

QCBC Newsletter



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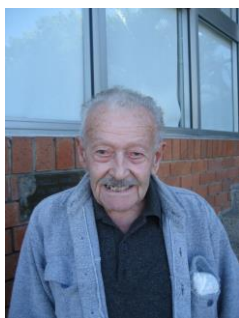
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May Promotion
Janette Kollisch

Rita Fatseas bought tickets in the Mothers Day Raffle but had no success. Winners were David O'Gorman, Jeff Kennedy and Rita Gorman. Thank you to everyone to bought tickets. \$180 was raised.



Reno Fioriti

I had the pleasure of playing with Reno Fioriti recently. Reno is 97 and has some vision trouble but he loves his cards.
Simple bidding - 1 D from me - x - 6D from Reno - all pass. QJ96, J1074, KJ3, K9 opposite A103, 8, AQ1084, A1087. All the cards were where they were supposed to be and 6D came home.



May Promotion
Bob Ashman

Welcome to New Members
Marilyn and Ian Seib and Dian Kruse

Petra brought in a book for our book table and **she needs it back.** It is called **A Fine Balance** by Rohinton Misty. Please contact Petra - 0401 095 627 or return to QCBC office.

Coming up

- June 9 - QCBC teams - Open & Restricted (no Monday AM & PM session)
- June 15 Toowong Butler Pairs - Open & Restricted
- June 29 - Qld Graded Teams QCBC



Rita Hall celebrates another lovely birthday

ALERT!

A sad farewell to Tom Tink and Patrick O'Dwyer



2nd Greer Tucker & Pranjal Chakradeo



1st Paul Wyer & Joan Butts



1st in the Plate Eileen Li & Charlie Lu



**Scenes from the
QLD Mixed Pairs
and Novice Pairs
at Toowong**



3rd Neville Francis & Maureen Jakes



Judy Hefferan
and Annette
Scott got
together for
the Novice
Butler Pairs



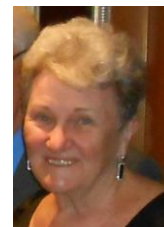
Macau Teams Results

- 1st A & B Kempthorne/ G Tucker, M Hoenic
- 2nd J summerhayes, W Gibson/ A Harburg, L Edrich
- 3rd P Collins, T O'Dempsey/ S O'Brien, C Hyne

QUEENSLAND CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB May Promotions

| NAME | ABF NO | HOME CLUB | RANK | DATE | TOTAL MPs | 2014 MPs | 2014 RANK |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Clark, Ron | 100730 | 4-555 | Silver Life | May-14 | 501.21 | 45.04 | 364 |
| Woollons, Andrew | 805130 | 4-555 | National | May-14 | 157.20 | 20.08 | 1,325 |
| Kollisch, Janette | 438413 | 4-555 | National | May-14 | 150.17 | 2.92 | 10,055 |
| Rouse, Philippa | 527106 | 4-505 | *State | May-14 | 102.27 | 7.84 | 4,101 |
| Butterfield, Brian | 625302 | 4-625 | Regional | May-14 | 50.37 | 0.88 | 18,848 |
| Maddison, Margie | 794635 | 4-688 | *Local | May-14 | 26.24 | 8.37 | 3,816 |
| Hoffensetz, Ruth | 743984 | 4-632 | Local | May-14 | 16.27 | 5.08 | 6,365 |

A Useful Splinter by Dawn Cullen



This was Board 8 on Wednesday, 26 March 2014

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| ♠T853 | Dir W |
| ♥AK | Vul None |
| ♦AQ8743 | |
| ♣9 | |
| ♠J | ♠763 |
| ♥975 | ♥JT8643 |
| ♦62 | ♦JT9 |
| ♣QJ65432 | ♣T |
| ♠AKQ92 | |
| ♥Q2 | |
| ♦K5 | |
| ♣AK87 | |

North opens the bidding 1D and sees a 1S response. Now that spades will be the trump suit, North can count her hand as a five loser so game should make in spades. For even a minimum response South should have two cover cards so that leaves 3 losers.

A splinter bid of 4C promises 4 card trump support and a singleton or void in clubs with enough values for game.

This bid also suggests that there might be a slam if partner has no wasted values in clubs.

Since the South hand is a very much better than a minimum response, she should definitely head for slam.

The response to RKC Blackwood shows only two keycards which is far too little for the bidding to game.

Now a king ask will find one king which is still not a lot

of values.

