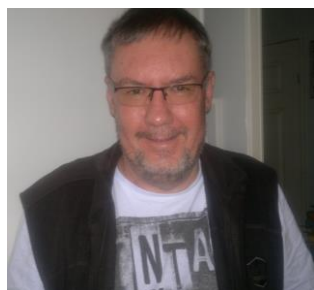


# QCBC Newsletter



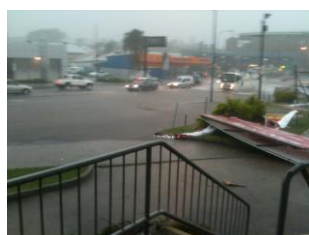
Ray Ellaway, President

The club's AGM was held on the last Saturday in October and it was disappointing that no nominations were received for the vacancy on the board and that the start of the meeting had to be delayed due to a lack of a quorum. I urge all members to take a more active role in club affairs in 2015.

The club remains profitable thanks to the income from the advertising sign but the financial future is uncertain in an environment of falling attendances and rising costs. Accordingly the board has determined that **table fees will increase by \$1 from January 1st.**

On a more positive note the Melbourne Cup Day function was well attended, the food was fantastic and the bridge enjoyable. A great day was had by all. We can now look forward to the Christmas Party and New Years Eve Teams!

I take this opportunity to wish members a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



During the Storm

## Free Beginners Bridge Lessons

8 week course

Commencing Tuesday, February 3rd 10.30 am

And Monday, 7,30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> February

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## Coming Events

**Tuesday 16 December Red Pt session - 10am start**

**Friday 19 December Christmas Red Pt Pairs - 10am start**

**QCBC IS CLOSED 24 & 25 DECEMBER**

**Friday 26 December Boxing Day Red Pt pairs - 10am start**  
**Wednesday 31 December NEW YEARS EVE TEAMS**

**JANUARY**  
**Sunday 11 OPEN & NOVICE BUTLER PAIRS**

**Friday PM - 30 Jan, 6 & 13 Feb**  
**GNOT - 7pm start -- prior entry required**



### QLD Open Pairs 18, 19 Oct

1<sup>st</sup> Neville Francis/Magnus Moran

2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Hung/Nathan Van Jole

3<sup>rd</sup> Malcolm Carter/Tony Hutton

#### CONSOLATION

1<sup>st</sup> W. Bristow/B. Kent

2<sup>nd</sup> M. Williams/E. Vaccaro

3<sup>rd</sup> B. Longford/E. Zeller

#### PLATE

1<sup>st</sup> C. Snook/M. Trada

2<sup>nd</sup> A&B Kempthorne

3<sup>rd</sup> C. Howard/K. Wood



Toowoomba Pairs Winners  
T. Jackman & T. Hutton

### Toowoomba Labour Day Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> T. Jackman & T. Hutton

2<sup>nd</sup> M. Perrin & N. Francis

3<sup>rd</sup> A. Mayers & S. Brookes

Jim Evans checks  
out his freebies. The  
rubber chook was a  
big hit.



### Toowoomba Teams

1<sup>st</sup> N. Francis/M. Perrin,  
P. Bugler/ T. Runting

2<sup>nd</sup> M. Robson/B. Lee,  
A. Smith/R. Clayton

3<sup>rd</sup> A. Morrison/I. Dawes;  
M. Stoneman/B. Bolt



### Noosa IMP Pairs

A 1<sup>st</sup> N. Francis, S. Kamalarasa

2<sup>nd</sup> I. Afflick, G. Hart

3<sup>rd</sup> E. Zeller, A. Dawson

B 1<sup>st</sup> D&P. Nilsson

2<sup>nd</sup> C&J. Taylor



The AGM ran smoothly

### QBA Senior Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> H&R. McLauchlan

2<sup>nd</sup> M. Carter & T. Hutton

3<sup>rd</sup> R. Lachman & B. Hunt



## Clean Cruising Pairs

### A Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> R. Tait & J. Perl  
 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Rankin & T. Tully  
 3<sup>rd</sup> R&S Parker tied with  
 3<sup>rd</sup> R. Ellaway & H. Baumanis

### B Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> M. Pritchard & A. Boyce  
 2<sup>nd</sup> C&J Taylor  
 3<sup>rd</sup> S& D. Berns



A Grade Winners Roberta  
Tait and Judy Perl



B Grade Winners Monica  
Pritchard and Alan Boyce



The Clean Cruising Field

### Promotions November

Richard Walsh	Life
Janet Lowe	**Local
Laurie Quay	Graduate

### Promotions September

Larry Moses	Silver Grand
Ross Currin	National
Chuan Qin	National
Dov Berns	State
Rita Fatseas	**Local
Irene Hayward	Local

