

Good Luck at the Gold Coast Congress to all QCBC members

# QCBC Newsletter



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## From the President, Monica Pritchard

There is a real sense of life getting back to normal now as we put the Christmas and New Year activities away for another year.

Of course I have no idea of what normal looks like as we will soon be in the throes of the Gold Coast Congress with its week-long exodus of players, directors and our club secretary from regular club sessions. It is impressive that so many people step up to fill the empty spots to ensure that the non-congress players can still enjoy their regular bridge game.

I sometimes wish I could collect specimens of the thoughtfulness and generosity of spirit shown by our volunteers, somehow reproduce these attributes and then sprinkle them liberally around the club. Unlikely to happen, of course, but instead, it is possible that we all make an extra effort to be courteous at the table to our partners and opponents and particularly the director. It is possible that we make an effort to clear away our own mess instead of relying on someone else to clear up after us. It is possible that we think about the impact of our behaviour on others.

I do hope that 2014 is the year that 'snippiness' at the table and around the club becomes history.



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### Coming Events

Feb 7 GNOT 2/3 PM  
Feb 9 Warwick Swiss Pairs  
Feb 9 Qld Senior Teams 8&9  
Feb 14 Valentine Day Pairs (Red Point)  
Feb 16 Arana Teams  
Feb 18 \$50 night  
Feb 22-Mar 1 QBA Gold Coast Congress

### ALERT!

**Be aware of these variations to the February program, necessary because members will be either playing or officiating in the Gold Coast Congress.**

Monday am	24 February	closed
Monday pm		closed
<b>Tuesday am</b>	25 February	<b>OPEN</b>
Tuesday pm		closed
Wednesday am	26 February	closed
Wednesday pm		closed
Thursday	27 February	closed
<b>Friday</b>	28 February	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	1 March	<b>OPEN</b>

The Movember Teams, organised by Alan Currie raised \$704 towards research into improving men's health.



## INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE LESSONS with ANDY HUNG

Andy is also taking private lessons (coaching) – if you and your partner (or a group of 4 is preferable) are interested, you can contact Andy Hung at:  
Email: hung.andyp@gmail.com Phone: 0425 101 094  
AT QUEENSLAND CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

Andy has represented Australia on numerous occasions and has been the coach for the Australian U20 team. He has been doing private coaching for the past 5 years, bridge lessons for the past 2 years, and is currently helping out in the Queensland Youth Bridge Program. Andy has recently won the 2014 NOTs, finished 2nd twice in the NOTs; won the 2010 South West Pacific teams as well as the 2007 and 2010 U25 PABF teams, and also the 2012 Gold Coast Team Championships. He is also the editor of the new revamped Australian Youth Bridge Bulletin since 2012, and you can also find him in the “What Should I Bid” column on the ABF website.

Please RSVP to Toni Bardon at qcbc1@optusnet.com.au

or write your name and contact details on the list on the QCBC noticeboard.

Andy is giving lessons at QCBC, with each lesson starting out with a talk/presentation on a particular topic, followed by some hands to play. Each participant will also receive a set of well-presented notes for each lesson as well as a brief analysis of the hands played. Each week, he will be repeating the same class to be held at a night time session.

Here is the program of the Intermediate Bridge Lessons for the **Day time sessions**:

DATE	TIME / LOCATION	TOPICS
Wed, 5/2/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Negative Doubles in competitive auctions
Wed, 12/2/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Teams Match Strategy – Preparation for the Gold Coast Congress
Wed, 19/2/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Revision and practice – for the Gold Coast Congress (focusing on important topics such as Teams Strategy and Competitive Bidding)
<b>Wed, 26/2/14</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>Break – For the Gold Coast Congress</b>
Wed, 5/3/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Support X's and XX's
Wed, 12/3/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Responder's Rebids – Part 1
Wed, 19/3/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Responder's Rebids – Part 2 (with introduction to 4th suit Forcing)
Wed, 26/3/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Combining Opener's Rebids along with Responder's Rebids
Wed, 2/4/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Play 10 hands followed by analysis and discussion – Based on the topics learnt from the previous weeks.

