

# QCBC Newsletter



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A note from Therese Tully:

I think the Ellaways will be glad to see the end of this year! Their latest saga being Ray was operated on for a brain tumour – the good news is he is now home and the tumour was benign. Ray requires lots of rest, still has some memory issues and may need some chemo but fingers crossed he will make a full recovery.

Ray Ellaway  
before surgery



## Coming Events



### Bridge Lessons Starting

A good belated Christmas gift. Whom did you forget?

The 8 week Beginner class will start on **Tuesday January 23rd at 10.30 am**. This class will cost \$40 per person.

If you have friends and acquaintances who will appreciate this opportunity could you please have them email or phone

the club or contact Robyn Clark on 0414540776.

## QCBC Events

Monday 8 January Red point Event QCBC

Sunday 14 Jan QCBC Open and Novice Imp pairs

## ABF and QBA Events

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| Jan 7     | Gold Coast Teams                                       |
| Jan 10-21 | Summer Festival of Bridge – Canberra                   |
| Jan 21    | Northern Suburbs Teams                                 |
| Jan 27    | Kenmore Pairs and Novice Pairs                         |
| Jan 28    | Kenmore Teams and Novice Teams                         |
| Feb 3-4   | QBA Senior Teams Sunshine Coast                        |
| Feb 4     | Toowong Imp Pairs                                      |
| Feb 4     | Toowoomba Novice Pairs                                 |
| Feb 11    | Arana Teams  |
| Feb 14-18 | Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships – Broadbeach |
| Feb 16-24 | Gold Coast Congress - Broadbeach                       |

**Gold Coast Congress TIMING:** Please remember that The Bobby Richman Championship Pairs starts at 11.00am on Saturday ( that is 12 noon EST) and that the Weekend Swiss does not start until 3.15pm (4.15pm EST)

**COATS:** If anyone has spare shawls, pashminas or coats they are prepared to donate to the Gold Coast Congress they would be most appreciated. If you happen to have accidentally taken home any borrowed from our stock we would love to have them back. Please remember that you do need to bring a wrap as there will always be cold spots even if the outside temperature is over 30.

**ENTRIES:** Please start getting your entry in – it makes us feel better. The early bird discounts requires payment before 5/2/18. Pele Rankin is our entry co-ordinator and if you have any trouble entering please contact her on [gccentries@qldbridge.com](mailto:gccentries@qldbridge.com) 0439949060 or 0737200369

**PARTNERS:** Toni Bardon is our partnership coordinator and wonderful at matching people up so please drop her a line if you need help.  
[tmbardon@hotmail.com](mailto:tmbardon@hotmail.com) 0401082054

