

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- Thanks to Marie and helpers for organising a very successful Charity Tournament. Mosgiel Community Foodbank received \$922.00 from this event. A letter of thanks was received from them assuring us that the funds would help quite a significant number of people in the Taieri environment. Thanks to Mosgiel New World with their sponsorship towards some of the prizes.
- The committee is aware that there is a rip in the carpet. It is in hand to get fixed. We will try to ensure table 3 is left empty to avoid possible problems of chairs catching.
- Just a reminder that if you know of any of our members that have been sick in hospital or have had a close bereavement to let Barbara know so that she can send a card out.
- Important—more registrations required for our Junior Tournament on Sunday 24th September. Currently we only have enough registrations for 4 tables which is not enough to go ahead. You only have to be Junior rated for New Zealand Bridge so there should be a reasonable number of you that would qualify to enter. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Entry is via NZ Bridge Website.
- At time of writing we do not have a full complement of committee members. All nominations to be received before 3rd October.
- Just a reminder that if you have a burning issue for something to be discussed at the AGM please submit it in writing before 3rd October as no discussion from the floor will be allowed this year.

Tournaments:

16 Sept—Winton 8B Open Pairs, \$25.00. Entries close 13/09. More entries urgently required.

17 Sept—Charity Tournament at Otago, 1.30 start, for Camp Quality, \$10.00, entries close 15/09.

24 Sept—Taieri 3B Junior Pairs, 10 am start, closes 21/09. More entries urgently required. Please email club if paying for multiple entries

14 October—Balclutha 8B Open Pairs, \$30.00, 10 am start, closes 11/10.

TIPS AND QUIPS CONTRACT BRIDGE by Vil Gravis

How should 4441 hands be bid? Most people absolutely hate 4441 hands because they so often come to grief in bidding them. Whatever way they bid them, it seems their partner misinterprets their distribution or strength, or both. But 4441 hands need not lead to disasters, rather, they can be very good to play when the 4-4 fit can be found. But how to bid them? Some say that you open the suit below the singleton, or the middle one or even the highest one.

A rule which is quite simple is NEVER open a MAJOR if you have a 4441 hand. That leaves either 1C or 1D. If you have one of them, you open it. If you have both four card minor suits, decide which lie will be the least damaging. If, for instance, you open 1D and rebid 2C, partner will take you for five diamonds and four clubs but will that matter? If you open 1D and rebid 2D partner will think you have five or more. If you open 1C and rebid 2C partner will think you have five or more. If you open 1C and rebid 2D that is a reverse and showing a stronger (17+ HCP) hand so are you good enough to do that? If you open 1C or 1D and rebid 1NT you are showing 15-16 HCP, but if you have close to that, is it better to rebid 1NT with 14 or a good 13 points rather than make a rebid that will lie about your shape. Just a bit of thinking about your rebid if partner responds in your singleton will give you the answer. At least if you open 1C or 1D you will tell less of a lie with your rebid.

You will often find that many 4441 hands are good to play if you have a fit in one of your suits and can embark on a cross ruff.



DID YOU KNOW?

- When a hand is passed-out, enter “Pass” as the contract, then press “Next”. You never enter “NP” unless so instructed by the Director
- The East player has an obligation to check the score entered by South. If a mistake is made it can usually be corrected at the time. Players who come up at the end of play and ask for a result to be altered, do not get a sympathetic hearing.
- Remember South it is a matter of courtesy to show the travelling results to the opposition, or at least to ask if they want to see them.

AN INTERESTING HAND

Dealer—W; Vul—Both

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥ ¹	2♦	2♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

¹ 5-card major
West to lead from -

♠ 8532

♥ 84

♦ AJ7

♣ QT54

A common dilemma. Your partner has overcalled at the 2 level. Your side is vulnerable so partner is bound to have a strong suit. On the one hand it is normal and appealing to lead your partner’s overcalled suit. On the other hand it is unattractive to lead from a suit headed by the ace unless you have the K as well. It is a strong possibility that partner has the K but by no means a certainty. If you do lead a diamond, it should be the Ace in case dummy or declarer has a singleton. If you do not lead a diamond, the only reasonable alternative is a club. Dummy has shown a 5 card heart suit, so declarer will be planning to draw trumps and throw any losers on the long suit. In this situation, it is usually best to lead the unbid suit.

Principle: When dummy has shown a long useful suit, it is usually best to lead an unbid suit. It is highly attractive to lead partner’s bid suit, but exercise caution when you hold A without the K

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A DISAGREEMENT ABOUT HOW MANY TRICKS HAVE BEEN WON?

There is no need to say anything during the play.

If you have counted and don’t agree then call the director before you do anything to the cards. If you remember which trick is the problem it is helpful but not necessarily.

Interestingly, Law 42 A 2 states that dummy “may keep count of tricks won and lost” which suggests that it is up to declarer and the two defenders to agree!

Dummy “may try to prevent an irregularity”(Law 42 B 2) so there is a short time interval that he can draw attention to a declarer about to place the card the wrong way.

Law 65b3 states that: A player may draw attention to a card pointed incorrectly, but this right expires when his side leads or plays to the following trick. It must be done at the end of the round.

Law 65D says: A player should not disturb the order of his played cards until agreement has been reached. A player who fails to comply with the provisions of this law jeopardises his right to claim ownership of doubtful tricks - or to claim or deny a revoke.

And no player is permitted to handle any cards but his own!!

(Thanks to New Plymouth Club as this has been copied from one of their archived newsletters)

Barbara Wilkes

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Playing the boards

Just a reminder that cards should be called for rather than touched as the laws reiterate that it is “proper form for designating dummy’s cards”.

If you are dummy you are not allowed to touch or indicate any card (unless rearranging) without the instruction of declarer.