

QCBC Newsletter



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Dear Members and Friends, Thank you - thank you - thank you!!! I have had the best 60th birthday anyone could wish for. You made getting older a lot less painful. (Plans for the 61st are now in progress.) Toni

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Ode to ANZAC Day - QCBC Teams

By Pip Francis 25-04-10

Gathered together so focused on the cards,
Fifty-two items to frustrate our mind -
Locked in a bidding war, fighting another team
Contracts to be made, strategy of a bridge kind.

But what about the diggers all those years ago?
The hand they were dealt, their life or death simply to save
us,

They sacrificed their all to rescue our country,
Yielded every shred of strength without any fuss.

The spade of the digger dug a trench or a foxhole
The heart was mighty, true, so brave
The diamond the value of every single soul
The club symbolic of weapons used against the enemy
wave.

The Ace- a sign of grit, courage, determination
The King denotes a leader some unique frontier man
The Queen a reminder of Mother, sister, wife, girlfriend
The Jack- the knave, the trickster in the plan.

The minor player like the ten to the two
Reminder of thousands who waded over beaches
Who slogged up hills, held their ground under orders
Battled fearlessly over untold foreign reaches.

Yet here we sit, focused on the cards dealt
Confounded by points, tricks, an eight board set;
Let us pause as we play to ponder the past
The reason we are free to enjoy to-day - lest we forget.

Attention Friday players

Anzac Day, 25 April, falls on a Friday this year so the normal Friday session will be cancelled.

QCBC has always run the Anzac Day Teams on the actual day that it falls. The Board and Tournament Committee apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

This is a great opportunity for you to make a team and come along and play. If you don't have a team, please let Toni know, and we will do our best to find you suitable team mates.

If you can't come along to the teams, Thursday 24 April is a \$5 dav - 10.30am start. All are welcome.

Kim's QBA Update

Dear Bridge Player

Next Council Meeting is 19th June

Next Management Meeting is 27th May

Open Selection Trials have been completed - our open team will be:

Neville Francis and Kevin Steffenson

Richard Wallis and Therese Tully

Charlie Howard and Kerry Wood

Captain - to be advised



Upcoming QBA Events

QBA Selection Trials - Womens and Seniors - April 12/13 and 26/27

QBA Novice Pairs - Toowoomba April 27

QBA Mixed Pairs - May 17-18

Barrier Reef entry form on website.

Jan - Mar Bulletin on QBA Website

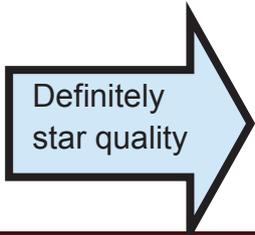
Bridge for Brains - clubs participating on QBA Website

Youth Bridge Fun Days at Northern Suburbs and BBC over the Easter Holidays - dates on QBA Website

March Masterpoint Promotions

Rosser, Joyce	Gold Life
Bugler, Patrick	Gold Life
Bedi, Kuldip	Gold Life
Barua, Lucy	Silver Life
Nilsson, Deborah	Silver Life
Fernon, Michael	Life
Pritchard, Monica	Life
Li, Eileen	Life
Webcke, Robin	*National
Page, Charles	*National
Jenkins, Joan	National
Qin, Chuan	*State
Norman, Linda	*State
Hodkinson, Arran	*State
Price, John	Regional
Berns, Dov	**Local
Kerswell, Greg	*Local
Anderson, Alan	Local
Duff, Albert	Local
Ranke, Mary	Club
East, Dorothy	Graduate

Glenys Larter has again, generously donated a beautiful quilt and wall hanging that she has made, for our Easter raffle. Thank you, Glenys. Remember to buy your raffle tickets.



Congress Successes

Toowoomba Congress Scenes



Joan Jenkins and Linda Norman –Winners Toowoomba Graded Butler Pairs



Coolum Teams Winners: T. Jackman, T. Hutton, M. Carter, R. Clark



Coolum Teams C Grade 2nd N. Loxton, J.Jenkins, L. Norman, E. Mander



Ross Murtagh and Dawn Cullen dressed up for the St Pat's Day Pairs

2014 QCBC JUNE SWISS TEAMS

OPEN & RESTRICTED
<150MP as at 31/3/14

MONDAY 9 JUNE

- START: 9.30am
- COST: \$120 per team
- SYSTEMS FOR OPEN: Green, Blue & Red & Brown Sticker Conventions & Treatments
- SYSTEMS FOR RESTRICTED: Green & Blue
- DIRECTORS: Alan Gibson

Welcome to new members

Monica Creevy
Margaret Dickerson
Lynn Gray
Neil Hansen
Robyn Harrison
Judy Jessop
Adeline Limberger
Brodie Loxton
Roman Moriewicki
Greg Secomb



All at Sea by Annette Scott

What do you do on sea days on a cruise? If you're lucky, as we were on a recent two week cruise around New Zealand, you find your tribe and get to play Bridge.

Classes were held each morning for learner/beginner players and the afternoon sessions allocated for regular play. Most days there were five tables with players from as far away as Scotland and California.

As Brisbane was the point of both departure and return, it was no surprise to see many familiar local faces. There was a strong contingent from QCBC, all travelling separately, including Rita Fatseas, Agnes and Barry Kempthorn, Dell and Malcolm Moffatt and Desleigh and Don Worner. Others were from Redlands and Wynnum Clubs and also from Warwick.

