



TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Report



Yet another year has passed us in a blur (I blinked and it certainly passed me) mostly due to the full programme of events at the club. The second half of the year is always a busy time with Congresses and Zone events, many club competitions, the Melbourne Cup party and the Christmas party.

Our clubs 28th Annual General Meeting was held on the 26th of September. At this meeting Walter Hendriks and Elizabeth Cavanagh retired from the positions of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Both have made excellent contributions to the management of our club, often with many hours of work behind the scenes, and we thank them for all their good work.

A new committee was elected with myself as President, Annette Sullivan joining the committee as Secretary, and Carmel Caton taking on the role of Treasurer. Bruce Hinchliffe has continued as Vice-President, we welcome new committee members Denise Hartwig, Pam Gebbett, Glenys Clift, Henry Eastment and Ray Moore. Floyd Wilson and Joyce Zeisemer have continued their involvement with the management committee from 2009. Also elected to positions were Chris Snook as Masterpoint Secretary, Denise Hartwig

as Congress Convenor and Joyce Ziesemer as Providore. These new Office Bearers and new Management Committee contain a wealth of managerial and bridge experience and I am sure they will continue the good work of the past few years in further developing our wonderful club.

A major item on the agenda for the new committee is continuing to liaise with the Toowoomba Regional Council as we try to gain additional car parks. This will be a slow process but I am sure we will come to a satisfactory outcome in due course. Meanwhile, let's get into Carpooling!

Finally, I'd like to express a word of thanks to all of the volunteers of the club who: deal boards for each session; direct sessions of bridge; prepare the room and kitchen before play; cleanup the room after play; look after the gardens; clean the gutters; water the gardens; mow the grass; help with the restricted and supervised play sessions; shop for the kitchen; cook the cakes and biscuits; make sandwiches; buy cakes and donuts; replenish the table supplies; sharpen pencils; wash the tablecloths; and the dozens of other important jobs that I have not mentioned.

The club runs as well as it does, and we all get to enjoy our bridge, because of your efforts. So well done and thank you!!!



Chris Snook
President

Welfare Officer

Please contact Glenda Filbee on 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.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Chris Snook
VICE-PRESIDENT	Bruce Hinchliffe
SECRETARY	Annette Sullivan
TREASURER	Carmel Caton
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Glenys Clift Henry Eastment Pam Gebbett Denise Hartwig Ray Moore Floyd Wilson Joyce Ziesemer
MASTERPOINT SECRETARY	Chris Snook
PROVIDOR	Joyce Ziesemer
CONGRESS CONVENOR	Denise Hartwig
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Glenys Clift
QBA DELEGATES	Chris Snook/ Henry Eastment/ Bruce Hinchliffe
ZONE REPRESENTATIVE	Chris Snook/ Denise Hartwig
PRESS OFFICER	Kim Nicoll
LIBRARIAN	Henry Eastment
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Floyd Wilson
CLUB TEACHER	Glenys Clift
MEMBERSHIP BADGES	Pam Gebbett
TENANCY CO-ORDINATOR	Bruce Hinchliffe
GARDENING CO-ORDINATOR	Lisa Moore
MAINTENANCE CHAIRPERSON	Will Higgins
HOUSEKEEPER	Bette Flamstead

Three 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 and Fundraising Sub-committee: This group helps organise all the social events at the club such as Melbourne Cup party, Christmas party, Birthday party and perhaps a few other special events through the year.

Maintenance Sub-committee: This sub-committee, led by Will Higgins, looks after all of the building and surrounding gardens. If you notice something needs repair, then let Will know by having a chat to him (he tends to play Tuesday nights and Saturdays) or add a note to the "maintenance register" next to the results noticeboard. Tell the Director if you think the matter is more urgent.



NEW MASTER RANKINGS

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

GRADUATE MASTER

Greg Dinsey
Eric Gray
John Maslen
Kathleen Munt
Sandra Parker
Lynette Power
Hugh Robinson
Sue Wells

CLUB MASTER

Jeff Atkinson
Louise Barrett
Trudy Dunne
Phyllis Morton
Annette Sullivan
Marlie Walker

LOCAL MASTER

Vi Applegarth
Anneke Bierenbroodspot
Desiree Fenaughty
Lesley Meyers
Carmen Powell
Floyd Wilson
Majella Wilson

***LOCAL MASTER**

Brian Wippell

****LOCAL MASTER**

Judith Briggs
Judith Leathley
Elizabeth Zeller

REGIONAL MASTER

Judith Shipway
Joan Wenck

STATE MASTER

Gillian Whitehouse
Barbara Wippell

***NATIONAL MASTER**

Gerry Dawson

****NATIONAL MASTER**

Patricia Penberthy

LIFE MASTER

Chris Snook



WELL DONE!



