



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report



Welcome! All of our regular club sessions are now back in full swing, with many of them producing very healthy numbers of players at each session. We seem to get busier and busier as the weeks go by, and your Directors and Management Committee

always try to ensure there is some variety in the playing program so there is something of value for all players.

Ian Jesser has been running a very popular and relaxed Supervised Play session on Wednesday mornings. Ian has been concentrating on table etiquette, use of bridgemates and on general card play, whilst helping players to hone their bidding skills.

The Restricted/Intermediate Thursday night session continues to be popular for players below National Master, with about 12-14 tables. Holiday Bridge has now finished for another year and the traditional format of Supervised Play and Restricted Pairs recommenced on Monday 4th February led by Glenys Clift. We usually see between 24-28 tables.

Monday won't be the same, however, as Mary McConachy has decided to stand down from her Monday Directing role after seven years of dedicated service. Mary helped run supervised play sessions in Water Street and then helped grow the Monday Restricted session into the club's largest and most popular session. Mary is gentle and quietly efficient in her work and draws the best from the people around her (evidenced by her many "Monday helpers"). I am sure everyone joins me in publicly thanking Mary for this

tremendous contribution to the club and to all our lives. Mary tends to play Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, so there are plenty of opportunities for Monday people to come along and say hi.

You may notice some rearrangement of noticeboards in the clubrooms to better present timely information to members and to afford appropriate recognition to a number of local companies who have very generously agreed to become sponsors of our club. George McKinnon has led this sponsorship initiative and his drive and enthusiasm are reaping significant results. A few minor details are still to be finalised and then a public announcement will be made.

You will have also seen a new promotional brochure that the club has developed and distributed throughout Toowoomba by Glenys, George and Shaunagh. Glenys has also offered promotional talks about bridge and about our club to a number of local organisations. Our aim in all this is to attract new people to the game of bridge and ideally as members of our club.

Beginners Classes are essential to introduce new players to the game of duplicate bridge, as this ultimately leads to new members to our club. A new series of Beginners lessons are starting in early March with Trudy Dunne continuing her Wednesday morning classes and Glenys Clift on Thursday evenings. There is still time to invite some of your friends and neighbours to join us. Details are available on the club website or direct from Trudy and Glenys.

We are also fortunate to be able to offer lessons for Intermediate players on Monday evenings with Liz Zeller. Immediate focus will be on weak twos; takeout, negative and other forms of double; inverted minors; two over one game forcing bids; Bergen raises and unassuming cue bids.

The Congress scene is almost upon us, with

Australia's premier event the Gold Coast Congress 23 Feb – 2 March. There is still time to enter this event and I encourage you all to consider playing in at least the Teams, or the Ivy Dahler Butler Pair, or the Swiss Pairs. There are Novice, Restricted and Intermediate sessions in each as well as the Open section for the big people. Locally, we have already seen the Warwick Swiss Pairs won by Liz Zeller and Byron Longford, and look forward to the following:

- Dalby Swiss Pairs – 17 March
- Toowoomba Novice Pairs – 24 March
- Toowoomba Butler Pairs – 28 April

Happy bridging
Chris Snook

PS: Members may be interested in the following statistics that show the number of tables played for the September to January Quarter over the past 6 years as well as the number of tables per session for the last quarter.

Participation Statistics

Sept 2007 – Jan 2008	1136
Sept 2008 – Jan 2009	1367
Sept 2009 – Jan 2010	1587
Sept 2010 – Jan 2011	1673
Sept 2011 – Jan 2012	1736
Sept 2012 – Jan 2013	1809

**Table 1 - Number of tables
(September to January)**

Session	Total	Weekly Average
Monday	407.5	21.4
Tuesday	171.0	8.5
Tuesday Night	99.0	4.9
Wednesday	354.5	16.8
Thursday	81.0	4.0
Thursday Night	265.5	12.7
Friday	239.5	11.8
Saturday	152.5	7.2

