

# **Paraparaumu Newsletter Spring 2016**

**Important Message!!!!** If you turn a **Wall Heat Pump ON** please make sure you **turn it OFF** at end of play. The heating is working well when it is set properly and these heat pumps should not be needed unless it is a very cold day. Then turn on at the beginning of play until main system takes over. Any questions, discuss with Director please. Directors to check too that all are turned off.

## **Presidents Report:**

**Car parking** will always be a problem during the day around our club, due to Community Centre and Swimming Pool users, however if you obey the signage and use the window cards supplied by the council (your director has these) there should not be too many issues. **Don't park on the grass** the Council is now being very stringent on this.

We have an excellent group of **Directors** who are always trying to improve their individual skills and the standard of directing within our club, to aid this they meet regularly to discuss directing matters. Trevor Smith leads this group and if you have anything that you think should be raised with the Directors please contact Trevor. Please be extremely vigilant with any unusual bids especially with new members.

We have just completed a very successful set of **learners' lessons** (thanks to Jane Bradbury and team). The people from these lessons are now starting to play in our regular sessions, when you meet them please greet them and be prepared to make allowance for the fact that they are new to the game. It's new members that ensure that we are able to maintain a healthy strong club. Wonderful to see so many established players playing with novice players. We all had to learn and this is of tremendous help to newbies playing this very challenging game.

**Maintenance:** Recently it was noticed that the feet on many of the chairs had worn through and there was a risk of them causing serious damage to the carpet. Four hundred feet were replaced in a couple of hours by a willing group of volunteers. A big thank you to those involved.

**Committee:** Our club could not function well without a strong committee and the many volunteers that assist the committee by managing and carrying out

various tasks. However it is often difficult to identify people who are able to fulfil these roles. It would be most appreciated if you can help in any way. Please make your interest known to a present committee member.

**AGM**: In November we have our annual general meeting and there is no 'heir apparent' for the positions of President, Vice President and some committee positions. Knowing the difficulty we have had over the last few years to get people to make themselves available for committee, Please put the effort into thinking about who can and is willing to take on some of these roles.

**SGM** Thank you to the members who attended the Special General Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August to ratify our changes to the Rules of the PBC. The rules have been brought into line with modern day practices and NZ Bridge guidelines. These have been read and okayed by NZ Bridge and all that remains is for them to be published on our website. A copy will be available on our notice board in the kitchen area.

Thank you and **Good Bridging** .

Ian Nicholls President

**Reminder**: Cell Phones Off.

**Play Opening Lead Face Down. Wait!!!!** until acknowledged by **Declarer**.

**Opening of 1 Club or 1 NT**: Please explain number of clubs e.g. 2 or more, or natural. For 1 NT opening tell of point count.

## **MST Multi-Session Tickets**

**Cost \$40.00 for 12 sessions.**

If you use a multi session ticket you save \$8.00. So you get two sessions free. On the board adjacent to the whiteboard there are some small forms.

1. Please use these to apply for a MST.
2. Complete the upper part of the form, enclose it in an envelope with your payment. Envelopes in office in box on bench.

3. Write your name on the outside of the envelope and either post it through the slot in the cupboard door in the office or give to member collecting table money.

The tickets are issued during the following week. Find pinned on the Board.  
To order On Line: the PBC's Bank Account number is 030732 0068262 00

Tickets are \$40.00. Make sure you include **your name** in the reference plus quote **MST.**

**Suggestions Book:** This hangs on the wall adjacent to the white board, awaiting your suggestions which the committee review every meeting. Positive and negative ones all welcome. These must be signed!!

**Up Coming PBC Tournaments and Interclub.**

Multigrade: PBC 25<sup>th</sup> of September.  
Jackways Shield: vs Kapi Mana at PBC 2<sup>nd</sup> October.  
Waikanae Interclub: At Waikane 30<sup>th</sup> of October.  
Babich NZ Wide Pairs: At PBC 4<sup>th</sup> November.  
Heartland Bank: Xmas Pairs PBC Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Dale's Tips.**

**Loser on Loser:**

How often have you been in the situation where you can trump a suit led by a right hand opponent and know that your left hand opponent can also trump that suit? How high do you trump? Do you trump at all, particularly if your other hand has a card that can beat the one led? This is where a "loser on loser" play may be appropriate. In essence this play swaps another loser for the one you are about to lose. Instead of trying to trump with the risk of being over-trumped, or providing a trump promotion to the opposition, a losing card from another suit is played. Take the following scenario. Spades are trumps.

S	A,10,6,5,4	S	K,3,2
H		H	J- (or 9)
D	A,8, 3	D	K,5,4
C	A,K	C	J,6,3

H 10 led

After losing the first two rounds of hearts South leads another heart. From the bidding and/or play you deduce that North is also void in hearts. If you trump small it is very likely that you get over-trumped. If trump with the 10 then you may get overtrumped with one of the outstanding honours and then possibly lose to the other honour later.

When in this situation your dummy has the Jack then it is best to pitch the diamond 3, letting them have the ruff in exchange for your losing diamond. Even if the dummy holding is H9, then you are still better off as then dummy's trumps protect you from another heart lead. Also in the above layout, you very probably have a natural trump loser. If North has three trumps and uses one of them to ruff then you shouldn't lose another trump trick. That will be two losers gained for the price of one!

Another occasion where you may not want to trump in hand is where this shortens your trumps. This could prove a problem where the outstanding trumps are split unfavourably and you are then in danger of losing trump control.

Imagine in the above scenario that North holds a singleton spade honour and South has 4 spades to the other honour. If West ruffs and North over-ruffs there is a good chance that trump control will be lost and South can cash some outside winners. It is surprising how often the possibility of loser on loser plays can arise, so keep a good eye out for the opportunity.

**Happy bridging. Dale.**