

QCBC Newsletter



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Coming Events

- 9, 10 Feb QBA Senior Teams - Sunshine Coast
- 10 Feb Warwick Pairs
- 12 Feb Tues am comp QCBC
- 16 Feb Masterclass - Andy Smirnov
- 17 Feb Arana Swiss Teams
- 23 Feb – 2 Mar Gold Coast Congress
- NOTE: QCBC evening sessions during the GC Congress are cancelled**
- 10 Mar Toowong Novice Swiss Pairs
- 11 Mar Autumn Swiss Pairs Mon am
- 14, 21, 28 Mar GNOT Teams Thurs am 1 - 3 week event
- 16 Mar Surfers Novice Pairs
- 16 Mar Dalby Pairs
- 23, 24 Mar Rockhampton Pairs & Teams
- 24 Mar Coolum Swiss Teams
- 24 Mar Toowoomba Novice Pairs
- 26 Mar \$50 night QCBC
- 31 Mar, 1 Apr BBC Easter Congress - Graded



From **the President, Monica Pritchard**

A big thank you to BBC for hosting our bridge sessions during the power outage.

What an interesting start to 2013! A cyclone, floods, tornadoes, power failure.....life is never boring in Queensland!

One of the issues the Board has been considering recently is our obligation as a company under workplace health and safety legislation. As part of our approach to ensuring a safe environment for everyone who uses the club, I ask that should club members become aware of a potential health and safety risk, you notify Toni or any Board member. Incidents related to WH&S are to be recorded. If you are aware of such an incident occurring, please notify Toni. Construction and placement of the billboard has finally started. We will do what is possible to minimise inconvenience to our members during the completion of this project. Please be understanding.

I hope you all have a very happy new year.
Monica

Note from Newsletter Editor, Joan Jenkins

Many people have let me know that they really look forward to the newsletters. I have received many compliments in general but also specific appreciative comments on the hands and articles provided by members. Great stuff! More please!

You can see the newsletter in colour online on the QCBC website.

Congress Winners, QBA Masterclass, Promotions



Novice winners: K. Jaremko, H. Parkins



Second: D. Dudman, J. Bennett

Many top players had one final practice in the **QCBC Swiss Butler Pairs** before heading for the Canberra Congress. The 58 pairs were graded into A, B and C categories.

Bruce Carroll and Paul Roberts, graded B, won the event followed by Gary Malinas and Nathan van Jole. Kevin Steffensen and Neville Francis came third.

Harry Baumanis and Ray Ellaway were the next best B Graders with Chuan Quin and Charlie Lu following them.

Jan Argent and Robin Steinhardt headed the C Grade and Heather England and Margaret Dyer came second.

Hazel Parkins and Krystyna Jaremko beat the rest of the 14 Novice Pairs and Del Dudman and Judith Bennett were second.

QBA Masterclass

Andy Smirnov and Andy Hung at the behest of QBA conducted a Masterclass at QCBC on January 5.

They introduced the conventions of two places to play after opponents have opened and raised to two in a suit; non-serious 3NT, the Lightner double and exclusion Key Card Blackwood.

The presentation was excellent and degree of understanding displayed by this partnership was impressive.

Many attendees would have liked to play fewer hands and have more time for analysis and questions.

Therese Tully is keen to hear from members about our needs for more classes. Another Masterclass has been scheduled. See Page 3 of this newsletter.



Masterpoint Promotions

December

Tink, Pamela	**National
Boyce, Alan	*National
Gavan, Marion	National
Noble, Charles	*State
Faint, Edith	*State
Riley, Roslyn	State
Worner, Donald	State
Mclver, Narelle	State
Kerswell, Greg	Local
Crennan, Sue	Club



Narelle, Pamela, Alan, Edith, Marion, Charles

Kate's Rules to Live by: No. 10

When you have a raise, RAISE. Whenever you can, raise your partner's suit.

ALERT! Master Class with Alexander Smirnov

World Class Bridge Player and Teacher, currently ranked 38th in the world
Co-host: Andy Hung

When? Saturday February 16th 2013

Where? Queensland Contract Bridge Club, 67 Ipswich Rd Woolloongabba

Who? More experienced tournament players, but open to all

Parking: Please park at the rear of the venue

Cost: \$25 per person (includes \$5 for administration and hospitality)

Format: 12-16 Pre-set boards. Play, followed by expert analysis accompanied by notes.



It is important to **register as a pair** with **Kim Ellaway** by Friday 15th Feb so that adequate provisions can be set in place.

Phone: 0412 064 902

Email: manager@qldbridge.com

(Do NOT contact Toni Bardon at QCBC)

From the Library

The Complete Book of Bols Bridge Tips Ed by Sally Brock

Sally Brock has collated bridge tips by world masters published previously in various sources.

