

QCBC Newsletter



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Some Coming Events

July 7-12 Northern Territory Gold – Darwin
July 8-19 Australian National Championships – Darwin
August 11-12 QBA Butler Pairs - QCBC

New Members – Welcome to:

Linda Norman
Kay Roberts
Nancy Palmer
Laurie Palmer
Pat Larsen
Ming Shu Yang
Charlie Lu
Roger Huang
Julie Mannion

If at first you don't succeed,
destroy all evidence that you
tried.

From the President, Monica Pritchard

The Australian National Championships are scheduled to begin in Darwin on July 7th. There is a very strong representation of QCBC members in all of the Queensland teams. Our congratulations go to all of those representatives and our very best wishes for their success in Darwin. Your club is proud of you!



After many years of service as a director on the QCBC Board, Jenny Williams has resigned. Our thanks go to Jenny for her great work in a number of areas but particularly in the preparation of grants and, most recently, in managing the **Bring and Buy**. In line with article 52 of the Memorandum of Association, the directors have appointed Dominique Murphy to the Board to fill this vacancy. Dominique brings skills in the areas of commerce and law to the board and we welcome her warmly.

Anne Barry has kindly agreed to head up the QCBC house committee which will look after aspects of the club such as décor and the general presentation of the club. **Anne is the 'go to' person for those of you who are keen to help out or who have great ideas about how we might improve the appearance of our clubhouse.**

Finally, a word about being nice.

At the Gold Coast Congress one year I shared the lift with a young man who was carrying a rolled up towel under his arm. 'Off for a swim?' I asked (being nice). 'No' he replied, 'I'm off to the gym. I am a bit fat.' 'Maybe I should go to the gym', says I. 'No' says he, 'it's OK to be fat if you're old'.

I think he was trying to be nice even if it didn't really strike me at the time as nice. We sometimes get complaints about people at the bridge table who do not even try to be nice. It is worth remembering that law 74A requires bridge players to maintain a courteous attitude at all times and to carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game. If you believe this law is being broken, please call the Director.

Master Points Promotions June 2012

Marion O'Malley - Grand Master
Barbara Stenning - Silver Life Master
Helen Blair - Club Master

May 2012

Graduate: Helen Blair
Tazuru Sakai
Local: Mary Bourke
Alan Johnson
*Local: Joan Dodd
**Local: Cheryl Archibald
National: Eileen Li *State

April 2012

Graduate: John Bailey
Regional:
**Local: Beryl Manders
Mary McAdam
*Regional: Margaret Watson
State:
**Local: Colleen Sobey
National:
*State: Alan Boyce
Natasha Thomas
Life: Cheryl Stone *National

Board 25 Saturday June 29 Dawn Cullen

♠AJT974 Dlr: N
♥9 Vul: EW
♦32
♣KT76

♠2 ♠K865
♥T543 ♥AJ
♦AQJ4 ♦K9876
♣AJ53 ♣Q8

♠Q3
♥KQ8762
♦T5
♣942

North opened the bidding 2S and after two passes, West made a reopening double. Looking at my hand at East, considering the vulnerability and remembering **Hamman's rule: 'If 3NT is a possibility, bid it.'** – I did. The lead was the QS, won by KS.. Now to make 9 tricks. If there are 5 diamond tricks, and the club finesse works, this is an easy contract; but what if the finesse fails? First, run the diamonds and see what happens. The 4S is pitched by North. Is this a signal for a club lead? South signals for a heart lead and pitches small clubs. It looks as if the club finesse is not working and North now has only four spades left. Cash the HA and then lead a spade. At this point North is left with four spades and two clubs. North can cash his four spades but now has to lead a club into the A-JC in dummy. East must unblock the QC as soon as possible.

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.



Macau Teams

The QCBC Macau Teams competition was played over Wednesdays 20th and 28th June.

This event honours the Australian Women's Team who won the Far East Championships held in Macau in December, 1984. The team consisted of Queenslanders Margaret Drake, Lindy Vincent, Rosemary Atherton and Ivy Dahler, Victorians Felicity Beale and Diana Smart with Josse Greenfield from Western Australia as the non-playing captain.