Sydney Spring Nationals were held at  
Canterbury Racecourse from 29 October  
to 6 November



Dov Berns



Therese Tully & Andy  
Hegedus from Melbourne



Carmel Wikman, Joan  
Jenkins, Linda Norman and  
Kay Roberts failed to cover  
themselves in glory at the  
Sydney Spring Nationals in  
spite of much-appreciated  
encouragement from fellow  
QCBC players



Susie Moses and Pele Rankin  
catch up during a break

Board2	♠AKJ842	Dlr: E
	♥Q42	Vul: N-S
	♦AT2	
	♣3	
♠T9653		♠ -
♥J3		♥AT976
♦Q98543		♦J6
♣ -		♣KQT874
	♠Q7	
	♥K85	
	♦K7	
	♣AJ9652	

## Here is an interesting post to the online bulletin at the Sydney Spring Nationals – Teams 2:

**That crazy computer!** Posted by Rakesh Kumar on Thursday, 30 October 2014

Day 1, Round 2 of the Spring Nationals Open Teams, and the dealing computer was having fun. Weird distributions were everywhere! There were 3 hands with 6/5 distributions (East had 6/5s on two consecutive hands!) and 1 with a 7/5 shape. Voids were endemic.

Board 2 produced perhaps the widest variety of results. One factor in that is how East might have chosen to open her/his hand as dealer. What would you do?

If East bids 1♥, the unfortunate person sitting South is very likely to overcall 2♣

That's what I did, and West, who had a 6/5 complementary to East's holding, doubled to show spades. Partner thought this could get interesting, and passed. So did East, salivating mildly. But on the lead of the ♥J, declarer is able to throw East in repeatedly and make 2♣X. The bad news was that this lost 10 IMPs, because 3NT or 4♠ are cold for NS.

On the next Board, partner had to negotiate a 5-0 trump break to bring home 4♠. He had plenty of company across the field, including one NS pair whose score was the rarely seen +880 for 4♠ redoubled!

There was more action a little later on Board 8. At our table, West boldly opened 4♠ and partner doubled, unambiguously for penalties, but I

Board 8	♠KQ54	Dlr: W
	♥83	Vul: Nil
	♦AQ6	
	♣KJ62	
♠AJ97632		♠T8
♥K		♥AT5
♦T975		♦J8432
♣4		♣853
	♠ -	
	♥QJ97642	
	♦K	
	♣AQT97	

pulled this to 5♥, which is a safe contract.

Elsewhere around the room, several NS pairs achieved the somewhat remarkable feat of making 6♥ or

even 6♣, but there were quite a few pairs who reached slam and duly failed.

Some of the other wildly distributional hands didn't produce quite such variable outcomes, and the computer then had a bit of a rest, generating only one 6/6 hand in Round 3. Perhaps that means it will be "no holds barred" again tomorrow!

Board 3	♠KQ74	Dlr: S
	♥AT5	Vul: E-W
	♦ -	
	♣KQT432	
♠JT853		♠ -
♥96		♥KJ8732
♦A94		♦KQT63
♣J86		♣75
	♠A962	
	♥Q4	
	♦J8752	
	♣A9	

## Toowong Graded Teams Winners

### A Grade

1<sup>st</sup> R. Ward/T. Tully, A&B. Kempthorne

2<sup>nd</sup> M. Robson/B. Lee, J&P. Evans

3<sup>rd</sup> B. MacLeod/T. O'Dempsey, G&J. Malinas

### B Grade

1<sup>st</sup> A. Corkhill/B.Longforf, L. Gray/R. Morawiecki

### C Grade

1<sup>st</sup> K. Goodwin/S. Clifford, A&V. Chotai





**Melbourne Cup photos taken by Julie Jeffries**







## Surfers Paradise Graded Teams

1<sup>st</sup> E. Li/J. Solomon, W. Zhou/C. Lu2<sup>nd</sup> T. Tully/P. Rankin, C. Schoutrop/B. Stacey

3<sup>rd</sup> B. Bolt/J. Kelly, T&E. Berger



## Not sure about bidding that slam?

## Bob Ashman

**Many novices, and some more experienced players, tend to avoid splinter bids and cue bids**, maybe in fear of misunderstanding them, and being left in some hideous and completely embarrassing contract. I do sympathise, having played in a game contract with a trump void in both hands after just such a misunderstanding. However, these bids are actually easy to use, and in my opinion, are some of the more useful gadgets in the bridge player's armoury. Playing with my long-term partner, Don Levin, at the Sunshine Coast, we picked up the following hand, that might have been designed as an exercise in using these bids. Bidding and commentary follow. I was dealer.

