

# QCBC Newsletter



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One of the most critical aspects of running a bridge club is to ensure that each playing session is competently directed. **QCBC is fortunate to have a number of dedicated directors** who manage this task. These individuals are responsible for setting up the tables for play, deciding the movement, distributing bridgemates and boards, setting the time for play,

making rulings where necessary, correcting scoring errors on the bridgemates, finalising the scores at the end of play, posting results on the noticeboard and the internet, collecting and packing away the bridgemates, collecting boards and placing them ready for re-dealing.

**This work is completely voluntary.** All players should assist the director where they can particularly by returning bridgemates and boards to a collection point at the end of play. Thanking the session director is a matter of common courtesy.

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## Coming Events

- Aug 10-11 QBA Butler Pairs – QCBC
- Aug 13-18 Coffs Harbour Gold Congress
- Aug 17 Novice Pairs QBA Hervey Bay
- Aug 18 Warwick Spring Butler Pairs
- Aug 24-25 QBA Open Teams Toowong
- Aug 25 Noosa Novice Pairs
- Aug 25 Ros Hero's Birthday QCBC
- Aug 30, QBA Mixed Teams Round 1 QCBC
- Aug 31-Sep1 Yeppoon Congress
- Sep 1 QBA Graded Pairs – QCBC (1)
- Sep 4-8 Territory Gold Alice Springs
- Sep 8 Caloundra Butler Pairs
- Sep 12 Andy Smirnov Masterclass
- Sep 13 QBA Mixed Teams (R 2) QCBC
- Sep 15 Noosa Teams
- Sep 20 QBA Mixed Teams (R 3) QCBC
- Sep 21-22 Dalby Pairs & Swiss Teams
- Sep 22 Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs
- Sep 28-Oct 5 NZ National Congress
- Sep 28 Caloundra Novice Pairs
- Sep 29 Darling Downs Novice Pairs
- Sep 29 Redland Graded Pairs
- Sep 28 – Oct 5 NZ National Congress
- Oct 4-7 Toowoomba Congress

## Recent Congress Successes

### ANC in Adelaide

Congratulations to our victorious seniors team who won the Australian National Championships Seniors title.

Team members were Ian Afflick, Paul Collins, Tony Jackman, Tony Hutton, Therese Tully, Richard Wallis with non-playing Captain David McLeish.



Therese Tully and Richard Wallis were second in the **Seniors Butler Pairs**

Eileen Li and Greer Tucker were fourth in the **Women's Butler Pairs**

**ANC Swiss Pairs:** 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Hung & L. Milne

3<sup>rd</sup> A. Braithwaite & I. Robinson

**Redland Novice Pairs:** Category A: 3<sup>rd</sup> D. Gaskell & S. Mercer

### Darling Downs Open Swiss Pairs Winners P&J Evans

Lockyer Swiss Pairs: 2<sup>nd</sup> P&J Evans; 3<sup>rd</sup> L. Moses & R. Fox

**QCBC Tuesday GNOT Winners:** Syed Hasan, Ayesha Hasan, Rod Curtin, Joan Jenkins. This team will go through to the zone final.



### Surfers Paradise Butler Teams

1<sup>st</sup> J. Butts, P. Wyer, B. Haughie, T. Tully

3<sup>rd</sup> R. Lachman, H. Milward, B. Hunt, R. Millward

### Surfers Paradise Butler Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> A. Maluish & N. Francis

### Moreton Bribie Teams

Category A: 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Perrin, N. Francis, P. Bugler, T. Bardon

Category B: 1<sup>st</sup> J. Peach, E. Meldrum, P. Wells, R. Fox

### Maryborough Swiss Teams

2<sup>nd</sup> M. Pritchard, J. Gardiner, T. Bardon, T. Treloar

A Grade Winners: R. Parker, P. Hainsworth, T. Jackman, R. Wallis

3<sup>rd</sup>: C. Green, S. Parker, M. Radke, I. Halford

B Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Williams, M. Bower, C. Page, J. Mitchell



C Grade Winners:  
B. O'Connor, J. Jenkins,  
L. Norman, R. Steinhort

Tony Jackman  
collected the A Grade  
winnings.



### Date Claimer

12 September

Alex Smirnov  
Master Class

Details later

## ANNOUNCING THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Laurie Kelso**

As of August 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 there will be a significant change to the current alerting procedures which will have an impact on all players.

When you open 1♣ or a natural 1NT, there will be no need to alert the bid. Instead opener's partner must automatically "announce", without waiting to be asked, the essential meaning of the bid.

For a natural 1NT opening, this announcement is the strength range. So partner says: "15 to 17" or "12 to 14" or whatever the range is.

For a 1♣ opening, it depends on the system. For natural systems, partner announces the minimum club length guaranteed, saying "4 plus clubs" or "3 plus clubs", etc.

For strong club systems, you announce the point range. In Precision you would say "strong at least 16 points".

For other systems, for example Polish Club, which has multiple meanings for the 1♣ opening, partner simply announces "unusual".

