

QCBC Newsletter



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From the President, Monica Pritchard

At every Annual General Meeting we elect or re-elect people to work on the Board as Directors. I have been asked to outline what it is that the Board does and what that means for members who are considering nomination as a Director.

In essence, the Board is responsible for ensuring that QCBC meets all legal requirements and remains accountable to its members and the Government.

Legally, and ethically, members of not-for-profit Boards are subject to the same expectations and responsibilities as members of a commercial Board. A significant aspect of the duty of Directors relate to company laws around financial probity and reporting, insolvent trading and compliance with a wide range of laws. These include Occupational Health and Safety, Environmental Law, the Trade Practices Act, Anti-Discrimination, Contracts Law, Privacy Laws, Food Safety Laws, Defamation and Fundraising.

When you join a Board you accept the obligation to look after your organisation's finances. Because the Board oversees a budget, you need to have a good understanding of its financial duties and take them very seriously.

In addition to the corporate responsibilities outlined above, Directors must be familiar with the objectives of the organisation and work towards meeting those objectives. This does not mean that the Directors do all the work around the organisation but they must ensure that decisions, delegations and procedures are consistent with organisational objectives.

I do hope that this has not deterred members from nominating for a position on the Board. Every Board needs new ideas, fresh enthusiasm and different perspectives to flourish and reflect the needs of a changing membership.

AGM Saturday 26th October

Coming Events

Jul 4 Youth Bridge Fun Day QCBC
Jul 7 Lockyer Swiss Pairs
Jul 7 Noosa Teams
Jul 7-18 Aust Nat Championships – Adelaide
Jul 13-14 Bundaberg Butler Pairs & Teams
Jul 14 Stanthorpe Inaugural Congress
Jul 14 Redlands Novice pairs
Jul 19-20 Cairns Show Congress
Jul 20-21 Moreton-Bribie Pairs & Teams
Jul 21 Darling Downs Novice Pairs
Jul 27 Mackay Novice Pairs
Jul 27-28 Surfers Paradise Butler Pairs and Teams
Jul 27-28 Maryborough Butler Pairs & Teams
Jul 28 BBC Graded Teams
Aug 3-4 Proserpine Teams
Aug 4 Toowoomba Butler Pairs & Teams
Aug 4 Sunnybank Teams
Aug 10-11 QBA Butler Pairs – QCBC
Aug 13-18 Coffs Harbour Gold Congress

**Good Luck to
Queenslanders in The ANC
in Adelaide!**



Brief Report on the Barrier Reef Congress

Joan Jenkins

The Barrier Reef Congress was hosted by the Mackay Bridge Club at the North Mackay Bowls Club from June 7th to 10th. The Mayor of Mackay officially opened the event and State President, Keith Macdonald and local President, Barbara Tait welcomed us all.

The Mackay Club is now 45 years old and The Barrier Reef Congress, which moves to Townsville next year and Cairns in 2015, originated in Mackay.

Mackay hospitality was brilliant. We had tea and coffee on tap and freshly-baked biscuits for morning tea and the list of prizes was most generous. There were encouragement prizes, prizes for locals and a variety of other aspects; everyone seemed to win something. Our team, playing in the Restricted section, won bottles of wine (lovely) for having the best round on the final day. Kim and Ray Ellaway loaded up their car, generously transporting our excess baggage (including two enormous cushions won by Rod Curtin in a raffle) back to Brisbane.

The weather was kind, the junior caddies were delightful, seasoned players renewed acquaintanceships, compliments were flying at the tables and everyone seemed to find seriously good places to eat at night.

Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time at this feel-good event. Thank you, Mackay.