BD: 31		♠9432		Dir: S	
		♥7		Vul: N-S	
		♦A32			
		♣AJT54			
♠T75				♠K6	
♥KQJ8				♥T6432	
♦95				♦T84	
♣K832				♣Q96	
		♠AQJ8			
		♥A95			
		♦KQJ76			
		♣7			

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	3	7	1	7	5
S	3	7	1	7	5
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

		9	
9			5
		17	

- 1D, p, 1S<sup>1</sup>, p,  
4C<sup>2</sup>, p, 4D<sup>3</sup>, p,  
4H<sup>3</sup>, p, 4NT<sup>4</sup>, p,  
5S<sup>5</sup>, p, 6S<sup>6</sup>. End

1. 2C may have been warranted, as it is a shapely hand with 9 points and 2 aces. After 2D (11-14HCP) rebid, you can afford to show S at the 2 level (one round force), even though the suit is poor, because with 3 card support you are happy to play in 3D, and 3NT is a possibility.
2. Even opposite a minimum response, with great trumps and a solid D suit, game must be almost assured. The 4C bid, showing 4 card support in S, and at least 2<sup>nd</sup> round control in C, costs nothing and shows slam interest if partner has more than a minimum.
3. Cue bids, showing first round control in D and H.
4. Looking good. All suits covered, and opener must have good D. RKC Blackwood.
5. 2 controls with Q of trumps. Opener has shown HA, and therefore must have SAQ or SKQ. Hurrah!
6. Small slam is almost risk-free. The play is straightforward. With SK on side, and trumps breaking, an easy 13 tricks.

So, what if N bids the natural 2C? In simple systems, 2S from opener is a reverse showing a strong hand (16+) with 5/4 in the two suits. With two 8 card fits (including the A of the 5 card suit), and stoppers (A and singleton) in the outside suits, you need only find partner with honours in trumps to bid slam: 4NT (RKCB), or possibly a conventional 5S, asking for two of the top three honours.

So, splinters are not essential to get to the right contract. Simple conventional bidding can, in many cases, achieve the same result. In the above example, you have established that you probably have the raw power to make 12 tricks. However, using splinters and cue bids, you can ascertain that you have the specific cards without which you will probably not make 12 tricks.

Not being in un-makeable slams is just as important as being in makeable ones. For advancing players, effective use of these bids can improve your outcomes in these high level decisions.



## Message from Andy Hung

Hi Everyone,

It's been a year since I started my bridge lessons, and I would like to thank you all to have been a part of the beginning of my journey! It's been a great and a busy year, starting with my team winning the National Open Teams, then my travel to Germany, followed by captaining the QLD Youth Team in Sydney, then I captained the Australian U25 as well as the Australian Girls Team in Istanbul, and to top it off, our team then played in the 2014 Commonwealth Bridge Games in Scotland. Of course, call me crazy but none of that beats teaching you guys as I thoroughly enjoy giving you all as much insight as I can! I certainly hope that you have all enjoyed my lessons and have gained something (hopefully more!) out of it.

Wednesday, December 10 will be the last lesson at QCBC for the year (we will be playing 12 boards and discussing those boards), but don't worry, I will be continuing my lessons next year - you will either hear from me or Toni in the coming few weeks.

Having said that, Alex Smirnov (that little German guy who I am running the Bridge Holiday with!) will be visiting here fairly soon, and together Alex and I will be giving a Bridge Seminar (Topic: Improve Your Competitive Bidding) on 16th Dec at the Kenmore Library. I have attached the seminar flyer in this email, so do come along if you can.

Otherwise, see you on Wednesday, but if not, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards, Andy

(The Bridge Holiday will be held in the hunter Valley from 20-24 April.

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### Seminar Details

Presenters: Alex Smirnov and Andy Hung

Topic: Improve Your Competitive Bidding

Better decision making (2 level vs 3 level decisions)

Competitive Doubles in competitive contracts

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL – LIMITED TO 20 TABLES**

Email entries to Graham Rusher: [info@kenmoreaustralia.org](mailto:info@kenmoreaustralia.org)

DATE: Tuesday December 16, 2014

VENUE: Kenmore Library Meeting Room  
Kenmore Village Shopping Centre  
9 Brookfield Road  
Kenmore 4069

COST: \$25 per person – payment by cash on the night

Lecture including an interactive PowerPoint presentation followed by hands to play then a discussion about the hands.