Now You Know Why

Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak!

Membership Secretary's Report



MEMBERSHIP SUBS

It is that time of year again. Membership Subs are due by the 1st January 2010 and can be paid any time from now on. Home Membership is \$43 and Alternate Membership is \$20.

All Associate members will have any points they have earned this year, credited to them in January when they join as full members and I lodge their details with the ABF.

In all fairness, to be eligible for the birthday club, your subs need to be paid by the first week of March and any paid after we have lodged our list with the ABF will not qualify until the following year.

I have had a couple of requests from people who would like to be listed in the program book but will not be joining until next year. If you know someone who is in this category, I will need to have their application by the first week of November as that is when the Program book will be done.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR 2010

One of our members recently said that if there was another restricted session, that would give her another time she could come.

There is no problem is setting up another restricted session – the question is, are there enough people interested in supporting it? There could be two sessions running on a Saturday – one would be an open session and the other restricted to players with fewer than 50 masterpoints.

We have a suggestion box which is very under-utilised and we would love to hear some ideas from people.

Cheers,

Glenys Clift
Membership Secretary



Why is abbreviation such a long word?

Treasurer's Report

With the year rapidly evaporating it is time to remind everyone that Membership Renewals are imminent. The fee for 2010 confirmed at the recent AGM is \$43 which is the same as last year and is made up of \$20 for Club membership, \$11 for QBA fees and \$12 for ABF fees. Fees can be paid at any session; if the Membership Secretary (Glenys C.) isn't handy whoever is collecting the money on the day will be able to provide you with a receipt from the Membership receipt book kept in the office. Be sure you get a receipt so that Glenys doesn't have to play super sleuth sorting out who has paid what.

If you have glanced at the Financial Reports tabled at the recent AGM you will have noted that the Club is in a very sound financial position – a welcomed state of affairs for an in-coming Treasurer. Owing to the newness of our building our maintenance requirements for the first couple of years have been minimal and this has provided a window of opportunity that has allowed us to pay out our loans and make some capital acquisitions in the form of the Bridgemates, Zip boilers etc. that will stand us in good stead as the Club grows and expands. As time passes our maintenance costs will rise and the Committee has very prudently set aside money in a fixed deposit (currently \$60,000) to cater for the Club's growth and the increased costs of maintaining the building into the future.

As mentioned by Elizabeth in earlier Newsletters, the monthly financial reports presented to the Management Committee are available as part of the Club Minutes if anyone would like to access them. Having been in the job for just two weeks at the time of writing I am very grateful to Liz for patiently answering my many questions and I am also very much indebted to the Directors and their helpers who collect and reconcile the monies at each Session.

Thank you everyone.

Carmel Caton
Treasurer



He who laughs last thinks slowest

Providore's Report

As many would know Joyce has been enjoying a well earned break cruising the Rhone and Saone Rivers *en route* to Paris. Fortunately for us she will be back well before our Melbourne Cup Function which I am sure she would like to remind everyone about. Last year was such a fun day we hope to have a repeat performance this year. Joyce has a scrumptious menu planned; the Sweeps will be in the capable hands of the master, Phil Dobney, who will be sporting his Brown Derby for the occasion; the Directors, Floyd Wilson and Pam Gebbett, have prize draws planned which will add to the festivities and Bruce Hinchliffe has been commandeered to attend to the Bubbly and drinks. The cost of the day is \$15 which includes lunch and a game of Bridge - to help with catering would you put your name down on the list pinned to the new notice-board near the front door if you are attending.

In typical Joyce fashion she made sure that the larder was well stocked before departing and left its replenishment (as well as the Monday kitchen session) in the capable hands of Helen Walsh. Thanks also to Carmel Stephens and Pauline Graham who have taken on extra responsibilities in Joyce's absence and of course to all the regular helpers who ensure the smooth running of the kitchen at each session.

The kitchen will be in full swing between now and the end of the year with the Fun Day, the October Swiss Teams, Melbourne Cup and Christmas Party all happening before then - needless to say Joyce has plans for each already in the pipeline.