**Table 2 - Number of tables per session
(September to January)**

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Chris Snook
SECRETARY	Lesley Meyer
TREASURER	Lorraine Sutton
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Glenys Clift Shaunagh Cowell Keith Jenkin Jan Lindau George McKinnon Hugh Robinson Ian Steger
CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	Chris Snook
PROVIDOR	Keith Jenkin
CONGRESS CONVENOR	Hugh Robinson
MASTERPOINT SECRETARY	Annette Sullivan
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Annette Sullivan
QBA DELEGATES	Chris Snook / Ian Steger
ZONE REPRESENTATIVE	Chris Snook / Glenys Clift
PRESS OFFICER	Kim Nicoll
LIBRARIAN	Henry Eastment
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Floyd Wilson
CLUB TEACHER	Trudy Dunne/ Glenys Clift / Elizabeth Zeller
MEMBERSHIP BADGES	Lorraine Sutton
TENANCY CO-ORDINATOR	Shaunagh Cowell
MAINTENANCE CHAIRPERSON	John Clift
GARDENING CHAIRPERSON	Jeff Aitchison
HOUSEKEEPER	Bette Flamstead

Four sub-committees coordinate much of the work in the clubrooms:

Tournament Sub-committee: Talk to your Director or a Committee member about the activities of this sub-committee, which cover all facets of bridge play at the club.

Social Sub-committee: Led by Jeff Aitchison, this group helps organise all the social events at the club such as Melbourne Cup party, Christmas party, Birthday party and other special events throughout the year.

Maintenance Sub-committee: This sub-committee, led by John Clift, looks after the building. If you notice something needs repair, then let John know or add a note to the "maintenance register" next to the results noticeboard. Tell the Director if you think the matter is more urgent.

Grounds Sub-committee: This sub-committee, led by Jeff Aitchison, looks after the gardens of the club.

Membership Secretary's Report



NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to the following new members:

Horst Rohde
Barbara Davies
Don Dowe
Annette Gray
John Laker
Kathleen Mulherin
Catherine Thomson
Ivy Hennessey
Dorothy Baker
Patricia Larsen

Membership Subscriptions

Annual Subscriptions for 2013 are now overdue. Reminder notices have been issued. Any members who have not paid by the ABF cutoff date of 31 March may be removed from the Club Membership register. You can pay at any session, post it or pay by Direct Debit.

If you pay after our membership list has been sent to the ABF then you will also be liable for their Membership Activation Fee of \$12.00. This is not a levy that the club charges, but is levied by the ABF to re-register you.

Our current membership numbers are:

2	Junior member
76	Away members
345	Home members
5	Life members

Annette Sullivan
Membership Secretary

Masterpoint Secretary's Report

Since the ABF Census date of 30 September 2012, we have processed 565.64 green masterpoints, slightly less than for the same period last year. For the same period, there were 70.08 red masterpoints, also slightly less than for that period last year.

Don't forget that it is easy to check your masterpoints on the ABF website at: <http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au> and click on "Player – Masterpoints Lookup". You can do this on the club computers at any time. If you feel that you are missing some masterpoints, check with the Club Masterpoint Secretary in the first instance.

Congratulations are extended to the following members who have achieved new Master rankings since the last newsletter:

<u>GRADUATE MASTER</u>	Jill Cory Rosie Rohde Lyn Vary
<u>CLUB MASTER</u>	Paul Barrett
<u>LOCAL MASTER</u>	Sandra Parker Pat Ziebarth
** <u>LOCAL MASTER</u>	Trudy Dunne Mary Gilchrist Hugh Robinson Maureen Grason Jack Lloyd
* <u>STATE MASTER</u>	Annette Sullivan
<u>BRONZE LIFE MASTER</u>	Bruce Meakins



WELL DONE!

Enjoy your bridge

Annette Sullivan
Masterpoint Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Comparing this year's figures to last year's, bridge playing is down approximately 6.5% and congress attendance is down approximately 4.6%.

At the end of this financial year, due to depreciation, we will be showing a larger loss than normal due to the old Bridgemates being replaced.

We are financially sound, but our current assets are well below our accumulated depreciation.

As treasurer, I would like to see more bridge playing by members and more attendance at Congresses.



Happy bridging,

Lorraine Sutton
Treasurer

Provider's Report

I would like to offer a vote of thanks to the large number of lady players offering to help out in the kitchen on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Pam Gebbett's offer to supply sandwiches on Friday afternoons is very much appreciated, together with the supply of associated goodies by other lady members of the club.

Come on men - don't let the ladies outdo you. It would be appreciated if some men could offer help in the kitchen as well as supplying some afternoon tea goodies occasionally.

Once again I would like to thank all those members helping me out in the kitchen as well as supplying the afternoon tea goodies.

