



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Report



Happy Birthday to our Club.

It is ten years this month since we moved into our new premises at Stuart Street. There was a lot of planning and work involved with organising such

a huge project and I am truly grateful that we have such a first rate venue and playing facility. You can read more about this in an article further in the Newsletter.



Not only are we fortunate to have such wonderful clubrooms, we are also blessed with the willingness of members to assist in various roles with

some of the numerous jobs that need to be done at the bridge club. A lot of good work goes on behind the scenes. I often notice someone spot vacuuming the crumbs, closing the windows or tidying up the room. As well as assisting the Director for the day, it shows pride in your Club.

There are heaps of other jobs that sometimes go unnoticed by members, such as replenishing the table supplies, sharpening pencils, washing tablecloths, buying items for the kitchen, making sandwiches, mowing the grass and many other important jobs that are all done by volunteers. The Club wouldn't run as well as what it does without your efforts. So thank you all so very much to everybody who assists.

Whilst I am on the subject of volunteers, our club Directors are also volunteers and they are in-

charge of the bridge session. If you have concerns about the heating in the room, please see the Director of the day as they are the only ones authorised to alter the air-conditioning unit. Also if a Director asks a pair to move to a different seat or direction, it is for a particular reason so please move as asked. Please show courtesy and respect to our volunteers.

In the few months since the last newsletter the Club has seen a lot of bridge activity with several events being held – our Butler Pairs Congress, Club Teams Championship, Zone QBA Teams Qualifier, lots of Gold Point GNOT events, Clive Berghofer Pairs, Joyce Benson Cup and the Pro AM. Congratulations to all the winners – some of the results will be reported on elsewhere in this newsletter.



Glenys Clift has decided to relinquish her role as one of the Club Teachers. Most of the club members have had bridge lessons conducted by Glenys or have attended one of her workshops. I was taught by Glenys in 2008 and was constantly telling other members that the lesson notes were “the best thing since sliced bread”...you just need to read them. She put a lot of time and effort into preparing whatever the lesson topic was going to be. We will certainly miss her expertise and on behalf of all Club members, I thank Glenys for her outstanding efforts over many years.

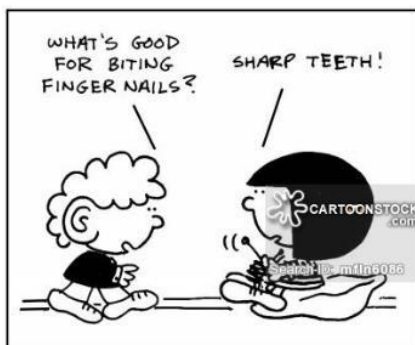
Our store room which is currently shared with the Amputees Group, has been removed of some surplus items they no longer require. This has created enough room for us to put in a shelf, thus enabling us to store items there whilst still having room for the wheelchairs etc underneath.

Within our bridge club, the majority of members are elderly. With age, sadly, comes sensitivity to various things which may affect health and well-being. One of the things which does affect several of our members is the wearing of strong perfumes. Whilst I can appreciate that a lot of people can't seem to leave the house without putting perfume or aftershave on, I ask you all



please be courteous and considerate of your fellow players and try and refrain from wearing perfumes to bridge. After all, we don't know our fate and you may be in a similar position one day.

In our last newsletter we called for volunteers to assist with tending to the grounds and gardens. John Ryan has kindly volunteered some of his time and has organised another half a dozen members to also assist on a rotational basis. With Ralph almost finished pruning all the shrubs and with winter here, our future looks good for our gardens. Many thanks to Ralph John and the boys.



Do we all remember how daunting it is after we have just completed a series of bridge lessons and we have to play with "big kids" or as many call

it, the 'shark tank' or numerous other names. Playing in the same field as some of the more experienced players can be really quite scary and real nail biting stuff when you are not used to it.

