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## From the President



**Richard Wallis**

SINCE the AGM we have held trials for the Open, Seniors and Womens Teams and selected a Youth team for the ANC in Hobart, starting on July 28. When I stated Hobart, it is actually a few kilometres outside of Hobart as the cost of holding the ANC in a Hobart venue such as the Casino, has risen dramatically. The ANC organizers have suggested more reasonably priced accommodation places to the players and have arranged shuttle busses to transport them to and from the venue on a regular time schedule. This happened in Canberra last year and Sydney a few years before that, and is fast becoming the norm.

The growing-up process and study commitments have taken a toll of some of our regular Youth team members and a few new faces have been added to the team for 2018. An influx of new blood has also

occurred with the Open and Seniors Teams, with at least 4 new members this year. I trust that all will enjoy the experience, except possibly the non-playing captains as they have nothing much to do over the week except to sit and wait or follow every card on Viewgraph.

The just completed Barrier Reef Congress in Townsville was a great success, despite it being the first to play during the week instead of weekends, and I am sure that the organizers can breathe a little easier now. Making such a marked change was risky, but again, the venue costs are so much greater at weekends, that economic measures forced them to adopt the risk.

Events coming up include a Marketing Meeting with the ABF Marketing Manager at a date later this year to be advised, and next year, also to be advised, another Presidents' Meeting.

I welcome Tim Runting to the QBA Management Committee as from the AGM, and I am also pleased to announce that Therese Tully has joined the ABF Management Committee.

I must make mention of Lyn and Malcolm Carter, as they won the QLD Mixed Pairs title, conducted by the Toowong BC, for the 3rd consecutive year!

## Barrier Reef Congress



**Richard Ward**

I AM writing this the day after the Barrier Reef Congress concluded in Townsville and can imagine those hard-working members of the Townsville Bridge Club waking up this morning to the warm glow which comes with the completion of a difficult job done very well indeed. Tournament organiser, John Tredrea, club President, Clive Bunnett and the behind-the-scenes people which included a number of novice players acting as caddies, combined with Chief Tournament Director, Laurie Kelso and Assistant Director, Peter Busch to put together a wonderful five days of friendly, competitive bridge.

An innovative feature of the congress was the choice of dates, changing from the traditional long weekend to a weekday format. Whilst the total number of tables playing overall (145), did not quite reach the dizzying heights of the 2017 Yeppoon event (166), it more than surpassed the last time it was held in Townsville in 2014 (115). So it would be fair to conclude that the experiment was a success. The upside of the weekday congress was the availability of the Townsville Stadium which had all of the advantages: space, lighting, facilities and parking. There was no accommodation close to the venue but this proved to be no obstacle to the visitors who took advantage of the free shuttle buses provided by the TBC. In addition, Townsville Airbnb options turned out to be much

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cheaper than some apartment/hotel possibilities, spacious, and usually available within a few kilometers of the stadium.

Here is a bidding problem from the Teams event. You are East holding as dealer, nil vulnerable:

- ♠ AKQ
- ♥ A75
- ♦ —
- ♣ AJ109652

and the bidding goes:

W	N	E	S
5D	5H	1C ?	1H

Your partner is not a renowned lunatic so you have the choice of taking a sure positive by doubling, or striking out into the unknown with 6D despite your diamond void. What would you do? See the end of this article.

It has been said by many a wise soul, that, if you never bid another slam ever in your life, you would come out ahead in the long run. I know this is true, and have the scars to prove it, but still we persist in striving for perfection - bidding the making ones and staying out of the others. And when we go down in a slam, we whinge about the layout of the opposing cards and blame the malevolent bridge gods for our misfortunes.

So, how would you bid this one?

- |           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| ♠ —       | ♠ AQ53  |
| ♥ AKQ1084 | ♥ 6532  |
| ♦ 1098643 | ♦ K     |
| ♣ A       | ♣ KQ109 |

W	N	E	S
2H	P	1C	1S
4S <sup>2</sup>	P	4H <sup>1</sup>	P
5H	P	5C <sup>2</sup>	P
		?	

<sup>1</sup>Perhaps worth only 3½ H  
<sup>2</sup>1st or 2nd round control

Partner is denying 1st or 2nd round control in diamonds, so, with your singleton there, you must have faith in partner and simply bid 6H. Bingo!! This slam was bid at 14 of the 36 tables in the Open Teams and 5 of the 24 tables in the Restricted Teams. On the Wednesday, people could choose to take the morning off to go sight-seeing or shopping, or they could attend the Celebrity Speakers

program where experts gave up their time to provide invaluable advice. This turned out to be a popular option for more than 70 players who heard from:

- Malcolm Carter on “Competition and Signalling”;
- Laura Ginnan and Pete Hollands on “Hand Visualisation”;
- Justin Mill on “Hand Evaluation and Expert Tips”;
- Peter Gill on “Dummy’s Secrets”.

It was great to see Ray Ellaway in Townsville, recovering from recent surgery and, QBA Manager Kim Ellaway taking her usual opportunity to have meetings with delegates from all of the attending regional clubs and zones. Also in attendance was John Brockwell, former President of the Australian Bridge Federation who, together with Mackay’s Eric Parsons, was instrumental in setting up the first gold point Barrier Reef Congress in North Queensland back in 1996.



Open Pairs winners: Peter Hollands and Marina Darling



Restricted Pairs winners: Jennifer Mullen and Ched Twyman



Restricted Teams winners: Lynne Layton, Margie Knox, George Gibson and Carmel Wikman



Open Teams winners: Geoff Chettle, Greg Lewin, (Therese Tully, presenting the prizes), Laura Ginnan, Peter Hollands and Simon Hinge



TBC President Clive Bunnett and  
Townsville Mayor Jenny Hill

Bidding quiz solution.

Dlr E	♠ 108762			
Vul None	♥ KJ1032			
	♦ A106			
	♣ —			
♠ J54		♠ AKQ		
♥ —		♥ A75		
♦ KJ9875432		♦ —		
♣ 3		♣ AJ109652		
	♠ 93			
	♥ Q9864			
	♦ Q			
	♣ KQ874			

Did you bid 6D? Does it not look as if partner has an 8-card diamond suit with, probably, at most one loser to go with your five tricks? Sadly, this was not one of those days:

Partner's 5D bid with a 9-card suit was more than reasonable but, on this occasion, the best EW can hope for is +300 in 5HX. ■

#### RESULTS

#### Eric Parsons Trophy for the Open Pairs

1. Marina Darling – Peter Hollands;
2. Annette Maluish – Andrew Mill;
3. Jo-anne Heywood – Frank Vearing;
4. Pam Schoen – Phil Hale

Highest Finishing from Barrier Reef Zone – Max & Diane Holewa (Mackay)

#### Restricted Pairs

1. Jennifer Mullen – Ched Twyman;
2. Lesley Heap – Sue Rohrig;
3. Donna Fitch – Di Garside;
4. Robert Jacobs – David Hollands

Highest Finishing from Barrier Reef Zone – Marlies Maussen & Steve Vigh (Ingham)

Best Under 100MPs – Steve & Mary Colling

#### John Brockwell Trophy for the Open Teams

1. Greg Lewin – Jeff Chettle – Simon Hinge – Peter Hollands – Laura Ginnan
2. Annette Maluish – Justin Mill – Andrew Mill – Marina Darling
3. Ken Dawson – Adrienne Kelly – Michael Phillips – Shirley Phillips
4. Lyn Carter – Malcolm Carter – Neville Francis – Tony Hutton

