



President's Message

The June Congress was a great success. A special thank you to all who played or worked to make the event. The club is host to the QBA Graded Pairs on 1 July and we need all the assistance we can get.

The Tuesday Margery Schalkoort Trophy was also a great success. Kees Schalkoort will provide the financial resources to see that the Trophy has perpetual funding. A truly wonderful gesture.

The club has only just been told by the electorate office of the Hon Anna Bligh that we have been given a grant of \$9,000 to purchase a commercial dishwasher, hot water machine for the kitchen and two water coolers. The grant comes from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The Board is delighted and is deeply appreciative to those involved and Marion Cooke for her work in preparing the application. The next priority is the renovation of the Kitchen followed by renovation of the toilet facilities. We will need to seek funding to purchase Bridgemates the latest technology to score at the table and achieve instantaneous results. The club has applied for a contribution from the QBA for funds provided by the ABF to assist marketing. Our best method of attracting potential players is members recommending classes to friends. The Mini- Bridge sessions are on 20th and 27th July.

Attendance remains static but it would be good to report a growth figure

and this we are unlikely to do without new members.

The garden and the entire club looks refreshed due to the organisation of the House Committee and the Chairperson Kate Donovan.

Keith McDonald



RESULTS:

MARGERY SCHALKOORT TROPHY:

Gross: B Luxton P Nelson
Net: S Mackiehan H Tunney

Thank you to Kees Schalkoort who donated prizemoney.

56 pairs played in this competition

WINTER CUP: H Kruse S Solo
SUMMER CUP: K Donovan R Hero

JUNE CONGRESS

PAIRS: C'ship R & S Parker
Plate: G Martin N Moore
Restricted: P Anning G Lamprecht

TEAMS: C'ship: J Solomon
P Hooykaas A & D Harrison
Plate: P Busch A Sinclair
T Treloar P Evans
Restricted: J Hildebrand H Giesen
A & V Chotai



JAMES O'SULLIVAN RANKINGS as at May 2007

Gold&silver

Grand R Parker P Hainsworth
Grand M Moren P Collins
 D Appleton

Gold life P Rankin
Silver life J McPheat
Bronze life C Woolley C Woolley
State * A Gianazzo
Regional * J Scrivens
Local ** T Treloar
Club C Stone
Nil J Brown



COMING EVENTS:

QLD GRADED PAIRS
 Sunday 1 July

4 grades this year

- 1 Grand to Silver Life
- 2 Bronze Life to National**
- 3 National * to 100 mps
- 4 Under 100mps

Director: Trevor Strickland \$50 per pair



Improvers lessons with Chris Woolley

Monday nights starting May 28 6.15 pm - 7.15pm
 \$3 per lesson

25 June Major Suit Openings particularly in
 3rd & 4th seat

2 July Minor Suit Openings & Responses
 after opponents double

9 July Strong bids (Reverses, Jump shifts &
 FSF)

16 July Weak Twos

23 July Strong 2C Opening



MONDAY TEAMS 10.30AM 2 July

NOVICE/EXPERT 7.30PM 5 July

ASCOT TROPHY Wednesdays 7.30 PM
 11 & 18 July

BRISBANE CUP PAIRS (red point)

Monday 10.30 AM 16 July



Promotions:

Cheryl Stone Local Master
 Angelo Gianazza State *

New Members:

Peter Evans
 Richard Hartman



We very sadly report the deaths of our members Graeme Dean, Joan Priest and Lola McNeill and past member, Gwen Robinson.

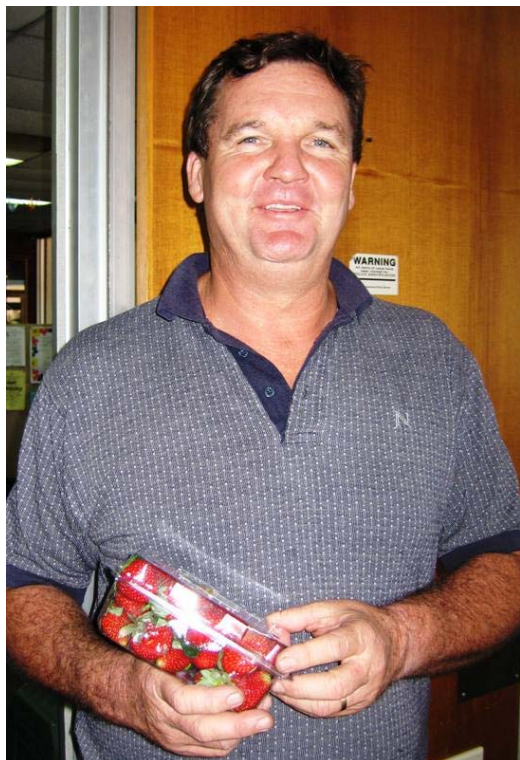
Thank you to Cynthia Hill, Kate Donovan and Maurie Cullen for their help with the June Congress. Much appreciated!! ♥



ON behalf of QCBC members and Board,
Good luck to the Qld teams playing in the ANC.



