

QCBC Newsletter



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Session attendances have remained steady over recent months so we remain on track for a profit this financial year. **We do however have several events coming up in the next couple of months that need greater support from members. The QBA One Session Teams of Three on Saturday 13th July is a great opportunity for members with fewer than 50 masterpoints to play with an experienced team captain. The QBA Graded Swiss Teams (July 7) & Graded Pairs (August 31) will each have a Section for fewer than 150 masterpoints so get your entries in to Toni ASAP.**



In April we received a grant of \$12,456 from the Gambling Community Benefit for replacement of chairs so you will see some of the older models going soon.



Finally I am seeking volunteers to join the club's Tournament Committee. This committee generally only meets once per year and is responsible for overseeing the timing and running of our internal events and congresses. It would be good to get feedback from less experienced players as well as our regular congress goers so let Toni or myself know if you are interested. Ray Ellaway

QBA Notification

This is the first time that the QBA will not be printing hard copies of the QBA Bulletin. A copy can be downloaded from this link

<https://www.qldbridge.com.au/bulletin/qba/QBA%20Bulletin%20June%202019.pdf>.

I also want to bring to your attention the following information:

Some congress directors are now uploading match draws and results to the ABF SMS server, and those details are sent as text messages to members who have registered with the service. Most gold point events and a growing number of congresses will be using this service.

Users can register from the link on the front page of the QBA web site and will then receive text messages when they play in events using the service. Registration covers all congresses that use the facility, so once you register for one event you'll receive SMS messages for any other events you play in where this is use. Kim Ellaway, Manager 0412064903

**Join the
Tournament
Committee**



Friday 5 Jul Red Point Day
Sunday 7 Jul QLD Graded Teams (QCBC)
Saturday 13 Jul QBA <50mp Teams of 3
Tuesday 30 Jul \$50 night
Tuesday 6 Aug Red Point Day
Wednesday 14 Aug Ekka Pairs Red Points
Tuesday 27 Aug \$50 night
Saturday 31 Aug QLD Graded Pairs (QCBC)
Thursday 5 Sept Spring Pairs Red Points





This year's New Year Eve's theme is: *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*

(1) Ask the Expert Promotion

Are there occasions you need some guidance and want to sense check your thinking? Ask our expert, Ralph Parker. Ralph can be contacted via email at theexpert.qcbc@gmail.com.



(2) Give QCBC A Recommendation

QCBC has recently commenced some external marketing to raise awareness of the club to benefit our community (such as funding for some amenities we are seeking to improve). If you enjoy playing at QCBC we'd welcome a positive testimonial or review on our Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/QCBCBridge/reviews/?ref=page_internal

(3) Friday Night Youth Nights

If you have youngsters in your clan, don't forget to invite them to come along to Youth Bridge on Friday Nights - grandparents, parents are most welcome to join in the action. The lessons and support are given at a level each player can absorb and it is a great way for students to understand strategic thinking and collaboration.



QLD Butler Pairs Runners up: Charlie Lu and Martin Qin



QLD Butler Pairs Men's Champions: Patrick Bugler and Tim Runting



QLD Women's Pairs Champions: Maha Hoenig and Janeen Solomon

International Competition

It was good to have one of our members, **Pele Rankin**, representing Australia in the recent Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships in Singapore. She was playing with Canberra's Stephen Fischer in the Australian Mixed Team which also included David Beauchamp (NSW)/ Jodi Tutty (ACT) and Renee Cooper (NSW)/ Ben Thompson (VIC) with Peter Hollands (NSW) the non-playing captain. Australia also sent one Open, one Women's and two Seniors' teams to the event.

Qualifying round results were: OPEN 1 China, 4 Australia; WOMEN: 1 China, 8 Australia; SENIORS: 1 China, 6 & 7 Australia; MIXED: 1 Chinese Taipei, 6 Australia. Congratulations to the New Zealand Open Team (Ashley Bach, Mike Cornell, Michael Ware, Geo Tislevoll, Matthew Brown and Michael Whibley) who took out the silver medal.

Pele will continue in this Mixed Team to play in the World Bridge Championships at Wuhan, China 14-28 September.