Open Teams Equal 2nd

R.Wallis, T.Tully, N.Francis,
A.Maluish



Restricted Teams Champions

A.Hall, C.Baynes, J.Tuckey,
R.Thomas



Open Teams Equal 2nd
K.Early, G.King, M.Courtney,
S.Andrew

Open Teams Champions

P.Wyer,
M.Moren,
P.Chakradeo,
N.van Joel
(Sponsor on left)



Ray and Kim Ellaway: Winners
Section A Walk-in Pairs and 4th
in the Open Pairs



Paul Wymer and Nathan van
Jole: Open Pairs winners



Richard Fox (partner
Michael Stoneman); 3rd
in the Open Pairs



Caddies and Directors
with the Convenor



Ryan touton, Richard Touton, Ian
Afflick, Paul Collins (&Sponsor) 4th
in the Open Teams



R. Steinhardt, J. Jenkins, R.
Curtin, B. Kent. Robin and
Barbara 4th in Restricted Pairs



Mackay BRC: Open Pairs

1st Nathan van Joel, Paul Wyer
2nd Edda and Tom Strong

Mackay: Restricted Pairs

1st Ruth Goerg, Pam Brewer
2nd Betty Addison, Elle Sheffield

Toowong Open Butler Pairs

1st P. Evans, R. Green
2nd C. Lu, C. Qin

Restricted Pairs

1st S. Clifford, K. Goodwin
2nd P. Amundsen, T. Dolphin

QCBC June Congress

Pairs 1st C. Howard, K. Wood
2nd T. Hutton, T. Jackman

Teams

1st C.&C. Woolley with J. Broad,
C. Martin
2nd P. Hainsworth, R. Parker with
P. Hooykaas, S. Kamalarasa

Sunshine Coast Congress

Butler Pairs: 1st T. Hutton, T. Jackman
2nd R. Lachman, B. Hunt

Plate: 1st C. Butler, A. Morrison
2nd B. Midgley, T. Townsend

Swiss Teams: 1st R. Busch/J. McPheat & R. Trollope/T. Walford
2nd T. Hutton/T. Jackman & M. Goodman/M. Jakes

Plate: R.Shardlow/G. Bradley & B.&N. Williams

Kate's Rules to Live by:

**Keep an open mind:
Even the high and
mighty may learn
something from the
most humble.**



C Grade Winners: P. Brake, K. Gilchrist, J. Brake, J. Bratko



B Grade Winners: C&J. Taylor, R. Webcke, J. Gardiner

QBA Graded Teams 30th June
A Grade 1st A. Corkhill, B. Hunt, S. Sender, R. Lachman
2nd N. Francis, R. Parker, S. Kamalara, P. Hainsworth
B Grade 1st J&C. Taylor, R. Webcke, J. Gardiner
2nd E&J. Beckett, K&K. Avunduk
C Grade 1st P&J. Brake, J. Bratko, K. Gilchrist
2nd L. Norman, J. Jenkins, K. Roberts, R. Currin



C Grade Runners-up:
 R. Currin, J. Jenkins, L. Norman, K. Roberts



A Grade Champions:
 S. Sender, B. Hunt, R. Lachman, A. Corkhill



June Masterpoint Promotions

Pemberton, Michael	Silver Grand
Fredericks, Lorraine	Grand
Chakradeo, Pranjal	Bronze Life
Smith, Thelma	*Regional
Berns, Dov	*Local
Blair, Helen	Local
Johnson, Barbara	Local
Graham, Marilyn	Local



Successful Grant Application

Thank you to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for granting the funding for a new dealing machine, cards, boxes, boards and a computer to run the dealing machine.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund



Queensland
Government

♥ A Big Thank You to All of Our Generous Volunteers ♥

The QBA Graded Teams Congress on June 30th was very enjoyable. Lots of people contributed by bringing food (yum, yum), working in the kitchen, organising the boards and cleaning up.

More volunteers are needed. Don't delay, **check your diaries** and clear the decks to make a contribution at some of the Congresses coming up at QCBC.

August 10-11 QBA Butler Pairs – QCBC
September 1 QBA Graded Pairs

☀ And Another Innovation (excluding Fridays):

We are **trialling** numbering our boxes of boards instead of naming them Monday AM, Monday PM, etc. This is mainly because we can't waste our boards as **we don't have enough dealers**. So, **Monday to Thursday** when there are 2 or 3 sections, the sections will play different boards.

