



Queensland Contract Bridge Club

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I have been re- reading the "Special Edition - New Premises " published 20 March 1991. The Newsletter reported on the purchase of our current building and the financing of the purchase. It must be remembered that QCBC is the only large Brisbane metropolitan Bridge club not to receive a land allocation from the Brisbane City Council. "To service this loan table fees will be increased as from 1st May to \$4 for members ". Since purchasing the Ipswich Road property the club has added a significant extension to provide teaching space, a small extension now used as our computer room, and acquired the block of land behind the club rooms. In total a capital expenditure of \$300,000 while still servicing our 1991 debt of \$250,000.

The last 17 years have been a challenge in terms of cash flow and profit with constant pressure from inflation. The current Board has reviewed the Income and Expenditure of the club and believes it is necessary to increase our table fees from \$5 to \$6. It is vital that we continue to attract new players and keep tight control on expenses.

The incentive scheme for attendance of 10 sessions a month will continue i.e. one free game if you attend for at least 10 sessions. The increase in Table fees will be implemented from and including Monday 30 June 2008. I ask for your understanding and support in ensuring a smooth transition to the new fee.

Keith.



RESULTS:

Grand National Pairs: (Tuesday heat)

- 1ST Patrick Bugler & John Kelly
- 2nd Yolanda Carter & Michael Fox
- 3rd Margaret Cooper & Maureen Jones

The 4 pairs who have agreed continue to the zone final:

- Patrick Bugler & John Kelly
- Yolanda Carter & Michael Fox
- Barbara Power & Fay Robinson
- Val Ferguson & Bev Watson

ANZAC DAY TEAMS:

- Andy Braithwaite - David Appleton
- Neville Francis - Magnus Moren

MARJ GODBOLD TROPHY:

- Molly Muller & Toni Bardon

BRIDGE FOR BRAIN CHALLENGE: Highest % at

QCBC : Kim & Ray Ellaway - 65%
 Kim and Ray are running 5th nationally - 393 pairs had entered to date.

VERNA GRAHAM TROPHY:

- Keith Bishop & Carmel Martin

GNOT AM QUALIFIERS

- 1st Claire Hyne – Sue O'Brien
 Keith Bishop – Malcolm Littler
- 2nd Peg Natrass - Pam Murray
 Anna Poplawski - Marie Simpson

GNOT PM QUALIFIERS

- 1st Andrew Pryde Jenny Cater
 John Mills Keith McDonald
- 2nd Tony Treloar Rod Shelbourn
 Terry Potter Diane Potter
- 3rd David Harrison Ann Harrison

All teams will continue to the zone final



Welcome to New Members

- Rolf Gartner
- Cheryl Archibald
- Reid Archibald
- Diane Wilkinson



Coming events:

Margery Schalkoort Trophy

Tuesday 3 June

Prizemoney for net and gross down to 4th place
Also for pair placing last
Prizemoney donated by Kees Schalkoort in
Margery's memory



Grand National Pairs

(under life master)

Thursdays 5, 12 & 19 June

7.30pm start

Gold points



Thursday Swiss Pairs

10.30am start

12 June

Red points – prior entry appreciated



SUMMER CUP PAIRS

Saturday 14 June 1pm start - Red mps



WINTER CUP PAIRS

Saturday 21 June 1pm start - Red mps



Friday Open Pairs - 20 June - 10am Red mps



QCBC JUNE CONGRESS

Open & Restricted (<150mp) Pairs

Sunday 8 June

Open & Restricted (<150mp) Teams

Monday 9 June



QBA Graded Pairs

Sunday 29 June

4 Grades:

1. Grand to Life
2. Bronze life to National*
3. National * to 100 mps
4. Under 100mps

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THE NEW RULES - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

As you may have gathered, the biggest re-vamp of the Laws of Bridge in several years has been completed, and the changes will be in force from June 1.

Much of what has changed is mainly of interest to directors (re-wording and finer points) but there are a few things that the average player should be aware of.

If, during play, a card that has been played to a trick is pointed in the wrong direction, dummy or a defender may now draw attention to it until the lead to the next trick has been made. Declarer may do so at anytime.



At the end of each hand, each player should shuffle their cards before placing them back in the board. This is to disguise the sequence in which the cards were played.

Players are not allowed access to notes of any kind. Recording the opening lead as soon as it is made is seen as an aid to memory. As there is no point to recording the contract at the time, the recommended procedure is to write in a personal record sheet only when the play of the hand is complete.

The most dramatic changes are to the laws regarding revokes and insufficient bids.

Revokes: The section regarding “the winning of a trick with a card which could have been played to the revoke” has been completely deleted. The law is therefore that when a revoke is established, if (1) the revoke trick was won by the offending player (not partner or dummy), the trick plus one of any subsequent tricks won by the offending side will be transferred to the opposition. (2) the revoke trick was not won by the offending player, if the offending side including partner or dummy won that or any subsequent tricks, one trick is transferred.

NB the laws still allow for the director to give an adjusted score where compensation is deemed to be insufficient. Where there is an established revoke, it is best to call the director at the end of the hand. Under no circumstances should players go rummaging through hands during play to determine if a revoke has occurred. A revoke is not established until the offender or partner (including dummy) has played to the next trick or the offender or partner makes or agrees to a claim or concession of tricks. If a revoke is discovered before being established, the director should be called immediately.

Insufficient bids: The big change is law 27 B(1)b which allows the offender to make the bid good by substituting a call which contains all of the information of the insufficient bid. This change is highly contentious and may be altered at some stage. At the moment its interpretation has been left in the hands of the director.