This hand was reported in the APBF Daily Bulletin

NORTH			
♠	J 10 4 2	S/ ALL VUL	
♥	K 10 7		
♦	A 4		
♣	K 8 4 2		
WEST		EAST	
♠	A K Q 3	♠	9 8 7 6
♥	Q 8 6	♥	J 4
♦	J 9 7	♦	Q 8 5 2
♣	6 5 3	♣	J 10 7
SOUTH			
♠	5		
♥	A 9 5 3 2		
♦	K 10 6 3		
♣	A Q 9		

You and I would never reach 6♥ on these cards and, if we did, the only hope for 12 tricks looks to be a doubleton H Q-J somewhere, or perhaps a singleton heart honour with West plus a 3-3 club break. As you can see, neither eventuates here but wait! There is magic in the air. West starts with the S A-K. Declarer ruffs that, plays C A-Q-K, ruffs another spade, D A-K, diamond ruff and a third spade ruff leads to this layout:



Pele Rankin

South leads the D3. If West ruffs low, North over-ruffs with the H10 and scores the H A-K separately. If West ruffs with the HQ, North over-ruffs with the HK and finesses East for the HJ at trick 12. **A rare real-life example of the Devil's Coup with East-West left wondering where their "sure" trump trick went!**

NORTH			
♠			
♥	K 10		
♦			
♣	2		
♣	2		
WEST		EAST	
♠		♠	
♥	Q 8 6	♥	J 4
♦		♦	Q
♣		♣	
SOUTH			
♠			
♥	A 9		
♦	3		
♣			



Richard Ward

What's on the Cards in South Australia by Terry O'Dempsey

With the ANC fast approaching it's always interesting to see what's happening in other bridge venues.

A recent trip to Adelaide for the ANOT gave some insight into what's going on in South Australia. The South Australians tend to box above their weight in the ANC and other National Events.

Fairly commonplace are variable 1NT Openings; weak in seats 1 and 2; strong seats 3 and 4. Because of the weak element; most have an escape from the penalty X. Swine is popular.

With Swine; Pass of 1NT – X by responder asks opener to XX.

If responder is happy to have it played in 1NTXX, responder will pass it out. More likely however, responder by passing in the first instance is looking for a way to scramble for a fit and intends to show the lower of two touching suits on rebid.

Responder's own XX of the 1NT – X; shows a single suiter and asks opener to bid 2C correctable.

If responder bids a suit immediately after 1NT – X, it shows that suit and a higher non-touching suit.

Also commonplace, Kokish relays for the Majors after the 2C Opening. Their 2C can be a little lighter than the GF 2Cs we are more accustomed to.

For those not familiar with Kokish; Responder relays 2D and, with a balanced hand, Opener shows NTs at a level agreed for the various points ranges; usually followed by Puppet Stayman and Major Transfers.

The way they play it, a direct rebid of 2NT after the 2D relay is not as strong as relaying

2H and showing 2NT over Responder's further 2S relay. Similarly, 3NT direct over the 2D relay is stronger than 2C – 2D – 2H – 2S – 2NT but not as strong as 3NT after the further 2S relay.

With a strong Heart single suiter (10.5+ playing tricks) Opener relays 2H after 2C – 2D as a prelude to repeating Hearts when Responder relays 2S.

With a strong Spade single suiter Opener relays 2S after 2C – 2D as a prelude to repeating Spades when Responder relays 2NT.

Bidding the Major directly at the 3 level after the 2C – 2D relay is the weakest option and shows 8.5 or 9 playing tricks

Going straight to 4M after 2C -2D shows about 9.5 to 10 playing tricks.

It will be seen that Opener's 2 Major relay after 2C – 2D usually heralds the rock-crusher whether as a single suited Major or in NTs. Some partnerships also use the 2nd relay to show game forcing 2 suiters or Hearts and a Minor or Spades and another.

The South Australians seem to have no fear in pre-empting sometimes with scant values sometimes with only 6 cards.

There is a bit of a worry about 2/1 treatment of 3 card Major support with 11-12 hcps in that the 1 Major – 1NT – 2 Minor – 3 Major sequence runs in the face of the law of total tricks. It could put the partnership into the wrong contract or an unmakeable contract, after a minimum opening.

This could well occur when the partnership has the balance of points (23 - 27 say) and opponents don't have the wherewithal to make even a 2 level contract.

The South Australians overcome this by adapting the Gazzilli convention for use by Responder rather than Opener. They call this 3-way 2C.