After any announcement, the opponents will still be able to ask supplementary questions, however the basic information already conveyed will avoid much of that need. A side benefit of this new approach is that many of the problems currently created due to inopportune (and sometimes pointed) enquiries will now disappear. And opponents will no longer be at risk of confusion caused by variable 1NT ranges and the like.

Announcements have been successfully used in both England and the United States for a number of years and it is felt that the above application of the same approach will also be beneficial in Australia.

Answers to a couple of follow-up questions are below.

### **Question - Can you advise what happens behind screens - is announcing compulsory?**

*Behind screens things are different (including the application of some Laws).*

*With screens everything is theoretically alertable - from 1C up to 7NT, plus also cue bids and doubles etc.*

*There are no 'announcements' nor any 'self-alerting calls' - in fact no verbal communication at all!*



Ros Hero and daughter Nicole at the launch of a book about her mother, who was a nurse in WWI. The medals in the photo belonged to her mother.

You are all invited to my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration to be held at QCBC on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm-5.30pm. BYO drinks. Do come! Ros

## ZEPHYR FOUNDATION

SUPPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS

Recently many of you supported this very worthwhile cause by buying tickets in a raffle to raise funds. Here is some follow-up to keep you in the picture.

Isabella and I wish to thank you and all the members of the QBA who so generously supported our raffle. We are very grateful to QCBC members and particularly Monica Pritchard, Toni Bardon and Carolyn Woolley for helping to organize and monitor the sale of tickets. We also wish to thank very much those members who involved themselves so energetically in selling tickets.

A total of \$610.00 in ticket sales and donations was raised. Rest assured that these funds will be used to make a difference to the lives of those who truly need it. Although the Zephyr Foundation is only just up and running, we have had such overwhelming support in the form of donations of clothing and furniture that Isabella is in the process of contacting another group of shelters to distribute these items to. This is running alongside our original objective to outfit school children and their Mothers who arrive at Ozcare refuges with nothing. Carmel Martin



Colleen Sobel was one happy raffle winner.

Carmel's sister, Isabella, was inspired to start this foundation when she read an article in the newspaper highlighting the desperation of women and children who flee from abusive relationships to refuges often with nothing but the things they are wearing.

She decided to make a difference and has begun The Zephyr Foundation, not a red-tape, middle-man, anonymous organisation but a long-term, funds and donations direct from donor to recipient small organisation.

Word of mouth has resulted in a plethora of amazing donations including complete households from those moving into retirement units. These are used to furnish rental accommodation when a family is relocated. Imagine a mother's relief! Carmel has many uplifting tales to tell.

But one of the most basic aspects of the support is the provision of school uniforms, shoes, text books, lunch boxes, underwear etc. allowing the children to fit back into school like all of the other kids. One hurdle out of the way.

**One URGENT need is for furniture transport.** So if you have any ideas about possible providers, please let Carmel know.



School shoes and materials

### Kate's Rules to Live by:

- 13. BID YOUR LONG SUITS DON'T MAKE A TAKEOUT DOUBLE.
- 14. BID YOUR FIVE-CARD MAJORS DON'T MAKE A TAKEOUT DOUBLE.

## My Favourite Hands (on BBO) Alan Boyce

### Sometimes Silence can be Golden -

Given my current predicament of working overseas, in the middle of the Central Pacific, and only getting home for a week at a time, bridge outings are rather few and far between. BBO is my only solace and even that is fraught with danger, what with the very slow internet speeds and the propensity for power to be lost every other day.

So it was on BBO I found myself recently with this little beauty, sitting North 4<sup>th</sup> in hand, at imps, with E-W vulnerable.

I heard the bidding start:

N	borisboy
♠	1098
♥	92
♦	AQJ8
♣	KQ52

East, the dealer, opened 1C, partner overcalled 1H, west bid 1S, and I pondered how many points were in this deck? Everyone has spoken and I've got a hand I'd open in any seat, given the nice intermediaries. (18 banzai points, plus working 9's and 8's according to Klinger's "Better Balanced Bidding".)

But I digress, what would you bid in my spot? Poor doubleton heart is hardly the support to raise partner, surely NT bid by me now says I've got

both opponents suits stopped, and yet can a pass be right? I decided that I'd keep "mum" at this stage but be prepared to act if partner is willing to bid again.

Bidding continued as (original bids repeated for convenience):

W N E S  
 1C 1H  
 1S P 2S 3H! (Now I shall act)  
 3S 4H 4S P  
 P

Back to me. No problems raising 3H to 4 for me on the last round but the bidding had continued. Given partner had been willing to bid to 3H without any words from me, we should surely have a number of tricks outside of spades so I double and remarkably east decides to redouble, surely on the basis that he doesn't believe my double given my earlier silence.

The full hands were:

In retrospect East was clearly deceived by West's willingness to bid twice on that hand but still 4S is a real s-t-r-e-t-c-h on that bidding, even s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g for the vulnerable game bonus. Play went:

North's lead – 9H 10H QH 5H

South's lead – 7C 3C QC 4C

North's lead – 2H JH AH 8H (3<sup>rd</sup> heart now and this gives Declarer a big guess and a trump promotion for me, but alas..)

