

QCBC Newsletter



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Our new roof is in place and functioning well. Still to come is new lighting and a new ceiling as a result of a grant from the Queensland Government Community Benefit Fund. Hoorah!

Meanwhile, our President, Ray Ellaway has been busy with father-of-the-bride responsibilities. See the wedding photo below also featuring mother of the bride, Kim and Grandmother of the bride, Marion Cooke.

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Reminder from Kim

Please don't forget to enter congresses in a timely manner. Clubs get extremely nervous when 10 days out they only have 8 tables participating.



Coming Up

July 18 Moreton Bribe Pairs
July 19 Moreton Bribe Teams
July 19 Darling Downs Pairs
July 25 SPBG Imp Pairs
July 26 SPBC Teams
July 26 BBC Graded Teams
July 28 \$50 night
Aug 2 T'ba Novice Teams
Aug 2 SCBC Swiss Teams
Aug 2 Sunnybank Swiss Tms
Aug 4 Tues AM Red Pts
Aug 8, 9 QBA Butler Pairs
Aug 8-16 Coffs Harbour
Aug 12 Ekka Pairs
Aug 15 Hervey Bay Nov Pairs
Aug 15 Redcliffe Swiss Pairs
Aug 22, 23 Qld Open Teams
Aug 23 Noosa Novice Prs
Aug 25 \$50 night
Aug 29 SPBC Swiss Pairs
Aug 30 SPBC Swiss Teams

Library News

The bridge club library works on the honour system. You browse the shelves, pick a book, write the details in the Book Register, take the book home, and bring it back when you have finished with it. Easy peasy. Unfortunately, every year over a dozen books go missing. Simply missing! Disappointingly, this year we lost, amongst others, two copies (yes, I wrote TWO copies) of Julian Pottage's Bridge players Bible, new as new; gone, gone, gone. Where are they?

Barbara Ryan for the Library

PS If you know of any book we can purchase that would be of interest to many members of the club, please see Toni.

PPS The movement of books through the Novels Corner never ceases to amaze me. Such wonderful books are donated and they are so cheap to buy at \$2 a book.

Recent Congress Successes

Northern Suburbs Pairs May 3

A Grade

1. C. Howard, K. Wood
2. J. Kelly, A. Dawson
3. T. Jackman, M. Goodman

B Grade

1. C. Lu, C. Qin
2. B. Luchjenbroers, H. Rienstra
3. L. Ranke, J. Rohde

C Grade

1. N. Nishigami, T. Derryhouse
2. R. Steinhardt, H. Chamberlin

Surfers Paradise Teams May 9

A Grade

1. R. Parker, P. Hooykaas, S. Kamalarasa, G. Khemka
2. M. Carter, T. Hutton, J. Solomon, P. Rankin
3. N. Francis, G. Martin, N. Moore, C. Francis

Sunshine Coast Graded Teams May 24

A Grade

- 3rd R. Trollope, D. Levin, I. & J. Luck

BBC Graded Butler Pairs May 24

A Grade

1. S. Kamalarasa, G. Khemka
2. E. Li, P. Chang
3. N. Moore, G. Martin

B Grade

- A. Jonesberg, G. Baker
1. L. Ranke, J. Rhode
2. R. Fox, R. Clark

C Grade

1. S. Herbert, F. Hall
2. M. Fawcett, L. Tracey

Watson Zhou & Eileen Li won the QBA Mixed Pairs trophy



QBA Mixed Pairs

Toowong May 16-17

A Grade

1. E. Li, W. Zhou
2. J. Broad, J. Gough
3. T. Tully, R. Wallis

B Grade

1. D. Brinkworth, P. Han
2. C. Green, I. Barfoot
3. V. Roland, M. Stoneman



John Gough and Jill Broad were runners-up in the QBA Mixed Pairs Championship

Thank you to all members who are willing to come in to partner players when requested. Often this happens at very short notice.

If you need a partner sometime, just record your interest in the A4 diary on Toni's desk.

