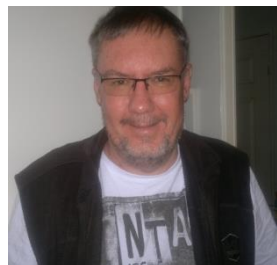


# QCBC Newsletter



The drainage works needed to rectify the water incursion through the building wall facing Wilton St have now been completed at a net cost just under \$70,000. The recent heavy rain gave this a good test out and there were no issues apart from some of the drains in the carpark silting up. This is an ongoing problem that requires the drains to be regularly inspected and cleaned.



The next work required is the replacement of all the flooring inside the building. Quotes have been received and work will be commissioned as soon as colours are selected and the money is received from our insurance settlement. The intention is to repaint the walls and replace the carpet in the annexe first so that the beginners classes and supervised play sessions can return to this area.

***Another issue that is now becoming critical is a shortage of directors to run our sessions. I urge any member who is interested in assisting to speak to Toni. All necessary training/mentoring will be provided.***

Finally Kim and I played in the Qld Graded Teams Championship held recently at the club. Entry numbers were disappointing particularly in the 'C' Grade. Just because an event carries a State Title should not discourage less experienced players from participating as **this is a great way to improve your game against stronger opposition.** Being a graded event also ensured your opponents were at a similar masterpoint level. One hand of interest from the event was:

BD: 15	♠6	Dir: S
	♥72	Vul: N-S
	♦JT97542	
	♣A93	
♠A74		♠KQJ932
♥AQJ98		♥K3
♦AK8		♦Q6
♣Q6		♣874
	♠T85	
	♥T654	
	♦3	
	♣KJT52	

At our table EW reached 6S by W after a transfer sequence following a 1NT opening. I led CA and continued when Kim encouraged so 1 off was the result. Our team mates also reached the same contract but received the lead of DJ so made 13 tricks for a 14 imp swing. In the 'A' section the slam was bid at 6 out of 12 tables and made on 5 occasions. Only 1 pair reached slam in the 'B'/'C' sections and also made. Against a suit slam I tend to lead an ace unless something in the bidding warns me not to but this was clearly a minority view on the day. Incidentally Kim and I would have stopped in 4S had we held the EW cards as our system would have allowed us to diagnose the club weakness. Too much information can sometimes result in a loss if the defenders don't find their tricks! Ray

## **GNOT HEAT AT QCBC Saturday 5 August**

- 1 day event - 9.30am start

\$100 per team. Non members welcome

**Qld Graded Pairs Saturday 2 September**

\$60 per pair. Enquiries and entries:

QCBC - 67 Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba  
3391 3241 [qcbc1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:qcbc1@optusnet.com.au)

***NOTE: The Red Point Ekka Pairs is on Wed 16 Aug – NOT as listed in the Club Calendar***



Dear All

**Important Dates for your Calendar**

Qld Butler – July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – venue Queensland Contract Bridge Club

Qld Open Teams – August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – venue Toowong Bridge club

Qld Graded Pairs – September 2<sup>nd</sup> – venue Queensland Contract Bridge club

Gold Coast Congress 2018 dates – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February with the No Frills back on the Friday 16<sup>th</sup>.

Theme – Aussie Aussie Aussie

**Other Information**

Please note that I am on sick leave from 10<sup>th</sup> July for an indefinite period – Ray (hubbie) will be looking after the office as much as possible until I can at least do light duties however you may find the office closed a bit more than usual.

Please also note that as from September 25<sup>th</sup>, the office will be closed until November 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time since I started in the position over 20 years ago. Ray and I will be going overseas. I will still answer emails and Toni Bardon will answer any bridge related matters. My answering service will divert all calls.

Kim Ellaway, Manager, Queensland Bridge Association

## Wednesday Evening Mentoring Night

To boost numbers on a Wednesday night, QCBC encourage players to put their name on a Players wishing to be Mentored list and Kim Ellaway will find you a mentor.