Highest Finishing from Barrier Reef Zone – John Johnson, Phil Rains, Robyn Nolan, Rosemary Glastonbury (Townsville)

#### Restricted Teams

1. George Gibson – Lynne Layton – Margie Knox – Carmel Wikman
2. Robert Jacobs – David Hollands – Julie Fisher – Elizabeth Byrnes
3. Jill Blenkey – Hans Van Weeren – Peter Clarke – Jeff Conroy
4. Peter Gruythuysen – Margaret Jennings – Gary Gibbards – Debbie Gibbards

Highest Finishing from Barrier Reef Zone – Sonja Ramsund, Margaret Azar, Sue Hosie, Patricia Ottone (Malanda)

Best Under 100MPs – Lyndie Matin, Maureen Gallichan, Sue McDonald, Deb Breeze

## Manager's Travels



Kim  
Ellaway

It seems so long ago that I have had a game of bridge let alone travel, however the Barrier Reef was booked well before Ray got ill so off we went to Townsville. This year we were playing with two locals and a Gold Coast Congress staff member Barb Hospers with her long standing bridge partner Glad. The bridge was not so hot but the company was fabulous. We once again helped the local wine industry (well I did) whilst we were there and on the Tuesday, to give Ray a break, we went over to Magnetic Island and hired a car to look around. Back in 1966 to late 1970s I holidayed with my family here so it was great memories for me to share.

Townsville did an excellent job and in my speech to the players I told them that when John Tredrea (Tournament Organiser) came to me with the idea of having a week long event rather than a public holiday weekend, I said, 'Approved', and that I would come but I didn't think the players would, but the players proved me wrong. Entries were closed at 60 tables. Well done to John and his team. In the coming months we are off to Coffs Harbour and then to my most favourite the Northern Territory Gold in Darwin.

We went to the specialist's after a MRI on our return from Townsville and we are absolutely delighted to report that Ray's tumour has not grown at all so this means regular yearly MRIs, occupational therapy to help memory, and a course so Ray can get back into the driver's seat.

Next year the event is in Cairns at the Casino. Qantas flights are already out for the time period and yes, I have booked mine so please consider this as a congress to attend next year. ■



# 2019 Barrier Reef Congress

## May 3 - 6

### Pullman Reef Hotel Casino, Cairns

## QBA Mixed Pairs



Malcolm Carter

**A**TWO-DAY full round-robin match point pairs with four boards against each pair makes for a gruelling event. Because match point scoring is based on the relative ranking of each result on a board, every trick matters. Our philosophy in match point events is to bid aggressively when we can, to put the opponents under maximum pressure as they decide whether to bid one more or to defend. If we can make them choose at a high level, so much the better.

Dir E	♠ 8		
Vul None	♥ J97632		
	♦ 42		
	♣ 6532		
♠ Q7632		♠ AKJ54	
♥ 1084		♥ Q	
♦ J5		♦ 9876	
♣ A108		♣ KJ7	
		♠ 109	
		♥ AK5	
		♦ AKQ103	
		♣ Q94	

W	N	E	S
4S	5H	1S	X
		All pass	

For example, on this board Lyn, as North, found an aggressive 5H bid on her 1 count to give the opponents a common defensive problem.

East led the ♠A. Should he now try to cash the ♠K or switch to another suit? As the cards lie, a club switch can give the defenders three club tricks, but when East tried to cash a second spade it allowed the contract to make. We scored +450 for a 93% score instead of -100 for a 50% score. When East leads the spade, West can see that a second spade will be trumped (since she knows from the bidding that East has 5 spades) and that Lyn will discard clubs on dummy's diamonds, so she wants

East to switch to a club at trick 2. Although we usually show count when following suit, our signalling methods on leads of top honours allow us tell partner what to do. As West is known to have long spades there is a choice of several cards to play, so following suit with a high spade asks for a lead in the higher ranking non-trump suit (diamonds), a low spade asks for the lower ranking suit (clubs), and a middle spade encourages a continuation of the spade suit.

Aggressive bidding also paid off when we were EW on Sunday morning, at a time when several pairs were vying for the lead.

Dir S	♠ Q62		
Vul EW	♥ K1082		
	♦ 95		
	♣ J742		
♠ 98743		♠ AKJ10	
♥ 7		♥ A93	
♦ Q10763		♦ K8	
♣ 83		♣ K1096	
		♠ 5	
		♥ QJ654	
		♦ AJ42	
		♣ AQ5	

W	N	E	S
P	2H	X	1H
4S	P	P	3H
P	P	X	5H
			All pass

5HX went three off, for a 92% score, with 4S difficult to make.

Our aggressive competitive bidding is based on some core ideas:

- Tell partner about a fit as quickly as possible.
- Singletons and voids, combined with a good fit, allow us to bid

up and push the opponents into making tough decisions.

- With a poor fit, few points, and/or no shortages (so suits will break well for the opposition), get out of the auction quickly, hopefully before they realise that everything is working for them.

There were several interesting slam hands during the weekend. On this board Lyn, as East, was faced with a play problem in 6D.

Dir W	♠ Q7643		
Vul Both	♥ Q6		
	♦ QJ		
	♣ 9832		
♠ A105		♠ K92	
♥ K875		♥ AJ10	
♦ K652		♦ A10984	
♣ K4		♣ A6	
		♠ J8	
		♥ 9432	
		♦ 73	
		♣ QJ1075	

W	N	E	S
1D	P	2D <sup>1</sup>	P
2NT <sup>2</sup>	P	3D <sup>3</sup>	P
3S <sup>4</sup>	P	4D <sup>5</sup>	P
4NT <sup>6</sup>	P	6D	All pass

<sup>1</sup> Game force

<sup>2</sup> Stops in both majors

<sup>3</sup> Slam interest

<sup>4</sup> Cue bid (1st or 2nd round control)

<sup>5</sup> Ace ask

<sup>6</sup> 2 key cards

John Mills, as North, found the devilish lead of the ♦Q. Lyn won in dummy, importantly cashed two club tricks ending in dummy, and then ran the ♦10. To Lyn's surprise, John won the ♦J, but then he had a dilemma: give a ruff and discard in clubs or open up one of the major suits. He



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	Tuesday	9.30 am	Duplicate
		7.15 pm	Duplicate & S'vised
	Wednesday	9.30 am	Duplicate
	Thursday	9.30 am	Supervised
	Friday	10.00 am	Duplicate (Mini Lesson at 9.45 am)
	Saturday	1.00 pm	Duplicate

led a low heart and when dummy's 10 held, Lyn crossed to hand with a spade and lead another heart, establishing the heart suit for a spade discard, making +1370 for an 89% score.

2018 Queensland Open Team members Pam and Jim Evans are always a threat and we, sitting EW, had an exciting board against them.