Happy bridging everyone,

Keith Jenkin
Provider

Hand of the Week

Internet users may be interested to know that The Bridge Shop has recently introduced a feature on their website called hand-of-the-week. If you want to see what it is like, go to:

<http://www.bridgeshop.com.au/hand-of-the-week.html>

Congress Convenor's Report

The nomination forms for the Club's March Novice Swiss Pairs are available now at the clubhouse. I urge interested players to put their entries in as early as possible. To date twelve novice pairs have nominated. To be eligible to compete in this novice event a player must have had less than 100 masterpoints on 31st December 2012.

Novice events are a great place for those players, who are relatively new to bridge and don't have many masterpoints, to try themselves out in a congress format and gain valuable experience. Hopefully we will have a full clubhouse on Sunday 24th March so the director can grade pairs based on their aggregate of masterpoints so secondary competitions can occur.

To make the event more accessible to members we have reduced the entry fee to \$20/player with BYO lunch. It would be wonderful if club members helped make the day special by donating special treats for morning and afternoon tea. At the close of play, drinks and savories will be available.

The Toowoomba Butler Pairs will follow soon after on Sunday 28 April, and will also be \$20/player with BYO lunch, although we will purchase or make sandwiches for those who require them. Although this is an open competition, the Swiss movement means our newer players will still have an enjoyable day mostly playing against their peers.

As a date claimer, don't forget the major event on the calendar is the Labour Day weekend congress 5-7 October (one day pairs and two day teams).

Hugh Robinson
Congress Convenor

Welfare Officer

Please contact Glenda Filbee on her home phone (4636-7622) or at the club if you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or suffering a bereavement and Glenda will respond suitably on behalf of the Club.

Club Teachers' Report



TEACHING PROGRAM FOR 2013 WEDNESDAY 9AM with Trudy THURSDAY 7PM with Glenys

First lesson free, all subsequent lessons \$5.

Lessons 1-6 focus on the etiquette of bridge and opening bids at the 1 level.

6 th & 7 th March	Introduction to Bridge
13 th & 14 th March	Open 1NT
20 th & 21 st March	1NT and a fit in a major
27 th & 28 th March	Revision of no trumps
3 rd & 4 th April	Open a major
10 th & 11 th April	Open a minor
17 th & 18 th April	Balanced hand
24 th & 25 th April	Revision Practice
1 st & 2 nd May	Playing the cards and counting losers
8 th & 9 th May	Playing the cards & defence play

Lessons 7 – 12 Opening with strong hands, slam bidding and coping with interventions.

15 th & 16 th May	Benjamin 2s – weak
22 nd & 23 rd May	Benjamin 2s – strong
29 th & 30 th May	Overcalls and takeout doubles
5 th & 6 th June	Negative, penalty and balancing doubles
12 th & 13 th June	Pre-emptive bid
19 th & 20 th June	Looking for slam

Glenys Clift

HOW TO PROMOTE YOUR CLUB

Everyone in our club over a certain age grew up playing cards. The problem today for all bridge clubs is that there are possibly two generations behind us who have grown up playing computer games. If children play cards today, it is more

than likely they are playing with their grandparents.

So how do we attract the younger generation to play bridge? You may have noticed that the Committee has produced some brochures and **THE VERY BEST PEOPLE TO PROMOTE A CLUB ARE THE MEMBERS.** I was surprised when I asked my Doctor if he would mind putting some bridge brochures in his surgery that he agreed so readily. He told me that the thing that saved his mother when his father died, was bridge.

And if you belong to another organization, if they are willing to put up our brochure or let you give some to their members, we in turn will put up some advertising for them in the club.

I have organized some promotional lessons at retirement villages and need to thank George McKinnon, Shaunagh Cowell and Floyd Wilson for their assistance in this. I am also giving a talk at various service clubs and we have suggested to these clubs that should they be raising money for a local cause, there may be an opportunity for our club to run a Charity Day to give them support and promotion - Quid Pro Quo.

If members have any ideas they would like to share with the Committee about promoting bridge, if it is possible we will certainly run with them.

Thanks,

Glenys Clift

TOPICS FOR MONDAY SUPERVISED PLAY

Any Player on Monday with less than 2MP can ask for help with the bidding (prior to them bidding or after). Some topics I will be giving handouts if people want them and a short talk are:

- Cue bids asking for a stop and showing game values.
- Negative Doubles
- Opening Doubles
- Overcalls – Forcing/Non-forcing
- Michael's Cue Bid
- Balancing Doubles/Re-opening.
- Benjamin 2s
- Counting Losers
- Signals and McKinney

- Landy
- Opening Light
- Unusual No Trump
- Doubling 1NT

The main area where I see newer players having problems in the bidding is when the opposition intervenes after their partner has bid. This is why the first five topics will focus on this area.

