TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

September 2016

News from September Committee meeting:

- Lighting outside has now been improved by strong bulb, ensuring the street lights are working, in future the shrubs are to be cut which will lighten things up.
- Welcome to new members Graeme Hardy.
- Our Charity Tournament held last month was well supported and raised nearly $1,000.00 Thanks to all of those involved in helping or attending.
- Discussion was held by committee about changes to Monday nights for 2017 year. It was agreed that all sessions will be handicapped. The current handicapping system will be upgraded to a wider plus and minus range to bring the top and bottom scores closer together.
- It was noted that attendance generally on a Wednesday is still low. Club members need to take responsibility by attending if they wish this night to be as popular as it used to be in the past (a few years ago – see later on in newsletter).
- There is a list now available on the board in the club rooms of new member's names and phone numbers. Please check ahead in your book if you have a spare night that you may consider contacting one of these members to play. Don't forget the existing members that you may not have seen for a while because sometimes it is just a habit of not playing that prevents them from coming back.
- If you don't have someone in your book and you would like a game please remember that there are partnership officers who can assist you. Their names are in the front of your programme book. Monday night will require a new partnership officer so please think about if this is a way you could help out.
- The AGM this year will be held on Monday 7th November, starting at 6.30 pm. Please make an effort to attend. We are always looking for new blood on the committee. If you are a business minded person and have a couple of hours spare each week we are looking for a new treasurer.

Housekeeping

The BridgePad Batteries

The south player enters the result of a hand on the BridgePad. As soon as the "next" button is pressed that result is transmitted to the server, but the result is also stored in the BridgePad so that the Director can retrieve that entry later if necessary. If the batteries are removed during play the BridgePad memory is cleared and that information is lost. If the "Batteries are getting low" message appears, either call the Director or wait until the end of the session. DO NOT REMOVE THE BATTERIES DURING PLAY. Also it's much easier to call the director should you notice something weird or untoward is happening as it is easier to fix during play.

Phantom Table – If you are sitting at a half table and are unsure what to enter for the missing pair in the bridge pad – please enter "0" for each missing person.

Alerting

- If you are playing a natural NT opening, partner should immediately announce the range, "12-14" or whatever range you are using
- If you open 1C partner should immediately announce the length of the Club suit such as "2+", "3+", "4+" etc

Self-alerting calls which do NOT require alerting

- Doubles
- Redoubles
- Cue bids of opponent's suit
- Conventional bids at the 4 level or higher
- 2C game force (and 2D negative response)
- Simple 2C Stayman response to 1NT opening

Something from the Archives

News Letter

The first Club Newsletter was produced in 1991 by Ray Howes. He continued to edit it for the next 10 years and it was typed up by Baukje Blok

From the Newsletter 20 years ago

The club has just purchased 20 more chairs and 5 more tables to accommodate the expected 25-table tournaments. In the past, extra chairs had to be brought in from the Taieri High School whenever we had a major tournament.

The Wednesday night attendance has been extremely good with an average of 18 tables.

Humour

- Teacher: Why are you late?
  Student: Class started before I got here.

- Teacher: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?
  John: You told me to do it without using tables.

Happy bridging!!!!

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