



QUEENSLAND CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER

2004

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

As this will be my last newsletter as Chairman of the Board it is wonderful that I can give you some really good news. We have been successful in our application for a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (Queensland Government) for the purchase of a new dealing machine, associated computers, new boards and cards to the value of just over \$13,000 (including GST). We are now in the process of following up the quotes we had and ordering the equipment. I, personally, am extremely excited.

In many ways this year has been very successful: we have been able to get a reduction in our annual rates; have entered a contract with Ergon which will reduce our electricity bill by around \$5,000 a year; we continue to get support from the Brisbane City Council for our Christmas party; Forest Place continue their sponsorship of a modest amount; Yellow Cabs are very supportive as are our advertisers in our annual diary; we have introduced Deal Pro (Deep Finesse) into our hand records; and we, with the help of Reg and Joan, are updating our website. You will be able to see your results in the comfort of your homes.

Some of the things that concern me as well as the static numbers are things like eating and drinking while handling the cards. A lot of you are now providing us, through raffles etc., with the opportunity of buying more cards, so let's make sure we look after them.

Saving tables is always a contentious issue and whilst we are very willing to provide a service for our less fortunate, more infirm players, by saving a place for them, it does sometimes get out of hand though, and every Tom, Dick and Harry is saving a place. Let's leave it to Toni, or the director of the day.

Apropos of the division of the room. It is always our intention to run at least two sections at each daytime session and we do our best to continue this practice. But there are times when this is impossible because of the configuration of numbers and we have one large section. The other day I overheard a comment "I don't think we'll come on a such and such a day if there's only going to be one section". Now, with this attitude, both from section A and B, of course there won't be sufficient numbers to have two sections. So let's get back to it and participate. Remember, this is your club and it is up to you to keep it being the success it is and has been in the past. A Club is only as good as its members. (And here endeth the 1st lesson!!)

Thank you for your support over my past four years as Chairman. Thank you to our volunteers, the Board members, to Toni and particularly to my family who are

always so supportive and have had to put up with my absorption in the club.

MARION COOKE

FRIDAY RAFFLES: Many **THANKS** to those organising and to those participating. The raffles have been most successful and the funds raised are going towards new sets of cards.

BRING and BUY

22-28 November

All kinds of goods are acceptable.

Donations
(non-perishable only at this stage)
can be left at the Club

DAMAGE TO VEHICLES

In recent times there have been instances of cars being damaged and one stolen from QCBC parking areas. Some of the break-ins were probably attempts to steal the vehicles. The police have provided advice on precautions to take and Toni has prepared a notice summarizing this.

Members should not leave any valuable items visible in cars. It would also be helpful if members could take a stroll around the car park whenever there is time between tables.

COMING EVENTS

\$100 NIGHTS

Tuesday 26 October, 30 November

NOVICE/EXPERIENCED SESSIONS

Keep watch on the notice board and put down your name.

EVENINGS: Next session will be on **Thurs 7 Oct**
when the session will be **TEAMS of THREE**
then **PAIRS on Thurs 4 Nov**

DAY: Details will appear on Notice Board

THURSDAY EVENING TEAMS: 21 Oct, 18 Nov

THURSDAY EVENING TEACHING SESSIONS

Second and fourth Thursday evenings each month.

Andrew Pryde will offer tuition from about 6.00 p.m., free of charge. There will be no bridge session – come when you can, leave when you want.

SUNDAY SESSIONS

As from 7 November, Sunday sessions will be held every Sunday, regardless of competition events.

NATIONWIDE PAIRS at QCBC

There will be no session during October.

Remember you can get the national results at

www.nationwidepairs.com.au



BRING A BEAR, A HAT & A PLATE

MELBOURNE CUP DAY - Tuesday 2 November:

PRESIDENT'S CUP/MANNING TRAY (Pairs, day)

Thursday 7. 14 October

QLD GRADED TEAMS

Sunday 24 October

PAT WILSON TROPHY (Pairs, restricted)

Friday day 5 November

QCBC PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 7 November

QLD-WIDE PAIRS

Tuesday evening 24 November

Wednesday day 25 November

COMPETITION WINNERS

NELLIE HATTON TROPHY

Gross: W.Healy

Net: D.Cullen

JOAN GLIDDON NOVICE PAIRS

Gross: S.Pandya, P.Bugler

Net: S.Hall, P.Mann

QCBC BRISBANE FESTIVAL PAIRS

P.Gosney, N.Van Jole

QCBC BRISBANE FESTIVAL TEAMS

C.Howard, K.Wood

L.Farnden, I.Afflick

JUBILEE CUP

D.Cullen, B.Blick

SWISS PAIRS (Wednesday Evening)

A.Hung, P.Gosney

RANK PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to all those passing through the rankings.

As at 31 August 2004:

GRADUATE MASTER:

P.Woods

***LOCAL MASTER:**

V.Lane

REGIONAL MASTER:

M.Jones, V.Solo

STATE MASTER:

C.Bloomfield, T.Duffy

***STATE MASTER:**

C.Adamson, S.Solo

SAID IN COURT:

Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning?

A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q: And why did that upset you?

A: My name is Susan!

QCBC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

is on Saturday 23 October at 11.00 a.m.

There are two vacancies for directors.

Nominees are:

Mr. Michael Corner; Mr. Maurie Cullen;

Ms. Jan Morrow; and Mr. Chris Woolley

If you cannot attend, please lodge proxies with Toni no later than 1 p.m. on Wednesday 20 October 2004

Keith Bishop writes:

Reflections on ANC 2004

First I would like to thank QBA for the monetary payments without which people like myself with little spare cash would not be able to take part.

Next I would like to thank all members of the Queensland team. We all worked as a team in a friendly atmosphere in what I found to be an exhausting five days.

The Victorian Bridge Association did a very good job in running the whole event.

What can be done to improve our team's chances in the future?

1. We need to play many more teams competitions and not merely 8 or 9 board matches but a minimum of 16 boards - 20 would be even better.
2. The top players should be encouraged to play against each other more often.
3. The systems in use should be looked at carefully to see if they could be made more flexible.
4. We need to generate more interest in schools and universities. Bridge could even be put into the curriculum with one or two lessons in each week.
5. Something needs to be done now and not left until about three months before the 2005 ANC.
6. Mental and physical fitness must be an important factor in the performance of a "bridge player" as it is in any sport. Of course, physical fitness becomes more and more difficult to maintain as we get older, but even a small amount of effort will enable that person to sleep better and longer and of course this will aid concentration.

I trust that these remarks will be accepted from a person that has been playing for nearly 70 years.

Introduce a Friend



Wednesday 6th October
9-30 am to 12-30 pm
Contact Toni at Office
or Jan Peach 3352 6929