Dir W     ♠ 8542  
 Vul NS     ♥ 6  
            ♦ K8  
            ♣ Q96432

♠ —     ♠ Q  
 ♥ J532     ♥ AK984  
 ♦ QJ106542     ♦ A973  
 ♣ J7     ♣ A108

♠ AKJ109763  
 ♥ Q107  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ K5

W	N	E	S
3D	P	3H <sup>1</sup>	4S
P	P	5D	5S
6H	P	P	6S
P	P	X	All pass

<sup>1</sup> Forcing  
 6S was only one off, for a 92% score for us with many pairs making 5SX. Whilst 6H fails on a club lead, few players holding the South cards would find it against a slam. On a non-club lead to 6H, I might well finesse the diamond as Jim's bidding as South suggests that he has a void. QBA President Richard Wallis formed a new partnership with Sue Spurway and they performed well all weekend, finishing in a very creditable second place. Sitting NS, our 4-board match against them included two exciting slams - here is one of them



**QLD GRADED TEAMS**

**Sunday July 15**

A: Open   B: <750 mp   C: <150 mp  
 \$120 per team  
 Director: Jan Peach

Dir N     ♠ K10752  
 Vul EW     ♥ —  
            ♦ 10982  
            ♣ J1075

♠ Q864     ♠ A9  
 ♥ AK9     ♥ QJ10543  
 ♦ 6     ♦ AKQ7  
 ♣ KQ963     ♣ A

♠ J3  
 ♥ 8762  
 ♦ J543  
 ♣ 842

W	N	E	S
3NT	2S <sup>1</sup> P	X 6H	P All pass

<sup>1</sup> Ostensibly 7-11 hcp with 5+ spades and 4+ minor with a shortage. Lyn upgraded her hand because of the void.

I led the ♥J and Richard quickly wrapped up 13 tricks. We were pleased not to be defending 7H or 7NT and recorded a 57% result with half the EWs bidding and making the grand.

By Sunday afternoon we had finally reached first place (by a narrow margin) when I was slightly surprised by Lyn's (West) bidding on the following hand.

Dir S     ♠ 10742  
 Vul NS     ♥ KQ9  
            ♦ J8  
            ♣ 9875

♠ A8     ♠ KQ5  
 ♥ —     ♥ 86532  
 ♦ AKQ10743     ♦ 962  
 ♣ AQJ10     ♣ 62

♠ J963  
 ♥ AJ1074  
 ♦ 5  
 ♣ K43

W	N	E	S
1D <sup>1</sup>	P	1H <sup>2</sup>	P
2C <sup>3</sup>	P	2D <sup>4</sup>	2S
6D	All pass		

- <sup>1</sup> 4+ diamonds.
- <sup>2</sup> Just squeezed out a bid.
- <sup>3</sup> Club suit - forcing.
- <sup>4</sup> Weak preference.

Lyn had no trouble making 13 tricks on a spade lead when the club finesse worked, for a 68% result.

Opening 1D might look risky but

hands with voids are very rarely passed out at the 1-level. If Lyn had opened 2C she would be at the 4-level by the time she had shown her two suits (assuming that the opponents did not take up any bidding space by overcalling). Further, I would most likely have responded 2D, eventually exposing Lyn's hand as dummy in a diamond contract, making the defence much easier. I support her decision.

Lyn's bid of 6D was influenced by my 2D bid that, more often than not, showed three diamonds. With a reasonable break in diamonds, she knew that she would be able to get to dummy with trumps at least once to either pitch a loser on the ♥A (if I held it) and/or take the club finesse.

The 2S bid by South was unusual as it had few advantages - it did not take up much bidding space nor did he want a spade lead. With 5 good cards in my heart suit, it seems to be a hand where NS would generally want to defend.

We eventually won the event with a 59.9% overall score, to record our hat-trick of wins. As usual, the organisation, direction and catering were first class and we thank all at Toowong Bridge Club who were involved in staging this successful event. ■

## Gympie Teams



**Nikolas Moore**

FOR one weekend in April, Gympie hosts Pairs and Teams. This is a popular event that fills up quickly. As a result, I only ended up playing in the teams, on Sunday partnering Ryan Touton for the first time since 2011. Our team-mates were Tim Runting and Patrick Bugler who won the pairs. After a fairly slow start we recorded big wins in rounds 4 and 5, with two small wins to finish with, winning the event by less than 2 VPs. When a slam is bid, the pressure is on to defend well because the stakes are much higher than usual.

Dir E	♠ Q98542		
Vul Both	♥ J1086		
	♦ 8		
	♣ Q5		
♠ K10		♠ J7	
♥ 32		♥ AKQ	
♦ AKQ75		♦ J10932	
♣ AK82		♣ J106	
	♠ A63		
	♥ 9754		
	♦ 64		
	♣ 9743		

Here, East was declarer in 6NT having bid both minors. A passive lead against 6NT is generally correct and I preferred a heart lead as that suit had not been bid; on a club lead, declarer may well deduce that I do not hold the queen, and cash the ♣AK, instead of finessing. Similarly, when declarer ran the diamonds, I discarded hearts rather than clubs, so declarer went with the odds and ran the ♣J, going two off as he had cashed all of his top hearts by then allowing partner to take a heart trick. If South discards even one club, declarer by dropping the queen can make four club tricks and makes the slam without having to guess the spades.

At the other table against 6D, South also kept clubs so this went one off after the ace of spades was led and declarer likewise finessed in clubs.

Dir S	♠ 8		
Vul EW	♥ AQ9852		
	♦ A52		
	♣ 954		
♠ AJ1094		♠ 75	
♥ —		♥ KJ4	
♦ 743		♦ KJ1098	
♣ J10732		♣ AKQ	
	♠ KQ632		
	♥ 10763		
	♦ Q6		
	♣ 86		

W	N	E	S
2S	3H	3NT	4H
P	P	X	P
5C	All pass		

West's opening bid showed spades and a minor. The favourable vulnerability and the good fit for

partner encouraged me to sacrifice over 3NT, which was making due to the spade honours being outside. We have a ten-card fit. With my values being in the wrong spot, 4Hx was headed three down, still a good sacrifice and the potential for only two down. Another benefit of sacrificing is that sometimes the opponents will choose to bid on, as they did here, and 5C cannot make.

Ryan did well to lead a trump instead of a heart, reasoning that to sacrifice I probably had weak trumps otherwise I would simply pass 3NT, and later when declarer led the jack of diamonds from dummy, I rose with the queen - Ryan is pretty-much marked with the ace on the bidding. This went three off for +300 and a gain of 14 IMPs, as our team-mates made 3NT.

One bid that is often underrated is the simple pass - consider this hand.

Dir W	♠ K52		
Vul Both	♥ K10974		
	♦ Q10		
	♣ J95		
♠ AJ1073		♠ 9864	
♥ J532		♥ A	
♦ K642		♦ AJ95	
♣ —		♣ 10876	
	♠ Q		
	♥ Q86		
	♦ 873		
	♣ AKQ432		

I sat South after three passes. According to the rule of 15, my hand is just short of the requirement for opening in fourth seat, and is further devalued by a singleton honour in spades, so I eventually decided to pass. No other table passed it in, but I was glad I did because East/West have a big spade fit and with their hands fitting well can make eleven tricks in spades. We gained 9 IMPs after South opened 1C in at the other table and North ended up going four off vulnerable in 3NT. ■

"I decided I was a good bridge player when I found out that people whose names I had heard all my life, people I respected, did the same dumb things I did." (Edgar Kaplan)

## Novices



Shelley & Chris Farr

WE all love the game, so it is only natural we sometimes need to help uphold its principles. This refers mainly to the things that will turn people away from Bridge. The Rule book includes it under Proper Attitude (Law 74A) and Extraneous Information (Law 16B). Sometimes this activity is just a bad habit, but there are times when it is used to gain an advantage, no matter how small. To help, we suggest you read Laws 74 and 16, and whenever you encounter such activity, become a defender of the game (in a polite and friendly way). This will help educate our fellow bridge players. Taking action may test you, but the outcome will be worth it, even if it keeps only one new player in the game. We cannot hope to grow the game unless we all contribute positively, paying more attention to the comfort of others, before ourselves.

