

QCBC Newsletter



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Coming Events

- † May 11 Surfers Paradise Teams
- † May 18 Townsville Novice Pairs
- † **May 18-19 QBA Mixed Pairs Toowong**
- † May 19 Novice Pairs – Toowong
- † May 26 BBC Graded Butler Pairs
- † June 1-2 Arana Butler Pairs and Teams
- † June 1-2 Goondiwindi Pairs
- † **June 7-10 QBA Barrier Reef Congress – Mackay**
- † June 9-10 QCBC Teams and Pairs with Restricted Sections
- † June 13 Noosa Butler Pairs
- † June 15-16 Sunshine Coast Butler Pairs and Teams
- † June 16 Toowong Swiss Butler Pairs with Restricted Section < 150 MPS
- † **June 22 QBA Club Directors Exam**
- † June 22 Townsville Teams
- † June 23 BBC Novice pairs
- † June 27 QCBC Youth Bridge Fun Day
- † June 29-30 Cleveland Bay Pairs
- † **June 30 QBA Graded Teams QCBC**

From the President, Monica Pritchard

As I indicated in the last newsletter, the Board has been working on ensuring that our organisation meets all its responsibilities under various pieces of state and federal legislation.



This involves a high level of attention to documenting policies and procedures in relation to financial management, anti-discrimination, health and safety, anti-harassment, risk-management and so on. The Board is working in a systematic way to document existing policies and procedures and where necessary, to formulate new ones. To date, the Board has signed off on policies and procedures related to health and safety, a Code of Conduct and a policy for managing breaches of that code. We have others in draft form ready for ratification. Where appropriate, these documents will be made available on the website and the notice board. We would appreciate your feedback.

QCBC has a small number of long-time sponsors. Our club is actively seeking additional sponsors. One of the benefits of sponsorship is that club members are more likely to consider the sponsoring business over the competition. If you have or know of a business which would consider a sponsorship arrangement, please mention it to Toni or any Board member.

ANZAC DAY TEAMS

Tony Treloar welcomed everyone and reminded us of the importance of bridge in the lives of Diggers especially when they were prisoners-of-war.

Overall Winners were Richard Ward, Agnes and Barry Kempthorne and Lynette Vincent

Second: Ralph Parker, Sanmugaras Kamalarasa, Peter Hainsworth and Nathan van Jole

Plate Winners were Jillian Tuckey, Andrew Woollons, Rozanne Thomas and Richard Fox

Second: James and Pamela Evans, Ellen Meldrum and Peter Wells

Consolation First: Deirdre Giles, Ross Murtagh, Barbara MacKay, Robin Steinhardt

Equal Second: Jeanne Welch, Maureen Jones, Margaret Cooper, Margaret Watson

Lucy Bresnehan, Charles Page, Barry Williams, Margaret Bower



Winners: Agnes, Richard, Barry and Lynette



Plate Winner Andrew Woollons receiving the prize from Tony Treloar



Anzac Day Teams Scenes

Congratulations to the Queensland Womens Team

Maureen Jakes, Meta Goodman; Cecily Critchley, Lynley Jenkins; Carolyn Woolley, Margaret Miller

Congratulations to the Open Team

Kamal and Nathan Van Jole, Rosie Green and Peter Evans and Peter Hainsworth and Mike Pemberton - Captain Neville Francis

Congratulations to the Seniors Team

Ian Afflic and Paul Collins, Tony Jackman and Tony Hutton and Richard Wallis and Therese Tully - Captain David McLeish

Congratulations to the Youth Team

Jessica Brake, Christopher Larter, Russell Skennerton, Anastasia Mulcahy, Angus Gray, Andrew Gosney
Captain Paul Brake

Sadly, Bruce Proudfoot who was Chairman of the Board 1979-81 and had been a member from 1970 until the last few years has passed away.

Paul Gerber, a former long-standing member of QCBC has passed away. Still fondly remembered.

A Congress of Masterpoint Promotions



Robin Steinhardt



John Corderoy

Edith Faint



Tony Marsland



Joan Jenkins and Janet Lowe

Ross Currin receiving his Certificate from Toni Barden



Don Tugby

A Worthy Cause

*Isabella Bevan is Carmel Martin's sister. Below is an **extract** from a letter from Isabella about her most recent charity.*

My name is Isabella Bevan and I recently read an article on women's shelters that outlined the plight of mothers and their children arriving at refuges with only the clothes they stand in.