This helps in that if there were only 2 sections, we aren't wasting the 3rd box of boards - the 3rd box can be used for another session. So, if you want to compare scores with a friend, you will have to sit in the same section. Identical boards for Congresses, of course.

If you are at all inclined to become a volunteer dealer, please let Toni know. You will have lots of guidance until you become expert.

You should get family and friends' attention when you boast that you are a dealer. ☺

News from Kim Ellaway

Gold Coast Congress 2014 - Theme Denim and Lace

New event - Wednesday 10.00 am: 0 - 50 masterpoints

Teams starting at 10.00 am

No night play for Ivy Dahler Butler Pairs

Walk Ins every day except Monday.

Entry form out in about 6 weeks

More Bridge Jargon Explained

Fit: That rare occurrence when partner has more than a singleton in your good suit.

Also, colloquially, what you have if you discover he has raised you with a singleton. ☺

Lucky Threes – John Kelly

In the Graded Butler Pairs congress held recently (May 26) at Brisbane Bridge Centre, I had the good fortune to be playing with Neville Francis. Two boards where we got excellent results (plus 11 Imps) were both board number three!

On board 3 from the morning set we reached an excellent slam on just 26 combined high card points that no other pair in the field reached.

BD: 3	♠976543	Dir: S
	♥AJ	Vul: E-W
	♦6	
	♣AQJ5	
♠KT		♠J
♥T732		♥Q864
♦Q87		♦K9542
♣K763		♣T84
	♠AQ82	
	♥K95	
	♦AJT3	
	♣92	

As South, playing our weak NT system (12-14), I opened 1NT, and after partner duly transferred to spades, holding a maximum hand with four good spades, I super-accepted with a bid of 3S. Neville, even though holding just 12hcp, considered that his shapely hand with good controls was worth 4C cue-bid on the way to game, and on then hearing 4D from me, his hand improved even more and he cue-bid 4H. A Roman Key Card sequence then followed and we ended up in 6S. There was nothing much in the play – it simply depended on just one of two black suit finesses working (approx. 75%) and duly came in. 11Imps our way.

Our system may have helped us a little here. Standard strong NT bidders would most likely simply have the sequence 1D-1S-2S-4S-P, with North not knowing how strong partner's 2S response actually was.

And luck was a significant factor for us on board 3 from the afternoon session.

BD:3	♠Q96	Dir:S
	♥AT974	Vul: E-W
	♦AK5	
	♣87	
♠AJ52		♠K873
♥Q852		♥3
♦83		♦QT
♣T95		♣AKQJ62
	♠T4	
	♥KJ6	
	♦J97642	
	♣43	

We were playing against Ralph Parker and Richard Wallis, and after two passes, partner, holding the North hand, opened a non-systemic 1NT showing a balanced 12-14hcp but we generally don't open 1NT with a 5-card major. Opposite a passed partner and having no good rebid, Neville here preferred the 1NT opening. Richard doubled to show a penalty-oriented hand with a long suit. I passed, the start of a rescue sequence in our system, and Neville (surprisingly to me) bid 2H. It was passed back around to Ralph, who, holding what appeared to be an adequate H stop, and knowing Richard had a good hand with possibly a running minor suit, made the slightly optimistic but reasonable bid of 3NT.

It was Imps after all and E-W were vulnerable! Unfortunately for our opponents, it didn't work out so well. After the 7H lead to my K and the J return, five H tricks quickly came our way. And with my signal for a D switch, partner played A, K and another and all of a sudden my hand came to life with more unexpected tricks. The final result wasn't pretty for poor declarer.

The final irony – Neville and I were actually sitting E-W for this round but someone (who shall remain nameless) accidentally placed the board on the table the wrong way, and after it was too late to change, we played the board arrow-switched! Lady Luck, thank you!