In an attempt to help break down this barrier, on **Saturday 22nd July**, we are holding an Individual Event to "welcome new players" who have graduated from lessons. It allows some of our newer members who may have completed lessons in the last 2-3 years, to meet and play with some of our members who play in sessions other than restricted. I hope you will join me in welcoming some of our newer players. You can enter by completing an entry form or enter on-line...even better still it is a "**free day**", no table fees apply.

Denise Hartwig
President

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As well as the elected and appointed positions, the Toowoomba Bridge Club has three sub-committees to help coordinate the running of the club:

TOURNAMENT SUB-COMMITTEE:

Chris Snook (Chair), Val Buchanan, Glenys Clift, Henry Eastment, Gabrielle Elich, Ian Jesser, Adrian Mayers, Ray Moore, Leonie Spence, Floyd Wilson, Liz Zeller, David Roberts and the President (ex-officio)

FUNCTION AND CATERING SUB-COMMITTEE

Leonie Spence (Chair), Desley Hanrahan, the Providor (ex-officio) and the President (ex officio),

TEACHING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Trudy Dunne, Denise Hartwig, Ann Klibbe Ian Jesser, Byron Longford, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence and Liz Zeller.

AGM Alert

It may seem a bit early, but the October AGM will be here before we know it. Please give some thought to volunteering for the positions on the Management Committee, or for the other supporting roles. We look forward to hearing your bids!!

FREE BRIDGE!

To celebrate our club's tenth birthday, the Management Committee has decided that bridge will be free for the week of Monday 24th to Saturday 29th July.

Teaching

The 8-week Beginner Course for 2017 with Denise and Trudy has now finished. The Wednesday morning classes with Trudy are about half way through the next series of more intermediate type lessons being lessons 9 to 14. Denise is still continuing with supervised play and will commence lessons 9 – 14 on Thursday night from 20th July.

All members of the club are welcome to join in these lessons and I highly recommend that members who may have recently done the basic lessons in the last couple of years to repeat them as re-enforcement. Now that you have been playing some bridge, you will understand the lessons more

and pick up on bits and pieces that you may have forgotten. The lesson topics are listed below:

Overcalls and Negative Doubles
Opening Strong Balanced Hands
Opening Strong Unbalanced Hands
Weak 2 Heart & 2 Spade Openings
Coping with Pre-empts
Slam Bidding



The next series of 8 week Beginner

Classes will start with Trudy on Wednesdays mornings from 23rd August. Lessons run from 9am to 11.30am. Please encourage any of your friends or family to come along and start learning this wonderful game! There are no Thursday night beginner lessons until next year.

Newer Players

The default system that is currently being taught to Beginners at the Toowoomba Bridge Club is as follows:

Standard American with 5-card Majors, 15-17 NT, Simple Stayman, Better Minor, Limit Raises, Benjamin Two's, Weak Jump Overcalls, Take-Out Doubles to 3 Diamonds, Blackwood and Gerber, and Low Encourage.

If you are kind enough to play with a less experienced player, then you **must** play their system. **Please do not start teaching them your way and your system.**

Beyond Beginners

Wednesday morning supervised group is held by Ian Jesser and is limited to 20MP each or 40 MP per pair. It is still continuing to get good attendance, averaging around 8 – 9 tables each session. Friday morning intermediate classes run by Chris Snook are also continuing to do well with about 8 – 9 tables, with a half hour lesson before

commencement of play. Well done to both Ian and Chris for all their time they put in.

If anybody has any topics that they would like a workshop on please let me know.

(PS. When I spotted the above cartoon I just had to include it and I am certain that most beginners...and more experienced players... will get a giggle out of it).

