

# QCBC Newsletter



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## From the President, Monica Pritchard

The Gold Coast Congress is now well and truly over. What an excellent congress it is! As I moved around the tables, I heard so many people from all over the country, and other countries, extolling the virtues of the organisation of the congress and of the event itself.

QCBC players were out in force as always and, as always, were well represented high in the rankings of many events. I felt very lucky to be able to share the excitement of members when they were in the running with a great chance of winning. To see and catch a feeling of the euphoria of those who did win was wonderful!

Our novice team really deserved their win as they have worked so hard to improve their bridge. They have studied hard, have sought advice and played against strong competition. The girls themselves, in the joyful glory of their win, were generous in their acknowledgement of the part played by QCBC in their bridge development. The generosity of experienced players in mentoring and providing constructive advice, and the overall standard of play are important in developing our newer players.

We should all be proud of this and try to ensure that these continue to be distinctive features of QCBC.

(QCBC is a great club for novices. Advice (of the most helpful kind) is generously provided when requested. A whole heap of good wishes propelled us over the line. We also had great support from the Toowong Bridge Club, where Carmel Wikman is a member and from familiar players from other clubs. Wholehearted thanks to you all.

As a result of our euphoric win in the Novice Teams, we receive free entry into the Sydney Spring Nationals. An emergency prevented Kay and Linda from taking up this offer after last year's win so it is fitting that they have a second chance. Wish us luck. Joan Jenkins)

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Mar 12 10.30-12.30 Opener's Rebids 1 – Andy Hung  
Mar 13, 20, 27 GNOT Thurs AM  
Mar 19 10.30-12.30 Opener's Rebids 2 –Andy Hung  
Mar 25 \$50 night Tues  
Mar 26 10.30-12.30 Declarer Play –Andy Hung  
April 1 Autumn Red MP Pairs Tues AM  
April 2 10.30-12.30 Revision- play & analysis – Andy Hung

## Congress Successes

### Toowong Butler Pairs



- A 1 Ralph Parker, Peter Hainsworth
- 2 Eva & Tony Berger
- 3 Ian Afflick, Paul Collins
- B 1 Charlie Lu, Watson Zhou
- 2 Judy Perl, Byron Longford
- C 1 Sharon Clifford, Kay Goodwin



Ralph Parker



### ARANA SWISS TEAMS

#### Category A

- 1 Neville Francis, Magnus Moren, Tony Hutton, Malcolm Carter
- 2 Toni Bardon, Kim Ellaway, Raymond Ellaway, Marion Cooke
- 3 Eileen Li, Watson Zhou, Charlie Lu, Chuan Qin

#### Category B

- 1 Murray Perrin, Tim Runting, Nikolas Moore, Craig Francis
- 2 Laurie Skeate, Denis Ward, Margie Knox, Barry O'Donohue

#### Category C

- 1 Robin Steinhardt, Joan Jenkins, Anne Barry, Camille Henry
- 2 Dawn Benes, Glenys Bobbermien, Margaret Baker, Audrey Webster

### Australian Womens Selection Trials.

#### Results

- 4th Eileen LI - Greer TUCKER
- 6th Paula MCLEISH - Margaret MILLAR
- 7th Therese TULLY - Pele RANKIN



Nick Moore & Murray Perrin



Chuan Qin, Watson Zhou,  
Charlie Lu & Eileen Li



Camille Henry, Anne Barry,  
Joan Jenkins & Robin  
Steinhardt (in team colours)



A crowded house at Arana

## KENMORE 2014 GRADED PAIRS and GRADED TEAMS

### Graded Pairs

- A-Grade 1 Ralph Parker - John Mills  
2 Peter Hainsworth - Claire Green  
3 Agnes Kempthorne - Barry Kempthorne
- B-Grade 1 Judy Wilkinson - Pam Brewer  
2 Jim Taylor - Cora Taylor  
3 Warren Holmes - Barbara Holmes
- C-Grade 1 Jenny Iliescu - Leanne Nugent  
2 Karen Edwards - Robert Prout  
3 Christine Williams - Lucinda Gun

