

QCBC Newsletter



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President's Report

It has been great to hear so many of our members commenting positively on the landscaping out the front. The plants look good and should be relatively easy to maintain. We are waiting on the installation of a sail to provide some shade and that will happen after lights have been fitted to the sign.



Coming Events

Jun 7-10 Barrier Reef Congress – Mackay
Jun 9-10 QCBC Teams and Pairs
Jun 13 Noosa Butler Pairs
Jun 15-16 Sunshine Coast Butler Pairs
Jun 22 QBA Club Directors Exam
Jun 23 BBC Novice Pairs
Jun 27 QBA Council Meeting
Jun 27 Youth Bridge Fun Day QCBC
Jun 30 QBA Graded Teams – QCBC
Jul 4 Youth Bridge Fun Day QCBC
Jul 7 Lockyer Swiss Pairs
Jul 7 Noosa Teams
Jul 7-18 Aust Nat Championships - Adelaide

ABF Alert: What Should I Bid?

The ABF Management Committee is pleased to announce that Andy Hung has kindly agreed to facilitate this forum on the front page of the ABF Web Page. It will commence again in April with a \$30 prize on offer to the winner each month to be spent either with Paul Lavings Post Free Books or with Nick Fahrer at the Bookshop.

The two computers in the annexe are part of a Commonwealth program aimed at assisting older people to become familiar with the internet. They are available for our members to use whenever they are in the club. If you would like help with getting started with internet searches, emailing or using skype, please contact myself or Jenny Williams or get one of your friends to show you the ropes. It is a great resource; please use it.

QCBC relies on the generosity and goodwill of those of our members who do the hundreds of jobs required to keep the club running. I do ask that if you see even the smallest little task around the place that you think you might be able to perform consistently, please volunteer. It might be as simple as watering the potplant, or refilling the cup holders near the water fountain: or it might be just half an hour a week dealing cards. Please think about how you might contribute to our club in ways other than your charm and skill at cards!

Monica Pritchard



Congratulations to members of the Youth Team: L-R Angus Gray, Anastasia Mulcahy, Jessica Brake, Russell Skennerton, Chris Larter, Paul Brake (Captain), Andrew Gosney

Paula McLeish is Captain of the Womens Team



Queensland Mixed Pairs Championship and Toowong Novice Pairs Events



Congratulations to Betty Lee and Mike Robson won the Queensland Mixed Pairs Championship



Charlie Lu and Martin Qin won the Toowong Novice Pairs Event



Eileen Li and Greg Lee- Plate Winners



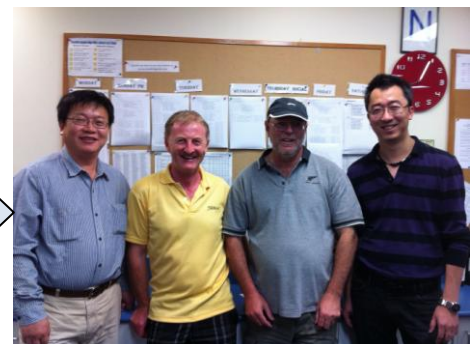
Jim and Pamela Evans Second in the Plate



Dennis Sullivan and Albert Loh - runners up in the Novice Pairs

Macau Teams Winners

Martin Qin, Patrick Bugler, Neville Francis and Charlie Lu



QLD Mixed Pairs Championship

- 1st: Betty Lee and Mike Robson
- 2nd Annette Maluish and Neville Francis
- 3rd Jill Broad and John Gough

Novice Pairs

- 1st Charlie Lu and Martin Qin
- 2nd Dennis Sullivan and Albert Loh

BBC Graded Butler Pairs

- 1st Neville Francis and John Kelly
- 2nd Ralph Parker and Richard Wallis
- B Grade: 1st Kevin Dean and Geoffrey Roberts
- C Grade 1st Gabrielle and John Elich



Martin Qin – State Master

May Promotions

Dawson, Alison	Silver Life
Chotai, Ashok	National
Price, Margaret	Regional
Jaremko, Krystna	Club
Seymour, Kerry	Graduate



Marie Gilliland – Graduate Master

Welcome to new member Laurie Queay.



Don't Forget You Have a Partner!

From an Anonymous Contributor

I have a partner who, from time to time, falls in love with his long minor. At a recent venue the following hand was dealt:

Dealer W	♠AQJ864	
NS Vul.	♥A72	
	♦2	
	♣AJ9	
♠KT5		♠732
♥K984		♥QJT53
♦T963		♦
♣T8		♣76532
	♠9	
	♥6	
	♦AKQJ8754	
	♣KQ4	

Kate's Rules to Live by No 44:

PARTNER IS YOUR BEST FRIEND. You can't win without him. Treat him well – he doesn't play well if you don't.