Denise Hartwig

New Rankings March - May

Snook, Chris	Gold Life
Wood, Jim	Gold Life
Buckley, Jennifer	Gold Life
Kelley, Rosemary	Silver Life
Dean, Rhondra	Bronze Life
Mundell, Desley	Bronze Life
Elich, John	*National
Fenaughty, Desiree	*National
Reynolds, Roy	National
Wilson, Floyd	National
Bierenbroodspot, Anneke	*State
Spence, Leonie	State
Minchin, Lavinia	State
Drummond, Diana	State
Henderson, Trevor	State
Brosi, Dawn	Regional
Gilchrist, Mary	Regional
Cavanaugh, Juleen	**Local
Brown, Kerry	**Local
Beckwith, Kathleen	**Local
Behrend, Richard	**Local
Walker, Susie	**Local
Giesemann, Judy	**Local
Parry, Brenda	**Local
Wildman, Colleen	*Local
Pearson, Robyn	*Local
Davey, Pam	*Local
Rehburg, Mary	*Local
Hunter, Fay	*Local
Elston, Frank	*Local
Thorn, Tony	*Local
Mladen, Joan	Club
Russ, Geni	Club
Bryce, Peter	Club
Randall, Terry	Club
Mumford, Michael	Club
Evans, Peter	Club
Banks, Alison	Graduate
Inwood, Valarie	Graduate
Gilshenan, Christine	Graduate

Coming Events

22 July: Individual Fun Day

30 July: Darling Downs Swiss Pairs Congress

6 August: Toowoomba Novice Teams Congress

29 August: ProAm

5 September: Teams Competition

September 30 - October 2: Toowoomba

SwissTeams Congress

Membership Secretary's Report

Our current membership is made up of 330 home members and 83 away members totalling 413 members. The club welcomes Kay Wall, Lee Behrens, Vicki Christian, Annette Mitchell, Bernice Reis, Barbara Davage and Maree Neale as our latest new members.

Please be aware that I am very new at this but trying hard to follow in Glenys's footsteps. I know that we all appreciate the time and effort Glenys has put into her role as membership secretary. Without dedicated members like Glenys the club would cease to function. So many thanks Glenys.

Desley Hanrahan
Membership Secretary.

Library Report

You are welcome to borrow books from our little library to expand your knowledge of the game. We have added a few new books this year, so check them out:

- ♠ **Winning declarer play** by Jay Apfelbaum, 2016
- ♠ **Winning notrump leads** by David Bird & Taj Anthias,
- ♠ **Improving your judgement – doubles** by Audrey Grant
- ♠ **Entries: five steps to overcome entry problems** by Audrey Grant
- ♠ **You, too, can play a good game of modern Bridge** by Ron Klinger

Oh yes – please return books promptly – thanks!

Jean Moetara

Good Health

GOOD HEALTH IS NOT TO BE SNEEZED AT!



Many of our members are susceptible to cold and flu germs. With winter already here, please be mindful of other members.

If you are at the contagious stage or have a persistent cough, sneezing or runny nose, this is one occasion you don't need to share – please stay at home and rest rather than come into bridge.

Smoking

A reminder smoking is restricted to the designated smoking area at the Western end of the building. Also, that the two windows on the Northern side of the building closest to the smoking area, are to be kept closed to prevent cigarette smoke drifting into the building.

Garden Report

John Ryan reports that things are a bit quiet in the garden at the moment. There are lots of willing helpers who are keeping the grounds tidy.

Thank you Ralph, John and the team

Garden Team Volunteers

Ralph Geddes
John Ryan [contact number : 46597069]
Martin Carey
Peter Bryce
Neville Lutton
Paul Barrett

Thanks Jean

Culbertson Deal

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
♠ QJ74	♠ K93	♠ A108652	♠ -
♥ J652	♥ K7	♥ AQ43	♥ 1098
♦ KJ6	♦ 85432	♦ Q109	♦ A7
♣ 63	♣ Q98	♣ -	♣ AKJ107542

WEST
All Pass

NORTH
1S

EAST
1S

SOUTH
5C

The great bridge pioneer Ely Culbertson used this hand as a test for his pupils in the 1940s. Seventy years on, see if you can make 5C against the SQ lead. East opened so most of the outstanding points including the major aces will be with him. Given that, the one chance is for 3:3 diamonds but West must be kept off lead or a heart switch will be fatal. Cover SQ with SK but don't ruff. Pitch D7. Now win the return, cash DA, use dummy's C8 and C9 as entries for two diamond ruffs - the suit breaks - and now CQ lets you back in to cash the needed two diamond winners pitching hearts from hand and your 5C comes home.

