

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

⇒ Welcome to the 5 members joining our club who have just finished lessons. The details are as follows: David Mellish (021 102 9890), Gabe Campbell (027 780 7891), Jenni Wright (027 605 4038, Brenda Shine (489 3242) and Jill Reid (027 376 2343). Please make them feel welcome.

⇒ It Spring Clean time. Please put aside a couple of hours on Sunday 14th October, starting 9.30 am.



⇒ The club has decided to survey our members on ways to increase our membership. Emails will be sent out soon but hard copies will also be available for members to complete as an alternative. There's a small incentive for completed surveys but we won't let the cat out of the bag just yet.



⇒ Don't forget that the AGM is not far away and that we are always looking for people to join the committee.



TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

15th Sept—Wanaka Intermediate and Junior Pairs..

16th Sept—Balclutha Open 8B Pairs

23rd Sept—Oamaru Cancer Society Charity Pairs.

PLAY OR DEFEND? BY JULIAN POTTAGE

		♠ A 10 2	
		♥ J 9 5	
		♦ 10 9 6 4	
		♣ A 10 9	
♠ Q J 9 7			♠ 8 4
♥ K 8 3			♥ Q 10 7 2
♦ K J 8 7			♦ Q 3
♣ 6 5			♣ 8 7 4 3 2

W	N	E	S
			1NT
pass	3NT	all pass	

		♠ K 6 5 3	
		♥ A 6 4	
		♦ A 5 2	
		♣ K Q J	

Contract: 3NT
Opening Lead: ♠Q

This hand is called "Tens and Nines". It looks right to win the opening lead with the king, saving the Ace-ten as a tenace over the jack. Unless spades break 3-3, you will need two diamond tricks, so perhaps you duck a diamond at Trick 2. If you do that. East wins with the queen and switches to a low heart. West's king wins this and, when the ten covers the nine on the next round, you hold up the Ace of hearts once more. East now abandons hearts and sends back a diamond. This destroys any chance of a squeeze and, when neither pointed suit divides evenly, you go down one.

You might think of finessing the ten of spades at Trick 2 to start diamonds from dummy. Unfortunately that does not work either. This time the defenders have a choice of winning actions. The most obvious one is probably for West to win the diamond, switch to a heart now and then revert to spades after the second round of hearts. You lose two hearts, two diamonds and a spade.

Can you see a better way to pay the hand? See over.



You can make the no-trump game and to do so you indeed need to start diamonds from dummy. You should cross over with a club, ideally at Trick 2, (cashing the king first could cost if East, who has the longest clubs, held a late diamond entry). Then lead the ♦10, intending to run it. West can do no better than to win and shift to a heart. After the nine falls to the ten, you hold up your Ace until the third round. Whatever the defenders do now, you can easily cash the Ace of diamonds to drop the Queen and lead toward's dummy's two pointed suit tens.

If East covers the ten of diamonds with the Queen, you win with the Ace and play twice towards the nine of diamonds—it all comes to the same thing.

With the ten of Spades and the ten-nine of Diamonds playing such a crucial role, North's raise to 3NT on a 3-3-4-3 nine count now appears fully justified.

Ever heard a player say things like these?

Ten things a bridge player would never say ...

1. This club (playing area) is always the right temperature – never too hot or too cold.
2. Free coffee? No thanks.
3. Cool! A four-board sitout.
4. No, I don't think tournament fees are too high.
5. I can always count on my partner to remember every convention on our card.
6. No gossip, please. I'm not interested.
7. More new Alerts! More new Alerts!
8. One thing I can say about bridge players – they sure know how to dress.
9. No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way.
10. I don't feel like bridge today, thanks. I'd rather jog and work out.

– Marilyn White, Toronto



Joke of the Week

A Catholic guy who is a fanatic bridge player goes to his priest and asks, "Father, I have to know.... Is there bridge in heaven?"

The priest says, "You know, I've never been asked that before. Let me research it and I'll tell you next week."

Next week: "My son, I have good news and bad news. The good news is, there is bridge in heaven. The bad news is you're playing in a Swiss team tomorrow."



Happy reading

Barbara Wilkes

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