

QCBC Newsletter



From the President, Ray Ellaway

Here we are again and a month of the New Year is already gone! I hope that members had an enjoyable festive season and are ready to get back to the business of playing bridge.

I welcome Jan Peach and Richard Fox as members of the board. Jan has filled the vacancy left over from the AGM and Richard replaces Neville Francis who resigned late last year.

The recent rain and storms have again shown the need for the ongoing maintenance of our building with water leaking through the roof and damaging the ceiling tiles. The car park also flooded and the back lot has become very uneven.

The roof has been examined by insurance assessors, the council have cleared blocked storm water drains, which hopefully will stop the flooding and it is our intention to have the back lot graded and levelled.



Coming Up

Feb 14 Valentine Day Pairs
Feb 18 \$50 night
Feb 20- 28 Gold Coast Congress

During the week of the Gold Coast Congress, QCBC will be closed Monday 23, Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 February. The night sessions for the week are cancelled. TUESDAY AM AND FRIDAY SESSIONS WILL RUN AS NORMAL.

Kim's Communique

Dear Bridge Player,

7th February is the date that the discount to enter the Gold Coast Congress applies so please pay prior to this date otherwise \$10.00 per event per person extra will be charged. Absolutely no exceptions.

Forthcoming Events for the QBA

Senior Teams – February 7/8 conducted by the Sunshine Coast Bridge Clubs – entry forms on website.

Mixed Teams – March 14/15 conducted by the Noosa Bridge Club – entry forms on website

Selection Trials – Open – March 7/8 21/22 and 28/29 are the dates allocated.

General

Congratulations to Lockyer who received funding in the last round – dealing machine and equipment \$5,000 approved.

Next Management Meeting for the QBA – March 12th

Next Council Meeting which is also the Annual General Meeting – March 26

**Kim Ellaway,
Manager,
Queensland Bridge Association**

Results from Canberra with Queenslanders – Queenslanders in red

Senior Teams

[Brown \(1\)](#) Terry Brown - Avinash Kanetkar - Peter Buchen - Henry Christie - **Bill Haughie** - Ron Klinger First – Congratulations to Bill

TBIB National Open Swiss Pairs

Championship

Geo Tislevoll / **Joan Butts** – Second

Friday Festival Teams

Andrew - **Simon Andrew** - **Gwen King** - Michael Courtney – Tony Ong – Second

Summer Festival Teams

Mixed Category – Wallis - **Richard Wallis** - **Therese Tully** - Richard Brightling (Sub) - Karen Creet - Sheila Bird First

Senior Category

[Hinge \(1\)](#) Simon Hinge - Peter Buchen - **Bill Haughie** - Chris Hughes - First

[Waters \(2\)](#) Bernard Waters - Roy Nixon - Pam Crichton - Ross Crichton - **Michael Pemberton** - Graham Wakefield - **Second**

Overall

First - [Lazer \(1\)](#) Warren Lazer - Pauline Gumby - Ian Robinson - **Andrew Braithwaite** - Matthew McManus - Michael Ware

MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

December

Tony Treloar	Gold Life
Caroline Collie	Silver Life
Robin Steinhardt	Bronze Life
Veena Chotai	*National
Joan Jenkins	*National
Jacqui Fardoulis	*State
Gillian Chase	Club
Leith Cameron	Club
Judy Hefferan	Club