Thanks to Eileen who worked it out in under 5 seconds.

Winners are Grinners

The "Monthly Winners" are recognised as the winner of eclectic multi-session events that run on the same day over the course of a month. These awards are displayed on the noticeboard and on the club website. This is an effective way to celebrate the high performing players in each session and provide additional green masterpoints to those players who play regularly in club sessions.

April Monthly Winners

Monday Open	Diana Drummond & Lyndall Hore
Monday Restr	Joan Mladen & Doug Clauson
Tuesday	Ian Jesser
Tuesday Night	Mohan Trada
Wednesday	Henry Eastment
Thursday Night	David Roberts

Friday am Glenda Filbee & Aino Jaatinen
Friday pm Henry Eastment & Ian Jesser

May Monthly Winners

Monday Open Diana Drummond
& Lyndall Hore
Monday Restr Joan Mladen & Doug Clauson
Tuesday Adrian Mayers
& Byron Longford
Wed Open Henry Eastment
Wed Restr Anneke Bierenbroodspot
& Jacki Horne
Thursday Night Greg Munck & Lawrence Price
Friday am David Roberts & Paul Matthews
Friday pm Glenys Clift
Saturday Ian Jesser

June Monthly Winners

Monday Open Kathleen Beckwith
& Leonie Spence
Monday Restr Joan Mladen & Doug Clauson
Tuesday Byron Longford
& Gabrielle Elich
Tuesday Night Gabrielle Elich
Thursday Night David & Carol Edwards
Friday am David Roberts & Paul Matthews
Friday pm Val Buchanan & Lee Hore

In recent club competitions:

Ivy Dahler Cup

1st Adrian Mayers & Byron Longford
2nd Pat Larsen & Sue Spinks
3rd Lorraine Sutton & Robbie Fulton

Patrons Day

Open Jenni Buckley & Jim Wood
Sub150 Margaret Tucker & John Cox
Sub35 Michael Mumford & Frank Elston

Club Teams Championship

Open 1st Adrian Mayers, Henry Eastment,
Pat Larsen & Byron Longford
Restricted 1st Jeff Aitchison, Pat Fenaughty,
Lesley Meyer & Fleur Hopkins

Tuesday Night Individual

Gabrielle Elich

Clive Berghofer Pairs Championship

1st Ian Jesser & Rhondda Dean
2nd John Erlandson & Will Higgins
3rd John Churchett & Eileen Josey

Joyce Benson Cup

1st Jenni Buckley & Jim Wood
2nd Byron Longford & Pat Larsen
3rd Chris Snook & Denise Hartwig

And on the recent Congress scene:

Dalby Swiss Pairs

2nd Byron Longford & Pat Larsen

Dalby Swiss Teams

1st Lorraine Sutton, Robbie Fulton,
Laurie-Marie McRoberts & Judy Briggs
2nd Adrian Mayers, Henry Eastment,
Byron Longford & Pat Larsen

Toowong Novice Pairs

1st Carmel Caton & Trevor Henderson

Toowoomba Butler Pairs

B 1st Denise Hartwig & Mavis Simpson
C 1st Dave & Carol Edwards
C 2nd David Roberts & Paul Matthews

Stanthorpe Swiss Pairs

2nd Desiree & Pat Fenaughty

Darling Downs Novice Pairs

1st Carmel Caton & Trevor Henderson
3rd Gail Blencoe & Elizabeth Cavanagh
B 1st Michael Mumford & Alison Banks
C 1st Pam Davey & Peter Bryce
C 2nd Colleen Wildman & Judy King

