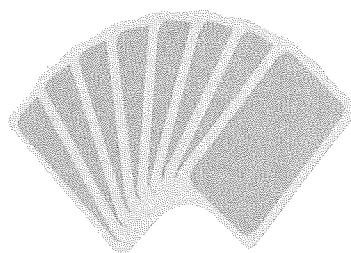


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Hello Everyone

Welcome to our April Newsletter.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Thank you to everyone who got their subscriptions in on time.

## **IMPROVER LESSONS**

Val Honeyfield will be running a series of improver lessons on Monday nights in June and July. The dates will be advised as we may have a new booking on one Monday evening a month. Val will let us know the topics closer to the time.

## **PLAY ETIQUETTE**

This is the beginning of a series of articles on etiquette supplied by Alan Dick. Please let Alan know if there is a particular topic you would like covered.

## **Table Etiquette Questions and Explanations**

When can you ask questions about bidding or discards? Essentially when, and only when, it is your turn to bid, or play a card. If you do so at any other time you may be accused of implying or attempting to influence your partner. You should also avoid calling specific attention to a particular suit. For example, asking what a specific bid means in terms of a suit, however it is entirely ethical to ask, at your turn, what the bids mean up to that point in terms of minimum length of the suits as bid to that point. The person you ask is the partner of the player who made the bid or discard, not the person who did it.

So what can you do when your partner gives the wrong explanation of a bid? You cannot correct it at that point during the auction. However you must correct the explanation when it is safe for you to do so without providing information to your partner. If you are in the Declaring side and the auction is complete it is

correct to call the Director before the defence starts play and explain that your partner's explanation was incorrect. The correct explanation may allow the opposition another bid however- the rectification can be complex.

What happens if partner is on lead and has given an incorrect explanation during the auction? You must wait until partner has made their opening lead- ideally face down. You must then call the Director and again say the explanation was incorrect. Again it can be complex, but what you are doing is ensuring that the opposition have an opportunity to either modify a bid during the auction or draw correct conclusions about the distribution that they are entitled to know about during the play. Your partner is not permitted to change their lead based on that corrected explanation.

What happens during the auction if partner has given the wrong explanation and then makes a bid that is conventional in nature, like an asking bid or a relay? You must respond to the bid using the convention you have agreed for the bid you used- you are not permitted to make any bid on the unauthorized information that you have gained from the use of the conventional bid.

What happens if you make a mistake with your bid and partner has given the correct explanation and has made a conventional bid related to that correct explanation? You can make whatever bid you like in your response- you have effectively made a psychic bid with your previous bid. What you are not allowed to do is make any indication that you made a mistake with your bid. There is no requirement for you to show your intent at the end of the auction either.

I know this is a lot to digest so Alan will just cover one topic a month.

### **KELLY PEIRSE 10 A TEAMS**

We had a very successful teams event on Saturday 23rd March with a strong field of 22 teams. The day was won by the Fisher team but we were happy to see that the team of Rotorua members, Helen and Steve Kinsey along with Te Puke players Tina and Marcus Dudley won the Handicap prize.

Thank you to all of our club members who helped with food, working in the kitchen, coming in as the stand by team, and the many other jobs that need to be done beforehand to ensure a day like this runs smoothly.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

Here are the tournaments happening soon in our region. Please consider playing and enter online.

Mt Maunganui	All Grades 3A Pairs	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Hamilton	Restricted Pairs 8B	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Matamata	Open 8B Pairs	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Whakatane	Bay Pairs Round 1	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Cambridge	Novice 40C/Junior 3B Pairs	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Tauranga	Open 5A Teams	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Putaruru	Rubber Ducky Day Out	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April

## **DIRECTORS WORKHOP**

This is being held in Matamata on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. It is intended for club players who have an interest in directing club sessions but who don't necessarily want to sit exams. We would love more of our members to get a little bit of experience in directing so please consider getting a car full and making the trip over to Matamata.

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Cheers  
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