South's lead – AS 2S 8S 3S

South's lead – 3D 2D AD 7D

I now try belatedly for a club ruff

North's lead – 2C 6C 3H 10C

N	borisboy	E	
♠	1098	♠	KQ53
♥	92	♥	KJ10
♦	AQJ8	♦	K7
♣	KQ52	♣	9864
W		S	
♠	J7642	♠	A
♥	85	♥	AQ7643
♦	92	♦	106543
♣	AJ103	♣	7

E-W now claimed for 2-off vulnerable, redoubled, for 1000. Best defence would see a score of 1600. Now, do I rate the bidding as perfect? Certainly not. East's 12 count, balanced and aceless, is questionable, 1H-3H by south is questionable with only 10 HCP's, but great shape encouraged the 2<sup>nd</sup> bid; West finding 2 bids with 5 HCP's and ordinary shape was asking for trouble, and East bidding 3 times in the auction with a hand that was still an ordinary 12 count was just too bad for words. Not to mention deciding to redouble with the same boring 12 count!

What I did learn on that hand, (and I've seen this type of advice repeated in a number of books by William Roots) **if an initial bid seems wrong, and my 1<sup>st</sup> chance to speak presented me with that very dilemma, perhaps an initial pass just might be right, and even present a big piece of rope for the opponents to commit bridge suicide with!**

See you all in October in Sydney if I don't see you beforehand!



### An unexpected bonus

To my surprise my sister Bobbie, a wonderful cook, has donated a beautiful big fruit cake to the Zephyr Foundation, the charity we recently supported with a raffle at QCBC.

So the cake will be on display at our club for \$2 for one ticket and \$5 for three tickets.

We didn't intend to do any more fund raising this year, but this is a great opportunity and 100% of the proceeds will be used to help Brisbane's refuges for women and children, a very good cause.

Carolyn Woolley

### Masterpoint Promotions

#### July

Therese Tully – Gold Grand

Chris Woolley – Gold Life

Ann McGhee – Silver Life

Eileen Li - \* National

Judith Bennett – State

Deanne Gaskill - Local



Some of Desleigh Worner's bridge friends helped her to celebrate her recent birthday.



**Now you can ENJOY highly nutritious Coffee!** healthy gourmet coffee! **Switch to ORGANOGOLD GANODERMA COFFEE - the Healthier, rich, creamy, smooth and DELICIOUSLY tasty coffee!** We invite you to try it for yourself.

**We will be hosting a coffee tasting at QCBC on Wednesday 14 August before bridge starts.**

### Crossruffing is fun – Dawn Cullen

♠AKT6	
♥AJT3	
♦4	
♣K862	
♠QJ85	♠932
♥7	♥642
♦AJ652	♦Q98
♣JT3	♣Q954
	♠74
	♥KQ985
	♥KT73
	♣A7

Bidding to 6 hearts on this hand is not easy but making 12 tricks will still produce a good score. The trump suit is very strong so a crossruff should work. The first ruff in each hand must be done with a small trump but then a high crossruff will produce 12 tricks. On the lead of the QS win the K and cash the ace. Now lead 4 diamonds. If a trump is returned the trick can be won in the south hand and a crossruff started. It is important to cash the two top clubs first and then proceed to crossruff diamonds and clubs to make 8 trump tricks as well as the two top spades and the two top clubs for 12 tricks. I always think the looks on the faces of the opponents as they eventually have to under-ruff are priceless.

#### BEGINNERS LESSONS

Starting  
Monday 7.30pm -  
August 19  
Tuesday 10.30am  
- August 20  
8 week course  
**These lessons  
are FREE!!!**

#### Welcome to our new members

Peter Munro  
Frank Hinkling  
Hilary Rofeta  
Maureen Holding  
Andy Hung

#### Toodleoo, Toni, Julie & Monica

Toni is heading to Alice Springs to play in the Territory Gold via the Simpson Desert – yes, camping!! Julie Jeffries is going overseas and Monica is in Perth awaiting a new grandchild. We will all be away until mid-September.

### QBA DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

Everyone welcome

Most suitable for Directors with some practical experience or prior study or as a refresher for those already accredited.

SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

9.30am to 4pm at QCBC

Fee \$8

**BYO lunch and please park in back lot.** Prior entry appreciated.

Jan Peach – QBA Director Accreditation

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**Don't forget the Tuesday Teams - last Tuesday of each month. At least 4 teams are needed to run this. It is fun. Write your team's names on the entry list on the notice board.**

### CLEAN CRUISING PAIRS

13 October



**CLEAN CRUISING**  
Find Your Dream Cruise Faster

Thank you to **Cheryl Stone** who is convening the **Queensland Graded Pairs - 1** September & **Ray Ellaway** who is convening the **Mixed Teams**. Entry forms are out for both of these events. **Volunteers** to help in the kitchen for the Graded Pairs will be appreciated (see Rose) and lots of entries from our members even more appreciated.

### GNOT ZONE FINAL

Don't forget if you have qualified for the GNOT 15 & 16 September BBC. All information is on the QBA website under "Zone".

QCBC is sending 11 teams this year.

*Good luck & have fun.*



Scenes from the Adelaide ANC