Recently the Australia Wide Novice Pairs was held. After the event, we were contacted by a player asking why the event was only an under 50 and not under 100. We put the question to Brad from the Australian Bridge Magazine (who organises the competition), and he has provided an interesting history and future plans for the event. Here is what he said.

"This event has always been under 35 MP (since long before the ABF started running novice events), but when we teamed up with the ABF in 2014 I changed it to under 50. The difference from the ABF's 100 has always caused confusion, so next year we will be changing again to under 100 to be officially in line with the ABF. We will always have a separate prize for best under 50, and the under 50s will get most of our attention - for example, it will be the best under 50 pair that we will feature on the cover of the magazine." So now we have the facts straight from

the horse's mouth, thanks Brad, and Julie Wicks for asking the question.

While the results are provisional, Queensland has 10 pairs in the top fifty with Keith Cohen and David Rubin (Kenmore and Moreton Bribie) 4th, Rosemary Porter and Yvonne Flannigan (Northern Suburbs) 12th and Jeff and Julie Wicks (Gold Coast) 14th.

### Recent Events

March 11, Toowong Novice IMP Pairs



*Eugene Pereira and Sumant Handa*

1st Eugene Pereira and Sumant Handa (Northern Suburbs), 2nd Aijun Yang and Thomas Larsen (Toowong and QCBC), 3rd Maureen Lovelock and Ann Thomson (Caboolture). Category B - 1st Lin McLaren and Annette Cameron (Moreton Bribie), 2nd Margot Harris and Arjen Draaisma (Toowong). Cat C - 1st Felicity McKenzie and Connie Hopley (Toowong)

March 18, Gold Coast Novice Pairs



*Chris Farr and Shelley Farr*

1st Shelley and Chris Farr, 2nd Peter Goldman and Michael Main (Surfers Paradise), 3rd Bruce Gough and Eugene Pereira (Toowong & Northern Suburbs). Cat B - 1st Doby Stepanek and Drazel Pincus (Gold Coast), 2nd Judith Fitzpatrick (Hunters Hill) and Marilyn Bidey

(Gold Coast), 3rd Bill Larcombe and Di Larcombe (Broadwater). Cat C 1st Wendy Lemon and Ann Haight (Gold Coast & overseas visitor).

April 8, Redland Novice Teams

1st Eugene Pereira, Rex Meadowcroft, Vesna Markovic and Voyko Markovic (Northern Suburbs). 2nd John Schacht, Diane Arnold, Warren Moore and Greg Nolan (Redlands).

April 21, Surfers Novice Pairs



*Patrick Hare from sponsor Vision Optometrists, Diane Venter and Moyra Galton*

1st Diane Venter and Moyra Galton (Surfers Paradise), 2nd John Wilson and Geoff Willson (Surfers Paradise), 3rd from Balina and Coffs Harbour, Margaret Faulks and Robert Eldridge (Ballina and Coffs Harbour). A prize was also presented for most improved which went to Teena Haslam and Carol Wright (Surfers Paradise).

Then came the big one, the 2018 Sunnybank QBA Novice Pairs.



*Gary Gibbards and Debbie Gibbards*

For the second year in a row, Cat A 1st Gary Gibbards and Debbie Gibbards (Caboolture). Congratulations, Gary and Debbie. 2nd Neil and Judith Hansen (QCBC & BBC), 3rd Shelley and Chris Farr (Toowong). Cat B 1st Cat B Thomas Larsen and Aijun Yang (QCBC & Toowong), 2nd Leith



*Judith and Neil Hansen*



*Paivi and Mario Lobigs*

Cameron and Ros Clarke (BBC), 3rd Dawn Hansen and Michele Thorne (Sunnybank). Cat C 1st Mario and Paivi Lobigs (Gympie), 2nd Caroline Nelson and Felicity McKenzie (Toowong), 3rd Brian Thomson and Brian Prince (Sunnybank & Beenleigh/Logan).

Toowong Novice Matchpoint Pairs



*Upasana Shanti and Lynda Laffan*

Cat A 1st Upasana Shanti and Lynda Laffan from (Coloundra) 2nd Wendy Casey and Barbara Moni (Northern Suburbs), 3rd Kay Mukai and Kath Seefeld (Sunnybank). Cat B 1st Julie Mannion and Moira Daly (Toowong), Cat C 1st Bernice Cooper and Nick Bricknell (Sunnybank)

### Coming events

After a restful June, July is almost

overwhelming. The Toowoomba Novice Teams is the only August event in SEQ, followed by 2 events in September.

July 1 – Toowong under 150 masterpoints Pairs. With sufficient entries, they will establish some sort of Novice category.

July 8 – Redland Novice Pairs.

July 14 - Under 50 QBA Teams of 3 with an expert, enter as a single, pair, triple, or nominate your entire team.

July 21 – Mackay Novice Pairs, contact the convenor for a possible partner.

Aug. 5 – Toowoomba Novice Teams.

Aug. 19 – Cairns Novice Pairs.

Sept 9 – Kenmore Under 50 Novice Pairs.

Sept 16 – Sanctuary Cove Novice Pairs.

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For a while you can be a senior,  
and then you're just old.

## Teacher's Corner



Joan Butts

Pre-empts - A modern Evaluation

**W**E all agree that pre-empts are very effective, but sometimes deciding exactly what to preempt requires accurate hand evaluation, and good timing.

The books on pre-empts give guidelines eg. that you need 6 cards to open a weak 2-bid, 7 cards for the 3 level, and 8 cards for the 4 level. And of course, they say that suit quality must be good, with two of the top three honours or three of the top five, and no first or second round controls outside your long suit.

And some people never pre-empt if they have a 4-card major on the side, or a void, because that might

mean there is a better spot to play the hand.

A lot of that is becoming old hat. But position and vulnerability still play a big part when considering how high to bid. Pre-emptive suit lengths can vary a bit, eg not vulnerable in third seat, after pass pass, you'd be expected to open 2H with

♠x ♥KJ10xx ♦xxxx ♣xxx

because of the impact your bid would have on the player on your left.

So... what would you do on this hand from the VCC in Melbourne this year? We were playing the No 1 seeds, Tony Nunn, Justin Mill, Liam Milne and James Coutts, all terrific young players.

Your side is vulnerable, theirs is not.

♠104 ♥J1086543 ♦82 ♣A4.

Your right hand opponent passes, to you?

I passed, feeling it was not quite a good enough suit to open vulnerable. LHO opened 1S; partner overcalled 1NT and the next hand bid 4S.

Now what?

Do you pass, double or bid 5H?

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Dir S	♠ QJ85
Vul EW	♥ Q
	♦ 1093
	♣ 109632
♠ 104	♠ K3
♥ J1086543	♥ AK92
♦ 82	♦ AKJ6
♣ A4	♣ QJ7
	♠ A9762
	♥ 7
	♦ Q754
	♣ K85

For better or worse, wishing I'd opened the hand, I bid 5H, and I became the declarer.

Tony Nunn led the ♠Q.

So I was very pleased to be in 5H, and quietly confident.

I lost the first two spade tricks as expected, and Justin Mill, after taking the ♠A switched to the ♣5.

I rose ♣A, drew trumps, noting LHO's ♥Q, so I then played a diamond to the ace, crossed back to hand with a trump, and took the diamond finesse, planning to pitch my club loser on the ♦K.