Each participant will receive detailed note and a comprehensive analysis of the boards played.



## QCBC OPEN & NOVICE BUTLER PAIRS

### Imps Converted to VPs

Novice Event for Players with fewer than  
100 masterpoints as at 30/9/2014

Sunday 11 January 2015

Entry fee: \$30 per player  
Director: Alan Gibson  
Systems for Novice: Green & Blue  
Systems for Open: Green, Blue, Red & Brown Sticker

## QCBC 2015 BRISBANE ZONE

### GNOT TEAMS

SESSIONS: **FRIDAY 7PM - JAN 30, FEB 6 & 13**

ENTRY FEE: \$120 per team ( NO table fees)

ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday 28 January



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## KIM's News

Dear Bridge Player

Firstly I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### Upcoming Events

Teams of 3 – December 14<sup>th</sup> – hosted by QBA at QCBC – entry form on this link

[http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1915\\_qba14Dec2014.pdf](http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1915_qba14Dec2014.pdf)

Individual – December 21 – hosted by QBA at QCBC – entry form

[http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1917\\_qba21Dec2014.pdf](http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1917_qba21Dec2014.pdf). This is the last event of the year and turns out to be a fun event. Those who play usually come back the following year.

Senior Teams – hosted by Sunshine Coast Bridge Club – entry form

[http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1956\\_sunshi07Feb2015.pdf](http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1956_sunshi07Feb2015.pdf)

Mixed Teams – hosted by Noosa Bridge Club – entry form

[http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/2041\\_noosa14Mar2015.pdf](http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/2041_noosa14Mar2015.pdf)

Selection Trials – Open Trials [http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1962\\_qba07Mar2015.pdf](http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1962_qba07Mar2015.pdf) and Women's and Seniors [http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1975\\_qba11Apr2015.pdf](http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/1975_qba11Apr2015.pdf)

Barrier Reef Event – Cairns [http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/2002\\_cairns05Jun2015.pdf](http://www.qldbridge.com/entryforms/2002_cairns05Jun2015.pdf)

Queensland Results here and Interstate

Sydney Spring Nationals - The Winner of the Bobby Evans Seniors' Teams was the KLINGER team: Ron Klinger, **Bill Haughie**, Paul Lavings, Robert Krochmalik, Peter Buchen and Henry Christie - Second in the Linda Stern

Women's Team were Helene Pitt - Ruth Tobin - Pauline Evans - **Greer Tucker (QLDers in RED)**

Senior Pairs – congratulations to Richard and Helen McLauchlan

Queensland Wide Pairs – congratulations to North/South Winners CAROLINE COLLIE / LORNA EDRICH

(Toowong) and East/West Winners DOROTHY GEHRKE / ROY DAVENPORT (Redcliffe) full results

<http://www.qldbridge.com/results/2014/qwp2014.htm>

GNOT – Our Capricornia Team won the best country team. For the first time that I can remember we had 4 teams still in contention after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the Knock Out – well done to those teams. One of these teams made it to the Repacharge – This was Brisbane 1.

### **ABF wants Feedback**

**Australian Playoffs Timing and Format - Feedback requested.** The ABF continues to welcome input from interested players on the timing and format of the playoffs to select teams to represent Australia

Gold Coast Congress – Theme Dots and/or Dashes

Hard copy of entry form with all clubs in Australia. Remember there is a category of Queensland in all of the teams sections with a category of Gold Coast Zone members in the Open Teams.

Bridge for Brains - 2015

First week of May each year – I would like increased participation in this in 2015. If your club is not playing in the event, please encourage them to do so. [Front page of website will indicate where Bridge for Brains is being played.](#)

**TBIB** Major sponsor of ABF Events and now a major sponsor of the Gold Coast Congress. They now provide a competitive home insurance policy for ABF members that combines the convenience of an online portal and the security of having a broker on your side. More information visit [www.tbib.com.au](http://www.tbib.com.au) or call 07 3252 5254. TBIB have advised that they will have a stall at the Gold Coast Congress so members can renew their Travel Insurance.

**QBA Travel** We now have a dedicated travel page. This page is hosted by QBA Travel which is operated by Trevor Strickland. Read <http://www.qbatravel.com/> for more information.

Membership Please note that Queensland bridge players only have to pay one ABF Levy and one State Levy each year regardless of how many Queensland clubs they belong to. For those with dual state membership, they will be required to pay a state level in each State.

Bulletin

[December bulletin on QBA Website.](#)

Kim Ellaway

Manager Queensland Bridge Association