**Costs:** \$12 per person per lesson (Individuals are more than welcome! )

**Andy says: When you are not vulnerable, you  
can have a smile on your face.**

## QCBC January Butler Pairs

Phil Hale &  
Pam Schoen



Ray Ellaway & Harry  
Baumanis



Kemal and Kiyomi  
Avundik with Toni  
Bardon



Byron Longford &  
Dawn Cullen



The Norman Hotel donated \$75 as a raffle prize. Perhaps you'd like to give their meals a try.



## QBA Open Butler Pairs

12.01.14

### A Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> P. Schoen, P. Hale
- 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Mills, R. Parker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> N. Francis, M. Moren

### B Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> R. Ellaway, H. Baumanis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Cullen, B. Longford
- 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Dyer, J. O'Brien

### C Grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> D. Wenham, M. Keating
- 2<sup>nd</sup> K. & A. Avunduk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> C. & J. Taylor

## QCBC Novice Swiss Pairs

12.01.14

- 1<sup>st</sup> C. & J. Wlodarczyk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Sheth, I. Offen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> D. Berns & S. Berns



## James O'Sullivan Winners for 2013

Overall	Therese Tully - Kenmore Club & QCBC
Silver Grand	Therese Tully - Kenmore Club & QCBC
Grand	Andy Braithwaite - Gold Coast Club
Gold Life	Annette Maluish - Surfers Paradise & QCBC
Silver Life	Patrick Bugler - QCBC
Bronze Life	Diana McAlister - Townsville Club
Life	Marion Bucens - Sunshine Coast Club
**National	Ken Cupples - Rockhampton Club
*National	Byron Longford - Toowoomba & QCBC
National	Adrian Lohmann - Rockhampton Club
*State	Kiyomi Avunduk - Sunshine Coast Club
State	Annette Hyland - Redcliffe Bridge Club
*Regional	Kate Balmanno - Caloundra Bridge Club
Regional	Pam Nearhos - Sunshine Coast Club
**Local	Joan Jenkins - QCBC
*Local	Chuan Qin - QCBC
Local	Charlie Lu - Sunnybank Bridge Club
Club	Justine Wlodarczyk - Toowong Club
Graduate	William Van Bakel - Cairns Club
Nil	Bill Bishop - Townsville Club



Congratulations, Therese!

### Welcome to new members:

Margaret Dickerson  
Robyn Harrison  
Neil Hansen



Peter Nilsson,  
Silver Life Master

### McCutcheon Awards - QCBC Winners

\*National Byron Longford  
\*\*Local Joan Jenkins



Joan receives her  
O'Sullivan and  
McCutcheon  
certificates from  
Julie Jeffries, who  
administers the  
QCBC Masterpoints  
records.

### Promotions - January

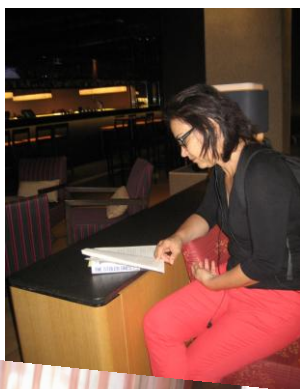
Peach, Jan Silver Life  
Male, Kathryn \*\*National  
Bradford, Yvonne \*Regional  
McIver, Narelle \*Local  
Gaskill, Deanne \*Local  
Sakai, Tazuru Local  
Marland, Anthony Local  
Treloar, Dominique Club  
Hefferan, Judy Graduate  
Gearing, Michael Graduate



Narelle, Tazuru,  
Deanne

### Winners recent QBA Events

**Teams of 3 - we had 28 tables so we were able to grade it**  
Section A was won by Denise Dodd, Sheryl Haslam, Ian  
Cameron, Daria Williams  
Section B was won by Peter Evans, Patrick Eather, Paul  
Williams and Anne Russell  
Section C was won by Claire Green, Andrea Pappas, Speros  
Pappas, Lesley Ellis  
**Individual:** Byron Longford



### Scenes from Canberra ABF Summer Festival of Bridge

Canberra was hot! Players had a good time in spite of missed opportunities. Peter Busch and Jan Peach excelled in their Directing roles.

