



## President's Report

After all the fun of the holiday season, it seems strange to be settling quickly back into the routine of the new year. For those who came to our New Year's Eve party, it was a great start to the new decade. Sixteen teams battled for the honour of being best at Bridge, best at the quiz or best dressed. My memory of much of it is fuzzy but I do remember that it was a good night. The photos seem to back me up. Thanks to all who made it so much fun, particularly Tony Treloar, Cheryl Stone and the music maestro.

The introduction of the Bridgemates scoring system to our club has been a very welcome development. The ability of our players to adapt to the new system has been impressive and it is great to see how willingly helpers have come forward to assist with the distribution and collection of the table-top terminals, the correction of errors during play and the final calculation and printing of results. Thank you to everyone involved. A particular thank you to the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund which funded the purchase of this system for the Queensland Contract Bridge Club. Over the years we have been helped enormously by grants from this fund and we are happy to acknowledge the value of the support we have received.

For some of our members, the Bridgemates have served as an introduction to the possibilities of computer technology. An extension of that might be available shortly as our club has applied to host a kiosk under the *Broadband for Seniors* initiative of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). If successful we will have on site a kiosk which will provide free access to computers, broadband services and training to seniors. The kiosks will allow you to send and receive emails, swap files and photos and meet with other seniors who are venturing on to the internet for the first time. We will keep you up to date with how this application is proceeding.

A number of club members are either Justices of the Peace or Commissioners for Declarations. Toni is preparing a list of these names for display so that if you need the services of a J.P. or C. Dec. to witness

documents, you will be able to contact one through the club.

Most of you will have noticed that we suffered some flood damage during the December's severe weather. Our insurance company is covering the cost of repair of this damage.

QCBC is very fortunate in that it has a number of members who are prepared to act as Directors for sessions of play. They are all volunteers and there is little doubt that the demands of Directing can be onerous. At the very least, their attention to their own game is interrupted. One of the difficult aspects of directing is the assignment of seating. This should not be difficult.

According to the Laws of Bridge, (Law 5) 'The Director assigns an initial position to each contestant at the start of the session. *Unless otherwise directed* the members of each pair or team may select seats among those assigned to them by mutual agreement.'

The Director is responsible for the technical management of the session or event and the Board expects (and the laws require) that Directors will ensure the orderly progress of the game. If you are asked to move, it will be because it is necessary. Directors attempt to be sensitive to the needs and preferences of players but to refuse to move is contrary to the laws of Bridge.

Finally it is great to report that there is a satisfying growth in membership of our club. Most playing sessions are attracting good numbers of players and we are about to start up our beginners' lessons for 2010. A number of individuals have expressed an interest in becoming session Directors and we encourage anyone else who thinks they could do so to approach Toni or any Board member.

Monica



## Australian Junior Team Fundraiser

To raise money for a team of Australian Youths to participate in an invitation only world comp in Amsterdam. This will be the first time an Aussie team has played in this event. Andy Hung, from Brisbane, is one of the team. More information on [www.ozjuniorbridge.com](http://www.ozjuniorbridge.com)

All donations welcome

QCBC Friday 7.30pm 19 February  
\$30 per pair

### QCBC RED POINT SESSIONS

RAIE MATTHEWS TROPHY  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

ST PATRICK'S DAY PAIRS  
Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March

AUTUMN TEAMS  
Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March



### QCBC ANZAC DAY TEAMS

SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL

ENTRY FEE: \$25 per player  
ENTRIES CLOSE: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
DIRECTOR: Jan Peach & Geoff Slack-Smith  
SYSTEMS: Green, Blue, Red & BS  
START: 9.30AM

### NIGHT SESSIONS CLOSED

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Due to the Gold Coast Congress

## New Members

Graeme Bowman	Devi Thillainathan
Helen Holmes	Mort Berns
Chris Johnston	Sandra Berns
Bob McIlveen	Warren Bull
Margaret Lane	Peter Nilsson
Elizabeth Zeller	Deborah Nilsson
Evelyne Mander	Narelle McIvor
Pat Milledge	Marie Elkington
John Flynn	Len Hiscoe
Zoe Ward	June Cross
Ron Ward	Jeffrey Kennedy
Greg Gosney	Marion Gazzard

We very sadly report the deaths of  
Maggie McNaught and Keith Bishop.

A few of our members have been in the wars lately -  
we wish you all a quick and complete recovery.

## Vale Terry Potter

Terry Potter passed away suddenly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, 2009. The suddenness of Terry's death came as a terrible shock to his many friends at QCBC, who had come to know Terry as a healthy and energetic man who kept fit by running and playing badminton.

Terry and his wife, Diane, have been tremendous supporters of QCBC, in particular the Tuesday and Friday night sessions, since joining the club in 2007. Terry and Diane shared good success at the bridge table winning the Restricted Teams at the 2008 Gold Coast Congress and the 2008 QCBC Club Championship Pairs. Doubtless there would have been more successes but for Terry's other interests restricting the amount of time he could devote to playing congresses.