Narelle McIver, Annette Scott and Helen Blair – Novice Stars

Darling Downs Novice Pairs May 31

B Grade

- 1st N. McIver & A. Scott (and 4th over-all)

Arana Swiss Teams 30-31 May

A Grade

1. R. Fox, A. Woollons, N. Maclaurin, T. O'Dempsey
2. L. Moses, R. Touton, J & P. Evans
3. M. Carter, T. Hutton, R. Carter, P. Francis

B Grade

1. R. Steinhardt, H. Chamberlin, M. Fernon, D. Marler
2. D & M. Holmes, S. Hooper, J. Milliner
3. D. Wilkinson, V. Foots, P. Wells, E. Meldrum

QCBC Open Teams June 8

1. R. Morawiecki, L. Gray, A. Corkhill, B. Longford
2. C & C. Woolley, M. O'Malley, B. Bright
3. M. Pemberton, J. Gough, C. Howard, K. Wood

QCBC Restricted Teams June 8

1. D. Williams, J. Sawyer, A. Christie, E. Segal
2. D. Gaskell, S. Herbert, T. Clarke, S. Quinn
3. N. McIver, A. Scott, H. Blair, A. Marsland

Toowong Open Pairs June 14

1. R. Parker, J. Mills
2. V. Holbrook, Y. Kilvert
3. C. Schoutrop, T. O'Dempsey



Lex Ranke & Jack Rohde –
1st B Grade Sunshine Coast Pairs
2nd GC B Grade Graded Pairs

Sunshine Coast Pairs June 13

A Grade

1. T. Bardon, J. Wallis
2. M. Perrin, N. Francis

B Grade

- 1st L. Ranke, J. Rohde

Sunshine Coast Teams June 13

B Grade

- 1st L. Ranke, J. Rohde, C. Butler, M. Bucens

Gold Coast Graded Teams June 21

A Grade

1. M. Robson, T. Hutton, T. Jackman, B. Lee
2. F. Whitaker, M. Sykes, C. Lu, C. Qin
3. R. Parker, S. Kamalarasa P. Rankin, P. Hooykaas

Gold Coast Graded Pairs June 20

A Grade

1. R. Parker, S. Kamalarasa
2. T. Hutton, T. Jackman

B Grade

- 2nd L. Ranke, J. Rohde

Noosa Imp Pairs June 11

A Grade

1. T. Hutton, T. Jackman
2. M. Jakes, A. Dawson

B Grade

1. L. Norman, W. Gibson (3rd overall)



QLD Graded Teams
Winners: R. Wallis, K.
Wood, T. Tully, C. Howard

QLD Graded Teams Winners
B Grade: I. Barfoot, L. Norman,
J. Jenkins, A. Boyce



Qld Graded Teams June 28

A Grade

1. T. Tully, R. Wallis, K. Wood, C. Howard
2. T. Hutton, P. Chakradeo, N. Francis, M. Moren
3. R. Parker, S. Kamalarasa, G. Khemka, J. Mills

B Grade

- 1st I. Barfoot, A. Boyce, J. Jenkins, L. Norman

C Grade

- 1st T. Clarke, S. Quinn, D. Gaskill, J. Welch

Neighbouring Café

The Canvas Art Café is now open serving drinks and food'

Receive 10% off when you present your Bridge Club ID.

Pre-order on 0447711021

Barrier Reef Congress June 5-8

Many QCBC members headed for warm weather in Cairns for the Barrier Reef Congress. The setting was glorious and the hospitality was great. The next Barrier Reef Congress will be in Mackay April 29- May 2 2016. Don't miss it.

Walk-in Pairs winners: K& R Ellaway

Open Pairs

- 1 N, Van Jole, P Wyer
- 2 I. Patterson, R. Nolan
- 3 M. Goodman, T. Jackman

Novice Pairs

- 2nd D. Dudman, J. Bennett

Open Teams

- 1 F. Whitaker, D. Beauchamp, B. Jones, J. Millington
- 2 Ward, L. Vincent, T. Tully, R. Wallis

Restricted Teams

- 3rd D. Dudman, J. Bennett, M. Fawcett, L. Tracey



Judith Bennett & Del Dudman were winners in Cairns



Open section play in Cairns



Margaret Millar's Birthday

Andy's Birthday



Gold Coast Congress Bulletins

The Bulletins produced each day for the Gold Coast Congress are wonderful resources. All sorts of advice, hand analyses, photographs and anecdotes are to be found in them. Go to the web site www.gldbridge.com/gcc to explore.