Well it was not to be - Justin Mill won the ♦Q and cashed the ♠K for minus 1 and 12 IMPs out in a contract that simply required the ♠K onside - (and it was!)

What happened, I thought?

They politely explained that they opened light when not vul in 3rd seat. It was of course a psyche, and I got sucked in.

BUT I believe the real point of the hand is that if I had pre-empted (maybe consider opening 2H rather than 3H at that vulnerability with such a bad suit), I would never have been in the situation I was, allowing Tony Nunn to psyche against me.

So, the moral of the story is to pre-empt as often as you can, with as good a suit as you were dealt, and especially when you're vul, and they are not. ■

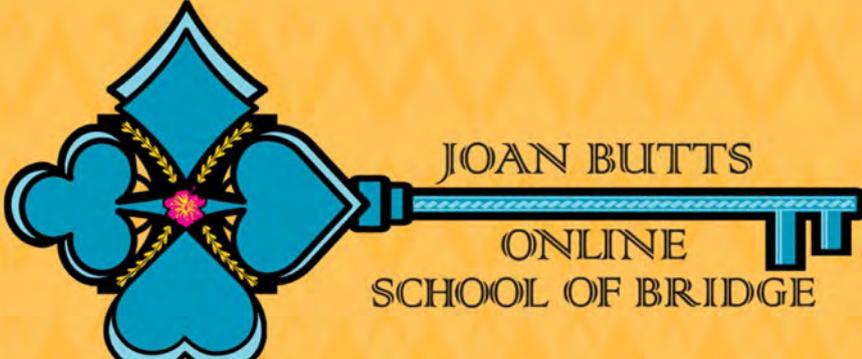
## Gympie's 50<sup>th</sup>

**G**YMPIE Bridge Club celebrated its 50th birthday on Sunday 27th May with a great day of bridge and lots of festivities!



The cake was the centrepiece of a leisurely lunch where we caught up with old friends and new in the relaxed format of an "Invitation Day". A brace of past presidents, grassroot members and visitors filled the room to make it a day to remember for what must be one of Queensland's oldest country clubs. The club has made many good decisions over the years, the most enduring of which has been the building of our own clubhouse. Nestled into the hill on the eastern side of town, this allows us to run many sessions each week, our teaching program and congresses every year. Like all clubs owned by the members, we rely on the support of volunteers who give their time and skills to make every occasion a success. To all those - past and present - we salute you!

Our bridge day was managed by fine congress director, Steve Murray. Steve kept the bridge flowing while supporting the relaxed nature of the day. Great! We played 6 rounds of 8 boards in a Swiss format. This board from the last round caused much angst for many declarers as we tried to decide the best line to play the hearts.



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Dir S     ♠ KQ96  
 Vul Both   ♥ 962  
            ♦ A4  
            ♣ AK108

♠ 532     ♠ 107  
 ♥ Q     ♥ K103  
 ♦ QJ986     ♦ K732  
 ♣ Q953     ♣ J742

♠ AJ84  
 ♥ AJ8754  
 ♦ 105  
 ♣ 6

	W	N	E	S
				P
	P	1NT	P	2D
	P	2H	P	2S
	P	4S	All pass	

A 2H opening in first seat is not recommended when holding 4 spades. So, pass might be the best option.

At the top table, South opened 1H which should have been enough to get them to 6S! Playing conservatively, North stopped in game.

Bridge Encyclopaedia suggests running ♥9 and repeating when this finds a top honour with West is the best percentage line at 57%. Playing ♥A first is technically 53%.

■ Ken Dawson

## Arana



Richard Wallis

FOR around the last 25 years I have been playing in the teams at Arana on the first Sunday in June with Ian Halford, always teaming up with John Mills and Ralph Parker. The tradition continued this year, almost! Since Ian was in the outback travelling with my brother Jim, I played with his wife, Michelle Radke.

We started off slowly, with a 1 IMP loss followed by a 1 Imp win, before getting a modest win in match 3. However it was back to another 1 Imp win for match 4, before we finally hit our straps in matches 5 and 6, putting us in 3rd place for the last match.

However the fairytale ended at this high point, with a loss against the eventual winners in the final match to drop us down the field. Directed by Peter Busch, almost a full house of 34 teams, and copious eats provided by Arana BC made it a very enjoyable day, but we still await our first win in the event. Maybe 2019?

M 1     ♠ 107  
 Bd 8     ♥ 874  
 Dir W     ♦ J8542  
 Vul None   ♣ KQ9

♠ AJ86542     ♠ Q93  
 ♥ AJ32     ♥ 9  
 ♦ 6     ♦ KQ109  
 ♣ A     ♣ J7652

♠ K  
 ♥ KQ1065  
 ♦ A73  
 ♣ 10843

	W	N	E	S
	1S	P	1NT!	2H
	4S	All pass		

This board presented a bidding problem for Michelle. Holding only 3-card support she bid a forcing 1NT intending to jump to 3S on the next round to invite game, but the bidding took an unexpected turn when I jumped to 4S over South's 2H overcall.

Now it is a guess whether to go on, and while the singleton heart is a positive, the meagre holding persuaded her to pass.

North dutifully led the ♥8, and I was pleasantly surprised when dummy went down.

The spade finesse looks to be right from the bidding, but I also need a

pitch on the diamonds, so at trick 2 I led the ♦6, since I could likely cope with a trump switch. North did not lead the ♠K next and I could comfortably ruff 2 hearts, discard 1 on the established diamond, and then take the spade finesse, for 12 tricks and +480. This was just 1 IMP when West at the other table only made 11 tricks.

M 2     ♠ 6  
 Bd 12     ♥ Q632  
 Dir W     ♦ A10642  
 Vul NS     ♣ J72

♠ A107     ♠ K853  
 ♥ KJ     ♥ A8754  
 ♦ KQJ5     ♦ 93  
 ♣ KQ93     ♣ 84

♠ QJ942  
 ♥ 109  
 ♦ 87  
 ♣ A1065

	W	N	E	S
	1D	P	1H	P
	2NT	P	3C!	P
	3NT	All pass		

We played this board rotated 180 degrees, and what a lucky mistake it was when Michelle became declarer in 3NT with the West cards.

The 1D opening and 2NT rebid showed 18-19 HCPs, and my 3C inquired about her major suits, and 3NT implied 3 spades and 2 hearts.

North led the ♣2, the unbid suit, and South won the ♣A and returned the suit, which Michelle won in hand and cashed the ♥K and then ran the ♥J, and when this held (North cannot afford to cover) she had 7 tricks, so could afford to lead the ♦K and set up 2 more.

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The defence got a little mixed up now when North won the  $\heartsuit A$  and continued with the  $\clubsuit J$ , and South unblocked the  $\clubsuit 10$ , allowing 10 tricks and +430.

At the other table the defence was more secure and 3NT went 1 off for +50 and 10 IMPs to us.

M 3	$\spadesuit$ 874		
Bd 20	$\heartsuit$ 9842		
Dir W	$\diamond$ 65		
Vul Both	$\clubsuit$ 10542		
$\spadesuit$ KQ532		$\heartsuit$ 109	
$\heartsuit$ AQ3		$\diamond$ 75	
$\diamond$ 10942		$\clubsuit$ AQJ873	
$\clubsuit$ J		$\spadesuit$ A63	
	$\spadesuit$ AJ6		
	$\heartsuit$ KJ106		
	$\diamond$ K		
	$\clubsuit$ KQ987		

W	N	E	S
1S	P	1NT!	2C
2D!	P	3C	P
3H	P	5D	All pass

My 1S opening bid was definitely minimum, but it satisfied my criteria for minimum openings that I had an easy rebid no matter what partner responded.