Thanks to all the members who so generously donate the delicious supply of scones, cakes, slices, biscuits, pikelets and other treats that we get to enjoy so regularly. Since she is not here to censor me I can tell you that Joyce usually bakes for at least three sessions a week which is some feat! Thank you Joyce - we are so very fortunate to be looked after so well.

Carmel Caton
for Joyce Ziesemer
Providore



What happens if you get scared half to death
twice?

Congress Convenor's Report

The Toowoomba Novice Teams was held on Sunday 23 August, restricted to players with less than 100 masterpoints. A field of 14 teams contested including participants from Kingaroy, Dalby, Warwick Brisbane and Darling Downs Clubs. This was the first Congress held by Toowoomba for Novice Teams and it was a great success. Special thanks to all who helped make this such a successful day. Congratulations also to the winning team members, Liz Zeller, Judith Leathley, Alison Dawson and Julie Jeffries.

Toowoomba hosted the Zone Pairs Championship on Sunday 20th September. Once again it was a great day with 22 pairs participating. I am pleased to announce that Glenys Clift and Jackie Henderson had the highest match points at the end of the day and have qualified to represent the zone in the State Championships on 17-18 October.

On Sunday the 25th October the Toowoomba Bridge Club is hosting the Toowoomba Swiss Teams event. This is an open red masterpoint event but all players are welcome. It is a great way to meet and play against other players from other clubs as we often have teams participating from the coast and other clubs in the Darling Downs Region.

Playing in a Swiss Teams event, you tend to play against players of a similar standard to yourselves so it is also an excellent way for Novices to become accustomed to playing in Congresses. Hoping to see lots of Novice teams participating !!

All entries must be submitted on an entry form available on the club notice board or via the QBA website. Entries close Wednesday 21st October so make sure you get your entries in early.

The Warwick Bridge Club is hosting a Spring Pairs event on Sunday 1st November. This is a blue green and red card system event run under QBA regulations.

Denise Hartwig
Congress Convenor



A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad
memory

Club Teacher's Report

PLANNING THE PLAY

When I was playing against Tony Jackman at the Darling Downs Congress, he told me about a wonderful new book from Canada called "Planning the Play of a Bridge Hand" by Barbara Seagram and David Bird.

I ordered a couple of copies for the library (no they are not in the library – Mary has one and I have the other).

It is really excellent and by Chapter 2, I was on a great learning curve. It is suitable for beginners and upwards, is simple to read and easy to understand.

So I contacted the Bridge Shop and asked what sort of a deal they would offer for an order of 20. The original books I ordered cost \$29.95 each, he has offered a bulk deal at \$24 and we would probably sell them at no more than \$25 once we have factored in postage costs.

As the bridge shop has run out, the new lot won't be arriving for a couple of months. If you would like to put your name down for one, please let me know and if there are more than 20 people, I will increase the order.



BRIDGE IS NOT A GAME OF SECRETS

Irrespective of what system you play, your opposition are entitled to know what your bids mean so they can offer a reasonable defence.

There are 3 people in our club that I know of playing a very unusual double jump after their partner has opened with very weak hands. In one case, the point count could be less than 6 points. I was told how well this works in stopping the opposition from bidding and I thought, of course it does, as long as they don't know your bid is actually weak. If you don't alert this bid or pre-alert the opposition before you start playing, this is in actual fact cheating.

If this happened, and the opposition called the Director saying they thought the double jump was strong, there is a fair probability that the Director would award an adjusted score changing the contract to what was most likely to have occurred if the correct information had been available at the table.

So if you want to play this, please pre-alert the opposition that a double jump by you after your partner has opened is weak.

Another problem is the Precision 2♣ bid after their partner has opened 1NT. This also needs to be pre-alerted before you start play. It is not a Stayman (which cannot be alerted now), but more likely it is a weak transfer to a 5 card or better suit with less than 8 points.

The other point I would like to mention is when the opposition ask for an explanation of your partner's bid, and you don't know, it is not acceptable to say I am not sure but this is what I am taking it for. That is actually another form of cheating. Just say "I don't know" or "we haven't discussed this" - the opposition can then call the director and you will have to leave the table while he explains what his bid means.

Remember, bridge is not a game of secrets.