All Vul Dir: S	♠AQ8652 ♥5 ♦AK76 ♣T4	
♠- ♥987643 ♦J5 ♣K9532		♠J43 ♥KQT ♦T93 ♣QJ87
	♠KT97 ♥AJ2 ♦Q843 ♣A6	

The book is divided into four sections: Tips on Bidding, Tips on Defence, Tips on Play and General Bridge Tips.

After a brief and often fascinating biographical introduction, each player offers a tip and provides examples to validate it.

Patrick Jourdain asks readers to **Consider the Discard**. He includes the following deal which won the IBPA Romex Award for the Best Bid Hand in 1990-1

The Bidding was unopposed: S 1D, N 2S, S 3S, N 4D, S 5 NT, N 6C, S 7D

Six Clubs showed two of the top three honours in diamonds. Declarer knew they had at least nine spades but could see that his club loser would go on the fifth spade (or he could discard two hearts if partner's shape was 6-2-4-1). So he wisely selected diamonds as trumps and was rewarded when Seven Diamonds proved easy and Seven Spades unmakeable.

But suppose South's hand had been: ♠KT97, ♥KQ2, ♦Q843, ♣AK.

After the same start 1D, 2S, 3S, 4D, South can see that the only useful discard on partner's spades is a diamond (the suit may break 4-1). With the same North hand as before, Six Spades (or 6NT) would be better than Six Diamonds.

TIP: When choosing between trump suits, imagine running the long suit, and ask what you expect to throw from the other hand. The answer will often tell you which trump suit will serve you best

Michael's Corner

When you're in a hole, don't keep digging.



It is a common failing among bridge players to over-react when things start to go wrong, particularly when the problem is caused by the nature of the hand. We need to remember that everyone else is playing the same cards, and therefore our counterparts at the other tables are going to have the same problems that we have.

Let's look at a few "nasties".

1. Partner opens with 2S (weak). You have a void in Spades, AJTx in H, Kxxx in D and Axxxx in C. Opposition passes. What should you do? Let's look at this logically. 2NT isn't an option as you probably haven't got enough points, even if partner is maximum; and there is another concern. **One of the critical considerations in NT is entries.** As partner is weak, and what points they do have should be mainly in their suit, the fact that you have a void means there will be few, if any, entries to their hand. Bidding a suit, presumably Clubs, is asking for trouble as you are a level higher with no guarantee of being any better off. **The other problem is that if you haven't passed previously, your bid could well be considered forcing.** Even if your club suit was stronger, you're still clearly fishing. **The only sensible call is PASS!** Partner has six Spades, and therefore should have a reasonable degree of trump control, and while they may go off, the two or three tricks in your hand should be enough for them to avoid any kind of disaster; **they may even make.** It is also quite possible that the opposition will take the contract themselves, in which case the fact that all suits are breaking badly could be quite entertaining. The fact is that, despite the void, you really aren't in that much trouble barring a really bad break. Even 5-2, particularly on Declarer's right, should be manageable. The general rule in these situations is that if your hand isn't good enough to bid on normally, you shouldn't bid.
2. You have AJTx in S, x in H, KJxxx in D and Kxx in C. The bidding goes 1D from you; P; 1H; P; IS; P; 2H. This is usually weak.
The way I play with my partners the 2H bid is 5 or 6-9 with 6H or a good five. As the hand appears to be a misfit we are really only counting hcp. 3H is invitational as a game force is available with 2C (fourth suit forcing), although this should be discussed with partner. Once again, the correct call is pass. The logic is this: partner has hearts and probably precious little else. If you play outside of hearts you will once again have a problem with entries. You appear to have a misfit (you may have an eight card fit in diamonds, but it isn't worth going to the 3 level to find out). **You clearly aren't strong enough for game, so you should be getting out at the lowest level possible.**
3. You have QJxx; ATxx; KJx; Kx. The bidding is 1D West, X from you. This is a little dubious because of the Club doubleton, but even if you wouldn't do it yourself, hopefully the following can be applied to similar situations. 1D (W); X (you); P; 2C; P. **Unfortunately this time the hole is of your own making.** You should still pass. Partner has insufficient points for a jump and could have more than four Clubs, in which case you're probably in your best spot. Again, entries are a consideration. There's also a good chance that the opposition will keep bidding. If neither of these are the case, tough. **Bidding further is unlikely to achieve much, and will confuse partner.** Generally, doubling and then bidding a new suit shows 16+ hcp. Doubling and then bidding NT promises an even stronger hand. Once you mislead partner you are in the Shifting Sands of Miscommunication, which are but a short journey from the Deserts of Disaster.

Michael



New Year's Eve



Winning Team



Best Dressed Team



Most Beautiful Couple



AVOIDING A FINESSE – Dawn Cullen

After a pass by East, South bid 1S, and 2D was overcalled by West. North bid 2S and now East bid 3D followed by 3S by South. **(The final contract 3S by South).** The lead was a small diamond and a second diamond was ruffed.