This year the Trophy was won by Toni Bardon, Neville Francis, Patrick Bugler and Sandy Johnson.



Records of previous winners are incomplete and we would welcome any additional information about these.

2001: G. Poulson, P. Brown, F. Landy, E. Spiro

2004: D. Cullen, M. Simpson, G. Tucker, G. Reynolds

2005: W. Healy, K. Hiskocks, F&T Swainston

2006: E. Spiro, T. Young, L. McNeill, M. Hobbs

2007: B. Hunt, R. Lachman, C. Martin, M. Honig, M. Robson

2008: M. Millar, G. Tucker, J. Broad, C. Martin

2010: M. Cooke, M. O'Malley, P. Murray, P. Natrass

2011: M. Millar, G. Tucker, R. Lachman, B. Stacey

Recent Competition Successes

GNP Tuesday am

1st David O'Gorman & Julie Jeffries
Equal 2nd Alan McKenna & Vivien Solo
Equal 2nd Colin Peardon & Maureen Jones

Barrier Reef Congress 2012

Teams: 1st Nathan Van Jole, David Beauchamp, Andrew Braithwaite, Phil Gue

Open Pairs: 1st Ryan Touton, Richard Touton
2nd Nathan Van Jole, David Beauchamp

1st in the
Pairs
R.
Webke,
J.
Gardner



QCBC Pairs Sunday 10th

Pairs: 1st Julia Gardner, Robin Webcke
2nd Michael Corner, Margaret Dyer

Restricted Pairs: 1st Carmel Wikman, Margie Knox
2nd Denise Hartwig, Sheryl Haslam

QCBC Open Teams Monday 11th

1st Ron Casey, Carmel Martin, Carolyn Woolley, Margaret Miller

2nd Ian Afflick, Andrew Slater, Ken Dawson, Terence O'Dempsey



Open Teams 1st in The Plate
P. Pollett, E. Meldrum, P. Wells, A. Corkhill

My Favourite Hands: Part 2 by Alan Boyce

Occasionally two hands come up in a single session that give rise to ideal outcomes. On a recent night playing at Sunnybank in the GNP with Andrew Woollons, I had such an occurrence. In an otherwise mixed night, when a few things went awry, I experienced bliss in fact three times from well-timed bids.

Board 5 One such hand saw me dealt this lovely number sitting south, 3rd in hand:

♠AT3 ♥KJT ♦A96 ♣AQJ7

As I contemplated what I'd open, once it got around to me in 3rd seat, partner surprised me by opening 1D. Playing a strong club system, 1D could be 'short', but is absolutely limited to 15 pts. Holding 19 HCP's, no 4 card major, 3-3-3-4 shape, 3 Aces, a guarded King, and AQ in clubs, this hand screamed for me to declare in NT's and why not 6? I could reasonably rule out 7 due to the limit of the opening bid, and we likely had something in the range of 32-34 points, and no worse than 3 aces on a bad day. So straight to 6NT I went.

I got a generous lead of 4th best from 4 to the Jack of spades where West held just 1 pt. Dummy was:

♠KQ74 ♥Q4 ♦QJT75 ♣K3

I let it run around to my ten. As I surveyed the scene, I could now count 4 clubs, 4 spades, 2 hearts if I knocked out the Ace of hearts, and the Ace of diamonds makes just 11. So I must finesse in diamonds to make the contract but note that, if East is holding Kxx, I'll make 5 diamonds for 13 tricks without touching hearts. I decide to take the 4 tricks in spades, once East shows doubleton, to try and get a pointer to the location of the diamond king. Nothing develops so, while in dummy I play Queen, then Jack, then ten to the Ace of diamonds, with the king dropping under the Ace. 13 made, missing the Ace of hearts.