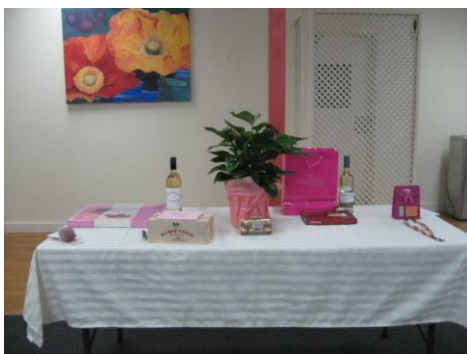
During this competition partner had already pushed on with his long minor (with no encouragement from me) to game or just less, three times. This gave us three bottom or near bottom boards. This bidding sequence was no exception.

We were sitting NS with me at N. I opened 1S and partner jumped to 5D. Our system says a jump shift is weak and that is where we play, so I passed having no idea of his holding.

Nine pairs bid a grand slam in NT or D, 29 pairs had slams in NT or D, all getting 13 tricks, and then there was us – 13 IMPs away on one board with the average NS score for the room being 1490. We got 640 and that cost us a round win.

If partner had thought for 5 seconds and asked for aces, we would have ended up in 7NT; but he was besotted with his minor holding and blinkered by his love for it. My expression, normally poker faces, after he won 13 tricks was unnecessary as his guilt kicked in. Our subsequent discussion hopefully will lead to partnership bids in the future.

Don't forget you have a partner.



Thanks to **Toni Bardon** for organising a **Mothers Day raffle fund-raiser** for QCBC and to **Kirti Chotai** for donating a raffle prize. Winners were: **Larry Moses, Stella Langevad, Carmel Martin** and **Jean Tregea**.

Raffle Winner

Barbara Johnson was the lucky winner of the Biggest Morning Tea Raffle organised by **Lynne Bowler** as part of a fund-raiser for breast cancer research. Over \$3,500 was raised.



Chris Woolley's latest champions-in-the-making at a lesson on Thursday.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ros Hero's mother's wartime letters have been published.

Authors Pat Richardson and Anne Skinner present Historic Australiana Military Biography in "**Queenie, Letters from an Australian Army Nurse, 1915-1917**"

This newly released book gives a glimpse into the hospital wards of the First World War and the life and times of a young woman who sailed across the world to help make a difference

Enquiries to

www.bookpal.com.au.

The Beer Card

The Beer Card is the Seven of Diamonds. It is not part of the official rules of Bridge, but there is a tradition among some players that if the declarer succeeds in making the contract **and** wins the **last** trick with the Seven of Diamonds, dummy must buy the declarer a beer of the declarer's choice. In the same way, if the opponents defeat the contract and one of them wins the last trick with the Seven of Diamonds, the opponent who wins the last trick is bought a beer by the other opponent.



The Beer Card tradition originated in Copenhagen in the 1950's or 1960's. It was probably inspired by:

1. the large reward for winning the last trick with a King or the Pagat (lowest trump) in the game of Danish Tarok, or the bonus for winning the last trick with the trump 7 (the lowest trump) in the Danish form of Skat;
2. the fact that the diamond seven is a valuable card in the system of *bommelommer* points - a way of evaluating a Bridge hand which has little or no connection with its usefulness in the game of Bridge, but was used in some Danish clubs as the basis of a side-bet between partners. Bommerlommer is a slightly old-fashioned Danish slang word for money.

Years ago there were only two acceptable excuses for not leading the suit your partner had opened: having no cards in the suit and sudden death.

Alfred Sheinwold ☺



Bridge Resources

Another useful title to be found in the BBC library system is ***Misplay These Hands with Me*** – Mark Horton 2007

59 anecdotes deal with hands where the contract was defeated but could have made with a different line of play. Following each description is a post-mortem revealing the better approach.

The hands deal with squeezes, end plays, missed interpretation of holdings, ducking and heaps more. Well worth poring over to try to improve one's play.

Hand 36 is called **Rice Crackers**. It deals with ducking.

Dealer East ♠J8743

Both Vul. ♥_

♦A98

♣QJT93

♠Q

♥A76432

♦K762

♣K7

♠9652

♥Q8

♦QJ43

♣542

♠AKT

♥KJT95

♦T5

♣A86

Bidding: W

N

E

S

P

1NT

P

2H*

P

2S

P

3C

P

4S

ALL PASS

West Leads D6. Declarer wins DA and sets about the side suit, running the CQ, which holds. Now the CJ is led to repeat the finesse only to lose to the CK. West returns D2 won by East's DJ. East returns a C, which West ruffs with the SQ and exits with DK ruffed by declarer, who lays down the SA eventually conceding a trick to East's S9.