There are two obvious club losers, also 1 diamond and probably one heart. That is 4 losers so the contract looks safe. However **at match points it is important to make all available overtricks**, so how to go about making the overtrick and not risking the contract?

At first it looks as if the heart finesse has to be guessed correctly, to eliminate the heart loser.

♠Q73		
♥AJ6		
♦752		
♣JT83		
♠ J		♠T4
♥97		♥Q8543
♦AQJ843		♦KT9
♣A962		♣K75
♠AK9865		
♥KT2		
♦6		
♣Q4		

There is a better option.

With QJ10 of clubs between the two hands it is much easier to set up a club for a discard of a losing heart.

Trumps can be drawn in two rounds and a club led. Now if the opponent who wins this trick leads a heart, the finesse is no longer necessary. Another diamond return can be ruffed and a second club led to set up the third club for the discard of the heart loser.

Contract is now safely made with an overtrick, without the need to guess which way to finesse the heart suit.

On this hand NS bid to 3NT.

After a diamond lead from West, won by the 10, **South** hopes to make 6 club tricks, 3 spade tricks, 1 diamond and 1 heart. When AKQ clubs are played the bad news arrives, but all is not lost. **West can be thrown in with the fourth club**, and can cash two diamond tricks. The remainder of the tricks belong to declarer, without having to worry about the heart suit.

If instead a heart is led then there are still 5 club tricks, 1 diamond, 3 spades and 1 heart.

♠K5		
♥Q10762		
♦J8543		
♣2		
♠T7		♠J98632
♥854		♥KJ3
♦AQ97		♦62
♣J874		♣T3
♠AQ4		
♥A9		
♦KT		
♣AKQ965		

More Bridge Jargon Explained

Experienced Player: Someone who simply knows that 4 major, made but not bid is + 170 without even looking at the back of the bidding card.



Finesse 1: A female bridge player from Finland.

Finesse 2: A specific type of card play used by declarer to secure an overtrick or to avoid blame in a contract doomed to failure.

YOUTH INVASION

Queensland Youth Bridge Fun Day – 27 December 2012 **Written by Chris Larter**



On Thursday 27 December QCBC had an invasion of Youth for the first Queensland Youth Bridge Fun Day, which was a great success. Approximately 35 youth attended, outnumbering those playing in the 10.30am duplicate session in the main

room.

The day started with splitting the youth up into two groups - the 'beginners' and the 'players'.

The 'beginners' were taken wing of Joan Butts, who some basics of bridge and playing some 'Mini Bridge' of the day. There were 20-6 tables) that were



under the taught them had them by the end 25 youth (5-participating in this group.



The fifteen 'players' were looked after by Alex Smirnov and Andy Hung. This group was playing dealt hands with supervised assistance available for those who required help with bidding and/or playing. To keep hunger levels of all attendees at ease, a free pizza and soft drink lunch was provided. Other youth days are also being planned for later in the year. The next one will be on Thursday, April 4. Please invite and encourage anyone you know in the youth age group to come along. They would be most welcome.



For more information, contact Nathan van Jole (0433 261 866 or nvanjole@gmail.com). Also, regularly check the QBA website (www.qldbridge.com) or 'like' the Queensland Youth Bridge Players Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/QueenslandYouthBridgePlayers>) to be kept up to date with the latest information.

A very successful follow-up was held on Monday 14th Jan.



Alert! The next Youth Fun Day is planned for Thursday, April 4.



A Novice's Dilemma – Joan Jenkins

Try to work out how West can make 6H on this hand from **Saturday, Jan 12**. North led the ♠A.

♠AK9743
♥83
♦62
♣J82

♠-
♥AQJT765
♦AJT9
♣AQ

♠T65
♥92
♦Q5
♣976543

♠QJ82
♥K4
♦K8743
♣KT

The solution (arrived at after an hour or so of deliberation by me): Ruff the ♠A, then lead the ♦J and see what South does.

- a) The preferred option: If South plays the ♦K then returns a spade, ruff this and you have one entry to Dummy. Lead the ♦T and play the ♦Q. Now finesse the ♣Q. Next lead the ♦9 and ruff in Dummy, overtaking if North plays the ♥8. Lead the ♥2 and play the ♥Q. Draw the remaining round of trumps and claim.
- b) The fingers crossed option: If South ducks the ♦J, cash the ♦A then ruff the ♦9 with the ♥2. (If North plays the ♥8 at this stage, you will end up with two losers.) Take the Club finesse. Play the ♦T and ruff with the ♥9. Ruff a ♣, play ♥A and the ♥K is the only loser.

The average defender operates in a fog of uncertainty.