Goondiwindi Pairs

1st Alison Dawson & Liz Zeller

Lockyer Swiss Pairs

B 1st Robbie Fulton & Lorraine Sutton
B 3rd Rosemary & Ned Kelley

Well done everyone ☺

Cheers

Chris

Welfare Officer

Please contact Desley Hanrahan on
(0416136779) or at the club if you know of a
member who is ill, hospitalized or suffering a
bereavement and Desley will respond suitably
on behalf of the Club.

Masterpoints Secretary's Report

Total masterpoints earned in the club over the past few months were:

	Green	Red	Gold	Tables
March	171.91	55.72	96.00	459.0
April	116.00	47.72		363.5
May	181.98	45.02	35.83	496.0
June	126.62	82.40	71.68	433.5

Toowoomba folk who are doing well in the James O'Sullivan rankings (ie in all of Queensland) are:

Player	2017	Place in O'Sullivan Award
Zeller, Liz	78.13	2 nd in Gold Life
McRoberts, Laurie-Marie	36.60	10 th in Bronze Life
Hartwig, Denise	63.02	2 nd in Life
Elich, Gabrielle	50.53	2 nd in *National
Kirkpatrick, Anne	25.18	8 th in National
Elich, John	23.54	10 th in National
Roberts, David	28.24	1 st in Regional
Matthews, Paul	22.97	3 rd in Regional
Edwards, David	19.08	7 th in Regional
Drummond, Diana	17.87	9 th in Regional
Vary, Lyn	17.71	10 th in Regional
Henderson, Trevor	20.15	7 th in **Local
Beckwith, Kathleen	13.56	9 th in *Local
Davey, Pam	13.51	9 th in Local
Nixon, Alastair	11.49	7 th in Club
Edwards, Carol	10.35	2 nd in Graduate
Mladen, Joan	14.39	1 st in Nil
Bryce, Peter	9.62	2 nd in Nil
Mumford, Michael	6.87	4 th in Nil

It is easy to check your masterpoints (or your friends) on the ABF website. Simply visit: <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au> and click on "Player – Masterpoints Lookup". If you feel that you are missing some masterpoints, check with the Club Masterpoint Secretary in the first instance.

Cheers
Chris

New Laws from 1st August

Duplicate bridge started in 1925 when Harold Vanderbilt modified the existing game of auction bridge to allow fairer comparisons and developed a new scoring system (very similar to what we use now). The first Laws of Duplicate Bridge were

subsequently published in 1928. As a new game, there have been many modifications to the rules since those early days. In 1987, the World Bridge Federation decide to review the rules every 10 years. So here we are in 2017, the new Laws of Duplicate Bridge have been published and they apply in Queensland, and in our club from Tuesday 1st August.

Firstly (taken from Eamon Galligans blog <http://eamongall.blogspot.com.au/>) ...

It seems there are to be some new bridge laws starting in Sept 2017.

1. No more tray signalling for opening leads.
2. No more coughing to indicate splinters
3. The wiping of fake sweat from the brow to show ACE is now defunct.
4. Rubbing the chin is no longer allowed for showing the KING.
5. You can no longer indicate possession of the QUEEN by the belly rub.
6. Scratching of the lower regions to indicate JACK is now disallowed.
7. The thumb tap to indicate a singleton HONOR is now defunct.
8. Horizontal leads to indicate top of nothing is no longer allowed.
9. Vertical leads to indicate strength are now disallowed.
10. 4th hand raising a card to indicate power over dummy is no longer a legitimate signal.

Now, seriously, what does everyone need to know?

This is best answered by quoting a section from the 2017 Laws – and I have taken the liberty to embolden some words for emphasis.