Cheers,
Glenys Clift

Good News for Wednesday and Friday Players

If you normally play at either the Wednesday or Friday session and find yourself, for whatever reason, without a partner, you no longer need to stay at home. Commencing in March, an experienced club player has volunteered to attend on both Wednesday and Friday for the purpose of partnering anyone who turns up without a partner. He will simply go home again if he is not required.

Grounds Maintenance

After months of hot and dry weather the heavens opened in late January and the gardens received more than 18 inches (450 mm) of rain in a few days. Fortunately it was steady rather than torrential and the damage to both the gardens and the district was not as severe as in 2011. The Salvias, which were planted recently in the garden outside the club entrance have appreciated the rain and sprung to life.

Plantings have been put on hold over the summer but will commence in late February or March. Some additional Gazanias have been purchased and will be consolidated in pots prior to planting out. Free plants will also be obtained using Toowoomba Regional Council vouchers during March. Donations of vouchers from members would be appreciated.

Jeff Aitchison
Grounds Co-ordinator

Librarian's Report

As indicated in an earlier report, I have followed up on overdue books and DVDs over the last few weeks and have managed to locate all books. However, as of 12th February, there are still 4 DVDs that I have been unable to trace. They are:

- **DVD 5 Defensive Play** - Last returned on 26/5/2012.
- **DVD 8 Bidding over Pre-empts** - Returned on 5/2/2013 but it and its card are now missing.
- **DVD 11 Signals and Discards** - Last returned on 28/11/2012.
- **DVD 12 Tips on Bidding** Returned on 4/2/2013 but not in Library on 5/2/2013.

If you have one or more of these DVDs, please return it to the Library and/or sign the card ASAP so that I know who has it.

If you wish to borrow an item that is overdue, please check its card to see who has borrowed the item and call them to let them know that you would like to borrow the item.

Remember, the Library operates on an honesty system and is for the benefit of all members.

Enjoy your Library and your Bridge.

Henry Eastment
Librarian

FUTURE DIRECTORS

It is interesting how perceptions change. Ten years ago when I first qualified as a Director at the Bridge Club, the perception by a couple of the existing directors who have since passed away, was "the club doesn't need any new Directors."

Luckily since then, Liz Zeller, Chris Snook, Henry Eastment, Ian Jesser, Mary McConachy, Cheryl Haslam, Floyd Wilson, Edwin Willey and Robbie Fulton have all qualified as Directors and the Club couldn't run without them. Particularly as Phil Dobney who made an enormous contribution to this club resigned at the end of last year leaving Val Buchanan as the last of our founding members to be still active as a Director. By the way, many of our newer members would

not be aware of how much work these founding members did to make the club what it is today.

So what our newer members need to think a little about is who are going to be our Directors in 10 years time when the only Directors under the age of 70 will be Chris and Liz. Obviously all our current Directors will be hoping they will have the same longevity and mental acuity as Val who is one of our best bridge players. But as we all know life doesn't work that way.

When I look at our newer players who play on Monday and Thursday night, there are a lot of talented people there and it is from this pool that our new Directors will come from. So have a think about it. One of the big advantages of studying for your Director's exam is you learn the rules properly which actually helps you in your game. You certainly do not have to be the best bridge player to be a director. In fact if you look at most sports, the best referees were never the best players. So as I said, have a think about it and talk to Chris who will go out of his way to help you.

Cheers
Glenys Clift

Social Sub-Committee

Ian Steger and George McKinnon have agreed to be involved in organising Social Club activities this year. Unfortunately, there has been a lack of availability or interest on the part of previous members.

The Social Committee cannot operate with only two or three members and unless other Bridge Club members decide to get involved will cease to exist. The end result will be that it will be up to the Club Committee to conduct those events which are part of the annual program and that no extraordinary events will occur.

Interested members should contact either myself or other members of the Management Committee to become involved.

