

NEWSLETTER

November 2005

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Well I'm back in the chair for my sins so you'll have to put up with me for at least another year. But what a year it is going to be. It has started so well with a huge 48 tables at the Graded Teams only to be followed by a better week (numbers wise) and then the wonderful Melbourne Cup day and the launch of the 2006 QCBC calendar.

Of course this is going to be a challenging time and we will all have to pull together to allow us to achieve our goals. Our main objective is to find a new home and from the enthusiasm I have already received from members the search for our perfect place is only round the corner! Of course, not every property is suitable, mostly it comes down to the lack of parking facilities, but I will continue to follow up on every contact you bring to me.

The Council have advised that late 2006 is probably the date of resumption and this would fit in very nicely with our plans for big celebrations for our 40th anniversary in that year. Perhaps we will even be able to combine the opening of our new clubhouse with that event. Let's face it, this is an exciting time. Let's enjoy it.

Jenny Williams is our newest Board member and I would like to welcome her into the fold and along with Maurie Cullen, Keith McDonald, Monica Pritchard, Patricia Tavuzzi, Chris Woolley and myself we will do all we can to make this coming year a memorable one.

Thank you for your confidence in me. I am easily contactable by telephone, 33517625 or email mcooke1@tpg.com.au.

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RESULTS

Graded Teams

1	1 st	D Janzekovic S Kamalarasa B Barden J Pritchard
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2	1 st	G McCarthy B Carroll J Power P Roberts
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3	1 st	C Macionis A Guminski G Wardrop P Lang
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Presidents Cup

J Broad	C Martin
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Bring and Buy has been changed to Sunday 27 November until Sunday 4 December

THE
Bring & Buy

Starts Sunday 27th November



Non perishables may be left at the office at any time.



Gossip Column

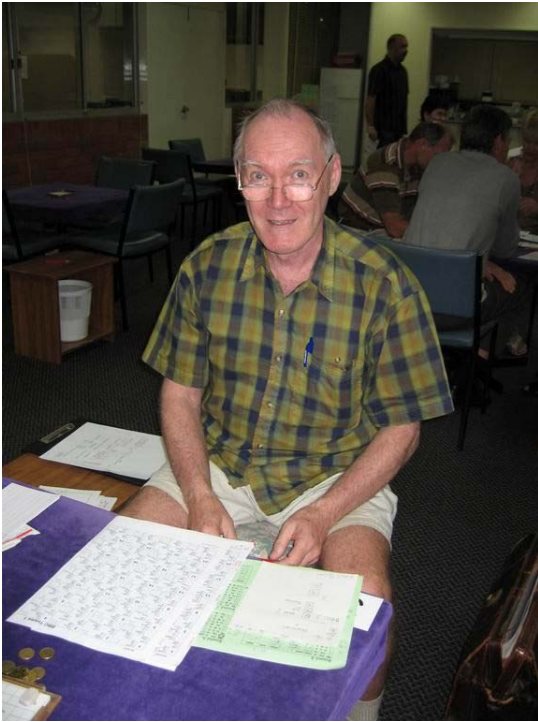
Did you know that Paul Maddigan and Vivienne Croft have announced their engagement.



