

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

June 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The year has certainly started with a very enthusiastic committee working hard to ensure their portfolios are well attended to. It is a pleasure to come to a committee meeting where productive ideas flow so freely. Because of family commitments, Tim Ridley has had to resign. Thank you Tim for putting your name forward and I know when pressure eases you will be free to commit again. Di Banks has taken over Tim's portfolio of Public Relations/Publicity Officer and she has hit the ground running. Welcome aboard Di, you are doing a fabulous job.

I am requesting members to please wear your name badge. It doesn't have to be a club badge just as long as you are wearing a name badge. It is so much friendlier to arrive at a table and be able to address each other by name.

At times, players are discussing their previous hand and as such ignore the members arriving at their table. A smile is worth a fortune! Members

playing E/W or N/S please smile as this ensures the game progresses with a happy atmosphere.

One member that I am guilty of not thanking and acknowledging her kindness is Carole McDonald. For many years, she has had our table cloths taken to her Dry Cleaning business and cleaned them without any charge. We do appreciate this gesture Carole and on behalf of our members a sincere thank you.

Shirley Sinclair celebrated her 90th birthday with her club friends on Wednesday 19th May. Congratulations Shirley and a great photo in the Noosa News. So many members worked hard to make the day a success. I know Shirley enjoyed her day and would join me in saying a big thank you to all who assisted. There are some photos of the event at the end of this newsletter.

Our congress is due on Sunday 4th July (you playing Kendall?). If you are not wanting to play, please consider putting your name down to assist and support the teams, either in the kitchen or as a caddy. Volunteers are the life blood of our club and help the club run efficiently.

Enjoy your Bridge and remember "our Club is Simply the Best".

*Lyne Collins
President*

CONGRATULATIONS

Maureen Jakes & Rosie Green have made the Queensland Bridge team for the fourth year running.

This is a record and I know that all Members join with me in congratulating these two talented players. Lyne



KEVIN'S TIPS ON PLAY

(Adapted from Winning Declarer Play by D. Hayden)

One of the most important concepts of suit play is the long hand/ short hand principle. Let's start with our example:

Dealer S

S: 9875	S: 10432
H: 9	H: KQJ
D: AQ105	D: J976
C: 7642	C: 53
S: ----	S: AKQJ6
H: 1076532	H: A84
D: K432	D: 8
C: AKQ	C: J1098

Bidding

S	W	N	E
1S	2H	2S	3H
4S	P	P	P

Opening lead: CA

West cashes AKQ clubs then leads a Heart. The only possible losers remaining are the two little hearts. Both of these can be ruffed in dummy. So he ruffs a Heart, leads a Spade to hand, ruffs another Heart draws trumps and makes his contract. We all would have done that.

Let's look at the principles involved. South has more trumps so becomes the LONG HAND. North has fewer trumps so becomes the SHORT HAND.

Extra tricks are created by trumping losers in the short hand. If we ruff a Diamond in the long hand, it is not an extra trick. It is one of the five winning trump tricks in the South hand. Ruffing losers in the LONG HAND can be dangerous. If

we ruff a couple of diamonds we will wind up with fewer trumps than East and go down

So three important principles can be seen here which apply to the majority of suit contracts:
 Ruff losers in the short hand
 Draw trumps with the long and
 Avoid ruffing in the long hand (unless you have plenty of trumps)

Now have a crack at applying these principles to this hand.

Dealer S

S: ----	S: A765
H: AQ105	H: KJ743
D: KQ985	D: 3
C: 9843	C: 765
S: J10432	S: K Q98
H: 962	H: 8
D: 742	D: AJ106
C: A2	C: KQJ10

Opening lead CA, and continues with a Club.

Have fun!

Kevin

JUNE CLASSES

Lessons for new players - start Mondays June 21st for 8 weeks (and if numbers permit, Wednesdays 23rd) Bev Salter (5474 4 630)

The Play of the Hand classes:

- June 7 – Eliminating losers
- June 14 – Watching for entries

Supervised play – Thursdays 8.45am-12.00



TOURNAMENTS

Members have been enjoying success!

GYMPIE CONGRESS - 17 & 18 April

Teams

A Category: John Fell's team (John Fell, Lizi French, Ross Gyde, Barry Midgley) came second.

B Category: Ellie Nimmo's team (Ellie Nimmo, Heather Mott, Jane Dalziell, Georgina Cassels) won; Jeanette Roughley was a member in the team that came second.