Ozcare is a not-for-profit organisation which provides a wide range of health and community services across Queensland. The organisation has five domestic and family violence refuges in Brisbane alone, where they provide safe and secure short term accommodation to women and children affected by domestic violence. I am hoping to organise donations of essential school items, such as school bags, stationery, socks, school shoes, polo shirts etc. The aim of this support is to help these families make the transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

So far a bag supplier has generously donated 250 school bags. The next aim is to provide 250 pencil cases containing pencils, erasers, coloured pencil packs, rulers, sharpeners (barrel), blue and red biros, glue sticks and school scissors (round edged).

I am also looking for donations of white school socks, sizes 13-2 and 2-8.

*If you are interested in helping **please make your donation of items listed or cash through my sister, Carmel Martin.** If you have any questions or can assist in any other manner please contact me on 0411 441 719 or Carmel on 0438 873 620.*

Warm regards, Isabella Bevan



An additional source of bridge books is the BCC Library System - Joan Jenkins

Improving players should find *No Trump Contracts* (2003) by **David Bird** very rewarding. It is clear and comprehensive, comprising twelve chapters following the pattern: discussion, examples, summary of points to remember and then hands to test yourself.

The chapters cover planning the play, holding up, finessing and ducking into the safe hand, playing Ace-Queen combinations, maintaining entries, disguising your strength, the throw-in and counting defenders' shape.

Chapter eleven deals with the throw-in. The following aspects are covered:

- Relying on assistance
- Forcing the discard of winners

Under Points to Remember this advice is listed:

- To execute a throw-in, you must remove any safe exit cards that the key defender holds.
- To leave yourself with a throw-in card, you may need to win the second round from a stopper of Axx in the suit led.
- When a defender holds too many winners alongside his xx (or Qxx)' play winners of your own to put him to a critical discard.

The bidding for the following hand:

West	North	East	South
2S	3NT	All Pass	1NT (15-17)

<p>♠ KQJ984 ♥ Q5 ♦ J85 ♣ K5</p>	<p>♠ 73 ♥ A74 ♦ KQ102 ♣ Q863</p>
<p>♠ 65 ♥ JT962 ♦ 93 ♣ JT92</p>	<p>♠ AT2 ♥ K83 ♦ A764 ♣ A74</p>

West leads his SK against 3NT. You duck the first round and West continues with the SQ, East completing a high-low signal to indicate he holds two cards in the suit. There would be little point in a second hold-up since East is unlikely to gain the lead. You win the second spade, retaining the option of throwing West on lead with the S !0 at a later stage. What now?

You can count eight top tricks if the diamonds come in. The only realistic chance of a ninth trick is to score dummy's CQ. You cannot do this if East holds the CK sitting over the queen. Nor is it obvious how you can score a club trick if West holds the CK.

You will have to remove all of West's red-suit cards first, otherwise he would have a safe exit in one of those suits.

When you play on diamonds, the suit breaks and West shows up with three cards in the suit. On the fourth round he throws the H5. The HA drops West's HQ and leaves these cards still to be played:

♠-	♠-
♥74	♥JT
♦-	♦-
♣Q863	♣JT92
♠J984	
♥-	
♦-	
♣K5	
	♠T
	♥K8
	♦-
	♣A74

The key moment has been reached. You play a heart to your king and turn to watch West's reaction. He is not a happy man. In order to retain a guard on the CK he has to throw one of his spade winners. Since he has only three winners remaining (and one trick already scored, the spade that you ducked at Trick 1), it is safe to throw him on lead. West cashes three spades and then has to lead away from the CK. You rise with dummy's queen and claim the contract when this card holds.

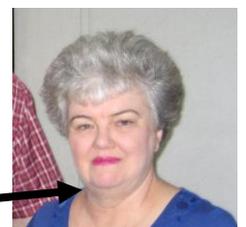
The Easter Raffle was a Winner - raising \$342



Anne Barry won the cushions made and donated by Vivien Corderoy.



Margaret Owen won the quilt made and donated by Glenys Larter.

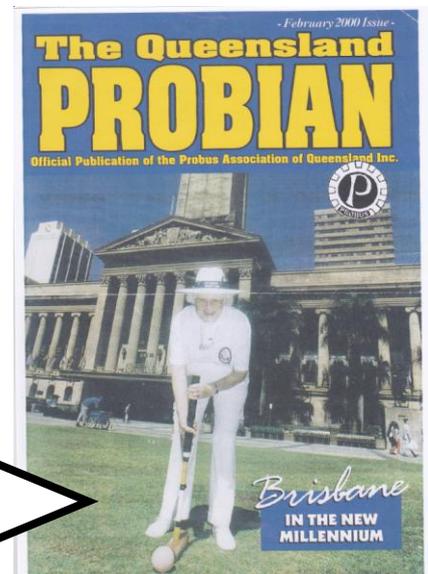


Jocelyn Steele won the plate and chocolates donated by Glenda Lloyd,



Marion O'Malley has had a good influence on her daughter, Claire Woods. Note that Claire is holding her copy of Paul Marston's *Introduction to Bridge*. Another rising star!

