



President's Message

The priority for June will be the QCBC June Congress. This a one day Open and Restricted Pairs event on Sunday 10 June and a one day Open and Restricted Teams event on Monday 11 June. A number of QCBC players will be playing at the Barrier Reef Congress in Mackay. I am sure we all wish them well.

For Tuesday players 5 June is play for the Margery Schalkoort Trophy. The Mothers Day raffle raised \$220 and the Board is very appreciative to Margaret Cooper for those two lovely orchids. A big thank you to those who played in the "Bridge for Brain Research Challenge" on Monday 7 May. The event raised \$476 for the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute. The money will contribute to a study on how Bridge impacts on keeping Alzheimer's and Dementia at bay!

Plans for a smoking area are pending awaiting the proposed Legislation from the State Government.

You will have seen that minor maintenance has been done, damaged ceiling tiles replaced, sensor light replaced, uneven section of undercover car park levelled. If you see something that needs to be done please let the suggestion box know. By the way it is a lonely suggestion box.

The Improver's lessons went well on Tuesday mornings. Night lessons will be offered but only if there is sufficient interest. The Monday Night Improvers lessons are starting 28 May.

Announcements were made at different sessions, but just in case you didn't know, \$50,000 compensation was received

from the Brisbane City Council in March. So far, \$30,000 paid off the loan for the new air conditioner, \$5200 to the solicitors and \$4125 to the valuer.

Keith



RESULTS:

MARJ GODBOLD TROPHY

Gross; C & L NOBLE
Net: M Cooper & J Dare

BRIDGE FOR BRAIN CHALLENGE

Highest score for QCBC: L Cameron & M Cullen
65.94%

GNOT AM HEAT

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| 1. | M Millar | G Tucker |
| | L Jenkins | C Critchley |
| 2. | C Hyne | K Bishop |
| | J Broad | C Martin |

QLD SENIORS TEAM

M Robson B Lee
M Cooke J Perl
J Gough P Wells

ANZAC TEAMS

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| A | A Pryde | N Francis | A Gianazza |
| | P Hainsworth | | |
| B | G McCarthy | B Carroll | J Power |
| | A Smith | | |
| C | M McKennarney | K Marchant | |
| | K Moschner | C Stone | |



COMING EVENTS:

JUNE CONGRESS OPEN & RESTRICTED SWISS PAIRS

Sunday 10 June



OPEN & RESTRICTED SWISS TEAMS

Monday 11 June
\$50 per pair
\$100 per team

Director: Alan Gibson



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 - 7.15 pm

\$3 per lesson

- 28 May The stayman Convention
4 June Transfer to the Majors
18 June Jacoby 2NT
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



SUMMER & WINTER CUPS

Saturdays 2 & 16 June
1pm start Red Points



MARGERY SCHALKOORT TROPHY

Tuesday June 5
10am start - red points – cash prizes



THURSDAY SWISS PAIRS

The date is changed to the 21 June
This is Red Point event



Just a little note to the ladies (or maybe gentlemen!)

Some of our members suffer headaches and sinus brought on by toooooo much perfume. So if you could restrict the amount of perfume, cologne or after shave that you use that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.



Club Master Alan Mckenna
Local Master Kevin Read
*Local Master Veena Chotai
Margaret Melville
State Master Charles Noble



Count Your Cards Before You Look at Them and Make the Opening Lead Face Down

Observing two very simple laws greatly reduces problems at the bridge table.

Law 7 B 1: Each player counts his cards face down to be sure he has exactly thirteen; after that, and before making a call, he must inspect the face of his cards.

It is so much easier to fix the problem of having too many, or too few, cards if it is discovered early. Damage has usually already occurred once a player sees a card belonging to someone else or the auction has started and certainly when there are only a few tricks left to be played before it is noticed that players are holding different numbers of cards.

Law 41 A: After a bid, double or redouble has been followed by three passes in rotation, the defender on



presumed declarer's left makes the opening lead face down.

It's not just a matter of fleetingly placing the card face down before turning it over. There is a reason for it to be placed face down.

Law 41 B says, "Before the opening lead is faced, the leader's partner and the presumed declarer each may require a review of the auction, or request explanation of an opponent's call."

So, give partner and the presumed declarer a chance to speak. It doesn't matter whether they say, "No questions," or "Thanks," or "OK." There ought to be some indication that it is OK to face the opening lead. This also gives the other players a chance to draw attention to the fact, should the wrong player have selected the opening lead.

(With thanks to Jan Peach for this article.)