Peter Gill's talk, Modern Expert Bidding appears in the Thursday 28th bulletin. It's not as good as being there to hear him (he departed from his text to entertain with fascinating stories of plays and players) but it is definitely worth paying attention to. Have a look at his comments *on **Decision Fatigue and Gadgetitis***.

Brent Manley, a co-editor of the Bulletin, had the following advice:

Common Errors and How to Avoid Them – Covering (or failing to cover) Honours

I played with a good intermediate player for a couple of years and we had some good games. She had decent technical skills, but for some reason she was loath to cover honours in certain situations, notably when declarer played the jack toward the A-Q in dummy. Just about every time it came up, I was sitting there with three to the 10 in the suit.

When I commented, she said, 'But what if he has the 10?' In that case, there's nothing to be done. Declarer will win the ace, queen and 10 in the suit.

Yes, declarer made a bad play by tabling the jack. If declarer played low to the queen and my partner started with a doubleton king, there would be three tricks available. Playing the jack would compress them to two.

If you want to succeed at this game, you must learn when it's right to cover and when it's not. Here are a couple of them:

Dummy has QJ9 and you hold three to the king. When declarer calls for dummy's queen, you should play low. Do you see why?

(1) If you cover the queen, declarer will win the ace and then have a finessing position against partner's 10. If declarer has the 10, it won't matter when you cover. If you play low and declarer does not have the 10, he might play the jack next, hoping that your partner started with a doubleton 10. In that case, it would go jack, king, ace, 10 and dummy's 9 would be good. If partner's 10 was not a doubleton, it will be promoted to a trick if declarer plays the jack next and you cover. If you have a doubleton K-10, you must cover and hope that declarer finesses your partner for the 10.

(2) Dummy has Diamond A543 and you hold Q96. Declarer plays the jack, possibly fishing for the queen with a holding of KJ10x in hand. If you play low smoothly, declarer may go up with the ace and play your partner for the queen. If, however, declarer's holding is something like J1082, you must play low to assure your side of two tricks in the suit.

Say you cover the jack with the queen. Declarer wins the ace and plays a low diamond from dummy. Your partner, holding doubleton king must play it. Now declarer's D10 is good. You win one trick.

If you play low on the lead of the jack, partner will win the king and you will have the Q9 remaining. When declarer leads the suit again, your 9 will knock out the ace and your queen will be good.

Here's a card combination that many new players overlook. Say you are in 4 spades and have lost three tricks but have no other losers outside of trumps. You are in dummy for the last time and have this trump holding:

♠J943 ♠AQ102

You cannot afford a loser in this suit. How do you play it?

Obviously, the king must be on your right. You can protect against four to the king by starting with the 9. It holds and you are still in dummy. Now you can play the jack and let it run if RHO plays low. You are still in dummy and can finish off the suit by playing low to the queen.

If RHO covers the 9 or jack, your high spades will take the rest. It doesn't work to play the jack first. If you don't unblock the 10, you will be in hand after a second finesse and the 4-1 break will beat you. If you unblock the 10, RHO will certainly take a trick because you will be stuck in your hand or RHO will cover the 9 to assure himself of a trump trick.