## Congress Successes

### Northern Suburbs Pairs 4/5 Nov

A Grade

1 M. Carter, T. Hutton

2 N. Francis, S. Kamalarasa

3 E. Li, C. Lu

B Grade

1 W. Chan, A. Yang

2 N. Moore, A. Wanigaratne



Malcolm Carter &  
Tony Hutton

### Hervey Bay Pairs 4 Nov

2 M. Stoneman, V. Roland



Winnie Chan &  
Aijun Yang



Ross Murtagh, Barbara Kent,  
Joan Jenkins, A. Boyce

### Toowoomba Swiss Teams

A Grade

2 A. Boyce, B. Kent, R.

Murtagh, J, Jenkins

3 M. Perrin, C. Martin, R.

Langdon, R. Fox

B Grade

2 G. Gosney, M. Plunkett, A.

Hyland, F. Jeppesen

### QLD Senior Pairs 12 Nov

1 F. Whitaker, M. Doran

2, R&S. Parker

3. T&E. Berger

### Redland Graded Teams 3 Dec

A Grade

1 R. Parker, J. Mills, P. Hooykaas, R.  
Ward

2. R. Fox, R. Langdon, N& A. Maclauren

3. C. Howard, K. Wood, I&J. Luck

B Grade

2 B. Koster, K. Mukai. G. Gibson, L. Layton

3. A. Brry, J. Hay, K. Elmes, R. Steinhardt

### Toowong Graded Teams 26 Nov

A Grade

2 A&B. Kempthorne, T. Treloar, P. Evans

3 R, Langdon, R. Fox, M. Perrin, L. Moses

B Grade

1 L. Skeate, A. Wanigaratne, N. Moore, C.  
Mitchell

2 H. Standfast, L. King, P. Mitchell, L.

Marshall

C Grade

2 M. Fawcett, L. Tracey, K. Mukai, B. Koster

### Teams of Three 10 Dec

#### Below 300 Masterpoints

1. R. Wallis: M. Fawcett, L. Tracey, K. Males

2. P. Collins: W. Chan, A. Yang, B. O'Connor

#### Below 105 Masterpoints

3 V. Roland: J. Finnigan, M. Simon, K. Hamilton-  
Keen

#### Below 40 Masterpoints

2 C. Green: B. Dwyer, C. North, Chris Green

### QLD-WIDE Pairs 19-26 Nov

N/S 2 R. Ward, T. Tully

### Noosa Teams 19 Nov

A Grade

1 F. Whitaker, M. Doran, D&P.

McLeish

2 H. Standfast, L. King, H. Clayton,

M. Sharp



Lyn Carter, Malcolm Carter, Neville Francis

### Noosa Pairs 19 Nov

A Grade

1 N. Francis, S. Kamalarasa

2 L&M. Carter

B Grade

1 P. Nilsson, A. Boyce



Alan Boyce, Peter Nilsson

### QBA Individual 17 Dec

1 Alison Dawson

2 Greg Gosney



Jenny Williams



Janet McKeough



Rita Fatseas

### Brisbane Inter-Club Teams 19 Nov

A Grade

1 Kenmore, 2 BBC, 3 NSBC

B Grade

1 QCBC, 2 Redcliffe, 3 Kenmore

C Grade

1 Sunnybank, 2 BBC, 3 Kenmore

D Grade

1 Toowong, 2 Kenmore, 3 Redcliffe

### Promotions

#### November Promotions

Malcom Carter	Silver Grand
Paul Hooykaas	Silver Grand
Albina Smyth	Silver Life
Chaun Qin	Life
Rachel Langdon	National
Vivien Corderoy	Regional
Beverley Ahern	*Local
Joan Murray	Local
John M Kelly	Club

#### December Promotions

Valerie Robbins	National
John Corderoy	Regional
Sandra Young	**Local
Fenna Cooper	Local
John Bailey	Local
Laurie Queay	Local
Fred Cooper	Graduate
Sue Green	Graduate



Malcolm Carter



Rachel Langdon



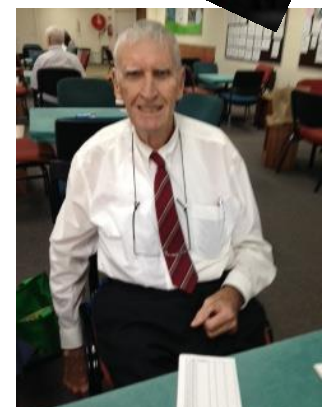
Fenna Cooper



Vivien & John Corderoy



## Melbourne Cup Glamour Stakes



## Who Makes the Slam? Richard Fox

Every time you think for a moment you're starting to get this game figured out, some sort of crazy hand comes along to surprise you. This is one that Andrew Woollons and I would have liked to be playing with our GNOT team-mates Terry O'Dempsey and Normand Maclaurin.



Dlr N	♠5432	6Sxx by S
All Vul	♥T82	6Cx by W
	♦QJ107	
	♣K7	
♠		♠JT98
♥QJ7653		♥
♦		♦K6542
♣AT98643		♣QJ52
	♠AKQ76	
	♥AK94	
	♦A983	
	♣	

Everyone was vulnerable, and after two passes Andrew chose to open 2C with the South hand. It's a close decision; others reasonably opened 1S. When you think about how little North needs to make game a good bet, a 2C opening looks justifiable. Even Kxx in diamonds could be all you need, and North would pass with a hand that weak.