SUPERVISED PLAY PROGRAM

Below is what remains of the supervised play program that started on 15 Jun 09. You do not need a partner to come to supervised play. However, it would help if you could be there at least 10 minutes before starting time.

MON 12.30	THURS 7 PM	
19/10	22/10	Gerber & Blackwood
26/10	29/10	Reopening the bidding – Balancing
2/11	5/11	Unusual No Trump
9/11	12/11	Michaels Cue Bid
16/11	19/11	Opening light in 3rd position
23/11	26/11	Opening leads



Cheers,

Glenys Cliff
Club Teacher



Librarian's Report

Whilst I was away, the following books were placed in the Library. Many thanks to those who have donated them and, if you want your name recorded in the Library Acquisition List, please let me know.

- 2 The Complete Book of Bridge
T Reese & Albert Dormer
- 21.2 Blocking and Unblocking Plays in Bridge
T Reese & R Trezel
- 45 Learn to make the Correct Opening Leads
C Goren
- 50 How to Play Bridge
J Flint

I think the book by Goren will be very useful for any player who would like to improve their opening lead selection. It is easy to read and follow (and I agree with almost all of it!). Although all books are of mid-1970's vintage, they would be useful and informative for Beginners and Intermediate players.

The Library items (books and videos) are there for members' use. If you wish to withdraw an item, please locate its card in the plastic container and complete the appropriate details and return the card to its place in the container.

Please try to return items within two months so others may borrow them. When you do return an item, complete the appropriate details on its card, replace the card in the plastic container in proper order and replace the item in its proper order on the shelf.

If you see a book that you feel may be useful for members, please let me know and I will consider it for adding to the library.

Some books that have been out to members for a long period have been returned so, if you have been looking for a book that has been out, please look again.

Henry Eastment



Upcoming Event

Ivy Dahler Novice Teams Championship to be held on two consecutive Saturdays 7th and 14th November. If you have fewer than 50 Master-points, come along and try your luck

Bridge Base Online

Bridge Base Online (BBO) was launched in 2001 by Fred Gitelman. It is the largest and busiest online bridge service available anywhere on Earth. Basic membership is free and the site offers duplicate play, tournaments and live broadcasts of bridge events involving world-class players with expert commentary. You can also purchase a broad range of quality bridge software at the BBO Online store.

BBO membership exceeds 100,000 and often there are over 10,000 bridge players on site at any one time. You develop your own profile and playing system. I use SAYC (Standard American Yellow Card) which involves a strong two club and weak two diamonds, hearts and spades. BBO also caters for other bridge playing systems such as Acol and Precision. You can then add other conventions such as Stayman, Gerber, Blackwood, Hamilton or Michaels cue bids.

You also make your personal assessment of your playing ability from novice, intermediate, advanced, expert or world-class. The quality of players varies as you would expect on such a large site. However, I would suggest that you exercise a degree of conservatism in this self-appraisal process. There are many players of exceptionally good quality playing on this site!

If you crave some extra bridge activity in the comfort of your own home, BBO is well worth a visit on www.bridgebase.com

Ian Jesser (Ozjess)

MELBOURNE CUP DAY



Once again our club will be hosting a Melbourne Cup Luncheon – this year on 3rd November. Make sure you don't miss this fun day.

Please place your names on the list on the notice board if you intend coming. Names are required as soon as possible for catering purposes.

How Does the Bidding Go?

3	♠ AJ7 ♥ KJ104 ♦ AKQ862 ♣ K95	Dir: S Vul: E-W																								
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Here is a fairly simple hand that I wrote about a while ago whilst explaining how to read the little Dealmaster analysis. I thought it worth repeating.

This is an analysis for board 3, and shows the hands held by each of North, East, South and West (North's looks pretty good). It also shows that North had 18 points, South had 4 points, East had 10 points and West had 8 points. Dealmaster does not consider the auction, it only shows the number of tricks that are possible for the computer playing double dummy (ie when it can see all the hands).

According to Dealmaster, North might expect to make 5 clubs, 6 hearts or 2 no-trumps. South might expect to make 5 clubs, 6 hearts or 2 no-trumps. It also indicates that either East or West could make 3 diamonds. You can then compare this with what actually happened at your table.

I thought it would be an interesting exercise to look at how the bidding might actually proceed for the above hand using a couple of common bidding systems and approaches.

1. Playing Standard American with very conservative NS players and EW players:

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1C	P	P	X
2C	2D	P	P
P			

Most likely score is **110 to EW**.