### Graded Teams

- A-Grade 1 Bugler (Patrick Bugler, Nikolas Moore, Val Roland, Michael Stoneman)  
2 Parker (Ralph Parker, Sheila Parker, Ian Halford, Michelle Radke)  
3 Jackman (Alan Smith, Tony Jackman, Connie Schoutrop, Robyn Clayton)
- B-Grade 1 Taylor (Deidre Taylor, Jim Taylor, Judy Mitchell, Gary Mitchell)  
2 Clark (Robyn Clark, Brigid Marland, Kay Goodwin, Sharon Clifford)  
3 Wilkinson (Judy Wilkinson, Pam Brewer, Robin Steinhardt, Barbara O'Connor)
- C-Grade 1 Russell (Anne Russell, Sheila Mar Vernon, Jenny Iliescu, Leanne Nugent)  
2 Scott (Lesley Ellis, Janet Lowe, Narelle Mciver, Annette Scott)  
3 Males (Kathryn Males, Bill Szumidlo, Warren Males, Leonie Elphinstone)

### Asking for explanations and not bidding

Do not ask what a bid means unless you are intending to bid. Asking for explanation without bidding could in certain circumstances be construed as passing unauthorised information

## Margaret Leahy Trophy

Margaret Leahy directed Monday night sessions during the 1980's and 1990's. She was particularly supportive and encouraging of new players and used handicaps to give beginners a chance to win the session.

Traditionally the competition is run over the first six Monday evenings of the year. The winner is the player with the highest aggregate score of their best four out of six results. There is also a restricted section (fewer than 50 masterpoints) to encourage novice players.

Congratulations to all competitors. The final results for 2014 were quite close.

This year's winners are:

**Open:** Julie Jeffries and David O'Gorman

**Restricted:** Hazel Parkins and Barbara Clifford.



Barbara & Hazel

## Results QBA Events - Senior Teams

Richard Perry, Rosemary Crowley, Alan Maltby, Diane Maltby, Mary Winch – First

## Results BBC Teams event over 3 Saturday Afternoons

2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Steinhardt/ Barbara O'Connor; Carmel Wikman/Joan Jenkins

## Results Queensland Wide Pairs

2<sup>nd</sup> Pam Trink & Vivienne Solo

3<sup>rd</sup> Claire Hyne & Sue o'Brien

## February Masterpoint

### Promotions

Selena Pearce \*National

Chris Larter \*State

I cannot call to mind that either the Philistines or the Amalekites played Bridge, perhaps it was the Hittites or more probably the Chaldeans. I rather think a pack of cards was found baked on bricks amongst the latest excavations at Ur.  
Extract from ***Contract Bridge for Iris*** by Hugh Tuite  
From the library of Ross Currin



## Message from Kim

Well the 53rd Gold Coast Congress is over. Queenslanders did well as follows but before you read the results, the event is successful firstly because of the players who keep coming, particularly from Queensland, and secondly because of the volunteer labour we get to make the event as successful as it is. A particular thanks to Surfers Paradise and Gold Coast Bridge Clubs who, when required, supplied any material I needed. To my staff - a big thank you.

Sorry If I have missed anyone.