Profile of a Player Harry Lozan



Henry John Lozan known as Harry born in Sydney 1928 of parents Adam and Doris Lozan. During the depression in the thirties, we lived on a farm at Canley Vale about 30 km west of Sydney with Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts and my cousin Bubs.

When I was seven, Mum and Dad bought a fruit shop at Croydon Park 10km west of Sydney. I went to Croydon Park Primary then to Homebush High and represented tennis for the school.

After leaving High School, I worked for the Gas Company for about 12 years. At 30, I got married to my beautiful wife, Georgina. We had five lovely daughters.

I played tennis for the state of NSW and Qld, winning a few titles including over 60 years Australian and New Zealand doubles title. Then I

became a full time tennis coach in Sydney. In 1993, I retired and we moved to Brisbane. After a year or so I had a heart bypass and gave away playing tennis.

As we always played cards, 500 etc, my wife suggested I learn to play bridge. So I went to QCBC and learnt to play from excellent teachers, Keith and Clare. My wife is glad to get me out of her hair, so if any players want a partner I am available.

Bridge Fanatic
Harry



An Obscure Convention

Your partner opens 1♠ in first seat and you hold :-

Void KQTx, AKQJTxx, Qx

You bid the normal 2♦ and hear his rebid of 2♥. What now? The heart Ace and the club Ace or King or singleton, and a 3/2 trump break would give you a small slam --- and that's just 8/7/4 points. Blackwood is no good, with a void --- can't use Exclusion here either, so what to do?

You decide to bash it. OK, that's not the worst decision you'll ever make I suppose, ----- but there is no need.

My Bridge colleagues are forever telling me that I fill my head with "comes up at least every 10 years" type conventions which are more excess baggage than help. Maybe so, but one of these helps you here. It is called

"the Going freely to 5 of a Major Convention" just made that up. Notice

the word "freely"

It works like this :-

If the Opponents have bid a suit during the auction, it asks for control of that suit.

If we have bid 3 suits before finding our fit, it asks for control of the 4th.

If neither of the above applies, it asks for "good" trumps.

So, the problem hand becomes no problem at all. 1♠ 2♦ 2♥ 5♥ ?

For anyone still interested, the extended replies are:-

- a) Protected King --- lowest level of Nt
- b) xx/xxx --- Pass
- c) x --- 6♥
- d) Ace of asked suit --- cue a side suit (most values)



e) Void in asked suit --- cue the asked suit

(Thanks to Andrew Pryde for this article.)



Bridging the Gap

When most children are around the age of fourteen, they are playing either soccer or rugby. But there is a game that is quieter and more relaxing, yet just as skilful, just as competitive and really just as cut-throat. This game is called Contract Bridge.

Bridge is the most competitive card game. Bridge doesn't just fit the stereotype of those elderly people in retirement homes or middle in the Middle Age: it is a game also for children, teenagers and young adults. Bridge is a game of logic and your mathematical and analytical reasoning. It keeps your brain moving and many scientists believe that exercising your brain can ward off later-life problems such as loss of memory and forgetfulness.

You can learn Contract Bridge through either a bridge club or during schools time run by local bridge clubs. One Anglican girls school in Adelaide organised for contract bridge to be taught within the school. The girls were involved in eight lessons over eight weeks. After the lessons the girls were invited to join their local bridge club as novices. After three months as a learner, you should be able to start playing in normal sessions. You can even join your bridge club as an official member. If you're under the age of twenty-three you can join the ABF Youth Club. There is no membership fee, but you are required to pay \$2 at whichever club you visit. So playing Bridge and keeping your brain active and involved is actually cheaper than going to the movies or buying a cup of coffee and some cake.

There are congresses that you can be part of once you have become more experienced. Congresses can last from a day to a week. There is huge congress that takes place in January in Canberra called The summer Festival of Bridge.

You can earn green, red or gold points at these congresses and at normal session play. Once you earn a certain number of points you get ranked a level and when you earn more and more you get ranked up another level.

"Bridge is a game for life", says Joan Shapland, a member of a number of inner city bridge clubs. In a recent article in The Advertiser Quest Newspaper, Lorna Cameron, an experienced player for nearly

forty years said "it is a very absorbing game if you're keen"

If you don't play bridge you're missing out on an enjoyable and relaxing game that can be played in rain, hail or shine. On those hot summer days or cool winter nights, friendschallenge.....skill development.....fun..... is all waiting for you at your local bridge club, so, come join the club.

By Christopher Larter, Year 9



Sadly we record the death of our long time members, Grace Harding and Lorna Britton.



Another photo of the editor. This time outside a lovely stone house in Oakham England on her recent trip there to visit her son and daughter in law.

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