*"The trends begun in the 2007 Revision have been continued – the **increased discretion** given to Tournament Directors, the attempts to **rectify a situation rather than to penalise**, and maintaining the position of the Regulating Authorities."*

The biggest change is a new "Law 23 – Comparable Call". If you make a call that you are not allowed to make (eg an insufficient bid, or a call when it is not your turn), then as always, the player on your left has the option to accept the call, and then the auction proceeds with no further rectification.

If your illegal call is not accepted, then it must be **withdrawn** and we all know that information has passed to partner that they were not entitled to. The old laws were a bit strict and often when it became your real turn to call, you would have to guess the best action because your partner had restrictions on what they could choose because of the unauthorised information, and in many cases were forced to pass for the remainder of the auction.

The new laws try to “*rectify a situation rather than to penalise*” and so emerged Law 23 – Comparable Call.

A call that replaces a withdraw call is a comparable call, if it:

- 1. Has the same or similar meaning as that attributable to the withdrawn call, or*
- 2. Defines a subset of the possible meanings attributable to the withdrawn call, or*
- 3. Has the same purpose (eg an asking bid or a relay) as that attributable to the withdrawn call.*

Example 1 :

I open 2H showing 6-10HCP and 6+ Hearts, but it is not my turn. My call is not accepted so it is withdrawn. My right hand opponent opens 1D. In my system a jump overcall of 2H shows 6-10HCP and 6+ Hearts. It meets criterion 1, so I can call 2H and there is no restriction on my partner, If I decide to pass or bid something else then my partner must pass on their next turn to call.

Example 2 :

I pass but it is not my turn, it is my partners. My pass is not accepted. The first call goes to my partner who opens 1H (5+ Hearts and 12-20 HCP). Righty passes. The information attributable to my withdrawn call was 0-10HCP and a hand not suitable to a weak 2 opening. A bid of 2H will show 5-9HCP (a subset of the withdrawn 0-10) so satisfies criterion 2 so will be allowed with no restriction on partner. As you can see, there is more chance to have a normal auction.

Example 3 :

We're having a jolly good auction and partner has bid 4H and I think the baby slam is possible provided we don't lose more than one quick trick, so I ask for Aces by bidding 4C (after Gerber we use CRO responses, not that it is relevant here). My 4C bid is insufficient and is not accepted, so

must be withdrawn and I must pass or make a legal bid. The purpose attributable to my 4C bid was to ask for Aces. If in my system 4NT is Blackwood and asks for Aces then 4NT is a comparable call (criterion 3) and I may make it and there is no further restriction on partner. (Note: if 4NT is Roman Keycard Blackwood then it is not a comparable call, and if I am silly enough to call it anyway, then partner must pass for the rest of the auction).

In all cases, if you are allowed a comparable call, and end up in a contract and score that you would not have reached with a legal auction – then the Director will award an adjusted score to take away the advantage.

What's new for the Director?

The introduction of Law 23 and the general principles of the laws places greater pressure on the Playing Director who will often have to take a player away from the table to find out exactly what has occurred and what their system. So please be patient and understanding.

What's new for the Players?

If you follow correct procedure (eg follow suit, play at the correct time, make legal calls in your bidding) then not much has changed for the players. Here are a few things that have:

Law 7A Placement of Board

When a board is to be played it is placed in the **centre of the table** where it shall remain, **correctly oriented**, until play is completed.

Law 11A Action by Non-Offending Side

The right to rectification of an irregularity may be **forfeited** if either member of the **non-offending side takes any action** before summoning the Director.

Law 20F4(a) Explanation of Calls

If a player **realizes** during the auction that his **own explanation was erroneous or incomplete**, he must **summon the Director before the end of the Clarification Period** and correct the misexplanation. He **may** elect to **call the Director sooner**, but he is under no obligation to do so. (For a correction during the play period, see Law 75B2.)

