

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

- ◆ Welcome to the following new members from the lessons: Mervyn Muir, Darryl Reddington, Bruce Carter, Jill van der Loo and Anna Campbell. These people will be joining Monday night sessions on 27th September. Please do your utmost to make them feel welcome.
- ◆ The outside of the club rooms will be painted when the weather gets much warmer. It will be great to have the outside looking spic and span.
- ◆ The Junior tournament that was to be held on 26th September has been cancelled due to the uncertainty of COVID. Unfortunately our Cancer Charity Tournament was cancelled too.
- ◆ **Calling for 4 volunteers to come on the committee.** Our club is very lucky to have such a great resource in our own club buildings. We are a very friendly club but unfortunately we cannot be run without a committee. Due to various reasons we now have 4 vacancies to be filled. Please note that many of the outgoing committee members are still happy to complete tasks like property manager, membership secretary, supplies purchasing officer so if you think you are going to come on committee and be bogged down with lots to do then this isn't necessarily so. Our meetings last mostly about 2 hours, and often have much humour. Another myth is that you have to have been playing bridge for a long time—not true. We need fresh new ideas to keep the club moving forward. Give it a try—you never know you might make a difference.



TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

- 18 Sept —Winton Open 8B Pairs—cancelled.
- 26 Sept—Taieri Junior 3B Pairs—cancelled
- 9 Oct—Gore Open 8B Pairs—fingers crossed for this to go ahead. 10 am start, morning tea from 9.30 am and take your own lunch. Enter online. Cost \$25.00. Payment expected to be online.



UN/ASSUMING CUE BIDS BY Kristen Collins

These are more notes (direct copy) from Kristen's lessons.

Let's start with the situation where partner opens the bidding (no intervention). You are West and partner opens 1♠. You clearly have a sound raise to 3♠ and so that's what you bid opposite an opening hand.

West	East	West	North	East	South
♠ KJ3	♠ AQ642	-	pass	1♠	pass
♥ KJ3	♥ AQ	3♠	pass	4♣	all pass
♦ 64	♦ 752				
♣ QJ852	♣ AK6				

But it's different when partner has overcalled. You have this same West hand and the bidding goes:

West	East	West	North	East	South
♠ KJ3	♠ AQ642	-	1♦	1♠	pass
♥ KJ3	♥ Q8	?			
♦ 64	♦ 752				
♣ QJ852	♣ J106				

This time West has simply overcalled and does not promise an opening hand. In fact they could have anything from 8 to 15 points. With this actual East holding (a decent 1-level overcall) a 3♠ contract would be too high.

So if West cannot bid 3♠ then how does they show the values for a 3♠ raise should partner have a good overcall? The answer is The Assuming Cue Bid (often also called the Unassuming Cue Bid but I like to differentiate between a cue bid that assumes a trump fit when it is bid i.e. Assuming Cue Bid and a cue bid that does not assume a trump fit when it is bid i.e. Unassuming Cue Bid).

Playing this convention West cue bids the opener's suit to show a sound raise to 3♠ (or better). With this actual East hand East would simply bid 2♠, and if they had the 15 pointer above they would bid 4♠.

So playing the Assuming Cue Bid we can stop at the two level if partner has a minimal overcall. And playing this treatment has additional advantages in that direct raises of partner's overcall are pre-emptive.



LHO has opened 1♣ and partner overcalls 1♥ :-

Hand A	Hand B	Hand C	
♠ 643	♠ 853	♠ 3	Hand A—Bid 2♥
♥ KJ7	♥ KJ73	♥ KJ763	Hand B—Bid 3♥. This is pre-emptive with normally 4 card support.
♦ 64	♦ 3	♦ 532	Hand C— Bid 4♥. This is pre-emptive with normally 5 card support.
♣ Q8532	♣ 85432	♣ Q854	

Assuming cue bid examples: LHO has opened 1♦ and partner overcalls 1♠ :-

Hand 1	Hand2	Hand3	Hand4	Hand5	Hand6	
♠ KJ7	♠ KJ7	♠ KJ73	♠ KJ763	♠ KQ76	♠ AK762	Hand 1: Bid 2♦ showing a limit raise and pass if partner retreats into 2♠ .
♥ KJ32	♥ 643	♥ 853	♥ 3	♥ Q32	♥ 2	Hand 2— Bid 2♠ of course
♦ 64	♦ 64	♦ 3	♦ 532	♦ 85	♦ 82	Hand 3— Bid 3♠. This is pre-emptive with normally 4 card support.
♣ QJ52	♣ Q8532	♣ 85432	♣ Q854	♣ AKQ7	♣ AQ732	

Hand 4— Bid 4♠. This is pre-emptive with normally 5 card support.

Hand 5— Bid 2♦, but see This is a sound raise to 4♠ even opposite a minimal overcall and we show the sound raise by cue bidding and then by bidding 4♠ if partner attempts to sign off .

Or Bid 2♦, but see This is a sound raise to 4♠ even opposite a minimal overcall and we show the sound raise by cue bidding and then by bidding 4♠ if partner attempts to sign off.

Hand 6— Here you have options. You can do the same as hand 5; or you can splinter with 3♥ if you play that as a splinter; or you can bid 3♠ if you play that as a fit-showing jump, or you can use the Jump Assuming Cue Bid to show 4 trumps.

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West	North	East	South	Note that the Assuming Cue Bid still applies if RHO bids over partner's overcall. So after the bidding shown below: a 2♠ bid by West would simply be competitive, 3♠ or 4♠ would be pre-emptive and 3♦ would show the limit raise or better. You would have to agree what 3♥ means, it's probably best to use it to show 4 card trump support but some players simply cue whichever suit they are stronger in and make a jump cue bid to show 4-card support
-	1♦	1♠	2♥	

Thanks Kristen for passing on your notes—now to try these conventions!!



Don't be that person!!!!



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