### Canberra Successes: Queenslanders Underlined

**Chris Diment Pairs Group B** BILL NASH - JAMES WALLIS - FIRST

**Womens Teams** RENA KAPLAN - PAULA MCLEISH - LORNA ICHILCIK - LYNN KALMIN - FELICITY BEALE - DI SMART - = THIRD

**Womens Teams** SHEILA BIRD - KAREN CREET - JULIA HOFFMAN - JENNY THOMPSON - THERESE TULLY - PELE RANKIN - SECOND

**Seniors Teams** RON KLINGER - BILL HAUGHIE - ROBERT KROCHMALIK - PAUL LAVINGS - CHRIS HUGHES - PAUL WYER = THIRD

**Seniors Teams** ANDREW BRAITHWAITE - RICHARD BRIGHTLING - DAVID HOFFMAN - NEIL EWART - CHRIS QUAIL - FIRST

**South West Pacific Teams** DAVID BEAUCHAMP - RON KLINGER - MATTHEW MULLAMPHY - NATHAN VAN JOLE - AVINASH KANETKAR - IAN THOMSON - = FIFTH

**South West Pacific Teams** LIAM MILNE - NYE GRIFFITHS - ANDY HUNG - ADAM EDGTTON - ISHMAEL DEL'MONTE - PETER HOLLANDS – FIRST

**SWPT - Mixed Category** NIGEL DUTTON - MARIE-FRAN MERVEN - PAUL HOOYKAAS - PELE RANKIN - FIRST

**SWPT - Seniors Category** ROSS CRICHTON - PAM CRICHTON - MICHAEL PEMBERTON - GRAHAM WAKEFIELD - ANNE POWELL - VAL BROCKWELL - FIRST

**Friday Festival Teams** - MICHAEL COURTNEY, JOAN BUTTS, GEO TISLEVOLL KATHY BOARDMAN - FIRST

## DIRECTOR!

Now that we're at the start of a new year I think it timely to remind members that our Club Directors are volunteers who give their time willingly so that club sessions run smoothly and in accordance with the Laws and Regulations, thus enhancing your enjoyment of this wonderful game. We are fortunate at QCBC to have so many competent and experienced Directors who have gained their accreditation through a fairly intensive examination process undertaken in their own time.

We're all happy to continue directing for another year.

In recent months I have noticed a few things that have concerned me. The first of these is slow play. Club rules state that the time allowed per board is 6 minutes. This includes the last board of the day. Daytime sessions are 4 hours with a break for lunch, evening sessions 3 hours. Try not to delay play unnecessarily. If you can claim the last few tricks do so. Other players may need to get away on time to catch buses, keep appointments etc. Night-time players have work the next day. If the opening lead has not been faced at your table when the move is called please call the Director.

Club rules also state that the ruling of the Director must be accepted without argument. It's not appropriate to ask for another Director when you disagree. Why would he/she rule differently? We all use the same law book. Most of our Directors are also playing Directors so when they are called to your table for an infraction, play at their table is also disrupted. No need to disrupt anyone else. If you disagree with the ruling you may lodge an appeal through the appeals process.

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge can be quite complicated at times and occasionally we get it wrong. We're only human after all, but do our best to get it right. If I'm uncertain about a ruling I always refer to my Law book or ask another more experienced Director. I'm sure other Directors follow up in the same way. If I've made an error I will get back to you and adjust the score if necessary.

Of course we would love to have more Directors. Interested? The exam is on 28 June. I'm willing to help you prepare.

Fortunately my concerns are few and far between. I enjoy my regular Directing sessions and have met many wonderful people at the Bridge table.

Julie Jeffries



### **Congratulations, Julie!**

Julie Jeffries is presented with her Certificate of Accreditation as a Congress Bridge Director by Keith McDonald, President of the Queensland Bridge Association at a QBA Council meeting.

(Keith has resigned from the QCBC Board of Directors. At the Christmas Party Keith was thanked for his long-term service to the club.)



## The Night before Christmas – Anonymous

'Twas the night before  
Christmas  
Two guests in our house  
Were playing some bridge  
With me and my spouse

'Please tell me,' she  
shouted  
'Why didn't you double?  
'Twas plain from the start  
We had them in trouble.'