Promotions – May 2015

Kathleen Wooler	Gold Life
Julie Jeffries	Bronze Life
Narelle McIver	State
Annette Scott	State
Nicholas Curry	*Regional
Robert McIlveen	Regional
Lorraine Moulds	*Local

Promotions – June 2015

James Wallis	Gold Grand
Ian Patterson	Grand
John Gough	Grand
Karen Elmes	National
Jan Hickling	*State
Jennifer Vickers	*State
Deanne Gaskill	State
Barbara Btright	State
Barry Copely	Regional
Lynn Kelly	**Local
Ruth Hoffensetz	*Local
Maria Rita Hall	Club
Jim Lloyd	Graduate



Narelle and Annette receive their promotions certificates from Andy



Karen Elmes

Zephyr Foundation Update

I would like to inform you and all bridge players who've shown so much interest in Zephyr, and who have so hugely supported us, that we now have a website at

www.zephyrfoundation.com.au

Thanks again, Carmel Martin

By Philip Alder

North's 2NT response over West's double shows a limit raise in Spades: a maximum pass with at least four-card support.

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1♠
DbI	2NT	P	4S
P	P	P	
Opening lead ♣A			

(With only three spades, North would start with a redouble, then support spades on the next round.) West starts with the ♣A: ♣3, ♣10, ♣5. West cashes the ♣K: ♣6, ♣4, ♣8. West continues with the ♣2: ♣J, ♣Q, ♠6. You draw trumps in two rounds, but how would you continue from there? With three top losers (one heart and two clubs), you must locate the ♦Q. Perhaps your immediate reaction is to assume West, the doubler, has the card. But the finesse can wait.

First, find out who has the ♥A. If it is East, West surely has the ♦Q. But when it proves to be West, East must surely have the ♦Q. Why?

Remember the bidding: it went three passes around to you. And West has already produced 11 points: ♥A, and ♣AK. If he had the ♦Q too, he would have opened the bidding as dealer.

If you count only one thing, ignore trumps; follow those high-card points. In the long run, that will prove much more valuable.

♠K754	
♥QJT	
♦A52	
♣J63	
♠92	♠83
♥A763	♥542
♦976	♦Q843
♣AK92	♣QT74
♠AQJT6	
♥K98	
♦KJT	
♣85	



Travels with Helen

Autumn in America (Helen Walker)

Flew to L. A. then 40 minutes by bus to Anaheim. The tar pits in the centre of L.A. are still bubbling giving up skeletons. Creepy. Loved Venice Beach with lots of buskers & atmosphere. Lunch at the Hard Rock Café which is decorated with lots of interesting posters and guitars and 2 Harley Davidsons.

Two days later found us going standby to Detroit. At the airport we were told "All flights are full this time of the year." Were also told the air pass we had stopped flying to Toronto last April, so, we are now flying to Buffalo, which turned out to be quite lovely and not far from Woodstock. Caught a Greyhound bus to

Toronto, A lovely drive on a 6 lane highway through Niagara Falls and a large Mennonite community, We eventually found the Uni and booked in.

MY friend Barbara, who has a PhD in Ergonomics came to Toronto for a weeklong Conference in same. Toronto is a very livable city. I could easily live there if it wasn't for the cold. Today I decided to do a bus trip to the McMichael Art Gallery. I didn't have a booking so just lined up at the bus stop and to my surprise a lady came along and offered me her ticket, so I had a free 40 min trip. The gallery was a tribute to Tom Thomson and 7 very famous Canadian artists. Met Barbara after her lectures and went up the C&N Tower. Also visited the main art gallery which is one of the 10 best in America. Saw 3 Albert Sisleys {one of the great impressionists} which are of special interest as my Aunt's maiden name was Sisley & is a relative so I love to claim the connection. Also went to see Miss Saigon.

Today we tried to leave for New York. We tried the lift but it wouldn't work, so rushed down to the office and told to use the other lift, which we couldn't find. PANIC. Down 4 flights of stairs again. This time with help we made the foyer. We lined up at the airport @ 6a.m. only to be told we couldn't fly from Toronto to N.Y. so, we put on a huge turn because I had rung N.W. Air twice through the week and told we would be O.K. on standby. Luckily they took pity on us & let us fly via Detroit. We did arrive. We found a great Italian Deli where the food was sold by weight and very good, so, we ate there often,

Loved the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Guggenheim, the private Frick collection and Isabella Gardner Gallery. Walked for miles around Central Park and did the city bus trip twice, just stayed on the bus. Time to move on.