POST_MORTEM: Most players are familiar with ducking at notrump, but many fail to appreciate the benefits of doing so during suit play. I have to confess that I missed the opportunity on this deal. Suppose I duck the first diamond? I win the diamond continuation, ruff a diamond and cash the Ace and King of spades. Now I lead a low club from hand. West wins and plays a red suit, but I can ruff, cash the jack of spades and then play on clubs.

How my goose was cooked because I did not duck. Joan Jenkins, Novice

Dealer S ♠974

Vul. E-W ♥T653

♦987

♣974

♠8

♥Q9842

♦AJT432

♣Q

♠KQ632

♥AJ

♦65

♣AT86

♠AJT5

♥K7

♦KQ

♣KJ532

During the Macau Teams event, I was East and bid 3NT on this hand. South led C3. On this lead I can probably count on 2 clubs, 1 spade, 1 heart (maybe 2), so I need to try to pick up 5 diamonds. The major stumbling block is lack of entries to dummy. Luck delivered me the perfect set-up to make my 3NT. I won the CQ, played a heart to my HA and led D5 planning to finesse the DJ then finesse the DT on the next opportunity, while I still had controls in the other suits.

Alas! The duck became a goose when South played the DK and I covered with the DA wrecking my communication with dummy.

Eulogy: Jacqueline June Hobson

Jacqui's son, Peter delivered
this eulogy at her funeral.

I thought I would give you insight into my mothers life as it was a truly amazing story. Why? Nothing sinister or to be ashamed. It is a story that must be told to piece together the fragments of my mother's life to set the record straight and to unite family from the past and into the future.

Mum came into the world from a young mother and was adopted by the loving Wirth family. Mum grew up with her adopted siblings Harry, Dot Vern, Bill and Ena in Bendigo. Dot and Mum were inseparable and looked out for each other until Dot parted in 2007. Mum became a nurse when she left school and excelled, so much so that she received an award. A photograph was published in a Melbourne paper. Her natural mother, Dale saw the spitting image of herself in the paper and made contact with mum. Mum lived with Dale for a period while in Melbourne. In 194 Mum married Alan Howe who went to war. He escaped from Ambon with a group of Americans to avoid captivity in January 1942 by dingy and spent 5 days drifting before being rescued. They had a daughter Juanita in 1944. Alan was accused of desertion and was a broken man. He was later pardoned however war neurosis took hold and he spent the rest of his life in psychiatric care. My mother and Juanita moved back home to the Wirth family in Bendigo who raised Juanita with the financial support of my mother. Juanita has kept in contact with the Howe family who live in Beechworth. Mum nursed in Malaya, Singapore, Townsville and Cooktown where she was the matron with no doctors in town. In Sydney mum nursed at Concord Hospital where she met David and they married in 1956, moved to Brisbane and had two sons Malcolm and I.

In 1990 I saw Dale. She never had any children after mum, she cried as her child had been taken from her at birth and the publicity of the indigenous stolen generation at the time was deeply hurtful as there was no recognition of her suffering. Only recently has the suffering of my mothers natural mother been recognized.

Most of you know our history in Brisbane, but over the last five days I have had time to reflect and get an insight into my mothers life. Her highest priority was always her family and her inner strength was shown by her love, loyalty and dedication to David over his long illness, her children her grandchildren and her great grandchildren Lillee and Angus. Outside the family, she was a leader, was energetic and driven, was generous and charitable, having served on many committees and successfully had leadership positions in many organizations such as The Creativity Centre and the Red Cross.

In the 1970's as Malcolm and I grew up, mum became more involved in these extra curricular activities and she included many of her friends. This in fact was part of the family evolution brought about during the Whitlam era. I believe that my mother was at the forefront of this change and assisted many women in liberating themselves from the stereotypical 1950's and 1960's family unit. I was only given this insight when I spoke to a friend the other night,

Mum never lost her energy and independence until her final weeks. Mum you have made your mark on this world. You have always been selfless, caring for others and you have always put you family first. Thank Christine and Jacobs/George families, the Church, Red Cross, the CC, the Bridge club, Tricare staff and residents, friends and family. Thankyou Juanita Vikki and Mark for coming up to support.

Fay and Tom have resigned from QCBC due to advancing age. What a debt current and future members owe them! Read on.

A Tribute to Fay and Tom Landy by Keith McDonald

I met Tom and Fay Landy at the Queensland Bridge Club at Manning Street in 1979. They were both welcoming and helpful. Tom was always ready to give sound advice and a little coaching. I knew Tom was a very successful Stock broker and a good golfer. His practice was in the building where I worked and I often overheard conversations in the lift. He was an expert player and Fay credits Tom with assisting her improve in the game. An extract from the publication "Mind Games a Biographical History of Bridge in Queensland" on Fay's career is reprinted below this profile.