Law 25A1 Unintended Call

If a player discovers that he has not made the call he intended to make, he may, until his partner makes a call, substitute the call he intended for the unintended call. The second (intended) call stands and is subject to the appropriate Law, but the lead restrictions in Law 26 do not apply.

Law 68B Claim or Concession of Tricks

A claim should be accompanied at once by a clear statement of the line of play or defence through which the claimer proposes to win the tricks claimed, including the order in which the cards will be played. **The player making the claim or concession faces his hand.**

When a player claims/concedes, both sides (all four players) may now agree to continue play, rather than summon the Director. If they do however agree to play on, then the table result will stand. The claimer/conceder picks up his faced hand should everyone agree to play on. Silence in response to a request to play on is deemed to be concurrence. Once the director is called there is no second chance to play on. The director arrives and applies Law 70.

Law 75D Director's Determination

1. Players are expected to **disclose their partnership agreements accurately** (see Law 20F1); failure to do so constitutes Misinformation.

In conclusion

Not much has changed for the players, but a lot has changed for the Directors, who will need a little time to get used to the new wording of the Laws, and the added expectations of rectifying a situation rather than to penalise.

Cheers

Chris

10 Years Ago

We are very fortunate to have such lovely premises to play in, but it wasn't always that way. We moved into the Stuart Street clubrooms exactly ten years ago – the first bridge session was Saturday 14th July 2007. We owe huge thanks to

all those who saved for, and worked for, the new building.

I'm a hoarder at the best of times, and so I have dug out my copy of the 2007 bridge diary, and it's interesting to see who was who at the zoo, at that time:

President	Glenys Clift
Vice-President	Henry Eastment
Secretary	Peg Alcock
Treasurer	Jean Crandell
Committee	Lee Hore

MP Secretary	Floyd Wilson
M' Ship Secretary	Col Martin
Provider	Jacki Horne
Assist Provider	Mary McConachy
QBA Delegates	Carmel Stephens

Press Officer	Chris Snook
Librarian	Kim Nicoll
Recorder	Judith Briggs
Club Teacher	Col Martin
Newsletter Editor	Glenys Clift
House Maintenance	Floyd Wilson
Zone Representative	Ralph Geddes
Congress Convenor	Chris Snook

Our Directors were:

Merna Atkins	Pat Larsen
Joyce Benson	Col Martin
Glenys Clift	Chris Snook
Philip Dobney	Vi Vella
Jackie Henderson	Edwin Willey

Our sessions were:

Monday morning	Supervised Play (Feb – Nov)
Tuesday daytime	Social bridge
Tuesday night	Social bridge
Wednesday afternoon	Social bridge
Thursday afternoon	Social bridge
Friday afternoon	Social bridge
Saturday afternoon	Social bridge

Let's all look forward to, and then enjoy, the next ten years!!

Cheers

Chris

Caterers Report

A big THANK YOU from the Caterer for events and congresses.

Thank you to all of you that have willingly helped cleaned up the kitchen before and after events and normal sessions. It is much appreciated.

Thanks also need to go to the members who have learnt how to use the new dishwasher and then turned around and taught others.

Our Club is very people orientated; we readily assist those who need a lift, we accept that those with special needs are attended to first, we bring in food items that we can and are ready to pitch in. A great club that I am pleased to be a member of.

However, I need to make everyone aware that the Gluten Free foodstuffs are **STRICTLY** for them. These are the only items they can eat so if everyone else eats them, they go without. **Please don't eat GF items if don't need to!**

Both Keith and I try to ensure that everyone's likes are considered. I hope that you all have appreciated our efforts to serve you as we do to serve you.