Here is a nice photo of Ashley who sells the delicious strawberries at the club



My Bridge Life

By Roz Hero



If we were very, very good, my brother and I (about 10) were allowed to watch my mother and father, uncle and aunt, play auction bridge every Friday night – my first experience of Silent Bidding!!

Meanwhile on rainy days we were introduced to rummy, euchre, crib – patience – you name it, we played it. So cards were always there.

Fast forward- during the war, I played Cutherston Bridge with Dad and two American lawyers, every Thursday night for six months.

My bridge life went into the doldrums after that. I finished Physio at Une – worked, went to England, worked on and off – and met my husband-to-be, Georges in Paris.

With 5 babies, we spent the next thirty years raising and education them, but in the sixties, I managed time to play Solo – the in game at the time. So when Contract began to be popular, naturally I wasn't going to miss that.

In the last thirty years or so I have played this wonderful game – not very seriously, some would say – but with a lot of laughs. It is a game for young and old and certainly keeps the mind active. It is a shame that more people don't know the excitement of opening each hand – knowing one's never seen it before and will never see it again – each time a problem to be solved or a decision to be made.

What a game!!



Did you Know? - Curse of Scotland



The nine of diamonds playing card is often referred to as the "Curse of Scotland". There are a number of reasons given for this connection:

1. It was the playing card used by Sir John Dalrymple, the Earl of Stair, to cryptically authorise the Glencoe Massacre. Certainly there is a resemblance between the nine of diamonds and his coat of arms.



2. The Duke of Cumberland is supposed to have scribbled the order for "no quarter" to be given after the Battle of Culloden on a nine of diamonds playing card.
3. It has also been suggested that it is a misreading of the "Corse of Scotland" ie the "Cross of Scotland" or St Andrew's Saltire. There is a resemblance between the pattern of the nine of diamonds and the Saltire.
4. Nine diamonds were at one time stolen from the crown of Scotland and a tax was levied on the Scottish people to pay for them – the tax got the nickname "The Curse of Scotland".

The first two explanations are the ones most commonly given.

From "Did You Know?"



The following excerpt is from the ABF website.

What should I Bid? - Best enquiry for April 2007

Richard Touton made the best submission for the month of April.

Hand: At IMP scoring, nil vulnerable and North the dealer you hold the following hand at West :

♠ 5432
♥ K74
♦ K3
♣ J1065

Bidding: West North East South
 Pass 1♠ 4♥
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Comments: Our basic system is Standard with Negative Doubles up to 3♠ and higher doubles are optional. 4♠, Pass and Double all seem possible. What would you bid and why?

Peter's Reply:

Hi Richard,

I would Pass.

Playing traditional methods, if the bidding went 1♠, (Pass) to you, you would bid 2♠. That is what your hand is worth.

If the bidding went 1♠, (3♥) to you, you would have the choice of Pass and 3♠.

Should you be prepared to be pushed one level higher than your preferred level? Generally the answer to this question is "yes".

Should you be prepared to be pushed two or more levels higher than what you would bid without interference? Generally, the answer to this question is "no".

So, here, 4♠ is out. To bid 4♠ on the auction, holding an ordinary shaped hand, you need the values for a limit raise or better.

Apart from anything else, partner needs to be able to judge what to do if your left hand opponent bids 5♥ over a 4♠ bid from you. Should you Double? With what? The values to prevent the overtrick?

A Pass in tempo is correct and allows partner to bid whatever is appropriate to the worth of his/her hand.

Regards
Peter Fordham



Thank you to our Members who have started the ball rolling with monetary donations towards refurbishing. New blinds have been ordered and we are on the painter's short list. If you would like to make your mark in the club by funding new blinds, paint or other improvements, your donations would be greatly appreciated. See Toni or any board member.



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