Mollie Muller starred on the croquet green for a number of years. Now a sprightly 91 years of age she has abandoned croquet but now plays a mean game of bridge.



A Hand from the GOLD COAST CONGRESS – Dawn Cullen

Match 12 Hand 24 Dealer W Nil Vul

	J75	
	932	
	K96	
	KT73	
Q4		AKT86
KT874		AQ
J43		AQ8
Q98		AJ5
	932	
	J65	
	T752	
	642	

After having very few values in the previous matches East could not believe his luck to pick up this lovely balanced 24 count. The bidding went 2C - (P) - 2D waiting.

Now a 2NT rebid shows a balanced 23 – 24 point hand. (This is better than 2 spades which should be an unbalanced hand and usually a 6 card suit.)



This is the type of hand that Puppet Stayman was developed to investigate.

On this particular hand a transfer to hearts is the appropriate bid.

It is usually not good for the weaker hand to ask for key cards but this time West has no option.

With 8 HCP and a good 5 card suit opposite a balanced 23 then slam must be a possibility.

4 NT would be RKC in hearts. After finding out that all 4 aces are there, an asking bid for the Q of hearts is useful.

If the partnership uses 4NT as quantitative then 4C would be Gerber.

5 NT shows that all the keycards are held and asks about kings. When only one is present, the slam is going to depend on one of two finesses so West can bid 6 NT. It is a great advantage to have the opening lead come up to the strong hand.

A lead of a minor suit from the south hand is likely to be helpful. **If a spade is led east must be careful to win in his hand to preserve the only entry to the west hand.** There are finesse possibilities in both minor suits.

First east can test the possibility of a 3 – 3 break in the heart suit although this only happens about 1/3 of the time. Unblock the A and Q of hearts and then use the only entry to dummy Q S to test the heart suit.

This time fortune favours the brave and 5 heart tricks are available. Discards will be helpful in deciding which minor suit to finesse after a spade lead.

It all works terribly well since both minor kings are in the north hand and the spade suit breaks 3 – 3. This is very lucky and the result is that 13 tricks are available, with one finesse in a minor.

Kate's Rules to Live by: No. 13

Bid Your Long Suits – don't make a takeout double.

The QCBC Youth Bridge Fun Day on April 4 was well attended.



Can you spot the future champions?



Keep an eye out for Chris Woolley's budding champions.

Open Days – Come & Try Sessions

Sundays 23 June and 18 August from 2pm

Please come to join us at Stephens Croquet Club for a Come & Try session on Sundays 23 June and 18 August from 2pm.

All newcomers most welcome to try the tactical, challenging and fun game of croquet.

All equipment provided and all ages welcome. Please wear flat soled shoes.

Come along on the day or prior contact can be made if you wish: stephens@croquetqld.org

Heather 3844 7352; Gaye 3397 4307; Val 3395 4094

Club entrance and car parking from 104 Frederick Street [off Villa Street], Annerley. Club House telephone number 3892 4145.

Stephens Croquet Club is adjacent to the Brisbane Bridge Centre in Yeronga Park.



The

front garden is looking good. Unfortunately the old potted ficus is looking bad.

Wanted: a very large pot to enable the resurrection of this plant. Do you happen to have one you would be prepared to donate? Transport can be arranged.



Welcome to Our New Members This Year

Kiku Mukai
Kay Mukai
Christine Bentley
Barbara Clifford
Krystyna Jaremko
Lyn Kelly
Jane Eberhardt

Richard Fox
Gillian Baker
Gillian McCormack
Judy Heffernan
Glenys Cowan
Martin Qin
Bill Peters

Jennifer Finigan
Mary Dettori
Roberta Tait
Elizabeth Egan
Brigitte Stuthe
Carol Loth

A Plea for Help



Tiffany is a desexed female of medium size, aged 14 months. She has blue eyes, a pink nose, a grey patch around her eyes, two grey front legs with white paws, two white back legs and a fluffy grey tail.

Robbers stole the car with Tiffany inside on 23rd April at Eight Mile Plains.

Reward for her safe return: \$500 – NO QUESTIONS ASKED!

Please contact Ben on 0403731282 or Nicole on 0408003726 if you have any information.

Andy Hung's sister is the young lady that was carjacked at Eight Mile Plains. Her cat was in the car and she would love to have it back.