Conditions:

Mentor

Mentor will play free

Available on a Wednesday Night

Person being Mentored

pay normal table fees only

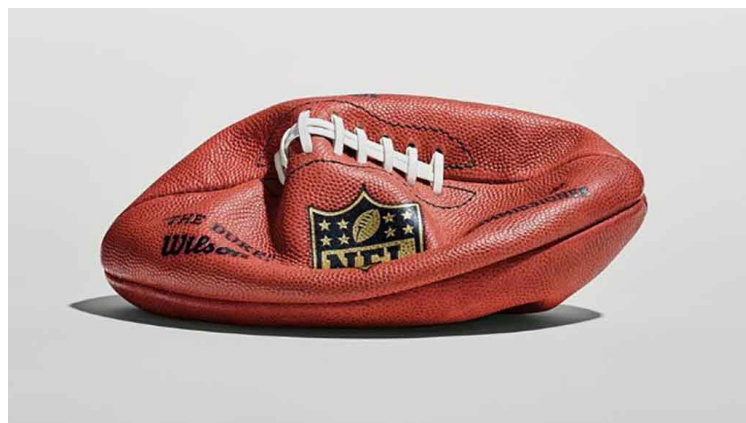
Must have played at least 10 supervised play sessions

Available on a Wednesday Night

Preferable that extra classes after beginners classes have been undertaken

If you would like to be on either one of these lists, please contact Kim on 0412064903.

## SWISS PAIRS WED NIGHT 19<sup>th</sup> JULY



State of Origin Will Be Over  
for Another Year  
**RED POINTS** Prior Entry  
Appreciated Though Walk-  
Ins Still Welcome