It was a unique opportunity for me to play with my sister, Robyn Brazier from Bundaberg. We were specially chuffed to win the prize for 'most consistent' players; however, the champions overall were Desleigh and Don Worner who one day blitzed the field one day with an honour board average of 72%.

Sandra MacBain from Glen Innes Club was an excellent Director/Teacher. She is to be commended for maintaining a calm professionalism under occasionally trying conditions. Her enthusiasm for the game provided inspiration for us all.

If you play Bridge you'll never be bored on board.

QCBC News

QCBC needs a marketing person. If any member/s are interested in helping, please let us know. **Bridge is the best game in the world and should be easy to market!!**

The League of Extraordinary Gamers is going to be using QCBC premises 1 Sunday a month. Their first day here is 20th April.

The LXG is a club for persons interested in any genre of table-top games. They have a library of over 400 popular table-top games.

The website is: www.qlegs.wordpress.com or contact Keith Done - 3398 8745 or keefdone@gmail.com

This is a great family outing.

THE BRIDGE FOR BRAINS RESEARCH CHALLENGE will be held at QCBC on Saturday 3 May.

"NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH AUSTRALIA is an independent, not-for-profit research institute based in Sydney, Australia. As a leader in brain and nervous system research, our goal is to prevent, treat and cure brain and nervous system diseases, disorders and injuries through medical research. "

The Bridge for Brain Research Challenge promotes the benefits of playing bridge whilst helping raise the crucial funds required to continue our research.

It is a red point session with set hands - \$10 per player. It is a worthy cause - come along and support it. If you can't come and play, donations are always accepted.

Another Master Class with Andy Hung and Alex Smirnoff will be held at QCBC on 28 May.

Youth Bridge Days -

Sunday 13 April - Northern Suburbs Bridge Club

Wednesday 16 April - BBC

All details are on the QBA website - www.qldbridge.com



Anne Murphy



Anne Murphy would encourage players to attend Andy's future sessions. **"I have been privileged to attend some of Andy Hung's Intermediate Bridge lessons** which were excellent and well received by all in attendance. The group was a mixture of novice/expert attendees, with some coming from afar to attend. Andy is an excellent teacher and very good communicator of the game of bridge. The lessons were held in a friendly environment and we were encouraged to ask questions when unsure of the bidding, playing of the game. Thanks Andy, and I look forward to attending your future sessions at QCBC." Sincerely Anne Murphy

Here is one example from Andy's lesson on Opener's Rebid – Part 1

Dir:N	♠J872		
E-W Vul	♥J3		
	♦AQ97		
	♣AJ4		
♠A96		♠QT53	
♥954		♥AT2	
♦KJ2		♦8654	
♣Q653		♣92	
	♠K4		
	♥KQ876		
	♦T3		
	♣KT87		

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Over South's 1H response, North should rebid 1S showing four spades (and does not promise a longer diamond suit). A rebid of an unbid suit usually shows 4+ in the second suit and 5+ in the first suit, but it does not apply at the 1-level as you are just showing your major suit. Since a 1S rebid is still the cheapest-level rebid, it shows 11-17 points.

South, holding 11 points should invite to game (in case partner, North, holds 13 or more points) with a 2NT bid. As all 3 suits have been bid, the 2NT rebid should deliver a club stopper since the opponents will very likely lead a club.

North should then raise to game with 13 points. 13 is not a minimum or a maximum as it is just in the middle – so you might as well try for a game bonus!

On the C3 lead to South's C10, declarer should immediately attack hearts by playing low to dummy's HJ to East's HA. If East returns a low spade instead of the king, declarer can guarantee a spade trick regardless of the location of either spade honour.



YARBOROUGH
 Named after Lord Yarborough, who back in 1827 offered odds of a shilling to a hundred guineas for anyone who could produce a hand that had no card higher than 9. We have been getting them ever since with not the faintest sign of a 100 guineas. From *"Two Old Geezers Tell You about Bridge"*.

♠QJ	
♥862	
♦KQT96	
♣T73	
♠T72	♠K84
♥T94	♥J53
♦A	♦J85432
♣KQ9864	♣A
	♠A9653
	♥AKQT
	♦7
	♣J62

Signals - Dawn Cullen



Dir:W Vul: N-S

After south opens the bidding 1S, which is passed out, west leads the ace of diamonds.

Looking at the diamonds visible this is very likely to be a singleton. West needs to know where the entry is in the east hand.

A suit preference signal will send this information, so play the lowest diamond.

After a club return now you would like another club lead, so send back the next lowest diamond hoping for a ruff.

West will probably play the king of clubs on which a heart can be discarded. It is best to give a count signal on the discard.

Then on the QC lead another heart can be discarded.

Since south will have discarded a club on the second diamond lead, this will be ruffed.

Now there is no entry to the dummy so what to do?

It seems best to lead a spade.

East can win this and lead another low diamond for a further ruff. This will use the 10 spades.

West can try another club, which enables a third heart discard but declarer can ruff in hand to overtake the queen and draw the remaining trump with the 9.

The story would have had a happier ending for defenders if east had had the 9 spades rather than the 8.

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ANZAC SWISS TEAMS

Friday 25 APRIL

ENTRY FEE: \$120 per team

TIME: 9.30 AM

DIRECTOR : Jan Peach

SYSTEMS: Blue, Green & Red & Brown sticker conventions & treatments