All the top cards are present and the Q hearts looks like possibly a useful card so the Grand Slam can be bid. It is safer to bid 7 spades since a club might need to be ruffed.

The subsequent play is foolproof.

Cue Bidding to Slam by Dawn Cullen

After a 1NT opening by North, the south hand suggests the possibility of a slam.

2D transfer to hearts gets a 3H response by north. This bid shows 4 hearts and a minimum hand.

A superfit is good news so now south wants to proceed towards slam.

With neither first or second round control in a suit any form of Blackwood is not a good idea. Cuebidding is the way to go to find out about the diamonds.

South bids 3S and north cooperates by bidding 4C.

South now bids 5C and north with first and second round control of Diamonds, can bid 6 Hearts.

The play is very simple with only one diamond to lose, unless of course west leads a diamond and declarer is brave enough to let it run.

The Jacoby super accepts are the possible ways to make a super accept of Hearts.

There are options to show the strength of the NT hand, maximum or not, with or without a small doubleton, all with 4 card heart support, therefore wanting to super accept the transfer.

| Jacoby super accepts | |
|----------------------|---|
| 3H | 4 card support minimum |
| 2NT | 4 card support maximum no small doubleton |
| 2S | Maximum small doubleton |
| 3C/ D | Maximum small doubleton |

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|---------|--------|
| ♠987 | |
| ♥Q642 | |
| ♦AK4 | |
| ♣AQ3 | |
| ♠QJ63 | ♠KT542 |
| ♥75 | ♥T |
| ♦Q75 | ♦T932 |
| ♣J954 | ♣762 |
| ♠A | |
| ♥AKJ983 | |
| ♦J86 | |
| ♣KT8 | |

These are bids which can be made after a 2D bid, indicating a wish to transfer to H and super accept hearts and also better describe the NT opening.

The 2S, 3C/3D options show maximum NT hands with a small doubleton in the bid suit.

Winter Retreat Games Getaway

Open to LXG and all QCBC members The LXG Winter Retreat is on again. It's time to pack up all your favourite games and head for Tamborine Mountain in July 2014! **Limited Places - bookings are now being taken.**

Where: The Queensland Conference and Camping Centre

When: Friday 11th July to Sunday 13th July 2013

Price: \$150 (adult) \$110 (children 3-12)

What is Winter Retreat?

In a nutshell, Winter Retreat is a gaming holiday held at a Queensland Recreation Facility. For the past 20 years, LXG (and LXG in previous incarnations) has run an annual getaway weekend (open to club members and non-club members) for the purpose of playing tabletop games. This is purely a fun, social weekend with no organised events or competitive tournaments (well...except for the Magic:the Gathering Grand Melee, the Ultimate Werewolf evening and the huge game of Twilight Imperium!). .

Current turnout is around 50+ people. Everyone is welcome - the kids have a great time!

WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS?

The camp is available to use from 2 pm on Friday. Many people take the day off from work and arrive sometime that afternoon. Others travel up after work and get there around 8pm. There is the opportunity to car pool if you haven't got transport. You stay at the facility until 3 pm on the Sunday and then head on back home.

In between is a whole lot of gaming, especially those longer games you don't often get time for (e.g. Twilight Imperium). There are also some popular 'parlour' games for large groups (e.g. Ultimate Werewolf). As well as gaming there is usually a pilgrimage to the local tourist traps.

All meals are included in the price:

- afternoon tea and dinner on Friday
- breakfast/morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea/dinner on Saturday
- breakfast/morning tea/lunch on Sunday/

There is also bottomless tea/coffee/juice/pre-mixed cordial. If you have special dietary requirements they can be catered for.

ACCOMMODATION

The camp has a number of cabins - usually 2 bed or family cabins that cater for 4 -6 people. All cabins have their own has shower and toilet facilities . You need to bring pillows, warm blankets, towels and toiletries (and games of course!).

Bookings: contact Keith Done on (07) 33988745 or email keefdone@gmail.com

Note: Bookings end 30th June 2014

Regards, **Keith Done**

Greg Secomb is new to bridge but an experienced plumber and builder. He would like to provide a service to QCBC members. Greg did a job for me recently and I thoroughly recommend him. Knows what he is doing and goes the extra mile. Joan Jenkins



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Protect Yourself

The more I understand about the rules of bridge, the better I am able to protect myself from apparent disadvantage.