Michelle bid a forcing 1NT as playing 2/1 she did not consider her hand strong enough to force to game, and my normal response of 2D would only show a 3-card suit, but as a free bid over the 2C overcall, it was now at least a 4-card holding.

Over her 3C cue, I showed my heart values and at the same time denied a club stop, and she made the obvious jump to the diamond game, to which North dutifully led the  $\clubsuit 10$ .

I won the  $\clubsuit A$  on the table and led the  $\clubsuit 10$  before broaching trumps. South rose with the  $\spadesuit A$  and tried to cash the  $\clubsuit K$ , but I ruffed, cashed the  $\spadesuit K$  and ruffed a spade, getting the good news about that suit, and then looked at the trump suit. I did not need the heart finesse as I can discard it on the spades so I cashed the  $\heartsuit A$  and came to 12 tricks for +620, which was 10 IMPs when East only bid 3D at the other table.

Forgive your enemies, but not until you have beaten them hollow.

M 5	$\spadesuit$ AQ10862		
Bd 9	$\heartsuit$ KJ93		
Dir N	$\diamond$ 6		
Vul EW	$\clubsuit$ 54		
$\spadesuit$ K9		$\spadesuit$ —	
$\heartsuit$ Q42		$\heartsuit$ 106	
$\diamond$ QJ53		$\diamond$ AK10842	
$\clubsuit$ A863		$\clubsuit$ KQJ107	
	$\spadesuit$ J7543		
	$\heartsuit$ A875		
	$\diamond$ 97		
	$\clubsuit$ 92		

W	N	E	S
5C	1S	2NT!	4S
All pass	5S	6C	X

North opened 1S and Michelle overcalled 2NT to show the minors, and I expected her to have a good hand at adverse vulnerability.

I had good support for both minors, and a spade value, so I had no hesitation in bidding 5C as a likely make. Michelle had even better than I expected, and bid slam over North's 5S rebid.

South could not go any further, and had an outside ace, so felt compelled to double, and that was the final call.

North was on lead, and had just one chance to defeat the contract by leading a heart, but did not fancy leading from such a holding, so led the  $\spadesuit A$ , and 6CX was now cold for +1740.

On a minor suit lead I can draw trumps and discard 2 hearts from my hand on the diamonds leading to a heart ruff in hand.

At the other table East passed 5S, which was -100 and 17 IMPs.

### Did You Know?

For there to be a partnership agreement, both players must possess the same mutual understanding. It is an infraction to describe an agreement that does not exist. Qualifying words like, "I take it to mean ... I'm guessing that ... My interpretation is," have no place in the description of partner's call. Players are expected to accurately explain their partnership agreements.

M 7	$\spadesuit$ 82		
Bd 32	$\heartsuit$ 984		
Dir W	$\diamond$ 9		
Vul EW	$\clubsuit$ AQJ8532		
$\spadesuit$ A4		$\spadesuit$ K10763	
$\heartsuit$ 7		$\heartsuit$ 1062	
$\diamond$ AQ1082		$\diamond$ J765	
$\clubsuit$ 109764		$\clubsuit$ K	
	$\spadesuit$ QJ95		
	$\heartsuit$ AKQJ53		
	$\diamond$ K43		
	$\clubsuit$ —		

W	N	E	S
P	3C	P	3NT
All pass			

This was the last board of the day and South was faced with a dilemma when her partner opened with a 3C pre-empt, bid 4H or 3NT?

Holding the club void, I think I prefer a 3H response as long as it is forcing, as that gives North a chance to support hearts, bid 3S, go back to clubs or more unlikely bid 3NT.

I led the  $\heartsuit 2$  to 3NT as I wanted to ensure Michelle knew I had values in the suit and the  $\heartsuit 8$  looked too high. I know that if the rule of 11 was used, and Michelle thought my  $\heartsuit 8$  was genuine, then she would know my diamonds were good after a lead of the  $\heartsuit 8$ .

Declarer won the  $\heartsuit K$  and cashed her hearts and I had to find 5 discards, but I went for broke discarding clubs, as if declarer has the  $\clubsuit K$  singleton, she has 10 tricks after the diamond lead simply by overtaking the  $\spadesuit K$ .

At the other table the contract was 4H, and while this can make double-dummy, it is more likely to fail and we gained 2 IMPs.



**QLD GRADED PAIRS**

**Saturday, September 1**

A: Open B: <750 mp C: <150 mp  
\$60 per pair  
Director: Alan Gibson

## QBA Open Trials



Nikolas Moore

FOR the second year in a row I partnered Larry Moses in the trials for the Qld Open Team. Stage one reduced the field from fifteen contending pairs to twelve who then played a full round robin in stage two. We had several good results early and halfway through stage 2 were placed second.

Dir W	♠ 4
Vul EW	♥ A7432 ♦ K1087 ♣ Q92
♠ QJ962	♠ K7
♥ 9	♥ KQJ8
♦ AJ96	♦ Q53
♣ J75	♣ K1064
	♠ A10853
	♥ 1065
	♦ 42
	♣ A82

W	N	E	S
P	P	1C	P
1S	X	P	1NT
X	2H	X	All pass

Competing at the one-level non-vulnerable is normally safe, but not against our opponents, who had already scored 300 from doubling us in 1NT in the first board of the round.

This hand looked like déjà vu. I decided to run to my 5-card suit and was fortunate to find Larry with support, although East's double indicated a bad trump break.

East led his partner's suit, the ♠K to dummy's ace. I led a diamond to the king and played a second round, won by West, who switched to a trump. I rose ace, trumped a diamond, trumped a spade back to hand, trumped my last diamond (East discarded) and trumped another spade. East overtrumped and drew trumps, but was forced to lead away from ♣K, giving me eight tricks and gaining 11 IMPs. This was

rather lucky, because if the diamond finesse loses, we score -500 instead of +470 as the opponents have time to remove dummy's trumps and prevent diamond ruffs. As it is, a top heart at trick 1 would prevent me ruffing and take the contract two off. On any other lead it makes.

Dir W	♠ 7
Vul None	♥ KJ1064 ♦ 86 ♣ AQ1072
♠ 84	♠ 1096532
♥ 9532	♥ 87
♦ Q107	♦ 94
♣ 9863	♣ K54
	♠ AKQJ
	♥ AQ
	♦ AKJ532
	♣ J

W	N	E	S
P	1H	P	2D
P	2H	P	2S
P	2NT	P	4C
P	4H	P	7NT
All pass			

It is unusual to find two-thirds of the field in a failing grand slam, but looks reasonable, as it makes if the ♦Q drops in two rounds or the club finesse wins. Also, an opponent holding both missing honours is liable to be squeezed. Turns out that the cards are badly placed and it can never make, so we lost 5 IMPs. 7H can make, at least in theory.

Dir S	♠ AQ104
Vul EW	♥ AQ8 ♦ 1076 ♣ 985
♠ J63	♠ K98752
♥ 106	♥ K9
♦ AQ43	♦ J82
♣ KJ107	♣ A4
	♠ -
	♥ J75432
	♦ K95
	♣ Q632

W	N	E	S
P	2H	2S	2D
4S	All pass		P

Larry's 2D opening shows 3-8 points and a major. With support for both majors, I could have bid 3H

(pass or correct), which may well have kept the opponents out of the bidding.