Phoned N.W. Air only to be told, you can't fly from N.Y. to Boston, so we decided to take the train. Took a cab to Penn Stn. no booking required. The train arrival is announced and you have 10 mins to drag your luggage down a flight of steps to the platform. Continually over the loud speaker "Don't leave your luggage unattended." A black man came and sat next to Barbara asking for money and we couldn't get rid of him, then another man wanted to help her with her luggage which she had in a firm grip. Penn Stn was very dangerous: Police and Security everywhere. I went to the toilet and saw a black hand come over the door groping for my handbag. Went on a tour to Cape Cod, Hyannis, Provincetown, cruised on Lewis Bay and saw the Kennedy compound. Caught the subway to Cambridge & walked around Harvard and Radcliffe College. There are 25 Unis in Boston. Met a lady who had swum with Dawn Fraser in 1956. We were staying at the Buckminster Hotel. At midnight the fire alarm went so, I rushed out into the passage and we were told to go down the fire escape.

Two fire engines & one ambulance and firemen who looked like they were from outer space, with axes and batons and so many things hanging from their belts. We could smell smoke coming from the 6th floor, students had left hotplates on. Goodbye Boston, New Orleans, here we come. Flew to Detroit only to find our forward flight had been cancelled. Thanks to office staff we rushed to another gate and caught a flight to Minneapolis, then had 10 mins to rush to another gate for a flight to New Orleans but we missed it. Staff felt sorry for us so shouted us coffee and cake. Caught a plane back to Detroit. By now we were out of vouchers so we had to go down to ticketing and beg for more. We did arrive in New Orleans at midnight to find out baggage waiting for us. The girls on the shuttle bus told we should not go to Gretna where we were booked as it was not a safe area so we ended up at Creole House. WE were in the old section called Marie Laveau, who was the Voodoo queen of New Orleans. The first morning we went down to breakfast we found a bullet sitting on the table and wondered if it was some kind of warning. We were told by staff not to

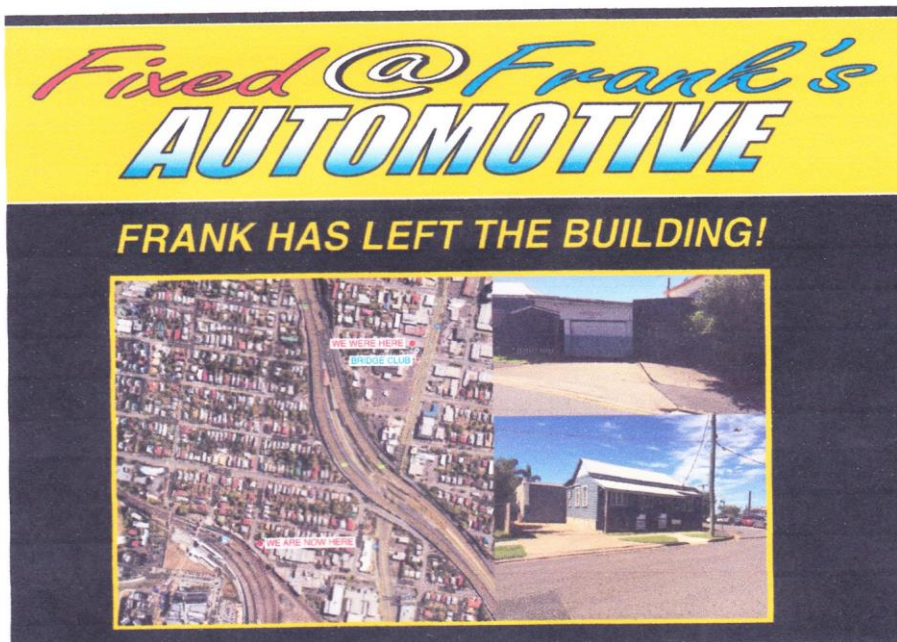
be out after dark. New Orleans is built on swamp land and is 2ft below sea level. Pylons for the roads go down 125 ft. Beautiful Royal St, full of galleries, Antique shops and shops full of wonderful masks. Lovely old lacework on the buildings.