## Recent Congress Successes

### May 7 Hervey Bay Teams

A 1 R. Trollope, B. Midgley, V&P. Maddigan

B 2 J. Cooper, R. Roberts, N&B. Williams

### May 13 Surfers Paradise Teams

A 1 I. Afflick, P. Collins, N. MacLaurin,  
T. O'dempsey

2 J. Butts, P. Wyer, T. Strong, J. Magee

C 1 A&V. Chotai, K. Goodwin, S. Clifford

### May 20/21 QBA Mixed Pairs

A 1 M&L. Carter

2 M. Millar, n. Francis

3 P. Schoen, P. Hale

B.1 P. Larsen, J. Rohde

2 J. Glenn, A. Hamilton

3 A. Corkhill, G. Toon

C 2 A. Boyce, J. Jenkins

3 V&P. Robbins

### May 21 Novice Pairs Toowong

A 2 J. Finigan, M. Simon

3. K&W. Males

### May 28 BBC Graded Pairs

A 1 N. Francis, M. Perrin

2 C. Qin, C. Lu

3 P. Schoen, P. Hale

B 1 A. Boyce, I. Barfoot

2 J. Price, R. Spelman

3 R. Murtagh, A. Hyland

### June 3 Arana Pairs

A 1 N. Francis, M. Perrin

2 M. Carter, T. Hutton

3 P. Evans, T. Treloar

B 1 L. Ranke, J. Rohde

2 A. Boyce, J. Jenkins

3 R. Steinhardt, D. Eastman

C 1 G. Ypinazar, G. Boross

2 V&P. Robbins

### June 4 Arana Teams

A 1 R. Parker, J. Mills, R. Wallis, I. Halford

2 S. O'Brien, T. Bardon, C. Martin, P. Collins

3 P. Roberts, B. Carroll, C&N. Gibson

B 1 A. Boyce, J. Jenkins, J. Rohde, L. Ranke

2 A. Hyland, F. Jeppesen, B. Kent,

R. Murtagh

3 R. Clark, C. Stone, P&V. Robbins

### June 4 Darling Downs Novice Pairs

A 3 J. Cox, A. Marsland

### June 11 QBA Graded Teams

A 1 M. Carter, T. Hutton, C. Lu, C. Qin

2 R. Ward, L. Vincent, K&R. Ellaway

3 P. Rankin, T. Tully, J. Mills, R. Parker

B 1 K. Goodwin, S. Clifford, A&V. Chotai

2 J. Jeffries, D. O'Gorman, E. Mander,  
J. Williams

3 L. Ranke, G&A. Gosney, M. Plunkett

C 1 J. Finigan, M. Simon, K. Hamilton-Reen  
P. Thurlow

2 A. Scott, N. McIver, N&J. Hansen

3 K&W. Males, J. Iliescu. L. Nugent

### June 15 Noosa Imp Pairs

A 1 N. Francis, p. Bugler

2 M. Jakes, A. Dawson

3 I. Luck, R. Parker

### June 16 Sunshine Coast Imp Pairs

A 1 T. Bardon, J. Wallis

2 N. Francis, P. Bugler

B 2 J. Glenn, A. Hamilton

C 2 V&P. Robbins

### June 17,18 Sunshine Coast Teams

A 1 M&L Carter, T. Hutton, M. Doran

2 R&R Touton, L. Moses, A. Slater

B 3 A. Boyce, J. Jenkins, D&L. Rogers

### June 17 Gold Coast Imp Graded Pairs

A 1 I. Luck, R. Parker

2 T. Strong, J. Magee

### June 18 Gold Coast Teams

A 1 F. Whitaker, M. Sykes, T. Strong,  
J. Magee

2 T. Tully, P. Rankin, R. Ward, R. Parker

### June 24 Moreton Bribie Pairs

A 1 M. Carter, T. Hutton

2 R. Parker, P. Hooykaas

3 R. Ward, L. Vincent

### June 25 Moreton Bribie Teams

A 1 I. Afflick, G. Hart, R&R Touton

2 R. Ward, L. Vincent, S. Johnson,  
T. Bardon

3 M&L. Carter, T. Hutton, R. Wallis



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B. 3 D&L. Rogers, R. Palenthorpe,  
K. Marchant

**June 24,25 Goondiwindi Pairs**

A 1 A. Dawson, E. Zeller

**June 25 Toowong Pairs**

A 1 J. Mills, R. Parker

2 I&J. Luck

3 N. Francis, P. Gosney

B 1 P&J Evans

2 J. Glenn, A. Hamilton

**Australia-wide Novice Pairs**

Sandra Aring and Fenna Cooper

34th out of 1156 pairs!



**QLD Seniors Team:** P. Wyer, C. Miller,  
T. Hutton, P. Collins, I. Afflick, M. Carter



Fenna Cooper & Sandra Aring



**QLD Womens Team:**  
Rosemary Glastonbury, Betty  
Hobdell, Maureen Jakes, Alison  
Dawson, Sue O'brien

**Monday's  
Social Set**



## Masterpoint Promotions

### April

Valerie Robbins \*State  
Audrey Gross State

### May

Annette Corkhill Grand  
John Scrivens Gold Life  
Wendy Gibson \*National  
Deanne Gaskill \* State  
Rachel Langdon \*State  
Joan Walker \*Local  
James Smith Club  
John Van Doorn Club  
Judith Gradwell Graduate  
Sue Griffin Graduate



Annette Corkhill



Judith Gradwell & Sue Griffin



Wendy  
Gibson

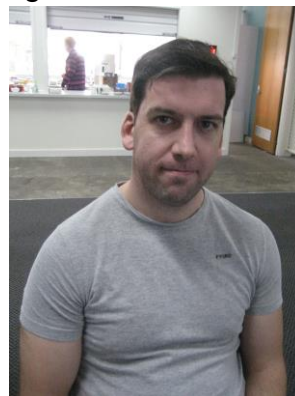


## Welcome to New Members

Denise Murphy  
Max McMahon  
Kamala Shakti  
Julianne Muscio  
Penny Thompson  
Dan Demi-Geroe  
Barry Copley  
John Stanley  
Louise Boustead  
Anne Woodhead  
Gemunu  
Nanayakkara  
Chris Green  
Fiona Balsillie  
Jenny Thompson

Ruth Parslow  
Thais Morgan-  
Pertus  
Greg Humphris  
**Lee McGovern**  
Paul Gosney  
Carolyn Miller  
Kevin Steffenson  
Krystyna Homik  
Jane Swanson  
Edda Strong  
Tom Strong  
Angeline Christie  
Nimal Weerasinghe

I moved to Brisbane from Barcelona a month ago and I have been enjoying playing at



QCBC with Margaret Dyer who has been very welcoming and helpful providing me advice for settling in. I am originally from Scotland and left home after University to work in a career in IT which has allowed me to live in London, New York,

Auckland and also to travel to lots of places in between. I have a kiwi wife and a 2.5 year old daughter called Sophia. I learned to play bridge 3 years ago and as I am sure everyone with much more experience would say there is always more to learn. I often practise on Bridge Base Online where I enjoy the head-to-head format challenges and bingo bridge tournaments. I also enjoy reading the Aces on Bridge blog which is written daily by former Dallas Aces member and 11 time world champion Bobby Wolff. I appreciate the kind welcome I have received by the club members. Lee McGovern

Audrey Gross



Pamela and Jim Evans have been in Canada promoting the bridge scene in Queensland.

Jim's attempts at recruiting failed (thank goodness!) This candidate beat a hasty retreat.



Pamela had more success at the bridge table.

Whilst on holiday in Canada, Pamela and I wanted to play bridge. So we went to the Vancouver Bridge Centre and had a game.

