



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

A REMINDER TO NOVICES AND JUNIORS!

3+1 Teams

Saturday 25th May. Starting at 1pm.

Normal table money of \$5.

3 juniors/novices will play with an experienced player. There will be time for a brief discussion after each hand.

Fun afternoon

Sunday 5th May. Starting at 1pm.

\$10 entry with lots of prizes to be won. Afternoon tea will also be provided. It's open to all clubs to participate, so please spread the word. Players will be given "call a friend" cards which can be used to ask a question or seek advice during play – one for juniors and two for novices.

Please send entries/expressions of interest to Alison

Phone/text 021 062 4460

Email ahucker1952@gmail.com

ENCOURAGING FEEDBACK

We received this email....

I'm Jane Stearns, the chair of Auckland Northland Regional Committee. I noticed with interest and admiration your growth in numbers at the end of March. Traditionally it's a time when clubs reduce in numbers.

I saw your lessons only began in March - so I'm presuming it's not yet new members coming through.

I'm always interested to learn how clubs grow their memberships - if you have any secrets to share on your stellar performance so far this year I'd love to hear from you 😊

Heartfelt thanks to Alison Hucker and other members who work hard behind the scenes to promote and increase membership.

FILL-INS / STAND-INS

It's important to have people on call for different sessions to fill a gap. If you are willing to be "on duty" and potentially play at short notice, then Viv Pinkham would love to hear from you. Ph. 021 717 407

DIRECTORS' EXAMS

Saturday 20th – Monday 22nd April

We are hosting this event. There are 4 candidates and 3 or 4 assessors. In addition to the assessments, there will be teaching seminars.

Members have been recruited (or coerced?!) to be volunteers for different scenarios – they are 'players' at a table and are provided with a situation. The directors then each come over, one at a time, to make a ruling.

For more information or to offer assistance please contact Raelyn Henderson. Ph. 027 2202 292

CALL THE DIRECTOR (refresher)

Faced Opening Lead out of Turn

The law requires an opening lead to be made face down. This requirement is commonly breached. The director is called to the table and offers declarer an array of options that can be confusing. These boil down to two options each with a few sub-options:

Option 1: Accept the opening lead out of turn. This has two sub-options:

- (a) Declarer accepts the lead, sees dummy then play from their own hand, or
- (b) Declarer accepts the lead but allow partner to play the hand and they become dummy.

Option 2: Declarer doesn't accept the lead. The lead reverts to the correct hand. Declarer now has penalty card rights in relation to the card led out of turn. They may:

- (a) forbid the lead of a card in the penalty suit, or
- (b) demand the lead of the penalty card suit, or
- (c) allow lead of any suit.

All the penalty card provisions apply to these choices. If the declarer plays to trick 1 from their own hand, or starts to spread their hand, they are deemed to have accepted the lead out of turn. If declarer has seen any of dummy's cards (e.g. dummy starts to spread his hand), then declarer must accept the lead.

When you hear the word "dummy," it doesn't sound like an insult to you.

"Trump" has a pretty different meaning, too...

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