Went along famous Charles ST in a Street car and on the Mississippi R in a paddle steamer, listening to a great jazz band. Tasted the famous soft shelled crab and Creole Jambalaya. Walking home we saw a lovely black man in a black suit and bowtie singing jazz and tap dancing on a street corner. Wonderful jazz everywhere. The fences around our accommodation had 5 strands of barbed wire around the top. Did a boat trip on the bayou through huge swamp cypress dripping with moss and experienced the start of the alligator season. The locals can only capture 5 a night and they must be 5 ft long or over. The cemetery is all above ground, some tombs like very elaborate small houses. There is no gravel or rocks in Louisiana; it has to be imported. We found our way to the New Orleans art gallery, a ¾ hour trip in a local bus full of Hispanics. It was well worth the trip as they had the best display of Lalique I had ever seen.

We landed in Las Vegas at 9 p.m. and couldn't find any accommodation as everything was booked for the long weekend. Spoke to a couple of men and said, 'If you find anything, let us know, which they did, so we ended up at Quality Inn at midnight. Had a wonderful flight over the Grand Canyon, followed by an Indian barbecue, also found the Art Gallery, much to the amusement of staff as no one had asked for it before.

We are now in San Francisco. Walked over the Golden Gate bridge and took a ferry to Sausalito, so pretty. Did a bus trip to Monterey, Carmel, drove over the San Andreas fault. Ate seafood on the wharf with the sea lions. Left San Francisco for Anaheim, once again via Minneapolis. The public transport in L.A is very poor. The desk told us they don't tell tourists how to use public transport as it is too dangerous. Did a day trip to Tijuana In Mexico, drove through Santa Ana. Saw a retirement village for over 50s which contained everything like a small city even trams and grandchildren only allowed to sleep over one night per month. Caught a bus to Universal Studios. We were trying to get to the Art Gallery. We tried to work the public phones, but impossible so Barbara asked a policeman who was sitting in his car if he could take us to the Art Gallery, mistakingly thinking he was a taxi. So embarrassing! He was a Lieutenant with the Hollywood Police force. He was very nice and drove us to the gallery telling us L.A. was the most dangerous city in the world and we were two gutsy ladies. He drove us around the high rise apartments telling us the people who live there preyed on people like us. We had no idea how we would get home and were telling one of the guides our story and she offered to drive us back to Universal where we then caught a bus back to Anaheim.

We had 36 flights in one month. You might ask yourself why, as do I but what an experience!



Gone but still on the job.

Frank's Automotive has moved to a temporary location at 26b Elliott St Woolloongabba. He is keen to continue to service members' vehicles and generously offers:

drop off and pick up from QCBC or possibly your home

a courtesy/loan car.

His landline phone is no longer operational so contact Frank on his mobile 0408 912 170.

Letters from Abroad - Andy's Update

JOIN ANDY HUNG & ALEX SMIRNOV BRIDGE HOLIDAY AT HERVEY BAY (Fraser Island)



For a taste of bridge and relaxation by the bay!

Sunday 15th – Friday 20th November 2015 (6 Days 5 Nights)

After a thrilling and unforgettable adventure at the Hunter Valley Bridge Holiday, Andy Hung and Alexander Smirnov present to you a warmer (and hopefully drier) Bridge Holiday at Hervey Bay at the 4½ star Oceans Resort & Spa, perfectly situated on the waterfront opposite the Urangan Beach Pier!

Hervey Bay, named after an English Casanova, is one of Queensland's best natural holiday destinations, often called the jewel in Queensland's Crown, it also has convenient access to Fraser Island; the world's largest sand island.



Its warm subtropical climate, long sandy beaches, calm blue ocean, it's a fantastic getaway destination for relaxation combined with bridge!

The program begins as we arrive on Sunday 15th at 12pm starting off with lunch, and finishing after lunch on Friday 20th.