Leonie Spence
Caterer for Events and Congresses

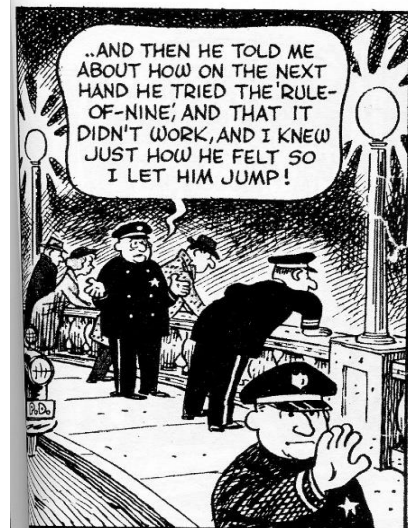
Etiquette

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE GUIDELINES

1. All bridge players, but especially more experienced players, should provide an example of good bridge etiquette for others to emulate.
2. The display of good bridge etiquette will make you a popular player. Conversely, bad bridge manners result in an atmosphere of hostility.
3. Here are some useful guidelines on bridge etiquette:

- Be courteous to partner and opponents at all times
- Avoid remarks and actions that might annoy or embarrass another player
- A call for the director should be made, when necessary, in a manner that is courteous to the other players and the director
- Don't take offence at inadvertent or ignorant breaches of etiquette by other players, especially inexperienced ones
- Maintain a pleasant demeanour
- Refrain from excessive talking during the hand or between the boards of a round
- Be a good sport – compliment your partner or the opponents when it is deserved
- Avoid gloating after a good result
- Avoid griping after a bad result
- Abide by the director's decision with graciousness

Thank you
Ian



Next Series of 8 Week Beginner Lessons

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friends to come along and learn this fabulous mind game.

Managing Your Entries



Joan Butts is the Australian Bridge Federation's National Teaching Coordinator. I recently read an article she featured

recently about managing entries and ensuring that you are able to get to the entries to be able to take all of your tricks.

An entry isn't just about one card, but two: a *link* card and the entry itself. Entries become vital on the following hand which she played in a tournament:

♠Q864

♥AK2

♦J875

♣85

♠9

♥94

♦KQ1063

♣AJ1074

♠J1032

♥1053

♦942

♣KQ6

♠AK75

♥QJ876

♦A

♣932

The bidding went:

S	W	N	E
1♥	2NT*	3♦*	P
4♥	all pass		

*2NT overcall from West = showing 5/5 in the minors

*3♦ from North = a good heart raise

East leads the 9♠. Plan your play and work out how you would play this hand....

TIP: You can make 10 tricks via four spades, five hearts and the ♦A. You will need to consider the opponents bidding and the lead. Entries are vital and it is the Trump suit that provides them. Look further on in the Newsletter to find the answer.

And thanks to Bruce Hinchliffe for the photos with Denise filling in for Jim.



The Answers - Managing Entries

ANSWER to managing your entries



We need to determine the exact shape of the West hand to work out whether the spades are going to break nice and even or whether the spade lead is a singleton.

Win the ♠Q in dummy then draw a round of trumps by playing the ♥2 to the ♥Q. A trump back to the ♥K sees West follow twice. We now know that West holds 1 spade 2 hearts and 5 diamonds and 5 clubs. East therefore was dealt four spades and West does not hold any more trumps to be able to trump the spades.

To prevent East from getting a spade trick with their ♠J1032, we need to finesse twice.

After winning with the ♥K, play a small spade from North hand (East will normally play ♠J) and win with ♠A. Now we need another entry to North's hand to repeat the spade finesse. Luckily we have kept another entry there...the ♥A. After winning the trick with the ♥A, play a low spade toward the ♠K7, and whatever East plays, you cover it...East can't win a spade trick!

The entries to the North hand were the trump suit in the ♥A and ♥K. To retain these two entries, it was essential that a small heart be played first from the North hand to the ♥Q.

On Joan Butts web-site you can play a hand every day for free as well as get access to various lessons:

<https://www.joanbuttsbridge.com/>

Happy Bridging
Denise Hartwig

Our New Sponsor

INTRODUCING OUR NEW SPONSOR

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Henry Eastment
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