Jeff Aitchison
Sub-Committee Chairman

Winners are Grinners

December Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday	John Laker
Tuesday	Gwen Francis
Tuesday Night	Edwin Willey & Harvey Billing
Wednesday	Val McClement & Ian Jesser
Thursday	Edwin Willey & Bruce Meakins
Thursday night	Hugh Robinson
Friday	Judy Briggs & Del Clark
Saturday	Rhonda Dean & Edwina Willis

January Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday	George McKinnon & Dave Mulherin
Tuesday	Gabrielle & John Elich
Wednesday	Edwina Willis
Thursday	Val McClement
Thursday night	Gabrielle & John Elich
Friday	Marlene Mirtschin
Saturday	Ray & Betty Steele

Friday Handicap Cup

Bruce Hinchliffe & Mary McConachy

Join me in congratulating all these players for the success they have enjoyed.

Chris

From the Tournament Subcommittee

Your Directors meet regularly to discuss the operation of our bridge sessions and a particularly productive meeting was held on 23 January.

Changing scores in bridgemates:

The Laws of Bridge do not allow Directors to change scores at the end of play unless they have checked with both pairs who played the hand. Unfortunately there are a significant number of incorrect scores being input to the bridgemates and then not being properly checked by EW. The Director will normally run a special "report" on the scoring computer that highlights scoring anomalies (eg 7 tables play a hand in spades NS and one does EW – not likely). These anomalous results can skew the results considerably and so the Director might ask you to stay back at the end of the session to try and fixup the mistake. Please cooperate in this matter.

Club procedure allows mistakes entered into the bridgemates to be corrected up until the beginning of the next session, held on the same day. Players who advise Directors that a score is wrong need to put it in writing with the consent of the pair they played against (email will suffice). All this effort can be reduced considerably if we just get the scores right to begin with.

The Club Psyche Register:

A recommendation was made to the Management Committee (and subsequently adopted)

“That the Toowoomba Bridge Club implement a club rule that all psyches be reported to the Director and that each player at the table has a responsibility to ensure that this is done at the end of the round.”

The Laws of Bridge define a psyche bid as a deliberate and gross misstatement of honour strength and/or suit length. Toowoomba Bridge Club has further clarified this to normally encompass a call that is two cards below the promised length or a king (3 points) outside the promised strength of a hand. Strictly speaking there is nothing illegal about a psyche call provided that the partner of the pyscher does not know what is going on.

QBA Regulations require that a person making a psyche bid **MUST** report it to the Director at the end of the hand and these reports are collated by the QBA so that we can watch for any ongoing “implicit partnerships”. The resolution mentioned above extends this at the Toowoomba Bridge Club so that any player at the table can, and should, report the psyche.

Some players appear to have a tendency to only psyche against beginners. Often a good opponent will be able to diagnose the psyche and will double you but beginners do not have sufficient experience to recognise this. It is very **poor sportsmanship** to psyche against beginners and we expect that players will take heed of this warning.

On the other hand, we must be very understanding of beginners who may make a mistake in their bidding. Thus, we should be very gentle when calling the director – they will determine whether it was a mistake (in which case the score stands) or whether there was a psyche (in which case it is recorded and the score stands) or whether it was a psyche and there is a possibility that their partner “fielded” the psyche (in which case it is reported

to me, and the score might later be adjusted). In all cases nothing nasty will occur – we are just making bridge fairer for all.

Monday Graduates:

An effort will be made to encourage Monday players to perhaps play a second day by introducing a restricted side to Friday Bridge. This would be limited to novice players up to 100 points. No firm decision has been made yet - and allow time for promotion and holidays, we will try to start this in April after Easter.

Players who no longer qualify for Monday are also being encouraged to join the Tuesday day group, which seems to be working quite well.

Regards
Chris

Award Presentations and Christmas Party



Fay Short, Shirley Hooper, Mary McConachy and Joyce Ziesemer at the Christmas Party.

Bridgemate II's

We have just purchased 30 new Bridgemate II tabletop scoring units. The old units were starting to fail mostly because of the very heavy use that they receive. If a club only uses theirs twice a week they can expect them to last 7-10 years. Ours have been used 8 or more times per week and lately have been introducing problems. The new Bridgemate II's are a newer technology, robust design and offer some new features.



The method of operating the Bridgemate II is similar to what we have already experienced.

First, the Director will enable the scoring system, and will distribute boards to the tables. Then the Director will issue a Bridgemate to your table and set the Bridgemate to the appropriate Section and Table number. At this stage the Bridgemate screen will look something like:

TABLE A2

PRESS OK TO START
OR CANCEL TO CHANGE

Tell the Director if this information is incorrect – otherwise just press [OK] to get started. The screen will now ask for your player numbers. Input your club numbers as you usually would.

