



FROM THE CHAIR

Not much more to report on the non-resumption front. We have prepared a submission to the Council in the hope of defraying some of the costs and losses we have incurred during this very unsettled period. As usual these things take time and the Council is not renowned for its speedy activities. We will be patient though.

We have a very exciting time ahead with the celebration of our 40th anniversary as Queensland Contract Bridge Club which begins with the Graded Pairs on 2nd July, which we hope you will all attend. It will be a gala day with plenty to eat and drink and a birthday cake as well. Jan Peach is instrumental in organising the set-up of the room and we all know what a grand job she always does.

During July we are arranging a red point day for each of our day and night sessions, the dates can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Some will be Swiss Pairs run by Jan and Geoff but of course using the director of the day and others will be straight competitions. There will be no extra entry fee for these events and I am trying to get each of the session directors to organise some of the players to supply either morning tea or supper as the case may be. Your involvement is vital to the success of this important month when we hope to attract back some of those members and players who have wandered off. Word of mouth is a great tool, let's use it and spread the word.

Donations from members have been pouring in and already we have a kitty of nearly \$6,000 which will be a great starting point to our refurbishment plans, and we are extremely grateful to all our donors. All monies will be used to this end and of course it doesn't go very far these days so if you can spare a little cash to assist your club get back on its feet, please give us a hand. Our plans include new table cloths, painting, refurbishing kitchen and bathrooms,

new and brighter floors, cleaning of ceiling tiles, grading of back car park, new audio system etc. etc. We have even had offers from smokers so that we can make the smokers room more attractive, particularly bearing in mind that smokers will have to use that room or move at least 4 metres from the front entry.

We have applied for grants for a new dishwasher and one for a new air conditioner, which will be replaced either way before the heat of next summer, even if we have to borrow more money, but with any luck our grants will be successful.

Thanks to Jenny Hay who is helping in the promotion of the July celebrations and has also donated 5 nights at her beautiful unit as a raffle prize which will be run during the whole month.

Thank you everyone for being so supportive over some very trying times, but now our way is clear and things can only get better and with your help and loyalty to this wonderful club I am confident we will succeed.

MARION COOKE



COMING EVENTS:

♠ QBA ♥
GRADED
PAIRS
SUNDAY
2 JULY



40th BIRTHDAY RED POINT SESSIONS:

Friday 7 th	10.00 am	Mitchell
Monday 10 th	7.30 pm	Swiss
Wednesday 12 th	7.30 pm	Swiss
Thursday 13 th	10.30 am	Swiss
Monday 17 th	10.30 am	Swiss
Wednesday 19 th	10.30 am	Swiss
Saturday 22 nd	1.00 pm	Swiss
Tuesday 25 th	10.00 am	Mitchell
Friday 28 th	7.30 pm	Mitchell

Normal Table Fees
All Events Are "Walk In"
Entry Forms available for
Swiss Events to help the scorer
Formats Subject to Change



TUESDAY 7.30PM 25 JULY
SPECIAL \$100 NIGHT

DONT FORGET

NOVICE/EXPERT THURSDAY 7.30PM JULY 6
AND THURSDAY TEAMS 7.30PM JULY20



QBA DIRECTORS WORKSHOP WITH LAURIE KELSO

SATURDAY 15TH JULY AT QCBC
ALL DIRECTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND



NEW MEMBERS

BARBARA ANDERSON
MEYNELL GALE

Bonnie Bell, Pat Carroll and Pat McLean have moved out of this area. These ladies have been members for over 20 years. Bonnie joined QCBC in 1966.

QCBC wishes them all the best in their new homes and for the future. We thank them for their support and hope they will come back to see us when the opportunity arises.



RESULTS:

Margery Schalkoort Trophy

Gross: Jeanne Welch & Judy Mackay

Net: Michael Murphy & Chellathur Nithianandan

Vern Graham Trophy:

Marion Cooke

June Pairs:

Open: P Hainsworth & R Wallis

Plate: K Moschner & M McKennarley

Restricted: S King & B Crowd

Teams

Open: J Mills P Hainsworth R Parker A Pryde

Plate: P Maddigan V Croft J Wood sP Pollett

Restricted: P Thomson D Temple W Harvey
M Jones



QCBC would like to thank James Robertson of James Robertson Designs. James has donated his time to help us with colours and fabrics. James has some wonderful ideas. The colour scheme is new and exciting. Like most things in life, the items on our "wish list" will have to be done as we can afford it. 132 chairs have been ordered but we need a little help with fabric for the tablecloths. Finding just the right colour is not easy so if you are a sewer or just a visitor to fabric shops, please come and see me.

Thank you to all the Members who brought in the delicious goodies for the June Congress (yes, I did taste all). Thanks to Trish Tavuzzi, kitchen helper extraordinaire.

A very big thank you to Dorrie Maddigan. There was a computer glitch with the boards for the second session of the teams – Dorrie not only dealt the original 20 boxes but came in and re-dealt 10 boxes on the Monday morning. She is a little beauty.

All these things make it a QCBC congress – not just a congress played at QCBC. It is wonderful to have Members getting involved.



Intermediate Workshops

QCBC will be offering three 2-hour Intermediate Workshops on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon on 12 August, 23 September, and 11 November. Each of these workshops will focus on improving your card play technique in both dummy-play and defence. In fact you will be able to apply what you learn the very next time you sit down at the bridge table.

Joan Butts, who is the official teacher for the Queensland Bridge Association, will conduct these workshops. Joan has been a representative many times at State and National level. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree with Diplomas in Education and Education Psychology and is an expert bridge teacher. In fact I have been fortunate to have the benefit of Joan's teaching myself, and therefore can personally recommend these workshops to members.