January

Carmel Martin	Grand
Ray Ellaway	Grand
Diane Potter	Bronze Life



Robin Steinhardt



Gillian Chase



Joan Jenkins

NORTHERN SUBURBS JANUARY TEAMS

A Grade

1st Kim Ellaway, Raymond Ellaway, Marion Cooke, Margaret Millar

2nd Judy Wilkinson, Joyce O'Brien, Ann Smith, Pam Horton

3rd Ralph Parker, Peter Hainsworth, Sheila Parker, Claire Green

REDLAND GRADED TEAMS December 7th

A Grade

1st Bastian Bolt, John Kelly, Tony Berger, Eva Berger

2nd Maureen Jakes, Janeen Solomon, Sanmugaras Kamalarasa, Ralph Parker

3rd Robyn Clayton, Alan Smith, John Luck, Ivy Luck

B Grade

1st Val Roland, Herold Rienstra, Bert Luchjenbroers, Michael Stoneman

2nd Tom Strong, Edda Strong, Geoffrey Thomas, Katrina Hewings

3rd David O'gorman, Julie Jeffries, Lex Ranke, Jack Rohde

C Grade

1st Joan Jenkins, Linda Norman, Robin Steinhardt, Helen Chamberlin

2nd Gregory Gosney, Margaret Plunkett, Andrew Gosney, Chris Larter

3rd Shirley Burgess, Kay Justice, George Gibson, Lynne Layton

QCBC IMP PAIRS

OPEN

1st Therese Tully - Richard Wallis

2nd Paula Mcleish - Pele Rankin

3rd Jan Peach - Lech Kaszubski

NOVICE

1st Mick Fawcett - Lyn Tracey

2nd Nanette Hinsch - Colleen Sobey

3rd Dorothy Hertelendy - Adam Hertelendy



Kenmore Novice winners:
Annette Scott, Narelle
McIver

KENMORE PAIRS

A GRADE

1 Alison Dawson & John Kelly

2 Margaret Millar & Carolyn Woolley

3 Murray Perrin & Tim Runting

NOVICE

1 Annette Scott & Narelle McIver

KENMORE TEAMS

1 T. Jackman, M. Goodman, R. Clayton, A. Smith

2. A. Lehman, B. Luchjenbroers, J. Scrivens, J. Mills

3 C. Francis, T. Runting, A. Dawson, J. Kelly

TOOWONG IMPS PAIRS

A GRADE

1 Ivy & John Luck

2 Charlie Lu & Chuan Qin

3 Michelle Radke & Ian Halford

B GRADE

1 Andrew Woollons & Richard Fox

2 Ian Barfoot & Pat Smith

3 Gabrielle & John Elich

New Year's Eve Festivities by Cheryl Stone



**Best Costume: Chantelle
and Ryan Stevens**





Bid and Play this Hand with Me - Alan Boyce

You are sitting South, Dealer on your left. You are not vulnerable, E-W are. The initial bidding goes:

1H – P – 2H

The bridge people have dealt you these lovely cards:

♠ A97632
♥ A753
♦ 6
♣ 53

Do you speak? And if so, what will you say?

Will the 4 hearts sway you to defend or should you speak up with a bid? 2 honor tricks and 6-4-2-1 shape, oh, beautiful shape.

I vote for 2S, not too high, not too low, just right it seems to me. Appears partner has 1 or 0 hearts, and rates to have some spades. Given **the Law of total tricks says that, if they have a fit, we have a fit**, and partner remained silent after the initial vulnerable opening so seemingly doesn't have a long suit suitable for some overcall, so the odds are our fit is in spades. But, rather than make an advance save in spades, let's leave it up to partner, eh?

So, assuming you said 2S, you hear 4H from west and partner bids the spade game. Back around to West who now bids 5H. Passed around to you.

Do you sacrifice, or does the 2 aces suggest otherwise?

At the table I decided that I'd double. Did you double too?

Partner leads the Ace of Diamonds and down comes the dummy:

♠ KJ5
♥ T42
♦ KQT5
♣ T86

Diamonds are looming as a danger point for discards, but perhaps looking at dummy, getting there might not be easy.

Declarer calls for the 5 and you play the 6 (you are playing high encourage for this hand), your singleton.

Partner thinks for a bit and decides to play a second diamond, 10 from dummy and you ruff.

Plan your return before reading on please....

Did you play a club? You now return the 5 of clubs, declarer ponders and plays low, up comes the king from declarer, and 6 from dummy.

Back comes another diamond for a second ruff. Later you win with the heart Ace for 3 off doubled vulnerable. Pat yourself on the back.

The full layout

So, game was on in spades, but 800 is more than ample compensation. I particularly like the 4S bid by partner, likely controls in diamonds and clubs, and nice 5431 shape.

On the day we actually managed to not find that defence and only took it off 2 so you did better.

Have a great year of bridge.

	♣	♦	♥	♠
NT				
N -	-	-	5	1
S -	-	-	5	1
E -	1	2	-	-

BD: 16	♠ QT84	Dlr: W
	♥ 8	Vul: E-W
	♦ A8742	
	♣ K94	
♠ -		♠ KJ5
♥ KQJ96		♥ T42
♦ J93		♦ KQT5
♣ AQJ72		♣ T86
	♠ A97632	
	♥ A753	9
	♦ 6	14 9
	♣ 53	8

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Valerie Robbins, Christine Bolger, John Noble, Bernard Hough, John Van Doorn, Ian Sobey, Chantelle Stevens, Robert Day, Ann Maclaurin, Normand Maclaurin, David Macfarlane, Janet McKeough, Ruth Krimmer, Barbara Mokrzecki