Against 4S, we began with two rounds of hearts. Declarer won the second round and sensibly led a small trump from hand to the jack and queen. I deliberately led my third heart for a ruff-and-discard reducing dummy's trump length as declarer discarded a diamond from hand and led dummy's last trump. I rose ♠A and exited a diamond, unintentionally preventing declarer from performing a trump coup against me by removing a late entry to the table, allowing my ♠10 to take the last trick for +100 and 6.4 IMPs in.

If declarer trumps the third heart in hand, she can later finesse my ♠10 and must find the ♣Q in order to discard a losing diamond.

Deep Finesse reveals that a trump coup is still possible in theory after trumping the third heart in dummy: play A K of clubs, ruff a club with the ♠7, ♦Q, ruff a club with ♠8, ♦A and lead dummy's ♠6 at trick 11. Now if I rise ♠A, I am forced to lead away from my ♠104 to declarer's K9. If I duck, declarer plays the carefully-preserved ♠5, remaining in dummy to lead through my A 10.

Unfortunately in the second half of stage two our luck evaporated and we finished fourth for the second year in a row.

In the first round our opponents, believing that they were trailing, bid a grand slam that made due to a winning finesse and a 3-2 trump break, so we lost 11 IMPs instead of gaining 14.

Our 2nd and 3rd last rounds felt very good yet were both draws, and in the last round our final two boards were disasters though it turns out we would have been just short anyway.

Congratulations to the pairs who made the team. ■

It is well-known that having to sit through a ten-minute conversation between two bridge players can cause your IQ to drop by 12 points.

## Caloundra



Richard  
Ward

WHILE the Open Trials were playing in Brisbane, others travelled to Caloundra to play in their 2-day graded teams congress. The field was split into 3 separate fields each playing a round robin format of 8x14 board matches.

Ryan and Richard Touton, son-father pairing, were members of the convincing A Grade team winners. This hand shows Ryan (West) taking advantage of a defensive lapse in a seemingly impossible contract.

Dir W	♠ J1065			
Vul None	♥ KQ72			
	♦ Q10			
	♣ 953			
♠ AQ84		♠ 9732		
♥ A984		♥ —		
♦ 52		♦ A643		
♣ K106		♣ Q8742		
	♠ K			
	♥ J10653			
	♦ KJ987			
	♣ AJ			

W	N	E	S
1C	1H*	X	4H
4S	All pass		

\* Not to most people's taste

So North's peculiar (there are other adjectives to describe it - try unusual, bizarre, insane), overcall propelled EW into a hopeless 19 point game with North leading the ♥K.

Undaunted, Ryan ruffed this and led a trump to the ♠K and ♠A. Another heart ruff was followed by the ♣Q taken by South. Unwilling to lead away from the ♦K, the winning defence, South continued with the ♣J. Declarer was now in control with another heart ruff, the ♠10 which South could not trump, and the diamond loser later went away on the established clubs as North ruffed with one of his winning trumps. Well done! ■

## Goondiwindi

THE improvers' graduation class - January 2018. The keen students in Paula Lennon's bridge classes have now completed both beginner and improver classes, and have been launched into the Goondiwindi Bridge Club's duplicate games.



(L to R) Christine Bell, Jane Mullins, Thea Hayes, Olivia Vonow, David and Betsy Turner, Peter and Lyn Smith, Chris and Sally Cooper, Leith McColl, Helen Finlayson and Lex Bell.

## Cairns



Mary Griffiths, Ev Turner, Enid Hocking, Annie Sutherland, Del Turner and Mavis Barter Inset: Edna Robins

1972 saw the beginning of the Cairns Bridge Club. Two of our 90 year-olds in the attached photo were there at the beginning, Ev Turner and Mary Griffiths. All members in the photo are over 90 years of age and still playing bridge. The table fees then were 40c per player and visitors 60c and membership was 41.

At the start, the Cairns Bridge Club played at several venues in the Cairns region. Eventually the club was able to negotiate the building of its own premises and this commenced in February, 1982, and celebrated moving into the new premises on 1st December, 1982. In the early days, Thursday afternoon was the most popular day and this is also the case today. However, the club now plays

bridge every day of the week with a membership of around 200.

Many improvements have been made to the club over the years, including the installation of solar panels in 2010. In 2014 the club was granted funding for a new air conditioner by the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

In 2016 an application was made to the Cairns Regional Council for an infrastructure grant. This was successful with the club contributing half of the costs and an outdoor patio area was constructed, together with improvements within the clubhouse.

More recently we have been successful with a partly funded grant of \$11,476 from the Cairns Regional Council for a new carpet for the club rooms. ■

## ANC Teams for Hobart



Women: Yolanda Carter, Toni Bardon, Maha Hoenig, Greer Tucker, Eileen Li and Pele Rankin. Therese Tully is the npc.



Open: Paul Hooykaas, Martin Doran, Jim Evans, Pam Evans, Tony Treloar and Peter Evans. Richard Wallis is the npc.



Seniors: Paul Collins, Larry Moses, Richard Touton, Ian Afflick, Tony Hutton and Neville Francis (pc)

## QBA Mixed Teams



Winners: Pele Rankin, Chuan Qin, Charlie Lu and Eileen Li

## Youth Team

Jack Luke-Paredi, Ben Leung  
Darren Brake, Jasmine Skeate  
Ellen Visscher and Spencer Hamson  
Paul Brake (npc)  
Restricted Pairs Representatives at  
the ANC - Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey,  
Aijun Yang and Winnie Chan

## Toowong

### Outreach Program

OUR club's strategic vision includes a desire to be a friendly, inclusive club which engages with the broader community. A key strategy to achieving this is our outreach program.

This program was initiated in 2017 and is made up of two key activities.

1. One of our ABF accredited teachers (Sandra Mulcahy) agreed to assist a club member (Lorraine Millard) to establish a bridge club close to where she had moved to live in a country area (Toogoolawah). Subsequently, a small group was provided with 4 beginner lessons and thereafter they were given a lesson every few weeks. Lorraine provided supervised play sessions to help develop the skills and knowledge of the players.

In October 2017 the Toowong Club hired a bus and took 12 enthusiastic members to Toogoolawah for the day. Each member played with a 'local' and provided some mentoring and encouragement. The bus trip also included a visit to the local art gallery, an opportunity to buy farm fresh (spray free) produce, a visit to an award winning bakery and a fabulous lunch at the Toogoolawah Hotel.

We have found that our members enjoy these visits given the friendly people, the fun they have assisting newer players develop their game and, it must be said, the outstanding food!

To date we have conducted 4 trips and in July we will be taking roughly 36 Toowong club members to a Christmas in July function where we will play bridge, have a wonderful feast *and* raise much needed funds for the local hospital. We will also be supporting local farmers and visiting that fabulous bakery!

Joan Butts, the ABF National Teaching Coordinator, visited the club recently to provide encouragement, play a few hands, share a wonderful lunch and to meet these keen players. Several Toowong Club members have also visited and played at one of their sessions (Toogoolawah is roughly 1¼ hours from Brisbane) and involves a drive through some beautiful country.

Toogoolawah members (now Toowong's country campus) meet each Tuesday and Sunday afternoon at the Toogoolawah Hotel. If you find yourself in the area and if you would like to play bridge in a thoroughly enjoyable and friendly environment, drop in and join them for a game.