2. Playing Standard American with conservative NS players:

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1C	1D	P	2D
3C ¹	3D	P	P
P			

1. N has run out of room to jump to show strength

Most likely score is **110 to EW**.

3. Playing Standard American and reasonably aggressive, with Benjamin Twos:

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
2C ¹	P	2D ²	P
3C	P	3H ³	P
4H	P	P	P

- Notes:**
1. 8-9 playing tricks
 2. 2D waiting bid
 3. Some might pass, but I said they are aggressive bidders

Most likely score is **480 to NS**.

4. Playing Standard American and reasonably aggressive, with Benjamin Twos:

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
2C ¹	P	2D ²	P
2H ³	P	3H	P
4C ⁴	4D ⁵	P ⁶	P
6H ⁷	P	P	P

- Notes:**
1. 8-9 playing tricks
 2. 2D waiting bid
 3. There is a real risk this might be passed!
 4. Gerber
 5. Partner, lead me a diamond
 6. DOPI (I have 1 ace)
 7. Not the best bid in the world, but if the Ace is Hearts then it's good. If the Ace is Diamond, then we can stop the first lead –so let's try for slam.

Most likely score is **980 to NS**

5. Playing Precision with a learner like Chris

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1C ¹	1D ²	X ³	P
2C	P	2H ⁴	P
4H	P	P	P

- Notes:**
1. 16+
 2. Often overall the Precision 1C
 3. X shows 0-4 points, 1NT shows 5-7, PASS 8+
 4. Top of my promised range (eg 3-4)

Most likely score is **480 to NS**

There are heaps of other possibilities. ... Talk the hand over with your regular partners and see what you'd come up with.

Cheers
Chris



DUMMY'S LIMITATIONS

When declarer has won a trick and is thinking about his lead, all too often I see dummy indicating to declarer where the lead is to come from, by tapping the table if the lead is to come from dummy or pointing to declarer if the lead is to come from declarer. **THEY CAN'T DO IT!**

If declarer has started to lead from the wrong hand then Dummy can attempt to prevent the infraction. So, if declarer starts to take a card from his hand when the lead should be from dummy, then dummy could tap the table to indicate where the lead should come from; or if declarer starts naming a card from dummy when the card should come from his own hand, then if declarer had not finished naming the card (both suit and denomination) then dummy could point to declarer indicating where the lead should come from.

What should happen if declarer incorrectly plays a card from his own or dummy's hand and dummy was unable to prevent it? The Director must be called to explain the options for the defenders. Either defender can accept the incorrect lead but if one says "yes" and the other "no" then declarer must play from the correct hand.

Phil Dobney

LEARNING TO SCORE

The experts say that your success in Bridge depends on your bidding.

I once asked Paul Lavings "What can you say to players who continually complain that they never get enough honour cards (HC points) to do well. Paul said "Tell them that their bidding has to be improved!"

If you are to compete in the bidding you must know how to score. For example, if your opponents have bid (say) 3D and you have a reasonable hand, should you double for penalty or bid over the 3D? You need to know what the score will be if, for example, you double and they make 9 tricks when vulnerable.

If you bid on and become declarer and do not make your contract, then how will this compare with their score if you double and let them play in their contract.

Could you quickly calculate 3DX making 9 tricks as $3 \times 2 \times 20 + 500 + 50 = 670$ and quickly compare this to the score that they would get if you bid on over their 3D and went down by say 3 tricks, doubled, NV? ($100 + 200 + 200 = 500$).

Remember you can't look at the "Instant Duplicate Scoring" cards during the Auction.

Just as you remembered all your "Times Tables" as a kid, to improve your Bridge you will need to remember scores, or know how to quickly calculate them.

Phil Dobney

AN ARTICLE FROM THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN 3/10/09 by Paul Marsden

Mastering Bridge takes time. There are no overnight sensations. Everyone must first serve an apprenticeship. This is because learning Bridge is more about getting the hang of it than it is an intellectual exercise. You have to get a feel for the cards. The problem is complicated because some of the cards are hidden, forcing you to think about risk management.

I often see clever people acting frustrated with their slow progress. They should realize that no one has become a major force without five years experience and few make it before their mid 20's.

Former World Champion, Mike Lawrence, once said it was not until he had been playing for three years that the fog suddenly lifted. For no apparent reason he could suddenly see how the game worked.