The Package includes:

- All bridge activities; professional seminars with a full set of notes, and duplicates
- Option for a one day tour of Fraser Island with an alternative of bridge activities
- Accommodation in one or two bedroom apartments at the 4½ star luxurious Oceans Resort & Spa – serviced once during your stay
- All meals (except for one dinner) including fully cooked breakfasts, light lunches, morning and afternoon teas from Sunday lunch on arrival, to Friday lunch prior to departure – the one dinner not included will be at your leisure to enjoy Hervey Bay
- Onsite Parking
- Farewell drinks with Friday lunch
- The only things not included in the package are drinks with meals, the one dinner noted above, and personal items
- All seminars professionally presented in PowerPoint with full explanation in the accompanying notes
- The dynamic duo of Andy Hung and Alexander Smirnov ☺

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July, August 2015

Hi All,

I hope everyone is doing fantastically well!

I would like to give everyone an update of where I am. Currently, I am in far north of Norway at Tromsø where there are white nights which is 100% daylight throughout the whole day and night (as it's "Summer" over here)! What's Summer like over here? Well, let me just say that I've been able to touch snow!

A few weeks ago Alex and I visited St. Petersburg, and it was fantastic. Friendly people, beautiful palaces, great foods, and enjoyable ferry rides along its countless channels (they say St. Petersburg is like 'Northern Venice' - which is quite true!).



To give you an insight, you can check out the photos that I have taken throughout my journey so far:

St. Petersburg, Russia:

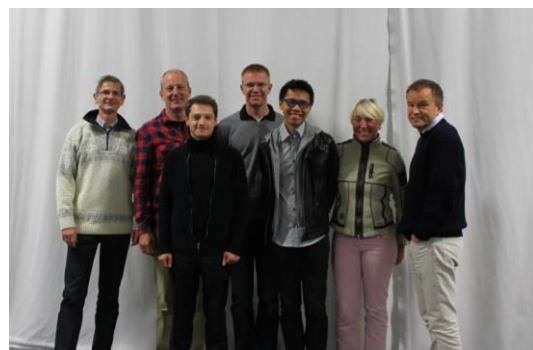
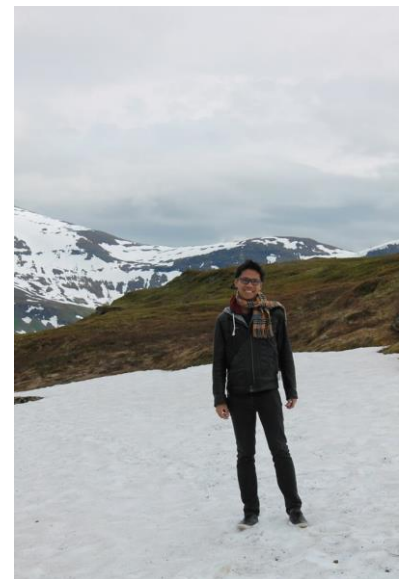
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The European Championships are held here in Tromsø Norway, and as you may heard, **I have been assigned as the coach of the 2015 German Open Team.** The tournament was going well but unfortunately it all came down to the last Swiss match. Our team had a very unlucky board in the last match where our team bid to a very good slam which failed to make because of a bad 4-0 trump split (of course, and at the other table, the other team didn't bid the slam), so we just missed on qualifying to the Knockout Stages. Never mind, it was good practice for our team, and hopefully we will do better in the upcoming **World Open Team Championships held in Chennai, India, in September!**



2015 German Open Team (L to R: Christian Schwerdt, Roy Welland, Alexander Smirnov, Julius Linde, Andy Hung (npc, coach), Sabine Auken, Josef Piekarek)

Other than that, I would like to let you know that our (me and Alex's) next exciting bridge holiday will be at Hervey Bay in November. I can't promise

that it will be as eventful as our Hunter Valley Holiday, but it is sure to be warmer and the bridge will be just as enlightening :-). If you have booked, we certainly look forward to have you with us, and if you haven't yet booked and you are interested, please let David Stern know (or myself, but David is preferable), and we will be very happy to have you on board with us.

Thanks all, and keep well!
Kind regards,
Andy