Anyway, West overcalled 2H, and I doubled as either negative/take-out or perhaps values but no convenient bid. 2S from Andrew, 3C from West who had bid this way round to make sure both suits got into the auction. I probably over-stated my hand by bidding 3S now, suggesting a trick or two. In context I think a fast arrival 4S was better - I had such rubbishy spades which poker players would value as a straight flush draw, and I'd already shown I didn't have a total bust.

Andrew didn't ask for keycards - I couldn't really have a useful one, so instead he blasted into 6S and East doubled. Andrew wasn't done and he risked a redouble.

We had a lucky break now, as West led the QH and East lost patience too soon and ruffed. He thought he'd send a club back and guarantee beating the slam. Unfortunately it didn't quite work like that, as South ruffed the club, drew the remaining trumps, played A, K and a heart ruff and could finesse enough diamonds to make 6Sxx for the unusual score of +2070.

Also defending the spade slam, Patrick Bugler found the winning defence of letting the heart go round. He had a natural trump trick and his partner got a heart later. Declarer couldn't get to dummy to finesse, and ended up losing a diamond as well.

Our team-mates Terry and Normand had a fun time. Their South opponent opened 1S, Normand made a conventional 2-suited overcall showing hearts and clubs. Terry tried to double 5S, but Normand ripped it back to 6C causing him momentary consternation. Because of their system, Terry played 6Cx from the East, and South had to lead. One North apparently berated her partner for not leading the obvious trump, but there was a problem with that.

If you had the South hand, would it even cross your mind that a slam could make against you? South chose the A♥, and Terry cross-ruffed hearts and spades until his hearts were set up. Then he could play the club ace and lose only the king. 6Cx making for +1540. The verdict is that 6C on 14 combined points is unstoppable, and 6S is the sacrifice.

If only this had been teams, 2070 + 1540 is 3610 aggregate, for a 23 IMPs swing. (The highest possible is 24 IMPs for 4000+.)





## **History of Bridge - Don Worner**

Do you ever wonder how  
bridge began  
Because you play and  
are considered a fan.

Well it started from a game called whist  
Then the rules were changed with a twist.  
In whist 2 teams of two can be seen  
Cards are dealt each player getting thirteen;  
The last card upturned for all to see  
This signifies what trumps will be.  
First player plays any card or suit  
And the game has started no dispute.  
Highest card wins and takes the trick  
Then he leads any other card he does pick.  
A point is scored by the number of tricks  
That your team takes greater than six.  
Then away you go with a deal again  
With a different dealer but played the same.  
Originally played by English nobility  
Supposably because of their superior ability.  
In this game you simply took tricks at will  
But this made no allowances for any skill.  
Then new rules were created for this game  
Bidding added so it was not the same.  
You received a score if you got what you bid  
And extra for more tricks if you did.  
Then if you failed - good for the opposition  
Because their score received attrition.  
By way of a penalty against the declarer  
The rules now stating nothing could be fairer.  
Any false bid can have a consequence -  
The opposition can say double as their  
defence.  
So systems were created and began  
For teams to score the best they can.  
In 1930 uk thought they were the best  
And believed they were far better than the  
rest  
Cockilly challenged a team from USA  
Thinking could they beat us - no way!  
But the yanks proved to be a surprise.  
They won easily taking the prize.  
So in USA it was no longer the same  
As they strived to develop the game.  
Bridge was given a high priority that it sought  
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In fact it was now considered to be a sport  
Even rivalling baseball for participation  
As it was now being played all over the  
nation.

It featured in the magazine the Time  
And also Sports Illustrated considered it fine.  
Bridge columns appeared then and still now  
Giving advice about bidding and how.  
This raised a new concern about the game  
Was bidding now the reason for bridge's  
fame?

World titles then commenced to test  
Which country could claim to be the best.  
Initially it was USA that did very well  
Although other countries tried, you could tell.  
It was Italy that sprang out from the pack  
And won the title, sometimes back to back.  
USA wanted to remain as top dog  
So started a system involving dialogue  
Where people could study the game full time  
And they were paid a handsome dime.  
This was the start of bridge professionally:  
Top players were able to play extraordinarily.  
Initially everyone learns bridge right from the  
start  
And systems you learnt you retain never to  
part.