2. The club will be taking a bus load of members to the Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club on 21 June.

The Outreach Program is growing in popularity amongst our members and many firm friendships have been formed. It is making bridge even more fun as well as providing us with an opportunity to support emerging and smaller clubs and inject some funds into their local community.

The success of this initiative could not have been achieved without the cooperation and support of the Toowong Bridge Club's management committee and, in particular, its President and Toogoolawah Director/Bridgmate operator, Geoff Saxby.

■ Sandra Mulcahy

#### Roma

Two of our longest serving members have been awarded Life Membership.



*Carmel Mawn and Margaret Edwards*

Margaret Edwards and Carmel Mawn, were present at the inaugural meeting of the Roma Bridge Club at the Maranoa Club in 1994. Both women have held executive positions. Carmel as Master Point Director, and at 90 years young plays regularly and often top scores with her partner.

Margaret has been a committee member and also filled positions of Secretary and Treasurer, only just retiring from Treasurer after 10 years. The members of the Roma Bridge Club are very grateful for their commitment to the club, and the awarding of Life Membership a fitting honour to our living treasures. ■

## Coming Events

- Jun 23-24 Goondiwindi Pairs**
- Jun 23 QBA Club Directors Exam**
- Jun 24 Cleveland Bay Graded Matchpoint Pairs**
- Jun 28 QBA Council Meeting**
- Jul 1 Toowong Imp Pairs with Restricted Section < 150 MPs**
- Jul 1 GNOT Final - Wide Bay**
- Jul 7-8 Bowen Congress**
- Jul 8 Lockyer Swiss Pairs**
- Jul 8 Redland Novice Pairs and Restricted Pairs**
- Jul 14-15 Bundaberg Imp Pairs and Teams**
- Jul 14 QBA One Session Teams of 3 Green Point 0-50 MPs**
- Jul 15 QBA Graded Teams - QCBC**
- Jul 20-21 Cairns Show Congress**
- Jul 21 Mackay Novice Pairs**
- Jul 21-22 Surfers Paradise Imp Pairs and Teams**
- Jul 21-22 Moreton Bribie Pairs and Teams**
- Jul 22 BBC Graded Teams**
- Jul 28-29 Maryborough Imp Pairs and Teams**
- Jul 28-Aug 9 ANC - Hobart**
- Jul 29 Darling Downs Swiss Pairs**
- Aug 4-5 Proserpine Pairs**
- Aug 5 Sunshine Coast Teams**
- Aug 5 Toowoomba Novice Teams**
- Aug 5 Sunnybank Teams**
- Aug 10-12 Cassowary Congress hosted by Cairns**
- Aug 12 GNOT Finals - Darling Downs**
- Aug 12 Northern Suburbs Imp Pairs**
- Aug 14-19 ABF Coffs Harbour Bridge Gold Congress**
- Aug 19 Cairns Novice Pairs**
- Aug 19 Redcliffe Pairs**
- Aug 25-26 QBA Open Teams - Toowong**
- Aug 26 Cleveland Bay Teams**
- Aug 28-Sep 2 ABF Territory Gold - Darwin**
- Sep 1 QBA Graded Pairs - QCBC**
- Sep 1-2 GNOT Finals - Sunshine Coast**
- Sep 1-2 Yeppoon Imp Pairs and Teams**
- Sep 8-9 Mackay Barometer Pairs**
- Sep 8-9 Surfers Paradise Swiss Matchpoint Pairs and Teams**
- Sep 9 Noosa Teams**
- Sep 9 Dalby Swiss pairs**
- Sep 9 Kenmore Rookie (0-50MPs) Pairs**
- Sep 14-16 Magnetic Teams - Townsville**
- Sep 15 GNOT Finals - Gold Coast**
- Sep 16 Sanctuary Cove Novice and Restricted Pairs**
- Sep 16 Sunshine Coast Graded Matchpoint Pairs**
- Sep 16 GNOT Finals - Far North Queensland**
- Sep 20 QBA Council Meeting**
- Sep 23 Redland Graded Pairs**
- Sep 23 GNOT Finals - Capricorn**
- Sep 28-Oct 1 Cairns Spring Matchpoint Pairs and Teams**
- Sep 29-Oct 1 Toowoomba Pairs and Teams**
- Sep 29-Oct 1 Mackay Pairs and Teams**

## Directors' Corner



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**L**AW 27B: If an insufficient bid in rotation is not accepted (see A) it must be corrected by the substitution of a legal call (but see 3 following). Then: 1(a) if the insufficient bid is corrected by the lowest sufficient bid which specifies the same denomination(s) as that specified by the withdrawn call, the auction proceeds without further rectification. Laws 26B and 16C do not apply but see D following.

It is not "same denomination as the withdrawn call" but "same denomination(s) as that specified by the withdrawn call". I have had several conversations with directors who (used to) think, for example, that a strong 2C may be replaced with a natural 3C because the same denomination, clubs, has been bid. A strong 2C does not specify clubs nor does 2C/3C Stayman specify clubs.

Another situation causing some confusion is the role of the director when an offender is trying to find a comparable call. The director does not approve and certainly does not suggest comparable calls. If the player cannot think of a comparable call - and there may not be one - then too bad. The director is required to make sure that players understand what constitutes a comparable call not help the offender to find a comparable call. The offender is entitled to ask, hopefully away from the table, how the director will rule if a certain replacement call is made. The director's response might be, "Yes, you may bid 3H however partner must pass for the rest of the auction and there may be lead restrictions should you become the defenders etc."

Redoubles ring their own alarm bells so are considered self-alerting. There is no standard meaning against which other redoubles are

considered unusual. Players need to ask if they want to know the meaning of a redouble though some cards may have the information. The ABF System Card requires the upper limit for negative doubles and responsive doubles. Definitions vary as to just what these terms mean nowadays but essentially opponents want to know when a double is for takeout and when it is for penalties.

If the switch from negative to penalty happens at different levels depending on the auction then the opponents need to be pre-alerted so they know

to be wary. An example I have been given is that in the auction 1D (Pass) 2C (2H); X is for penalties however in the auction 1D (Pass) 1S (2H); X is for takeout. Pre-alerts are necessary regardless of the length of the round. "Must not" is the strongest prohibition in the laws. A breach would usually incur a procedural or disciplinary penalty. Alerting a self-alerting call is not among the "must nots" to avoid imposing penalties for something that is usually no more than a mindless error though unauthorised information may arise. ■

### Darling Downs



Liz Zeller, Pat Larsen, Byron Longford and Mearon Geldard

THE Darling Downs Bridge Club held its very first Teams Congress on Sunday June 3, 2018.

Whilst the numbers got off to a slow start, we finished up with a full house of 24 tables. We had visitors from Stanthorpe, QCBC, Dalby, Warwick, the Gold Coast, Kenmore, Redlands, Sunnybank and Lockyer. The day was very efficiently run by our regular Congress Director, Chris Snook. All feedback received was very positive and indicated that a good time was had by all.

The event was closely contested, with very little separating the top three teams in both the Open and Consolation categories. The Open category was won by the Larsen Team, which consisted of Pat Larsen, Liz Zeller, Byron Longford and Mearon Geldard. The Consolation category was won by the Minchin Team, which consisted of Lavinia Minchin, Roz Wright, Diana Drummond and Barbara Power.

Congratulations to all the winners on the day.

This was a very successful day and we hope to repeat it again next year. ■

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