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Profile of a Player



Andrew Pryde

Born Edinburgh 1937. After school (Heriots) I had no idea what I wanted to be, so being good at Maths, I started off as an Actuarial student. I quickly realised that Insurance was not for me and, since two years National Service was a must-do in '44, I applied (laughingly) for pilot training. Down to R.A.F. Hornchurch and 3 days testing/exams/medicals with 29 other your hopefuls. In the evenings, three bridge players roped me in as a 4th – and that was my introduction to the game. An eternity later, I had my Wings and it was off to Aden on Beverleys (big Transport) for 2½ years. One of the small regrets of my life is that I did not then have the interest in Archaeology that I have now. There were a few digs going on along the Protectorate/Yemeni border that I would have found of great interest. We worked from 6am to 12.30pm and had the afternoon and evening free – mostly spent playing bridge. We thought we were really good, but looking back on it – we were a pretty pitiful standard. Back to the UK and I transferred to helicopters. Training (Sycamore) was fun and entirely different to fixed-wing – Good Heavens – you could go backwards! Soon after joining 225 Squadron, I was off, with 3 other pilots, to East Africa to help the W.H.O. with Flood and Famine relief. Kenya was wonderful – climate/people/lifestyle – had it not been for Mau Mau, I would probably be living there today. Just to the north, what was then Italian Somaliland was also badly affected by flooding and crop loss. I was later sent up to Mogadiscio on my own – my adventures there could fill a small book. Back to UK and my

next move was to Central Flying School – more training and then stayed on as a Staff Instructor. One of my fellow pilots had just married an Aussie girl and was leaving shortly to go to “the best helicopter job in the World”. I made inquiries – Yes, they needed one more pilot – some weeks later I had resigned my Commission and was sitting in a Qantas aircraft enjoying a £10 immigrant trip to the land of Oz.

September 1963, arrived in Australia and joined Ansett Airlines. Compared to the Jet Whirlwind, the Bell 47 was a dinkie toy – but perfect for the various jobs it had to do. The next 5 years were spent on Powerline patron/Mapping and mineral surveys/HEC in SW Tasmania/the Yarra Bank helitaxi and Offshore Oilsearch with the Glomar III. My favourite job was working for CRA –searching for copper in Papua. We operated off a converted Jap Tuna fishing boat with a small helipad built onto the stern. Landing at or near where the geologist wanted (mostly river beds) was often tricky. Sometimes you would get in and not be able to take off. A tree would have to come down. We had to be sure we carried enough money –all in coin – to pay the “bounty” – as, of course, the tree was always the natives’ “favourite tree”.

Working on the Offshore Oil rigs – with mostly Americans – meant lots of Poker – 5 card Stud. I was a fair player and at one point was making more from the poker games than I did from my salary. All good things come to an end – in 1968, Reg Ansett needed some spare cash for his TV Station. He sold the Helicopter Division. At this point, we had 13 aircraft and 20 pilots – and were **NOT** on the main Seniority list. He kept one aircraft – the 28 seater Sikorsky for ferrying tourists out to Hayman Is. – and five pilots. I was pilot No. 5. Life in Proserpine was good. We flew to all the Resort Islands and to Mackay. I had my own 20' speedboat and, from Shute Harbour, could be on the Barrier Reef in just over an hour. Fishing and spear-fishing were simply as good as you could imagine. Coral Trout, Maori Wrasse and Barramundi Cod – all normal items on the menu at Pryde's place. In 1972, Clarice Suthers was the driving force behind setting up the Proserpine Bridge Club. To keep out the “roughies”, we set table fees at 40c !!! My first partner was Max Worthington, who will be remembered by some of QCBC's older players. (As an “aside”. Max, in 1981 became inaugural President of the Sunnybank club).

When Reg left the Ansett scene, I knew the helicopter unit would not last long and, in 1980, I moved over to Fixed Wing. At the age of 43, not having flown F/W, or night, or Instruments for 20 years, it was the hardest thing I had ever done – just to qualify as First Officer. The flying was tough but swotting system and procedures was worse. All that kept me sane was going to the VBA 2/3 times a week



and playing with a 15 year old Keith Kat – only a few years later to become Australia’s youngest Grandmaster.