Effectively it goes 1 Major – 2C; which shows either:

- Natural 2/1 game forcing Club suit; or
- 3 card Limit Raise 11 -12 hcp (8 loser) support for the Major; or
- 3 card support for the Major in a totally balanced 13 -15 hcp hand, e.g. 3 3 4 3.

After 1 Major – 2C Opener now, with one exception, makes the bid that would normally describe opener's hand on rebid after the 2/1 natural 2C Club suit. Hence:

- 1 Major – 2C – 2H would show the minimum opening (7 loser say) but a 6th Heart, or 5 Spades and 4+ Hearts after a 1S opening.
- 1H – 2C – 2S would still imply 17+ hcps; 4/5 Major structure;
- 1 Major – 2C – 2NT the balanced 5 3 3 2 etc.

The exception is where opener chooses to relay 2D over 1 Major – 2C to find out more about responder's hand. Now:

1 Major – 2C – 2D – 2 Major 3 card limit raise

1 Major – 2C – 2D – 2NT = balanced 13 -15 hcps with 3 card support

1 Major – 2C – 2D – 3C = natural Club 2/1 game force.

At times the 2D will be ambiguous: Opener will have a 5 card major, 4+card diamond minimum but in practice nothing is lost. Nevertheless, at this stage of bidding, both partners are better informed to pursue continuations particularly in establishing whether NTs or the Major will provide the better outcome.

1 Major – 2C is therefore natural or accommodates perhaps the two most awkward responding situations after a 1 Major opening.

Adoption of the 3-way 2C bid means that the 2/1 one round forcing 1NT over 1 Major is

also better defined no longer containing the 11 or 12 hcp 3 card limit raise.

1 Major – 1NT – 2 (any) rebid by opener – 2NT now shows responder's more conventional 2NT invite, with little support but (10) 11 – 12 hcps and residual balance.

1 Major – 2NT is Jacoby

1 Major – 3NT is usually to play and denies Major support.

Conveyance of these thoughts isn't meant to imply endorsement. You might find some parts of interest but there are variations on all these themes. You might care to consult library books or on-line reference material before considering any change to your partnership agreements.

Terry



Lyn and Malcolm Carter have recently released their book: 'Teaching Contract Bridge to Children'. The book is intended for players of Bridge who want to teach the game to children.

You can purchase the book through Malcolm and Lyn @ [malcolmandlyn@big](mailto:malcolmandlyn@bigpond.com)

[pond.com](http://bigpond.com), at QCBC or at the Bridge Book Shop <http://bit.ly/2HkrQUx>

Sadly report the deaths of Marion O'Malley, Maureen Munro and John Noble.

A Lifetime by Don Worner



Do you ever wonder about your own life?
Has it been good or have you been in strife?
There are different periods of life you go through
And all of these apply to all of you.
I believe these periods are 20 years apart
And one word can be attached to each part.
First 20 years I call it time for learning
Thrown in there with a vest of yearning.
During this period you learn right from wrong
How to walk, talk and to sing a song.
These are taught by parents friends and peers.
You learn how to socialise and even drink beers.
You meet many varied people along the way
And you often speak up and have your say.
The result is the type of person you become;
You hope liked by all but always disliked by some.
You now face life just the way you are.
With what you have got you want it to go far.
The next 20 years are the achieving time,
Possibly the period of your life in your prime
You set out in life all attack not defence
With a degree of pride and a lot of confidence.
Success determined by achievements obtained
Can be measured differently but always retained;
Where you can say, 'I've got it made.'
This can be from work, family or the sport you played.
Next phase is the rewarding time of 40 to 60 years
Where you can look at the benefits and give three cheers.
Because by now a pattern of your life is emerging
And you consider what you have is surging.
By now you have all that you can get
And look forward to many years as you are set.
You can see all the benefits that you have perceived
And feel quite happy with what you have achieved.
You then move on to the 60 to 80 reflection age
Because you have all you can achieve at this stage
It is the time to look back at what you have done
Of the challenges of life that you have won.
This reflection is a way of looking back
And you can say you were always on the right track.
If you are still here after that number
There is not much more you will encumber.
You're in the bonus years of 80 plus
And in many surveys this age is superfluous.
But you are here and your attention turns to health
Being more important than your wealth
By now you have been here for quite a while
And I do hope you feel it has all been worthwhile

ASK the Expert Responds

1. When opener bids 1C and then rebids 2C should he have six clubs?

The rebid of 1NT should be balanced so 1 3 4 5 shapes are awkward to bid so with poor clubs some will open 1 diamond. With nice clubs open 1 club and rebid them. As responder assume a 6 card suit as this is normal.