C Category: Joy Coop's team (Joy Coop, Jan O'Connell, Susie Lee, Lesley Power) won a bottle of wine.

Pairs

A Category: David Harris and Geoff Hart

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - May

Open Pairs

Barry Midgely & Tessa Townend

Novice Pairs

Midge James & Janine Beyers

CALOUNDRA SWISS TEAMS 22 & 23 May

Geoff Hart & Ken Dawson (+ two Brisbane players) won.

AUSTRALIA WIDE PAIRS 28 May

N-S Tom Tribe & Neville Preston

E-W Barbara Johns & Di Banks

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

(Article by Larry Cohen)

Many years ago, playing with Marty Bergen in a major event, I held this hand:

S	10	8	7	3
H	Q	8	2	
D	-----			
C	K	Q	9	8

Marty opened 1D and RHO doubled. I considered Pass or 1S, but instead decided to show my club suit – I bid 2C.

Ooops. Marty alerted. He took my bid as conventional. He was right. I had forgotten out methods. This was one of Marty's (many) brainchilds called BROmAD. Instead of showing clubs, I had shown 7 – 10 points and 4+ diamonds!. At least I had the 7 – 10 points.

Now what? I prayed.

It didn't work Marty jumped to 5D! Bury me, why don't you.

RHO doubled. What should I do? Should I run?

Here is the point of this article. ***I MUST NOT RUN!*** To do so would be unethical. Can you understand why?

I am ***NOT ALLOWED TO BE WOKEN UP BY MARTY'S ALERT.*** When I bid 2C, I thought I was showing clubs. I ***must*** ignore the fact that he alerted and explained it as diamonds. (Even had he not explained it, I am not entitled to all of a sudden 'remember.') Let me repeat: ***When I bid 2C, I thought I had shown clubs.*** Armed with that information, my partner jumped to 5D. Who am I to overrule him" I still have what I've shown. I showed clubs, I had clubs. Removing to 6C would be taking advantage of the alert.

This is a hard concept to understand, and most inexperienced players would fall from grace and run from the impending disaster.

You can read about the remarkable ending to this story in 'Points Schmoints'.

KATIE ROSE CHARITY DAY

Thursday 10th June

The hospice is for locals and survives entirely on charity. Please come along and support this vitally important facility!



BRIDGE IS FOR FUN

Did you know that it's the LAW to enjoy yourself at bridge and to make sure your opponents do too?

(Extract from ABF Newsletter No 143 May 2010)

"A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game" Law 74A

Some players unfortunately also find this the hardest law to consistently obey because it requires one to be pleasant and courteous to not only the opponents but also to partner!

HOW MAUREEN & ROSIE WON THE DAY

The Trials were scored via the Compscore2 scoring program (and for the first time, Bridgemates were used). The programmer, Peter Busch, attended the sessions to check the accuracy of the program against what was previously used and to fine tune data report options for players and for general display. By the conclusion of the Open Trials, it was apparent that the scoring was accurate and the requisite reports first class. The program is subsequently being used in the Seniors Trials concluding on 30th May.

OPEN

Stage 1. Held Sat/Sun 27/28 March . (4 sessions): 16 Pairs played an 8 table seeded Mitchell of 8 x 16 board matches to qualify 10 pairs (top 5 in each direction) to Stage 2.
Stage 2. Held Sat/Sun/Sat 17/18/24 April (6 sessions): 10 qualifiers from Stage 1 played a 5 Table Howell of 9 x 20 board matches. There was no carryover from Stage 1.

Final Placings were:

1. Sanmugaras Kamalarasa / Peter Hainsworth
2. David Appleton / Paul Hooykaas
3. Janeen Solomon / Pranjal Chakradeo
4. Nikolas Moore / Geoff Martin
(Reserve Pair)

WOMEN'S

Held in conjunction with the Open Trials. A single stage over 8 sessions Sat/Sun 27/28 March and Sat/Sun 17/18 April. 11 pairs played a 6 Table Howell of 11 x 20 board matches.

Final Placings were:

1. Margaret Millar / Greer Tucker
2. Pele Rankin / Therese Tully
3. **Maureen Jakes** / Rosemary Green
4. Jan Malinas / Bev Stacey (Reserve Pair)

One Appeal was heard in the Womens Trials. This was attended to by players from the Open and appreciation goes to David Appleton, Ken Dawson and Caroline Miller.

SHIRLEY'S BIRTHDAY CAKE