Teams of Three



A Grade Winners: Joan Jenkins, Alan Boyce and EXPERT Tom Strong (Linda Norman absent)



B Grade winners: Helen Bougouore, Elizabeth Handley, EXPERT Val Roland, Barbara Bright



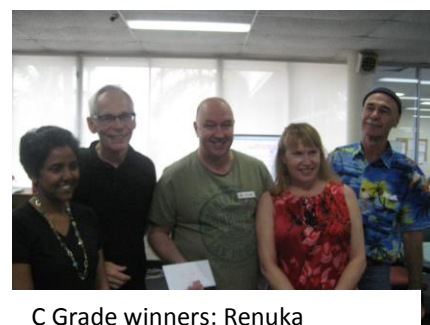
A Grade 2nd: Annette Hyland, EXPERT Pamela Evans, Fay Jeffersen, Maree Fillippini



Jim Evans's Team at work



B Grade 2nd: Chantelle & Ryan Stevens, Dominique & Tony Treloar EXPERT



C Grade winners: Renuka Mahadevan, EXPERT Andrew Slater, Mick Fawcett, Lyn Tracey



Camille Henry, Karen Elmes, Anne Barry

Del Dudman, Judith Bennett, Deanne Gaskill, EXPERT Jenny Williams



BILL SCHEIKOWSKI

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Bill Scheikowski, just a few days before Christmas. Bill was a very popular member of Sunnybank. He attended the foundation meeting in 1981 but was a member of QCBC at the time and eventually joined Sunnybank in 1992 and played there consistently until two years ago. He joined QCBC in 1967 and was a member of the Board from 1998 to 2007. He was a regular Director for many years at both Sunnybank and QCBC. Bill celebrated his 88th Birthday three weeks before he passed away.



High-Level Sacrifices – Richard Fox

In a Club Game

The whole idea of bidding a contract that you know has no chance of making isn't intuitive to all bridge players. For some, bidding say 5 clubs over 4 of a major doesn't seem too crazy, subject to a couple of conditions.

- 1) You expect to be doubled, and you hope the penalty is less than their game score.
- 2) You believe their contract was going to make, otherwise turning a plus score into a hefty minus isn't very good business.

The same principle can apply just as well at slam level. An instance came up in a Saturday club game where I was playing with seasoned campaigner Peter Hainsworth. With the hand below, I was West and had an easy pass. North opened 1NT, Peter passed and South bid 2S transferring to clubs. North accepted the transfer with 3C, and Peter emerged from the bushes with a 3S overcall.

Dealer W All Vul	♠ 10 6 4 ♥ A K Q 2 ♦ K 8 7 ♣ K 9 7	6Sx by E 10S lead
♠ J 7 3 2 ♥ 10 9 8 5 ♦ 10 4 3 2 ♣ 6		♠ A K Q 9 8 5 ♥ J 6 ♦ 9 5 ♣ J 10 8
	♠ ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ A Q J 6 ♣ A Q 5 4 3 2	

South made the well-judged bid of 6 clubs, and I forged ahead with 6 spades. This wasn't quite as ludicrous as it looks (maybe close though!).

Partner had shown a quite specific hand by passing over 1NT and showing his suit next time round. He thought if he kept quiet and the hand was played in no-trumps, he'd probably take it down by leading his suit. When the transfer bid came in, he didn't yet know South's strength and if I had anything at all he'd be happy to compete in spades. However, his hand also wasn't good enough to double 1NT, suggesting nothing much outside spades.

After this train of thought I figured 6C was probably making for 1370, so if partner could muster up 6 spade tricks and 2 ruffs in my hand we'd only be four down for -1100. The opponents were a little aghast at the madness of bidding at slam level with 1 point, but it worked very much as I'd hoped. North-South cashed their 5 tricks, and although their score wasn't quite as good as making their slam, it was better than the people who had stopped in game.

World-Class Players Do it Too

A few years ago during my first visit to the Gold Coast Congress, the Yeh Brothers Cup had taken place and a handful of current and former world champions were playing in the Open Teams. I kibitzed a table where multiple world champions Lorenzo Lauria and Alfredo Versace faced another Italian pair.

Play seemed chaotic and I didn't understand the Italian banter, but things certainly came alive when this hand hit the table.