ENTER PLAYERS:

N: _
S: _
E: _
W: _

There will be a brief pause whilst the computer is interrogated and then your player names should appear. If these are incorrect, then press [Cancel] to go back and fix the error, or if all is well then press [OK].

Now, at each table (round), you press [OK] on the tabletop and it shows the round number, the boards that are to be played and who should be playing them ... so there is less chance of sitting at the wrong table!

Please read the screen and check that you have the correct opponents and boards before pressing [OK].

ROUND 1
NS: 2 EW: 2
BOARDS 4-6

You should now see the names of the players who should be at the table at the current round. This is your last check all is right. Press [OK] to indicate you are ready to play a board in the current set.

NS vs EW
CHRIS SNOOK
MOHAN TRADA

HENRY EASTMENT
ROY CONSTANTINE

At this stage play the first hand. It is better that you leave the Bridgemate alone until the hand has been played, then input all the relevant information. *I have noticed that some people immediately input the board number, contract and opening lead. This is OK but you can save considerable time and avoid simple mistakes if you leave it all to the end.*

ROUND 1	NS:2	EW:2	4-6
BOARD :	_		
CONTR :			
LEAD :			
TRICKS :			
TDMENU			SCORES

It is important that we navigate this screen carefully. The top row always gives current information – the round number, the NS and EW pair number, and the set of boards to be played. The next four rows are the same as always ... the actual bridge details. The bottom row has the TDMENU (Tournament Director button) and on the right hand side is SCORES.

If you ever press SCORES you get to see the scores that you achieved so far in this round. It is important that you check these. Here is an example:

SCORE RECAP - BOARDS 4-6		
4: 3NT S 10		+630
5: 3NT S 12		+690
BACK		CORREC

You should now notice that the bottom right hand button has changed to **CORREC**. If you realise that one of your scores is incorrect, instead of calling the Director, you can delete the score and put it in again.

Suppose board 4 was played by Mohan but he made 11 tricks and not 10. Just press the **CORREC** button and enter the offending board number (in this case 4).

Now input the board again : board number (eg 4) [OK], and the contract eg press [3] [NT] [N/S] [N/S] [OK], and then the lead [2] [C] and the number of tricks [1] [1] – then press [OK].

ROUND 1	NS:2 EW:2	4-6
BOARD :	4	
CONTR :	3NT S	
LEAD :	2C	
TRICKS :	11	
TDMENU		SCORES

The verification screen will then display briefly followed by the results for EW to check. It will look something like:

ROUND 1	NS:2 EW:2	4-6
BOARD 4, 3NT 11		
By South, +660		2C
Press ACCEPT to		
confirm		
		ACCEPT

EW press [ACCEPT] to confirm the score (just like signing a receipt) or press [Cancel] to go back and make corrections.

The next screen says **ENTRY COMPLETE** and asks if you would like to **VIEW RESULTS** (this is other results people have got on this board). If so press [OK] if you don't have time or are not inclined to do so then press [Cancel]. If you look you will see is a summary of what happened, something like:

1x -> 3NT S 11	+660
3x 3NT S 10	+630
1x 4S S 10	+620
1x 3S N 10	+170
1x 6S S 10	-200

If there is more information that fits on one screen you will see little up and down arrows. In this example, our table score is +660 (the one indicated by the ->). Three tables scored +630, one table scored +620, one table scored +170 and one table scored -200. Press [OK] to go back to the main screen.

At the end of the round you will see a screen similar to:

END OF ROUND 1	
NS STAYS	
EW->3 EW	
TDMENU RANK	SCORES

For all but the last round you will see instructions on where to move to (when the Director calls move). You can also see all the scores at your current table using the **SCORES** button. An additional button is **RANK** which will then show your current result for the day and your current position in the field. Of course, these change as more results become available. Remember it is your result for the day – not for the round.

Please be courteous to your colleagues and don't gloat over unusually high results nor berate anyone for unusually low results. Also, you get 20 seconds to view any screen so be nice and let everyone at the table see the screen if they wish to – **DO NOT** loudly read out every board result for the whole room to hear.

The most common difficulty in using Bridgemate II's is experienced when people press that lower right button without first reading what is on screen. At different times this button can be [ACCEPT], [SCORES] or [CORREC].

Please take care of our Bridgemates. Two of the old Bridgemate Pros are having problems at the moment. I opened the case to reveal the insides are badly corroded – it seems water or similar had been accidentally spilled on them and not cleared up.