One positive effect is that some artificial bids may be correctable, eg, 4NT (blackwood): pass: 4D. If the director can establish that the caller is trying to show, eg, 1 Ace and that a call of 5D would mean exactly the same, or even more accurately describe the callers holding the 5D call may be allowed without penalty.

More importantly, always call the director whenever an insufficient bid occurs. Finally, as in the previous laws, full information regarding partnership agreements must be disclosed. This has been emphasized in the new laws, eg, partner bids 2S (opening) and you are asked for an explanation. If

this promises 6 to 10 points and a 6 card suit exactly, you may get away with “weak”.

If, however, your agreement includes a different point range and/or a genuine possibility of more or less than 6 of the suit, or any other information such as containing 2 of the top 3 honours, you must say so. If, for instance, partner calls 2S with a 7 card suit on rare occasions, perhaps, with a hand too scraggy to bid 3D, this could be considered “taking a view” rather than part of any agreement. Essentially, all agreements must be disclosed fully at the appropriate time.

I hope that this is enough to get you all through the “transition period.” Please, remember that the best way to avoid injustice is to call the director.

Michael Corner



ANZAC day raffle raised \$259 - thanks to Diane and Terry Potter for the prizes.

Mothers Day Raffle raised \$400 - thanks to Kate Donovan, Jenny Williams and Pat Thomson for the prizes. And thank you to all the members for supporting the raffles.



The club was sorry when Cora Kuss tendered her resignation recently because of ill health. She has been a loyal and supportive member for 27 years and recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

In her letter, Cora wrote: "How I embraced those years of challenges, frustrations, successes and yes, losses, but always wonderful friendships. In fact, our club has captured the essence of my membership - “bridge fills a gap in your life””.

Always a lady - a good bridge player and a great attitude. Thank you Cora for all your support



The Village at Yeronga Sponsors the Queensland Contract Bridge Club

The Village at Yeronga has become a major sponsor of the Queensland Contract Bridge Club. The club secured the sponsorship by the efforts of club member Kate Donovan.

The Village at Yeronga will sponsor the QBA Graded Pairs at QCBC on 29 June.



The Village at Yeronga is being constructed at the corner of Hyde Road and Cansdale Street Yeronga, and is ideally located close to bus stops, railway stations, service and sporting clubs, churches, major hospitals, parklands and shopping centres.

Justin Harrison, of Harrison Real Estate Developments, the developers of the Village, advised that construction commenced on 30 August 2007 and will consist of 240 Independent Living Units and 60 Assisted Living Units. In addition, the Village has secured an Aged Care facility with the Regis Group contracting to provide a 100 bed Nursing Home within the Village precinct.

A unique feature of the Village is that it is surrounded by sporting fields and parks. The buildings have been designed to take advantage of the spectacular views and prevailing afternoon breezes.

The Village Community Centre will feature a library and computer room, a heated indoor swimming pool, a Billiard room, a Restaurant, BBQ area, Bowls Green, Club Room, Cinema, a Coffee Shop, a Wellness Centre and a Hairdressing Salon.

Justin said "to date the Village has been very well accepted within the local community with 40% of Stage 1 under contract before construction commenced." Completion of construction is scheduled for June 2009.

If you would like to find out about this exciting new retirement village, contact Ric Cohen or Alison Zimmerle at the Display Office at Fairfield Gardens Shopping Centre or phone 07 3255 0400.



TALES FROM THE TABLE A bidding debacle

Consider the following hand –

♠A
♥T82
♦AQ942
♣AQ73

♠KQJT532
♥
♦8
♣KT842

♠964
♥AKQ543
♦KT53
♣

♠87
♥J976
♦J76
♣J965

Dlr: East

Vul: All

Partner (East) opened 1H, pass from South. My hand looked pretty good to me, so I jumped to 3S to make sure we arrived at game somewhere; pass from North. Partner, knowing our system says a jump shift is 16+HCP, (I lied), had a big think and bid 4NT RKC.B. I thought "oh,oh" and bid 5D showing 0 or 3, key cards under our system.

Partner had another think and signed off in 5S.

By now I'd realised that I had one key card, SK (my second mistake) and thought "I'll correct that to 6S because partner thinks I haven't any key cards at all." (My third mistake). Partner seemed startled by this action. Everybody passed.

North led CA and dummy went down and I discovered that we were in a slam with 21 points and 3 aces missing, vulnerable, but not doubled. I ruffed CA is dummy with S4 and prayed for a 4-3 heart break. I played AKQ, all followed, while I dumped a diamond and 2 clubs from hand. Then H5 to HJ ruffed high with SK and a diamond from North -5 tricks in! SQ led to SA, S6 and S7. DA, led ruffed in hand by S2 – 6 in and 6 to go.

C10 ruffed in dummy. D5 ruffed in hand, SJ to clear trumps and Ck and 2 spades for 12 tricks – a totally undeserved slam bid. DA instead of CA lead would have it down, but sometimes God, who protects little children and drunks when they fall over, occasionally protects falling bidders as well. That's my theory anyway. Nobody else was inept enough to bid to the 6 level.

On the way home I bought a scratchit, but won nothing. I'd already used all my luck up that day. I still wonder why I wasn't doubled.



We sadly report the death of Mona Minnis. Mona was a lovely lady and a good bridge player with a lot of character. We will miss that cheeky smile and wicked sense of humour.



The new kitchen will be started on 16 June to fit in between congresses. Thanks again to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Anna Bligh for her support.



A picture of the editor with a friend in Chiang Rai on a recent trip to Northern Thailand.

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