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

Lauria-Versace were North-South and incidentally they currently hold the Bermuda Bowl (world teams championship) after winning in Bali last year. Lauria opened a forcing 2C with the North hand, and East doubled to show clubs. South showed a positive response in hearts and West pushed to 5C. North asked a question in Italian about the opponents' bidding, and he blasted 6 Spades. West didn't believe he could take this down so he ploughed ahead to 7C, doubled by North.

East-West had the advantage that vulnerability was favourable, and they only lost 3 tricks for -500 instead of -1430, a very handy pick-up at teams scoring. They could have lost a fourth trick but North-South didn't find the diamond ruff in time.

Although the bidding looked as if it belonged in Jupiter's Casino next door, it was well-judged by both sides. Lauria guessed right over the interference that 6 spades was making. West was also right that 7 clubs doubled would be a good bargain. North-South were smart enough to settle for what they could get now. They couldn't make anything at the 7-level - someone else tried and went down a heap in 7NT, probably driven by annoyance at having their good score stolen.

URGENT! Please scour your bookshelves and return QCBC Bridge Library books. This will save our voluntary librarian a great deal of work. May good fortune reward you for complying with this request. ☺

ZEPHYR FOUNDATION SUPPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS

Dear all

Yes it's me again and yes I am asking for something again. As you may already know, my sister Isabella and I (with help from a friend of ours, Christine Lancashire, and Isabella's husband, David) run a registered charity called the Zephyr Foundation. Its purpose is to help women and children who have sought refuge at domestic violence shelters, mainly by providing school clothing, books and equipment.

A drastic consequence of the upheaval in the lives of these children is that their education is often severely disrupted. Their situation is exacerbated by the fact that the mothers and children often have to leave their homes in urgent circumstances. Consequently, they often arrive at the shelters with very few personal belongings, especially school clothing, books and equipment. This makes their transition to a new school in a new location far more difficult, firstly, because without the proper clothing and equipment they stand out from the other children at a time when it is important for their self-confidence that they fit in. Secondly, without the relevant text books and exercise books they will quickly fall behind in their schooling.

However, these aren't the only problems. For example, a child with no hat may run up against the "no hat no play" rule, enforced in many schools; and a child without proper school shoes may not be allowed to play sport. That's where Zephyr comes in. We provide school bags, school shoes and socks, and uniforms, as well as school books, stationery and equipment specific to each child's year level. Some of these items are generously donated by suppliers and the rest we buy (usually at cost price) with donations.

With the commencement of the new school year, there has been a drain on our supplies and we need to restock. I know you all fully appreciate the importance of education in helping children reach their potential. I can assure you that every dollar you give is used for Zephyr's core purpose. Unlike many charities, Zephyr does not incur any administrative costs and we deliver at our own costs all items direct to the shelters. Importantly, in addition to being registered as a charity in Queensland, the Zephyr Foundation was recently registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and granted endorsement as a deductible gift recipient by the Australian Taxation Office. In other words, all donations of \$2 and more are tax deductible.

We would be extremely grateful for any contribution you can make to help these children achieve some semblance of normality in their dreadful circumstances and to alleviate the financial and emotional burden on their mothers.

Donations can be paid directly to Zephyr's bank account, the details of which are set out below. **Please quote your name as reference and send an email and/or provide a postal address to which an official tax receipt will be sent.**

Many thanks,
Carmel Martin

Account Name: Zephyr Foundation BSB number: 084-004 Account number: 15-629-0526
REFERENCE: YOUR NAME PLEASE



ANDY HUNG: INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE LESSONS PROGRAM



At Queensland Contract Bridge Club

DATE	TOPICS (with Description)
Wed 4/2/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	Roman Key Card Blackwood (with advanced responses)
Wed 11/2/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	Improve your declarer play (with a focus on positional finesses)
Wed 18/2/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	Things you need to know about duplicate pairs (good preparation for Gold Coast!)
Wed 25/2/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	BREAK – Gold Coast Congress
Wed 4/3/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	Michaels Cuebid (with responses to the Michaels Cuebid)
Wed 11/3/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	Defence: Diagnosing Active/Passive defence, and recap on Signalling
Wed 18/3/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	Improve your defensive play (with a focus on trick one play)
Wed 25/3/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	Defence: Play in 3 rd Position Part 1
Wed 1/4/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	Defence: Play in 3 rd Position Part 2
Wed 8/4/15 10:30AM-1:00PM	Improve your declarer and defensive play (gathering information from the auction)
Costs: \$15 per person per lesson (Individuals are more than welcome! ☺)	

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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:
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