The cost of each 2-hour workshop will be \$15.00, which will include all workshop materials and teaching notes. Participants will also be invited to stay and play in the Saturday afternoon duplicate session at no further cost. This is a great opportunity to improve your game and one that should not be missed. The title of each workshop is as follows:

12 August	Winning Declarer Play Techniques
23 September	Partnership Defence
11 November	Common Mistakes in Card Play

Chris Woolley

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Club Master	Tony Treloar
*Local Master	Patrick Bugler
	Sameer Pandya
*State Master	Margaret Owen
National Master	Doris Maddigan
* National Master	Michael Stoneman
Life Master	Donna Krosch
Bronze Life Master	John Gough
	Christopher Woolley

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Special Thanks to Malcolm Littler who has provided the following insight into the statistics and method of card dealing. Malcolm has written 3 articles which will be included in this and the next 2 newsletters.

Some Notes concerning the Deal

At QCBC, long gone are the days when cards were shuffled and dealt by hand when preparing boards for a session of play. Today, thanks to an army of willing helpers, we make use of a PC, a computer program and a dealing machine to prepare the boards. A bonus is the printed *hands record* provided at the end of each session of play.

In this, the first of three short articles, some fairly large numbers concerning *The Deal* are presented. Succeeding articles will discuss *Hand Distribution* and *Computer Dealt Hands at QCBC*.

Number of Different (Sorted) Deals

The 52 card pack is shuffled and dealt with the four hands, N E S W, each receiving 13 cards. The hands are then sorted into the suits.

The number of possible distributions of the cards within the entire four hands is enormous. It comprises 29 decimal digits and can be shown to be the product of the three numbers:

635 013 559 600, 8 122 425 444 and
10 400 600

which, following considerable effort, provides the value:

53 644 737 765 488 792 839 237 440 000.

To emphasize the magnitude of this value, take an *extremely keen player* who plays 2 sessions of 35 boards on each of 300 days of each year over a period of 80 years. The total number of boards played would be just 1 680 000 which lends overwhelming support for the old adage: *Life's just too short, ain't it!*

Number of Different (Sorted) Hands

Compared with the number of (sorted) deals, the number of (sorted) hands is quite modest; its value is:

635 013 559 600

Nevertheless, it would require 377 985 *extremely keen players* to play collectively this number of hands over their 80 year playing lifetimes. This

demonstrates just how extremely unlikely it is to be dealt a repeat of a hand during a lifetime of bridge play.



To All QCBC Members

You will all be aware by now that we are not going to be resumed and therefore we will be able to play our bridge in the comfort of our great clubrooms. But to do this we have to get back some of our members that left for one reason or another, perhaps the uncertainty of where we would be playing in the future or for some other reason. We also must try to get more new members from beginner classes. How can we get our members back? We cannot expect Toni, Marion and the rest of the board members to do it all. I suggest a personal contact either by phone or word of mouth to people that we know have stopped playing in the Club.

The Monday and Wednesday day times are the hardest hit.

I have been a member since I came to Australia in 1988 and have had a great deal of pleasure and made a lot of friends here in our club, so if I can be of any assistance in trying to get our people to return and play in our Club please talk to me.

Keith Bishop
Phone 3372 7456



They were at a concert. Said she, a bridge addict, "What's that book the conductor keeps looking at?" "That's the score," answered her escort. "Oh. Who's vulnerable?"



Slow Hand

Although bridge is a game in which you have to stop and think, stopping for too long can spoil everyone else's enjoyment. One British international is famous for playing slowly, or "going into the tank" as we say in bridge (i.e. think tank). I once saw him take so long at a prestigious black-tie event that his partner, slumped in his chair, took out a newspaper and began to read it. Even then he didn't respond – and that's what I find so extraordinary: that a player can keep concentrating when those around him start to sigh, fidget, drum their fingersdoesn't he care that he's being such a bore?

I'm glad to say there are fines in most tournaments for slow play. In the recent Transnational teams in Portugal, one player took no less than 30 minutes to defend a hand. He ended up winning 10 imps (international match points) on the deal, but justice prevailed: he was fined 16 imps for being so slow.

Gunnar Hallberg was playing in the same event. By his own standards he took a long while – a full three minutes – to play this hand. But, as you'd expect from a player of his class, it was time well spent:

All vulnerable

Dealer North

	N	E	
♠A J 10 8 6			♠Q 4 2
♥K Q 10 8			♥A J 4 3 2
♦A J 9			♦5
♣K			♣9 8 7 6
♠9 7 5	W	S	
♥-			
♦10 8 4 3 2			
♣Q J 5 4 3			
	♠K 3		
	♥9 7 6 5		
	♦K Q 7 6		
	♣A 10 2		

West	North	East	South
	1♠	pass	2♦
pass	2♥	pass	4♥
pass	5♦	pass	6♥
pass	pass	dble	6NT
dble	pass	pass	pass

When East doubled ♥6, Gunnar (south) tried 6 NT. West doubled and led the ♣Q, won in dummy. On the surface, it seems East has doubled with hearts, West with spades – most players would cross to the ♠K and play to the ♠J. But Gunnar thought more deeply. East was a top Austrian player : when he doubled ♥6 he must have been aware that the opponents might retreat to 6 NT, so he surely had a possible spade guard. It looked, then, as though West, also an expert, had made a psychic double to protect East's spade holding. Backing his judgment, Gunnar ran the ♠J, and when the suit split 3-3 he had 12 tricks.

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