Fay was the Masterpoint Secretary of QCBC and collected the "green slips" we received and kept detailed records on all our club members. This of course was pre computers and this job was a lot of work. Each month I would proudly ask "Mrs Landy" how I had progressed. She would smile and congratulate me on the rather pathetic number of points I had received. You would have thought I won the jackpot. Fay was responsible for many tasks done without being asked. No task was too menial.

Both Tom and Fay were foundation members of the club and two of the original guarantors of the loan to buy Manning Street. When the club outgrew that building they lent the club money to purchase our current premises. Tom went further and undertook to make good any short fall in funds by way of a loan to help the Board and club members. They were always available to assist the club in any manner they could.

With advancing years both have retired from active bridge. I regret that newer members will not have the opportunity to know such wonderful players.

From *Mind Games* written by Queensland Bridge Association

One of the most prominent surnames in the game of bridge in Queensland over recent decades is that of Landy. Fay Landy has represented Queensland and Australia several times in this period, and her husband Tom, has also represented the state and has several Queensland championships to his name.

Fay Landy grew up in Auchenflower a suburb on the west side of Brisbane. She had an early introduction to the bridge through playing the auction version of the game at home with her mother, father and brother but did not pursue this interest outside the family circle for some years. Rather, as a young woman she was attracted to another challenging pastime - golf - a game at which she showed sufficient talent to represent her club at pennant grade.

It was at golf that she first met Tom, while playing in a "mixed quarrelsome" competition (to use Tom's description). Subsequently they were married, and Tom, being a keen bridge player, was in the habit of inviting some of the leading players to their home of an evening. At first Fay was content to play the role of observer to these keenly contested games of contract bridge, her main interest being directed towards her golf at that time. An injury forced her to give up golf for some years, however and during this time she turned her attention to contract bridge.

Naturally enough, she received a lot of coaching in these early stages from Tom and she credits him with starting her on the right track and helping her tremendously in her introduction to the game. Another source of assistance and encouragement in these formative years was Nellie Hatton, a well-known golfing identity who was her regular partner for some time. Then at a later

stage of her career, when she was seeking the expert advice of "gurus", Bob Williams and Denis Priest filled these roles.

Her representative record included fifteen appearances for the Queensland Women's Team at the interstate level, surely a record of its type and six wins in the State Women's Pairs - In 1963 G Dukes in 1965 with P Faust in 1976 and 1978 with Ivy Dahler in 1982 with Gray Reynolds and in 1985 with Greer Tucker. Of particular note, too, was her membership of the first Queensland team to win the ANC Women's Interstate Teams Championships in 1973, the team being comprised of F Landy - B Neill, P Brown - E Poulsen and I Entsch - E Woodhouse.

At a national level, she represented Australia at the Far East Bridge Federation Championships on two occasions, in 1971 and in 1977. She was partnered by Ivy Dahler in both of these championships coming third in 1971 and winning in 1977 in Manila - a splendid international achievement. Other members of the Australian Ladies Team on that occasion were Barbara McDonald, Elizabeth Havas, Claire Grigg Lester and Cecile Miles. Fay and Ivy Dahler also represented Australia in 1972 at the World Open Teams Olympiad at Miami and in 1978 at the Venice Cup in New Orleans.

Over the years Fay has experimented with a number of systems. She started with Culbertson, changed to Goren, moved to Acol, then Precision and now plays mostly Standard American. As she says, the most suitable system for any particular individual is often a resultant of both current trends and partnership preferences. She has little time for some of the more complex modern systems, with their attendant distractions of continual alerting and favours the KISS (Keep it Simple Stupid) approach to bidding with its preservation of mental energy for the playing of the hands. She also finds that Standard American is a widely accepted and negotiable system which fits in well with her current custom of playing with many different partners. In her fifth decade of a marriage in which bridge has featured both continuously and strongly, Fay now looks back with many fond memories of her associations with the game at various levels and in different parts of the world. As a result of this experience she has strong recommendations for this activity and its potential for mental stimulation companionship and entertainment.

Kim Ellaway, Manager, Queensland Bridge Association

HYGIENE ALERT! Cold & Flu Prevention

Experts suggest:
wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly.
if you feel a sneeze coming, please cover your mouth with a tissue or sneeze into the crook of your elbow.

We have tissues and hand sanitisers at the club because we want to help you all stay cold and flu free this winter.

Try to protect the cards from sneezes; however it is impossible to sanitise them. Keep your hands away from your face until you have washed and dried them thoroughly.



Try the latest in protection from germs. See Toni.

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