

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- The club would like to welcome Judy Bevin, and Hilary Bisset as new members to our club. Please make them and all new members welcome. Also we have had a resignation from Jan Palmer who is moving away. Farewell Jan.
- As we have so many members a list of contact phone numbers will be on the noticeboard (if you are looking for a partner).
- The AGM is on Monday 21st October, starting 6.30 pm. If you would like to be considered for committee then don't be shy and have someone nominate you. Forms are on the wall. Nominations are to be in by 6th October
- For those that are learning there are informal practice sessions on Tuesday evenings for anyone interested. We play a few hands from the previous night and then talk about the bidding and playing. The sessions start at 7 pm and finish before 9 pm.
- The Club is doing a making a major plug at trying to increase attendance and as such we have offered Otago members to just come and play up to Christmas as many times as they like, and waiving the usual requirement of joining after 3 visits (PS we had 13 tables last Monday night—how exciting is that!!!!).
- A spring clean is being organized for Sunday 5th October, 9.30 am until 11.30 am.



TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

15th September, Balclutha Open B Pt Tournament. Entries close today.

29th September—Taieri 3B Junior Tournament, entries close Thursday 26th September. Entries online.

October 12th—Gore Open 8B Pairs Tournament, entries close 08/10.



When to Bid, When to Pass by Ron Klinger

Conventional wisdom is to open all hands with 13 HCP or more and most 12-point hands, too. With fewer than 12 points, compensating shape is the usual recommendation.

One idea is to use the rule of 20. Add your HCP and the number of cards in your two longest suits. If the total is 20 or more you can open the bidding. (For examples check out google). The most important thing is the shape rather than the points as it is more attractive to open very shapely hands. To pass gives the initiative to the opponents.

“Quick Tricks” are tricks that one can reasonably expect to win on the first or second round of a suit, whether you are playing the hand or defending.

Suit Headed by	Quick Tricks
A-K	2
A-Q	1 ½
A	1
K Q	1
K	½
K-singleton	0



Adjustments:

Add ½ for

A singleton or a void in specific situations for Q in A K Q

For the J with two higher honours (A-K-J, A-Q-J, K-Q-J)

For the J-10 with one higher honour

Deduct 1 for singleton, Q or J or J for Q-J doubleton.

Adding for shortage: if the number of cards in your two long suits totals 8 or 9, add ½ a point if the hand has a singleton or void. If the number of cards in your two long suits totals 10 or 11, add ½ a point for a void, not a singleton (you are bound to have shortages anyway, and you have counted the length anyway).

IT'S HARD TO WIN AT BRIDGE



IF THE CARDS DO NOT LIE IN YOUR FAVOR

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When to bid continued

Upgrading for additional honours: Honours in combinations are more powerful than honours divided. K-Q-J in one suit can produce two tricks, K-Q-3 in one suit and J-4-2 in another suit counts 6 HCP but may only produce one trick. A-K-Q in one suit is three tricks, but A-x-x, K-x-x, and Q-x-x in a third may not yield even two tricks. Using quick tricks in your assessment for opening the bidding includes an element of upgrading for honours in combination. So you can add an extra ½ point for the third honour in a sequence. However you should deduct ½ a point for singleton honours or Q-J doubleton.

The rule of 21 – add HCP + length in 2 longest suits + quick tricks. After adjustments if the total is greater than 21, you have a reasonable opening, but if less than 21 then a pass is in order.

With pre-emptive hands you should look at suit quality. In your long suit, count the number of cards and add the number of honours. For example, A-Q-J-x-x-x has a suit quality count of 10 while the suit quality of K-Q-J-x-x-x is 9. The suit quality should not be lower than the number of tricks for which you are bidding with your pre-empt. For a 3-opening, the suit quality should be 9 or more, for a 4-opening 10 or more and for a 5 opening 11 or better.

There's always more to learn—hopefully this may have whet your appetite.

BRIDGE PLAYERS WILL GO TO BID WITH ANYBODY



Remember to hold your cards up!!!



Remit proposed for AGM by Committee

The committee is proposing to increase subscription costs by \$10.00 per member per year. For those that play 25 times over the year then this equates to a 40 cent per week increase. A lot of costs have increased over the last 4 years. Last increase of table money was January 2016. This will be voted on at the AGM—make your voice count if you feel strongly.

Looking for more players to come on Wednesday nights!!

There is no restriction on Monday players playing in Wednesday sessions. If you don't normally play on a Wednesday night then come along with either a partner who normally plays on Mondays or with a partner who normally plays on Wednesdays. A partner can be arranged.

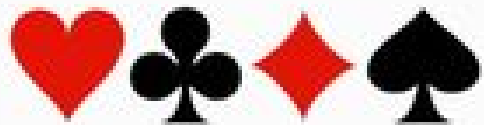
Suitable Wednesday series coming up are the Spring Pairs and the Christmas Pairs both of which are now handicapped specially to cater for Monday players.

Happy Bridging!!

Barbara Wilkes

Editor

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TOO MUCH BRIDGE

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