'Tis futile, my Dear –  
I am taking no stand.  
So please stop your  
nagging  
Let's play the next hand.'

'Remember next time,'  
She said with a frown  
'To double a contract  
That's sure to go down.'

So I picked up my cards  
In a downtrodden state;  
Then I opened one Spade  
And awaited my fate.

The guy sitting South  
Was like many I've known.  
He bid and played  
In a world all his own.

'Two Diamonds,' he countered  
With scarcely a care;  
The ace in his hand  
Gave him courage to spare.

My wife, smiling faintly  
And tossing her head,  
Leaned over the table,  
'Double,' she said.

And North for some reason  
I cannot determine  
Bid two Hearts,  
Like preaching a sermon.

I grinned as I doubled  
Enjoying the fun,  
And turned round to South  
To see where he would run.

But South, not distressed  
Not at loss for a word  
Came forth with 'two Spades' -  
Did I hear what I heard?

The other two passed  
And in sheer disbelief  
I said, 'Double, my friend,  
That'll bring you to grief.'

South passed with a nod  
His composure serene.  
My wife with a flourish  
Led out the Heart Queen.

I sat there and chuckled  
Inside - o'er their fix.  
But South very calmly  
Ran off his eight tricks.

He ruffed the first Heart  
In his hand right away.  
And then trumped a Club  
On the very next play.

He crossruffed the hand  
At a breathtaking pace,  
'Til I was left holding  
Five Spades to the Ace

In anguish my wife cried,  
'Your mind's growing old.  
You should see that Six  
No Trump  
For us is ice-cold!'

By doubling this time  
I'd committed a sin.  
It goes to prove  
That you can never win.

W	N	E	S
		1S	2H
X	2H	X	2S
P	P	X	P
P	P		

	♠9876	
	♥65432	
	♦8765	
	♣ -	
♠ -		♠AKQJT
♥QJT9		♥AK87
♦KQJT9		♦ -
♣KQJT		♣A987
	♠5432	
	♥ -	
	♦A432	
	♣65432	

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HORROR of daytime  
TV.

From *Two Old  
Geezers tell you  
about Bridge, the A-  
Z*

Keith Dunstan &  
Geoff Hook

## So Much for Trash Talking By Richard Fox

A friend from Perth, Dave Sloan, was in town and felt like a game of bridge after watching Queensland at the Gabba. We had time for a steak and a beer first at the Norman Hotel, and duly fortified we first had to play Mike Robson and Betty Lee. I asked Dave if he had any system he liked to play against Precision; he didn't so we just agreed to bid slams. Betty didn't appear to be the least bit intimidated by this macho talk, maybe she didn't take us seriously...

### Tuesday 10th Dec, Board 17

First board of the evening I picked up the magnificent East hand, and it didn't look as if anyone would open a strong club. Sure enough, Mike passed with the North rubbish and I opened 1S. Dave responded 2D, game force, I rebid 2NT which can be weaker or stronger than a 1NT opening (12-14 or 18-19) in the style we play. Dave had no more to offer and went 3NT, and I took a bash at 6NT hoping the spades could bring in an extra trick or two.

Dealer N Nil Vul	♠ J 8 ♥ J 9 5 4 2 ♦ 9 5 4 3 ♣ 6 4	6NT by E 6D lead
♠ 6 4 ♥ K Q 8 6 ♦ A J 10 7 ♣ Q 9 5		♠ A K 10 9 5 ♥ A 10 7 ♦ K Q ♣ K 10 2
	♠ Q 7 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 8 6 2 ♣ A J 8 7 3	

Betty was of course too canny to lead away from an honour against 6NT and instead led a passive diamond to my hand. Clubs were a complete guess which I got wrong, leading to the queen first. I needed 2 club tricks, 4 each in the red suits and the top spades, or the very unlikely chance of catching both the missing spade honours.

The plan fell in a heap when Betty ducked the first club. She won both the jack and ace when I finessed the 10 on the way back. Things got worse

when I tried hearts from the top and they didn't break, so I was 2 down for an 8% score. Deep Finesse knew to finesse in hearts (slightly worse odds than trying for the drop) and it knew to play the KC first and finesse the Q-9, so it would have made 6NT. Two other pairs tried for slam and Peter Wells/Roger Byrom made it.