Board 8 that night gave 100% for 3S by partner 1 off. Bidding went (me sitting South) 1C-1S-P-3S*. (*<less than 10 pts) I held:

♠AQ876 ♥964 ♦J83 ♣95

At the other 5 tables, 3 in the heart game made 12, 1 in 4 Hearts made 11 and 1 in 3H made 10. West decided not to re-open with:

♠T ♥AJT7 ♦Q74 ♣AKQT2

It's a difficult decision but, in the long run, a pass is likely to be a losing proposition, with shortness in spades, and such a nice 5431 shape. So, giving the opponents a hard decision worked out here.

Board 23 that same night was a truly fascinating hand.

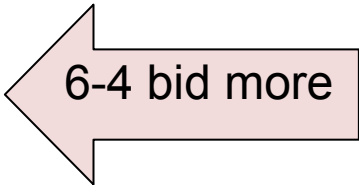
I decided to open 1H holding:

♠QT97 ♥AT9876 ♦K98 ♣ -

The club void and 4 spades make a weak heart opening intolerable and the hand is just too nice (6-4, bid more) to pass 1st in hand.

West, holding 14 HC points decided to get into the action with a 2C overcall. **Ron Klinger promotes the idea of suit quality in deciding on overcalls.** So, SQ of 8 for a 2-level overcall is the recommendation he would make. Um. doubtful overcall perhaps?:

♠AK ♥K5 ♦JT43 ♣K6543



6-4 bid more

Now, what do you think partner made of this? He held:

♠83 ♥42 ♦A72 ♣AQJT97

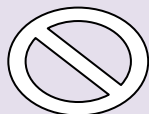
He has often been the victim of my sermons about reopening with shortness in the opponent's suit so he 'knows' that I'm going to double. So he quietly passes. East passes. Even I can't imagine doubling with 9 HCP's, suspect that either partner is lying in wait or that West has a monster and forgot to double. So I pass as well.

A double would have been a train-wreck but plus 300 to us for 2C off 3, vulnerable was a top. Partner did understand my reluctance to re-open with a double, or bid 2H, with my "rock-crusher".

Earlier I mentioned that there were some gems amongst some duds by me. One day I'll share some of my disasters with you, but not today!

Kate's Rules to Live By:

Make the opponents make the last guess, not you. On highly competitive deals, bid as high as you are willing to go immediately, then get out and watch them deal with the problem.



Ron Klinger: A sense of humour indispensable in order to survive in the world of bridge.

A doctor was very concerned about the physical condition of one of his bridge-playing patients. During a regular check-up, he asked, 'Do you get much exercise?'

'Only when I sit East-West, Doc' was the reply.



Hand 11 Monday AM 14 May - Dawn Cullen

♠T7432

♥A32

♦43

♣T42

Dir: S

Vul: Nil

♠Q

♥KJ98

♦AKJ7

♣AQ93

♠AKJ6

♥QT5

♦652

♣K75

♠985

♥764

♦QT98

♣J86

As West, I opened 1C to keep all of the suits in the bidding and because I knew that the expected 1S bid would not cause me a problem. I always planned to reverse into Hearts to show 16+ points. Partner now needs to find out more about Opener's hand.

Bid Fourth Suit Forcing (1C - 1S - 2H - 3D).

I will reply 4D. This means that I have 4 Diamonds. It also implies that my hand is very good because I have the option of bidding 3NT.

Partner now knows that my distribution is either 1-4-4-4 or 4-4-5.

Partner, with 13HCP (add one for KC and 1 for QH - *plastic re-evaluation*) might as well bid 6NT. Although it makes no difference in this case, It is

better for West to bid the slam to protect the Spade Jack. The Hand Record shows 6C, 6H and 6NT make.

From the Library

New titles have been purchased for your library with funds raised in honour of Keith Bishop. Keith was a bridge player and teacher held in the highest regard by fellow members of QCBC and nationally. He mentored many new players who displayed significant potential and helped them to develop their talents.