The Novice Pairs at the Gold Coast Congress were on the clock and at one stage my partner and I waited for a considerable amount of time for our opponents to appear. Apparently, **at this point we should have alerted a director to be aware of the possibility of being disadvantaged through no fault of our own.** On the final board we could have made 6D although no other pairs bid above 5D (for 71%); however, the director appeared before our bidding started and allocated an average for the board.

This is probably one of the situations that Jan refers to below **when there are too many possible outcomes to reasonably calculate an assigned score.** Our opponents could just as easily be late through no fault of their own having been delayed starting their previous round.
Joan Jenkins

Adjusted Scores

There are two types of score adjustment when a result is affected by a breach of the Laws: **Assigned Adjusted Scores and Artificial Adjusted Scores.**

If a board can be played, then the preference is always to award an **Assigned Adjusted Score** which is a real bridge score eg 4S making 10 tricks. An assigned score may be weighted eg 70% of 4S (10) and 30% of 4S (9) to reflect various possible outcomes without the infraction. Assigned Scores may also be split with different contracts/outcomes to NS and EW eg NS might be awarded 4S (10) and EW might get 5D W (10). Another option is for scores to be both weighted and split ;-)

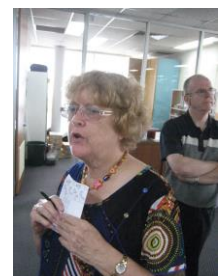
When a score cannot be obtained, the director awards an **artificial adjusted score** of 40%, 50% or 60% depending on responsibility for the board being unplayable. **In rare situations an artificial score may be awarded when there are too many possible outcomes to reasonably calculate an assigned score.**

Say 9 tables are playing 9 rounds of matchpoint pairs (an everyday bridge session). 16 matchpoints are awarded to a pair that beats every other pair on a board. 40% (Average Minus) is 6.4 mps; 50% (Average) is 8 mps and 60% (Average Plus) is 9.6 mps.

Pairs awarded 40% and 60% will have these artificial scores further adjusted if their session average is lower or higher respectively. Say the 40% pair is having a really bad day and average 33% on the other boards. They get 33% not 40% on the problem board. Likewise, if the 60% pair average 64% then they get 64% for this board as well. 50% remains 50% regardless of the session average.

Playing in an event scored by imps with matches of fewer than 11 boards eg teams or butler pairs, Ave+ is +2 imp and Ave- is -2 imp.

Jan Peach



June/July 2014

FOR NOVICES EYES ONLY - FROM THE QBA NOVICE CO-ORDINATOR

Very Important Date for Your Diary!

Following the success of the Teams of Three events at Kenmore Bridge Club last June and at QCBC last December, **Northern Suburbs Bridge Club** will hold a Teams of Three on Saturday 5TH July 2014 starting at 12 noon.

This event will be a fun-filled afternoon of bridge in a relaxed atmosphere for rookies and novices under 50 Masterpoints; the field may also be divided into players with less than 30 Masterpoints and 31 to 50 Masterpoints depending on the number of entries.

This is an excellent opportunity for rookies and novices to learn from their own expert captain of their team who will provide first-hand guidance and knowledge for each player to take away with them and try out for themselves.

The cost is only \$15 per player (collected on the day) and players can enter as a team of three, as a pair (a third player will be allocated to make up a team) or individually.

To enter, please visit Northern Suburbs Bridge Club website at www.northernsuburbs.bridgeaustralia.org or email your names and ABF numbers to Convenor Elizabeth Gibson at busyliz99@tpg.com.au (Phone 3203 6103 for further details)

It is expected that this will be a popular event for rookies and novices so please enter as soon as possible to guarantee your place!

Regards, Mick Fawcett, QBA Novice Coordinator.

Kim Ellaway Manager Queensland Bridge Association



The Bridge Shop Queensland

Bronwyn Macleod is the Queensland representative for The Bridge Shop and holds stock of popular items.

If you would like any of the following, please contact Bronwyn, who **will deliver them** to the club or to nearby areas or you can pick them up at her apartment at Southbank.

Playing Cards – all types including Piatnik double packs
Bidding blocks, wood bidding block holders, scoring cards
Card holders, wood and plastic
Bridge books, Law books
Software
Giftware, including napkins, pencils, pen sets, jig saw, coffee mugs
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Bridge Boards etc.

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Kate's Rules to Live By

Overbid with a good fit. Total tricks will play high. Underbid with no fit. Total tricks will play low. Overbid with good distribution. Underbid flat hands. 4x3 is the worst.