### Tuesday 10th Dec, Board 18

So the strategy hadn't worked yet, but the second board of the night gave us another chance. As East I dealt and opened 1S. Again a 2 over 1 response (you can often go through a session without one), 2H game force. It was good to be playing 2/1 as I could rebid 2S and continue forcing.

Dave continued 3D and I went 3S, and Dave tried to sign off in 4H having bid out most of his shape. I asked for keycards and placed the contract in 6S.

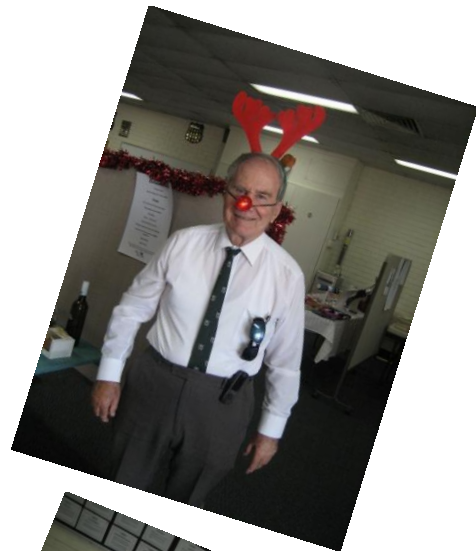
Dealer E NS Vul	♠ J ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ K 10 4 3 ♣ A 8 7 6 4	6S by East QC lead
♠ 9 ♥ A 10 9 6 4 3 ♦ A J 9 7 5 ♣ K		♠ A K Q 10 8 7 5 4 3 ♥ K ♦ Q 2 ♣ 10
	♠ 6 2 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ 8 6 ♣ Q J 9 5 3 2	

From the South hand an unlikely-looking diamond lead would scupper my chances, but this time the lead was a natural Q♣. I would have put money on receiving a trump return from Mike, so no surprise when the J♠ appeared on the table. When trumps weren't 4-0 I had no more problems and claimed. Peter and Roger were the only other pair to bid 6, and they also made the contract.

Now Betty knew that we could back up our big talk with a real slam!



**Members were in fine spirits at the Christmas Pairs. Our President, Monica, presented some o hard-working members with thank you gifts.**



**Above the Line**  
It happens rarely in our  
Bridge room, but when  
hemlines get above the line,  
it causes a sensation.  
Dunstan & Hook



## Finding the Right Strain by Dawn Cullen



♠AK62		
♥5		
♦A652		
♣J752		
♠Q9875		♠T43
♥J4		♥QT97
♦K93		♦T874
♣864		♣T3
♠J		
♥AK8632		
♦QJ		
♣AKQ9		

♠AK		
♥KT		
♦KT943		
♣AK65		
♠98643		♠QJT752
♥53		♥A976
♦Q85		♦62
♣T97		♣8
♠-		
♥QJ842		
♦AJ7		
♣QJ432		

Deal 1: 7 Clubs makes easily on these two N,S hands. There is nothing difficult in the play. It just needs two ruffs to set up the Heart suit against the likely 4- 2 split. The second Diamond can be discarded on the second Spade honour.

As long as the Clubs split 3 -2, the slam makes.

The difficulty is to bid it; and this requires that the south hand shows the second suit.

There is always a temptation to bid a NT contract, which will not make.

Deal 2: After a pass by South and by West, North opens the bidding 1D followed by a weak 2S overcall.

South now bids 3H and North takes the contract to 3NT.

Now with extreme distribution South should bid 4C. If the partnership uses Minorwood, North can respond 4H, which might be confusing. Perhaps bidding direct to 6NT with the good stoppers in Spades is a better idea.

This time, 6NT is the better contract.

*It can be a frustrating game!*

### *Certificate of Appreciation*

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*Queensland Contract Bridge Club*

*In recognition of its valuable contribution to the*

*Zephyr Foundation*

*Assisting women and children affected by domestic violence*

Your generosity has established a treasure trove of household items still awaiting distribution.

Please hold off on further donations apart from money, school shoes.