Then you find a level that suits you  
And you strive for the best you can do.  
You put into practice all that you learnt,  
But sure enough you sometimes get burnt  
You look on the bright side say it will be fine  
And hope that, "I'll do better the next time."

**A wife asks her husband,  
"Could you please go  
shopping for me and buy one  
carton of milk and if they  
have avocados, get 6.**

**A short time later the  
husband comes back with 6  
cartons of milk.**

**The wife asks him, "Why did  
you buy 6 cartons of milk?"  
He replied, "They had  
avocados."**

**If you're a woman, I'm sure  
you're going back to read it  
again!**

QCBC  
**OPEN + NOVICE**  
**CROSS IMP PAIRS**

Novice Event for Players with fewer than  
100 masterpoints as at 30/9/2017

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**Sunday 14 January 2018**

ENTRY FEE:	\$60 per pair
ENTRIES CLOSE:	Wednesday 10 January
DIRECTOR:	Alan Gibson
SYSTEMS: Novice (<100mp)	Green, Blue
Open	Green, Blue, Red plus Brown Sticker
START:	9.30 am
ENTRIES & ENQUIRIES:	QCBC, 67 Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba 4102 3391 3241 <a href="mailto:qcbc1@optusnet.com.au">qcbc1@optusnet.com.au</a>

**CASH PRIZES**

**BYO LUNCH**

**MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA**

- Each pair must have two systemically identical system cards on the table for the opposing pair before the start of play. Only current ABF system cards are approved for use and they must be legible and clearly show the colour category of the system.
- Players are responsible for ensuring the correctness of their system classification.
- Should entry numbers warrant the division of a field for secondary prize money purposes, it shall be divided on the director's initial seeding.
- This is a QBA approved red masterpoint congress and QBA regulations apply.

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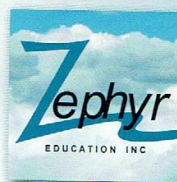
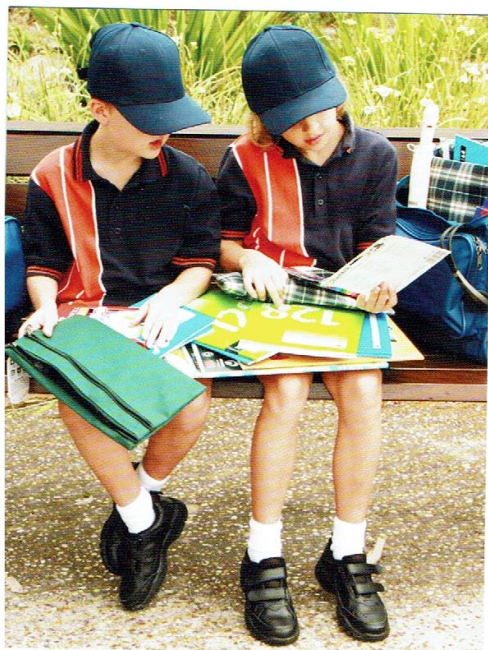
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Please circle section you are entering - **NOVICE** **OPEN**

We wish to enter a pair for the competition and enclose \$60 entry fee.

NAME..... ABF No ..... Phone .....

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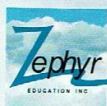
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### Not PC, but it is funny.

A young man wanted to get his beautiful blonde wife something nice for their first wedding anniversary. So he decided to buy her a cell phone. He showed her the phone and explained to her all of its features.

Meg was excited to receive the gift and simply adored her new phone.

The next day Meg went shopping. Her phone rang, and to her astonishment, it was her husband on the other end.

"Hi Meg," he said, "how do you like your new phone?" Meg replied, "I just love it! It's so small and your voice is clear as a bell, but there's one thing I don't understand though. "What's that, sweetie?" asked her husband

"How did you know I was at Wall-Mart?"