A year in Melbourne and then up to Brisbane and onto the 737. I was happily settled on this beautiful aircraft when I lost my job in the Pilot’s Dispute of 1989. Some of the guys (in their late 40s and 50s) were in trouble – mortgage, kids at Uni, paying off the car. Compared to them I was in good shape – everything bought and paid for and a few \$ in the Bank. With my new-found freedom I settled down to play a lot of Bridge. One of life’s joys happened in ’96 – I bought my 1st Computer. Have you ever written out 45 pages of system notes – longhand? And I had 6 different partners – all, of course, wanting to play different things. Changing the system or adding a new Convention was no longer a chore. Bridge Highlight? I suppose that would be representing Australia in the Far East Championships in Sydney in 1985. Betty Shaw and I qualified into the Final section of the Open Pairs – coming just below half way – not too bad in that exalted field. Many many partners down through the years. Thanks to them all for the pleasure they gave – and are still giving.

Bridge Tip:- COUNT --hcp and suit length. Too hard? No, it’s not – keep trying.



SEEN AT THE CLUB



Siegfried Konig and Ralph Parker playing against Alan Cohn and Margaret Melville last Monday



Graduate Master

John Capel
Chris de John
David Goodsir

Club Master	Frances Bensted Margaret Hinde Patricia Robinson Margaret Sondergeld
Local Master	Shirley King Nina Macionis David O’Gormon Halina Podagiel
*Local Master	Jann Thatcher Beverley Watson
**Local Master	Stella Langevad Teresa Lehane
Regional Master	Val Ferguson Julie Guthrie Derrick Turner
*Regional Master	Patricia Carroll Victor Davidovici
State Master	Rita Gorman
National Master	Ellen Meldrum Cornelius Schalkoort
Bronze Life Master	Kerry Hiscocks



**WHO WILL BE QCBC
2005 CLUB CHAMPIONS?**




PLAY ON THE DAY AND BE AMONG
THE FIRST TO FIND OUT.

9-30 am Sunday 27th November

Please Bring a Plate



Under 100 Masterpoints?



**QCBC
NOVICE PAIRS**

9-30 am

Sunday 27th November

Please Bring a Plate




Another Busy Bridge Player



Joan Shapland working on her Snugglepots and Cuddlepie Quilting before Bridge starts on Thursday

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QCBC Cook Book

Please bring in
your favourite recipes
and give to Toni or
Carolyn Woolley
(On a disc using
Comic Sans font
if possible please.)

**All the usual sections
plus "Cooking for One"**

Wrong Contract

Vul Both Dlr North

♠94
♥987
♦6
♣AQJ8765

♠J763
♥KQJ4
♦KJ93
♣9

♠82
♥A10532
♦742
♣1032

♠AKQ105
♥6
♦AQ1085
♣K4

Bidding

W	N	E	S
	3♣	P	3♥
P	4♣	P	4♦
P	4♠	All Pass	

You've gone off the tracks. A 6♣ contract is a virtual laydown and here you are in 4♠. Can you overcome your disappointment and play this contract properly? West leads the ♥K followed by the ♥Q. Plan the play.

This is an exercise in trump control. Basically you have to guard against 4-2 spades, the long hand having the jack, and still be able to run the clubs uninterrupted. Do you see how?

Discard a diamond on the second heart and ruff the third, voiding both your hand and dummy of hearts. Now the key play – the ♥10!

Concede a spade while you still have a trump in dummy, a high trump no less. If they persist in hearts, ruff in dummy, cross to your hand with the ♦A, draw trump and run the clubs. No other return can hurt you.

Had you played the ♥AKQ you would run into trouble. West has the ♠Jxxx. You can't afford to give up a spade because they can run the remaining hearts. And if you attack clubs, West ruffs the second round and you are stuck with diamond losers. Nor does it work to ruff diamonds in dummy. You wind up with nine tricks: five spades in your hand, the ♦A, two diamond ruffs in dummy but only one club. Misery.

The Bottom Line

One of the secrets of trump control is to give up an early trump trick when both you and dummy are void in the force suit.

(Taken from Daily Bridge Calendar 2005)

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Coming Events

Qld Wide Pairs

22 November Evening
23 November Day

Bill Dalton Novice Trophy

25 November

Qld Mixed Teams

2 December

Christmas Party

Saturday 10 December

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