Terry was a great man to have around a bridge club. With Diane, he managed a lot of little tasks with a quiet efficiency which meant that you hardly noticed they were being done. Terry was always a thorough gentleman at the table with a quiet and dignified manner, but with a mischievous sense of humour lurking just below the surface. He will be greatly missed at the club. Our sympathies go out to Diane and her family.



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT *News*

Ray Ellaway won the last \$50 Eclectic Prize with Claire Hyne 2nd and Joan Stumm 3rd.

Julie Jeffries & David O'Gorman shared the \$20 consolation prize for players < 300 mp.

The current eclectic ends just before the  
Gold Coast Congress

NEXT ECLECTIC STARTS 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH

- Best 3 out of 5 possible scores count.
- Green points top half of field.
- Optional \$2 entry fee to be eligible for

## \$50 PRIZE

\$20 consolation for best <300 mp player with  
<300 mp partners unless the overall winner.



## Bridge Hand

The following Bridge Hand is from *The South China Morning Post* which I read on a recent trip to Hong Kong.

**East dealer. East-West Vulnerable.**

♠A Q 6 2 ♥Q J 8 5 ♦10 ♣A K Q 7	♠9 8 7 3 ♥A K 9 3 2 ♦7 ♣8 4 2	♠J 5 ♥10 7 4 ♦9 6 4 3 ♣J 10 6 3
♠K 10 4 ♥6 ♦A K Q J 8 5 2 ♣9 5		



### The bidding:

**East South West North**

Pass 1♦ Pass 2♥  
 Pass 4♦ Pass 4NT  
 Pass 6NT

### Opening lead: ace of hearts

We can all take solace from some of the things that happen even in the most expert company. For example, take this deal from the match between Britain and the United States in 1955.

It serves to demonstrate just how far from par the experts can stray even in a world championship event.

Then the British held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. Kenneth Konstam opened one diamond, and Boris Schapiro jumped to two heats. Schapiro was trying for a slam, of course, and Konstam went along with the idea by leaping to four diamonds. He apparently was trying to show a self-sufficient suit as well as a very respectable opening bid.

It is not known whether Schapiro's four-notrump bid was intended as Blackwood. It is also difficult to say how Konstam interpreted four notrump, given his somewhat unorthodox leap to six notrump. Whatever the case, six notrump became the final contract, and the American East unsympathetically cashed the A-K of hearts to defeat the slam trick.

At the other table, the US pair of William Rosen and Milton Ellenby arrived at the same contract, but this time with South as declarer. Rosen opened the South hand with three notrump, which Ellenby promptly raised to six.

In explanation of this bidding, it should be noted that Rosen-Ellenby were playing "gambling three notrump" openings, wherein three notrump showed a long solid minor suit and not much else on the side. Ellenby's decision to bid six was based on the hope that there would either be a legitimate play for the slam or that the contract would be made on a wrong opening lead. The latter wish as granted when the unfortunate English West led the jack of spades, giving Rosen all 13 tricks.

So the US team, with a big assist from Dame Fortune, gained 1070 points on the deal. Both teams missed the ice-cold six-diamond contract.



## Contract Bridge Humour (Jokes)

A bridge teacher explaining duplicate bridge protocol tells this lady to make her opening lead face down. She promptly puts her head on the table and leads a card face up.

Learning she was going to have twins, the bridge playing wife said: 'That's just like my husband - doubling me when I'm vulnerable!'

Two old ladies have played bridge together for years, many decades. Naturally they have gotten to know each other pretty well. One day, during a game, one lady suddenly looks up at the other and says, 'Now, dear, I know we've known each other for many years, and please don't be angry or upset by this, but could you please tell me your name? I'm trying to remember, but I just can't bring it to mind.' The other lady glares at her for a full three minutes, and then replies, 'How soon do you need to know?'

A new bridge teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up!' After a few seconds, one gentleman in the class stood up. The teacher said 'Do you think you're stupid, sir?'

'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!'

People with small minds talk about other people.

People with ordinary minds talk about events.

People with great minds talk about ideas.

People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.

Do you know what the difference is between a mad psycho serial-killer and a bridge partner?

You can reason with the serial killer.

A bumbling bridge player explained to his friend how he planned to improve his game: "Every night when I go to bed I think about the mistakes I made that day at the bridge table."

"Gee," his friend said, "how do you get any sleep?"

## Contract Bridge Stories

In a Swiss Team of Four event the team met to compare scores and on Board 4 the person reading said "Zero."

"Zero?" responded a player from the other partnership. "What happened?"

"We passed out the board."

"Oh...how did the bidding go?"



This is a photo of the editor on a recent trip to Thailand, sitting on an elephant's trunk!



This is a photo of our new grand-daughter, Lily Ann, born on 22 January.

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## Help

As you can see there are not many photos in this newsletter. If you have any bridge photos I would be very happy to receive them, either by email or mail.

If you have any good bridge stories, or would like me to do a profile on you that would be great. Please contact me.

