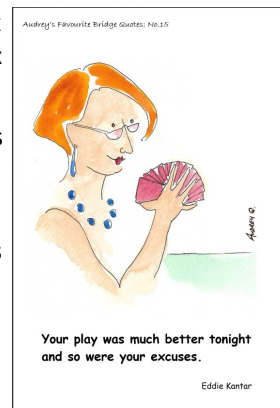
First Response

1. Assume partner opens 1C and you have four diamonds along with a four card major. With less than 11 HCP. Respond in the major but with 11+ HCP respond in your stronger suit as you always have another bid.
2. Do not respond in a suit that has four small cards when you have an opening bid or better. There may be slam and you could wind up in the wrong suit.
3. With 4-4 in the majors, respond 1♥ to a minor suit opening bid. With 5-5, respond in the higher ranking suit first.
4. With a five card major and 5HCP or a six card major and 4 HCP do not pass a minor suit opening bid if second hand passes.
5. With a five card minor and a four card major, respond in the longer suit with 11 HCP but with less respond in the major.

Opener's Rebid

1. After a two level response, a new suit by the opener is forcing—as responder you are expected to bid again.
2. Avoid rebidding a weak five card suit—look for something else—(bid NT's as a point count possible).

- Anytime you skip over two suits, including notrump, to rebid your original suit, you show a six card suit. If you've bid the suit 3 times you are now showing a seven card suit or a very good six card suit.
- With a six card minor and three card support for partner's major, rebid the minor if the suit is strong. If the suit is weak and the support is strong, raise the major. With marginal hands, rebid the minor if you are the stronger declarer, raise the major if partner is.
- With 5-5 distribution open the higher ranking suit and rebid the lower ranking suit twice. This shows that the second suit is a 5 card suit.



Responder's Rebid.

- A new suit by the responder is unlimited and forcing unless opener rebids 1NT.
- If a one-level responder wishes to sign-off, or make weak noises (6-9 HCP), the weak rebids are: pass, rebidding the original suit, returning to opener's first suit at the cheapest level, or 1NT.
- One level responding hands in the 10-12 HCP range are expected to make invitational rebids after opener shows a minimum hand. These invitations rebids are: 2NT or bidding at the three level any suit that has already been bid.
- After a one-level response, holding game-going values, rebid game if a major suit has been uncovered, rebid game with an independent major suit; or rebid 3NT, not 2NT, with a suitable hand.
- Do not bid a new suit at the two level with less than 11 HCP unless partner rebids 1NT.

When you Overcall

- A reasonable minimum for a one level overcall is a five card suit, at least 8 HCP, plus three of the top five honours in the suit.
- A two level overcall should have at least one ace or one king outside of the main suit. If it does not, chances are you have a weak jump overcall.
- The most effective overcalls are those that take up the most bidding space from the opponents.

These tips could go on forever. This book is available in the Taieri Bridge Club library should you wish to read some more.



A WINNER listens to his partner's point of view;

A LOSER just waits until it's time to express his own.

Barbara Wilkes

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