2. When your right hand opponent has opened 1C, should you overcall 2C if you have six of them? (This is for beginners who don't know about Michaels cue bids). Seen it happen a few times now and wondering if people are just copying others.

Playing a 2c overcall as natural is fine by me. The rule for overcalling minors at the 2 level is a good 6 card suit or a stronger hand, this is because the risk is high and we rarely have game in a minor.

3. After three passes, what should you bid with

- ♠ AK5
- ♥ AKJ72
- ♦ 2
- ♣ KQ63?

I would open 2NT; second choice 2c; third 1 heart. Anything could be the winner. The reason there are so many different scores is that all decisions are a matter of selecting from a number of choices.

4. As south, I open 1D and west bids 1H. Does North need five spades to bid 1S? Many players say they are just responding to their partner and only need four but I believe that it is an overcall and they should have five in a suit.

The best treatment is 1s shows 4+ and double shows points and not 4 spades.

5. Should you preempt in first seat?

Yes. It is a descriptive bid so use it.

I hope my thoughts help. Ralph

Information from the QBA

There is a new Directors Proficiency Test – more details on the QBA Website. Thank you to Jan Peach for setting this up. It's a stepping-stone exam for becoming a club director or an exam which club directors should do to enable them to direct at clubs. For those who pass this examination, a certificate will be awarded. We have had our first couple of successful candidates.

Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships in Perth – April 2020 – Queensland will have two representative teams – read more on the QBA Website.

Gold Coast Congress News

- Walk-ins every session except Sunday morning
- Rookies Thursday session back to morning
- Seniors' Pairs and Seniors' Teams events have been discontinued - Seniors' and Women's categories introduced in Open Teams with own Finals and PQPs

2020 Gold Coast Congress February 21-29 Stage 1 of the 2020 Queensland Team Open Trials will be held before the Gold Coast Congress

2020 Barrier Reef Congress May 1-4 in Yeppoon

Visit the ABF Home page for a wealth of useful information

www.abf.com.au/education/

The **plan** is everything, and needs to be worked out on **every** hand, right after the lead is made. In no trumps, count winners, in suits, count both winners and losers.

Check how many tricks you need to develop, and then decide which techniques you will use. Sometimes working out which technique to use first is the problem, but having a basic knowledge of the **odds** will save you here. An even number of cards against you will divide oddly more than evenly, and vice versa, eg

- You and partner hold 7 cards in a suit, (missing 6 cards). Expect them to divide 4-2 more than 3-3.

Youth Team for the ANC is Jack Luke-Paredi, Ben Leung, Darren Brake, Jasmine Skeate, Ellen Visscher – Non-playing captain Paul Brake. 6th Player to be confirmed.

Open Team for the ANC is Tony Treloar, Peter Evans, Ralph Parker, Paul Hooykaas, Charlie Lu and Martin Qin – Non Playing Captain Martin Doran

Seniors Team for the ANC is Richard Ward, Therese Tully, Gheorghii Belonogov, Ewa Kowalczyk, Tony Hutton, Neville Francis – Non Playing Captain Martin Doran

Women's Team for the ANC is Greer Tucker, Maha Hoenig, Pele Rankin, Janeen Solomon, Annette Corkhill and Sue Spurway – Non Playing Captain Sue O'Brien.

Information from the ABF

- Bridge Column - Sign up to receive Ron Klinger's daily bridge column brought you by the Australian Bridge Federation. Columns are delivered directly to your inbox each day for only \$1 per week. Choose "Ongoing" to automatically renew your subscription each year.

- You and partner hold 8 cards (missing 5 cards). Expect them to divide 3-2 much more often than 4-1.

As declarer, we are sometimes taught to draw trumps too early. Roughly 40% of the time, you need to do something else with the trump suit (usually dummy's) **before** you draw them. The trump suit is a good way to cross to and fro between hands.

Don't panic as declarer – you need to remember the lead and try to build up a picture of the opponents' hands. Also practise keeping **count** in important suits. This means mentally recording the distribution of some suits.

What is the beer card you might ask?

