

TAIERI BRIDGE CLUB SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE:

- Reminder that the AGM will be held on Monday 14 October, starting at 6.00 pm. Hope to see you there. If you have something to be discussed at the AGM please submit this in writing before 30 September.
- Welcome to Angela Wilson a new member to our club. Angela will be familiar to many as she is the director every second Monday while Barbara is away. Thank you Angela and we hope you enjoy being a member of the Taieri Bridge Club.
- Table card money is now \$6 per session. The majority of people pay online and that is great. If, however, you do pay by cash can you ensure that you have the correct amount because we do not have the facility to provide change. Also just a reminder that if you pay \$60 in cash you will receive 10 cards (if you pay \$60 online you receive 11 cards). This differential is to encourage online payments because this reduces the work that is involved with the handling of cash.
- There has been some confusion regarding table card money if you are called in to play bridge when a partner is needed. The committee wish to advise that you do not need to pay table money in this instance.
- Bereavements: **Judy Robertson** a long time member of both Taieri and Otago Clubs died in August. Judy was a very skilled player having played at representative level. In recent years Judy divided her time between both clubs and was a supporter of our tournaments and Saturday Bridge. **Jan Munden**, well known to Saturday Bridge players, died suddenly two weeks ago. Jan was a member of both the Otago and Taieri Bridge Clubs. She was a great supporter of our Saturday Bridge and our tournaments. Her engaging manner, laughter and her willingness to share her Bridge knowledge with learners will surely be missed.
- Thanks to Marie and her team for organising another very successful charity tournament. A letter of thanks from the Mosgiel Foodbank is on the notice board. They were astounded by the generosity.
- Our Taieri Junior tournament on Sunday 29 September has very few entries and may not go ahead unless the numbers increase. So please seriously consider supporting the Club's tournament.



TOURNAMENTS:

21 Sept—Winton 8B Open Pairs, \$25.00. Entries close 18/09

29 Sept—Taieri 3B Junior Pairs, 10 am start, closes . **More entries urgently required.**

12 October—Balclutha 8B Open Pairs, \$30.00, 10 am start entries close 9 October

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Here's a few lessons on what to do and what not to do in bridge with scenarios that happen all of the time.

1. Before they even begin to play the second board North South arrive late to the round, do not greet the opponents, discuss the last board instead. *Always greet your opponents, and do not discuss previous boards after beginning a new board.*
2. North forgets to advertise the opening bid, but alerts. *1 club, 1 NT and all bids on the 2d level shall always be advertised, so you should always say what the bid means, without anyone having to ask.*
3. Bids without waiting for the stop card to be removed. *You should always wait 10 seconds before you bid after a jump bid, even if you do not have anything to think about.*
4. West asks what 2 diamonds means after it is his turn to bid – *He should have asked before he bid.*
5. North replies "completely standard multi". *You should always explain what the bid means, not just say the name of the convention. Some people do not know what multi or other conventions mean, and they might not dare to ask. Additionally there are several versions of conventions, so not everyone will agree on what standard is.*
6. No alert of 2 spades. *All artificial bids below the 4-level should always be alerted.*

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7. The bidding pad is turned over before the first lead is made. *The bidding pad must remain on show so that the leaders partner may have opportunity to ask any questions before they play their card.*

During the play

8. The person on lead just puts the card down faced up. *The card should always be faced down until partner says "Thank You". This helps prevent the lead coming from the wrong side.*
9. Whilst putting down his cards, Dummy tells his partner that one of the bids should have been alerted. *If dummy or declarer have given a wrong or lack of explanation, it should be explained before the first lead is made.*
10. South explains that the bid was a standard bid even though it was artificial. *Artificial bids below the 4 level should always be alerted, even if it is standard.*
11. Declarer immediately plays a card from dummy in trick one. *Declarer should wait 10 seconds before he plays a card from dummy.*
12. East plays the king of diamonds, outside of her turn to which dummy laughs at. *Everyone can make a mistake, it is not acceptable to laugh at it.*
13. Declarer says that the King of diamonds is a penalty card, and that west must play a diamond when it is his turn. *You should always call the director when something wrong happens, and not settle it yourself.*
14. East suggests that they call the director, but north-south say that they know the laws, so they do not want to bother the director. *You should always call the director if something happens, even if you know the laws.*
15. West moves some of his cards after he won the trick with the king of hearts, so the two black suits are not next to each other. He moves one card at a time. *You should avoid moving cards when you are out of a sort, this is because you can give unauthorised information to your partner.*
16. Declarer looks at his last trick. *This is allowed but you can't look further than the previous trick.*
17. East asks if she can see the last trick again, after she had turned her card over. *You are not allowed to see anyone else's card after you have turned your own card over.*
18. Declarer says that it does not matter what West does, they get 2 tricks. West then plays a spade which gives declarer an extra trick. Declarer is happy and claim all tricks except one. *If you tell opponents that it does not matter what they play, then you are not allowed to get an extra trick if they play. The correct thing to do is to call the director who will adjust the score.*
19. Declarer claims without showing his cards. *You should always show your cards to the opponents and state your line of play, so that opponents can check it's correct.*
20. The cards are put together before they agree on the number of tricks. *You should always check if you agree on the number of tricks before you put the cards back, because you can still turn the cards around to see where you disagree. You actually relinquish your rights if anyone of the other 3 players disagree. Call the director if not sure.*
21. North enters the result in the tablet without showing it to east-west. *You should always show the results to the opponents, so they can check if it is correct.*

I'm hoping after reading all this it will give you all something to think about. I think we are all guilty of some of these behaviours and it is certainly helpful to see what is the correct thing to do.

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