Unfortunately when we were into the third round, someone said there was a bad odour in the building and two or three people said it was making them sick. The night was called off so we only got to play seven or eight hands and then we went home.

Here is a hand Pamela played well.

Board 7	♠A762
DLR: S	♥AQ4
Vul: All	♦KQ8
	♣A86
♠KQJT85	♠9
♥2	♥KJ9863
♦4	♦AJT7
♣JT753	♣Q4
	♠43
	♥T75
	♦96532
	♣K93

S-P W- 2S N- X E-P S-2NT\* W-3C N-3NT\*

X=Lebensohl

2NT=0-8 points, any shape

3NT= scared we may miss a game!

Pamela bid 2NT Lebensohl showing 0-8 points. West then found a 3 Club bid and I bid 3NT hoping Pamela was closer to eight than Zero. Unfortunately she was not.

West led the Spade King, ducked in dummy, nine from East and four from Pamela.

The Queen followed and there was no reason to duck, so Pamela went up with the Ace, East discarding a small Heart, and now led the Diamond King. East won and led back the Diamond Jack, this cost him a trick, but I think he was hoping to make his Club Queen. Pamela won the Diamond Queen and led the eight which East won. He now did not want to play a Heart or a Diamond and led the Club Queen. Pamela ducked and then the Club four was led, which ran to the Ace. Now the club eight from dummy to hand and Pamela then played her last two Diamonds. Now she led the Heart 10 and played low from dummy, East won and had to lead into dummy's Ace - Queen of Hearts. Had East had not led the Diamond Jack and played the Club immediately, he would have been end played in Hearts and probably lose a trick to the Heart 10 as Pamela had the count on the hand.

Pamela played the hand well and managed to go only one off which was a very good result. The other two declarers went three and four off. **Jim Evans**



Pamela in Vancouver

West opened the bidding 2S, described as a single suit 6-10 points. I had to double and

# INTERACTIVE TRAINING With Andy Hung



**At Queensland Contract Bridge Club**

(67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba)



We are delighted to have Andy Hung back for more bridge lessons! We will continue to look at how to improve more of our bridge, but also learn some new things!

**Everyone is welcome – a partner is not required.**

Visit Andy Hung's Bridge Website at: [www.andyhungbridge.com](http://www.andyhungbridge.com)

DATE	Topics (with description)
WED 12/7/17 10AM-12:30PM	Bridge Adventure with Andy – An interactive lesson looking at bridge problems that Andy faced throughout the Gold Coast Congress that led his team to victory!
<del>WED 19/7/17</del>	BREAK for 1 week
WED 26/7/17 10AM-12:30PM	Defence Signals – Yet another important signal to master is the suit preference signals. How do they work, and when do they apply?
WED 2/8/17 10AM-12:30PM	Improving Your Bridge – Test yourself by playing hands, followed by discussion analysis with Andy. There will also be quiz problems to solve.
<b>Costs:</b> \$15 per person per lesson (Individuals and non-members are more than welcome!)	

Please RSVP (though not essential) to Andy Hung  
Email: [hung.andy.p@gmail.com](mailto:hung.andy.p@gmail.com)

## Hold Up Techniques: some advice from Victor Mollo and Nico Gardener in *Card Play Technique*

How do you play this one in Three No-Trumps, after a Heart opening from West?

N  
♠Ax  
♥xxxx  
♦AJ10 xx  
♣xx

S  
♠xxx  
♥Axx  
♦Q9x  
♣AKQx

Another lot of Chris Woolley's Graduates. Thank you, Chris from all of your past students.

What card do you play to the first trick? There are two reasons for going up with the Ace quickly. The first, and best, is that given a chance, East may switch to spades. Even if the black suit breaks 4-4, you cannot afford to lose one Heart, three Spades and a Diamond. The second reason is that the hold up is quite unnecessary, because you have seven Hearts between the two hands. The diamond finesse will be taken into East's hand. If the finesse wins, all is well. If it does not, all is still well. Either East will have no Heart to return or else West will have started with four Hearts only.

Here are the answers to the question: to hold up or not to hold up; and if so, how often. To guard against a five-card suit, which may mean four losers:

**(a) With five of the suit between you and dummy, hold up twice. Take the third one. That may sever communications between defenders, unless the suit breaks 4-4.**

**(b) With six, hold up once. Again you sever communications when the suit is divided 5-2.**

**(c) Holding seven, no hold up is necessary at all.**