For the aficionados it is the seven of diamonds and it comes attached with special rights. To make a beer card play declarer needs to make the last trick of the hand and make his contract with the diamond seven simple.



Where it came from I am not sure and who cares! It is the prize and satisfaction of getting such a play correct that matters.

Oh, the prize ... the partner of the beer card player buys a beer for his partner.

Banal you might say, and Paul Marston recently suggested it was only a strategy for youth players but I kid you not ... perhaps only for the young-at-heart is accurate ... it is amusing to explore and brings enjoyment to declarer play when you see a beer card play all come together ... knowing that, with the last card about to hit the deck, it is the BEER CARD

Here is a lovely beer card slam play which required bidding the slam and then the manipulation of the diamonds

NORTH		W/ NIL VUL
♠ Q 8 6 5		
♥ K 9		
♦ A 9 5		
♣ 8 7 6 3		
WEST	EAST	
♠ 7 4	♠ J 2	
♥ Q 5 4 2	♥ J 8 6 3	
♦ 4	♦ K 10 8 3	
♣ K Q J 10 5 4	♣ A 9 2	
SOUTH		
♠ A K 10 9 3		
♥ A 10 7		
♦ Q J 7 6 2		
♣ -		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	<small>C Page</small>		<small>T Wotherspoon</small>
PASS	PASS	PASS	1S
2C	3C ¹	PASS	4D
PASS	4S	PASS	4NT
PASS	5C ²	PASS	5D ³
PASS	5H ⁴	PASS	6S ⁵
PASS	PASS	PASS	

- 1 shows spade support
- 2 1 or 4 key cards
- 3 Trump queen inquiry?
- 4 Yes
- 5 Hurrah!

The club king is led and, after ruffing and drawing the trumps in two rounds, you try the ace and a low diamond towards the queen. Up pops the king so the beer card is now yours. Win the continuation and cash all the trumps so that the diamonds are played last. Casually let out "oh, a beer card to me" as the diamond seven hits the table for the thirteenth card ... and I am buying the beer!

Charles Page

QCBC would like to welcome these new members

Anne Smith
Arthur Sambrooks
Bobbie Somerville
Glynnis Gartside
Jacinta Lee
Kim McDonald
Marguerite Manifold
Marian Russell
Pat Crowd
Phil Hale
Rosemary Thomson
Sharon Salu
Valeri Barakin



TBIB have been a sponsor of bridge for many years and will be sponsoring the QCBC Teams & Pairs championship later in the year.

TBIB is a full service brokerage and are delighted to be able to offer their expertise to ABF members.

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Travel cover, and

Any other insurance protection matter.

TBIB look forward to hearing from you - **(07) 3252 5254** or abf@tbib.com.au

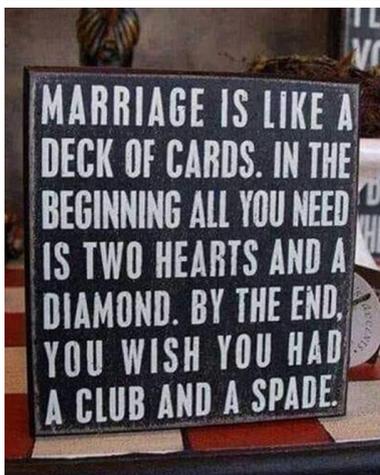
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Larry Cohen's Advice

I am a staunch advocate of "less is more." My observation is that at every level of the game, players are using too many conventions.

If I had to choose just 4 conventions, this would be my list:

1. Negative Doubles
2. [Blackwood](#)
3. Stayman
4. [Jacoby transfers](#)



Masterpoint Promotions

March

May Moffatt	Bronze Life
Jan Argent	Bronze Life
Martin Qin	Bronze Life
Deanne Gaskill	National
James Love	**Local
Thais Morgan-Petrus	Club
Debbie Carroll	Graduate



Lorraine Moulds



Martin Qin

April

Pamela Evans	Gold Life
Ian Bannister	Life
Linda Rosengren	Graduate



Annette Scott



Ian Bannister

May

Peter Robbins	Life
Annette Scott	National
Lorraine Moulds	**Local
Stephen Bennett	Club
Caroline Frazer	Club
Paddy Taylor	Club
Louise Purdie	Graduate



Deanne Gaskill



Jan Argent



Louise Purdie