This is an extract from the forthcoming book by Bill Hunt and Annette Corkhill, **Light Bulb Bridge: A Serious but Humorous Guide to Better Bridge for the Advancing Player**

THE LOL AND THE EXPERTS By Bill Hunt and Annette Corkhill

Winthrop and Archibald, a seasoned pair who think rather a lot of themselves as, in their opinion, the club's finest two players, stride confidently into their local club for the Matchpoint Swiss Pairs Championship. It is one of the most prestigious events in the state's annual calendar. Haughtily they take their seats in the sure and certain knowledge that they will win again, having been victorious every year for the past three years.

As the day progresses, however, things seem to go from bad to worse for our experts as all those assumed bridge nobodies persist in battering them by bidding to exactly the right contract on every board or bidding outrageous slams that happen to make. Now, as lunch time approaches, they yearn for a red wine to soothe their jangled nerves. So great has been their fall in the Swiss Movement that they are about to play two novice LOLs. The scene is set!

Unfortunately for them, Mary, their novice LOL antagonist on the first hand of this new round, has been reading up on brilliant bridge strategies in the spare time she finds between trips to the bowls club. She picks up these cards:

Dealer S, NS all vul.

N - Mabel
 ♠ QJ
 ♥ 65
 ♦ KJ1097
 ♣ Q1084

W - Winthrop
 ♠ K109542
 ♥ Q10943
 ♦ 8
 ♣ J

S - Mary
 ♠ A3
 ♥ AK872
 ♦ AQ4
 ♣ AK2

E - Archibald
 ♠ 876
 ♥ J
 ♦ 6532
 ♣ 97653

W	N	E	S
2♦	X	P	2♣
P	6NT	P	3NT
P			P



Annette & Bill

The bidding proceeds as follows:

- Mary, sitting S, opens 2♣ strong.
- West overcalls 2♦, alerted by E as a multi showing both majors or a major and a minor or a single suit weak or strong.
- Mabel, N, doubles showing 5+ diamonds and values. E passes.
- Mary rebids 3NT to show her 23-24 count balanced hand. W passes.
- Mabel now bids 6NT because she thinks her partner plays well.

Determined not to lead away from his honours in spades and hearts, Winthrop, seated W, is still forced to provide Declarer with a fortuitous lead, the 8♦.

Mary pauses to think deeply before playing, and Winthrop and Archibald immediately feel distinctly uncomfortable.

Meanwhile Mary has experienced one of those light bulb moments of clarity and insight. She realises that most players will take the spade finesse for a guaranteed twelve tricks if it loses or thirteen if it wins. However she knows that West must have all the outstanding values. After playing the AQ♦ and AK♣, she knows his hand shape must be 6-5-1-1 or 5-6-1-1 or similar.

She then plays A♠ before getting to dummy to play the rest of the minors.

After 10 tricks have been played she comes down to a three card ending, finishing in dummy.

Dummy holds

♠ Q ♥ 65 ♦ - ♣ -

In her own hand she has

♠ - ♥ AK2 ♦ - ♣ -

She is suddenly aware of her power over these self-proclaimed experts. She realises that Winthrop cannot keep 3 hearts and the K♠ (as he was caught in a Vienna Coup and Suicide Squeeze without the count). So she decides to discard her intermediate hearts so that her 13th trick will be the 2♥. The ultimate insult!

Declarer experiences that peculiar buzz – known only to bridge players – that follows every difficult contract conquered and made. She has not only shown these experts what she truly thinks of them but also gained a little respect from them, however fleeting.

QBA Youth Fun Day, QCBC 27 June



Library Amnesty

All borrowers of library books who have forgotten, neglected or been reluctant to return long-overdue titles will be forgiven by Toni, Monica and more importantly, Barbara - who has the under-appreciated task of keeping the library in order, if they hop to it and return such items VERY soon. A review of the title for this newsletter will compensate for your lapse.

Be assured you will feel very good about yourself when you have attended to this worthwhile task.