The Complete Book on Takeout Doubles by Michael Lawrence

- good for intermediate+ players

The Complete Book on Balancing by Mike Lawrence

good for intermediate+ players

Two Over One Game Force by Max Hardy

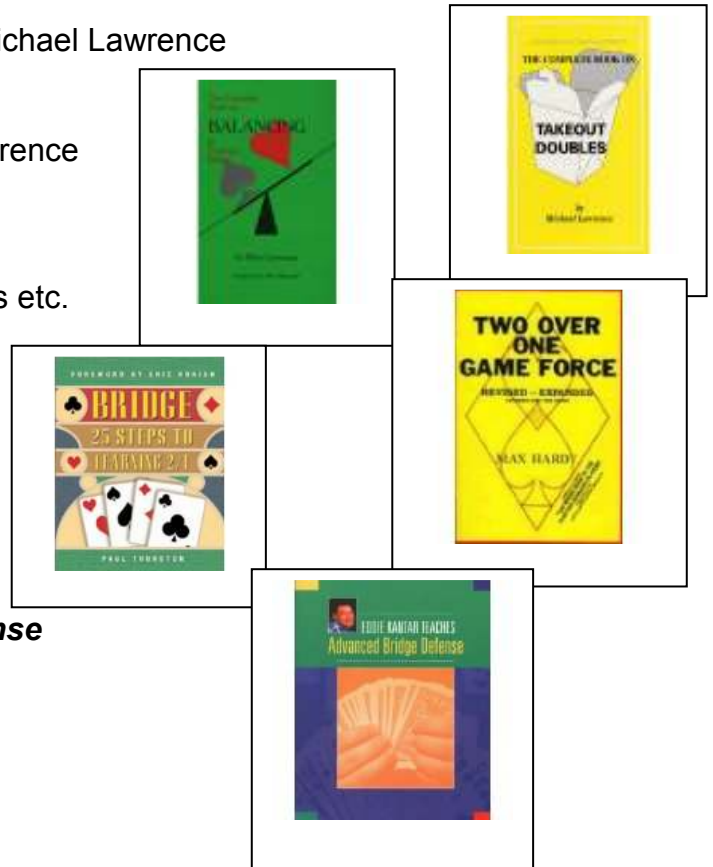
good for anyone interested in 2/1, Inverted Minors etc.

25 Steps To Learning 2/1 by Paul Thurston

easy way to learn & understand 2/1

Eddie Kantar Teaches Advanced Bridge Defense

highly acclaimed book for defense



Review of ***Common Bidding Mistakes to Avoid: Guidelines for Improving Players*** by Ross Dick

Published by Queensland Bridge Association Inc.

The author provides sound, easy to understand advice on whether to open with borderline hands, common mistakes on responding, rebidding, overcalling, take-out doubles, balancing and using conventions. The emphasis is on disciplined decisions and avoiding pitfalls.

Copious examples and analyses of sound bidding and bidding weakness reinforce the bidding advice. A glossary and Further Reading list are included.

The final chapter covers

1. Always revalue as the auction proceeds
2. Be Law-abiding
3. Avoid 'daisy-picking'
4. Be wary of bidding with misfit hands
5. Ensure disciplined pre-emptive openings
6. When to double a direct seat 1NT overcall for penalties
7. Be wary of doubling a freely bid suit slam
8. As responder, avoid overbidding with a passed hand
9. Opener's actions after 1-suit: (Double) : Redouble
10. At matchpoint pairs choose the best scoring contract

Avoid opening 'light if you will not be comfortable with partner's most likely

After a redouble, all doubles by either opener or responder are for penalties.

Competition

Identify the owners (first and last names) of the following items pictured. First correct entry drawn August 1st will win a bottle of bubbly. Pop your answers with your name and phone number in the competition box on the table at the front entrance to the club.

 <p>1</p>	 <p>2</p>	 <p>3</p>
 <p>4</p>	 <p>5</p>	 <p>6</p>
 <p>7</p>	 <p>8</p>	 <p>9</p>
 <p>10</p>	 <p>11</p>	 <p>12</p>

Competition Answers

Name: _____

Phone: _____

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.
11.	12.