Don't give up.

CAB DRIVER

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath and stopped centimeters from a shop window.

For a while everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me!" The passenger apologized, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, today is my first day as a cab driver - I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."

YOU'RE A WEIRD MOB

All you contract bridge exponents,
Facing up to your opponents,
Each intent on every trick,
Tell me please . . . what makes you tick?

I couldn't call you mental midgets,
Yet you say a hand has thirteen digits;
And, though you all stay nice and chummy,
One in four hands is called a DUMMY!

To me a pack means quite a few.
To you? exactly fifty-two . . .
To me a slam means: shut that door!
To you slam means twelve or more.

To me a rubber's for mistakes,
To you a rubber means high stakes;
To you a suit is one of four,
To me a suit's a thing I wore –
And bridge buffs write (the dirty brutes)
About discarding partner's suits!

I can quickly count to two,
Yet counting hands is slow for you –
And forcing passes is the stuff
Of football matches . . .really ruff!

Bumping, ducking, heading-up,
sounds just like a football cup.
Whilst high-low signals forth and back,
reminds one of a railway track.

Some time ago I lost my wife...
This doesn't mean she left this life,
It doesn't mean that things went wrong –
It means South Brisbane or Toowong.

Any time there's contract bridge on
My wife seems to get religion –
Thinking super-doooper whoppers
Like hold-ups, each with double stoppers.

When she left home in such a hurry
I thought she'd gone to Arthur Murray –
Her talk-in-sleep became appalling...
Sounding much like square dance calling.

If, on occasions, I neglect her,
She simply smiles and shouts: "Director!"
And now – despite my fuss & fidget –
She wants to change her name ... to BRIDGET!

CONTRACT BRIDGE WITCH, HEAR MY JINGLE
I WAS DOUBLED, NOW I'M SINGLE.



GIFT VOUCHERS FOR XMAS

If any member would like to give their partner or another player a small Xmas gift, the club can do gift vouchers for a free game similar to the birthday vouchers with the recipient's name on it. It would be valid for 12 months and obviously, they would cost \$5.

If interested, contact the Secretary, Annette Sullivan.

Christmas Party



Make a note in your diary – the Christmas party will be on Saturday 12 Dec 09 starting at midday.

All welcome.

Watch the club noticeboard for more details.

Exercise for People Over 50

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level – Ed.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.



DISASTER AT THE BRIDGE TABLE

The Contract Bridge ladies sat
Having their little pre-game chat
All good manners and decorum
At this strictly female forum

Then suddenly and from without
That day's Director gave a shout:
"Somebody's stolen all the Jacks
From the Contract Bridge Club's packs!"

"Alas alack! Alas alack!
"Someone's stolen every Jack"
Gasp Secretary Bertha Black
"I think I'm having a heart attack!"

"Oh lack-a-day! Oh lack-a-day"
This means, of course, we cannot play
We'd be laughing stocks throughout the land
If we played on with a twelve-card hand"

When Minnie Minniver, meek and mild
Said! "Why not substitute Jokers Wild?"
The Secretary seemed quite riled
And answered "Don't be such a child!"

"Good Goren girl! I'm telling you
A thing like that would never do
It would be awfully out of place
To say: Ten-JOKER-King-Ace!"

The ladies' comments were terse and candid
As, empty-handed, they disbanded
Till Mary Mulligan gave a curse
As she tripped on a step and dropped her purse.

The contents spilled onto the floor
And what those Bridge Club ladies saw
Stopped them in their high-heeled tracks
And at their feet? A stack of Jacks!

Clearing up the sorry mess
Said Mary Mulligan! "I confess....
Everything started late last night
When my husband and I had a fearful fight."

"My husband's name is Jack, you see
And after what he said to me
It filled me with a sudden shame
To hear..or SEE... that hated name."

"I knew I never could relax
If I held a hand that held some Jacks
So I must admit these sorry facts
I stole the Jacks from all the packs."

Of course the ladies all forgave
And said! "Your Jack must be a Knave
A CLUB would be the ideal suit
For such a cruel black-hearted brute."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

It's a joy to come to this Club. Lovely members and lots of hard working people generous with their time and energy making things run smoothly.

The afternoon teas are great. Some folk have said we should pay for it. Well, we do, it's included in the table money. We do have a direct giving box in the kitchen where people who would like to donate money may do so.

Sincerely
P Gebbett



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