Kim Ellaway

### Pairs

Best Queensland Pair in the Bobby Richman Pairs - Magnus Moren - Neville Francis

Intermediate Pairs Championship - first Stephen Hughes - Andrew Dunlop

Intermediate Pairs Section E Winners - Mike Stoneman - Val Roland

Restricted Pairs Championship - first Marlise Jones - Kerry Watson

Restricted Pairs Championship - second Jim - Cora Taylor

Restricted Pairs Section B Winners - Frank - Sue Spurway

Restricted Pairs Section C Winners - Barbara Kent - Ross Murtagh

Novice Pairs Championship - second Joan Jenkins and Carmel Wikman

Novice Pairs Championship - Section C Winners Garry Smith - Marleen Smith

### Teams

**Open** BEST QUEENSLAND Ian Afflick - Paul Collins - Ken Dawson - Andrew Slater

BEST GOLD COAST Kuldip Bedi - Tony Berger - Kevin Steffensen - Carolyn Miller

**Intermediate** FIRST Bastian Bolt - Geoffrey Roberts - Kevin Dean - Bob Hunt

SECOND Craig Francis - Nikolas Moore - Tim Runting - Murray Perrin

BEST SAME SEX Chris Stead - Eric Baker - Terrence Sheedy - Keith Blinco

BEST MIXED Margie Knox - Barry O'Donohue - Susie Stevens - Peter Gordon

BEST QUEENSLAND Paul Roberts - Bruce Carroll - David Lehmann - John Nibbs

**Restricted** FIRST Denis Ward - Laurie Skeate - Denis Moody - Monty Dale

BEST SAME SEX Genevieve Page - Sally Luke - Diana Mckenzie - Heather Reynolds

BEST QUEENSLAND Robert Fulton - Lorraine Sutton - Mearon Geldard - Rhondda Dean

**Novice** FIRST Linda Norman - Kay Roberts - Joan Jenkins - Carmel Wikman

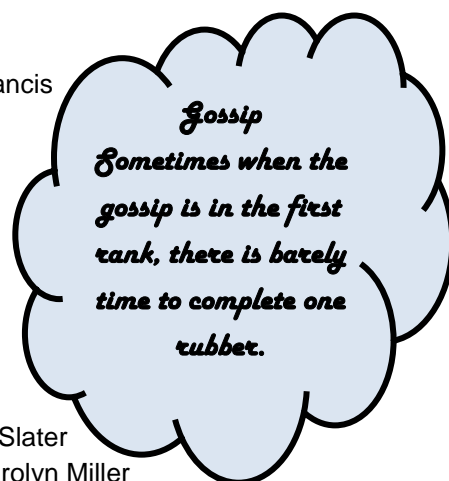
BEST MIXED Floyd Wilson - Majella Wilson - Glennis Cowell - Nancy Geiger

BEST QUEENSLAND - Gabrielle Elich - John Elich - Christophe Wlodarczyk - Justine Wlodarczyk

**WEEKEND SWISS** 1st Andy Hung - Adam Edgtton

**FRIDAY TEAMS** 1st Andy Hung - Liam Milne - Michael Whibley - Adam Edgtton

**FRIDAY NOVICE PAIRS** 2ND Sheena Pollock - Denise Merrin



## QUEENSLAND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

### NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS ON THE QBA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

#### THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014

#### Management Committee

President as Chairman

Keith McDonald (sole nominee)

Vice President as Vice Chairman

Jim Evans (sole nominee)

Management (4 positions – as per new  
Constitution)

Claire Hyne

Tom Strong

Therese Tully

Charles Page

Chairman, Tournament

Richard Wallis (sole nominee)

Treasurer as Chairman, Finance

Graham Rusher (sole nominee)

March, 2014

## Gold Coast Congress





## More Scenes from the Gold Coast Congress



### What went wrong?

Sitting EW, Linda Norman and Kay Roberts satisfyingly bid a 6D slam on Board 24 Round 8 playing in the Novice Teams event in the Gold Coast Congress – bid, but went down one. The print-out confirmed the slam was there and Linda could not rest until she worked out how to get the extra trick.

See if you can work it out before you read her solution.

Dealer is West, Nil vul.

Spade K led to Spade A. Spade 7 ruffed with Diamond 2. Diamond 8 to Diamond Q. Spade 9 ruffed then Diamond A. Now Heart A then Heart J to Heart K forcing either a ruff and slough or a lead away from Club Q gives Declarer a trick with Club J. 6 Diamonds made.

♠A97	♠KQJT8	
♥AQ8	♥K5	
♦QT94	♦5	
♣J87	♣QT963	
		♠5
		♥JT9
		♦AK8632
		♣AK4
	♠6432	
	♥76432	
	♦J7	
	♣52	

Hand from ***Misplay These Hands with Me*** by Mark Horton -  
available from the BCC Library system.



Dealer: South ♠84  
North-South: Vul ♥AKQJ863  
♦A842  
♣ -

In times past I could have opened this with an Acol Two Hearts. Those heady days are long gone and I start with a modest One Heart. Partner responds One Spade and East comes in with

Two Clubs. I could bid Four Hearts now, but I am reluctant to do that, as partner may imagine I have some support for spades. In addition, with two suits controlled, we may be in sight of higher things.

Although it is not technically forcing, I risk a bid of Three Hearts. When partner raises me to Four Hearts, I decide to make a slam try by bidding Five Clubs. Partner bids Five Diamonds and since I have first round control in that suit I am confident partner must also have a spade control. I put that theory to the test by bidding Six Hearts.

West leads the two of clubs and I see my confidence was not misplaced. I ruff the opening club lead and draw trumps. East following once and then discarding a couple of clubs. **I have several chances to make the contract and I have the luxury of being able to try them all.**

♠AK652  
♥92  
♦KJ9  
♣963

♠84  
♥AKQJ863  
♦A842  
♣ -

♠AK652  
♥92  
♦KJ9  
♣963  
♠QJT7  
♥T54  
♦76  
♣T842  
♠93  
♥7  
♦QT93  
♣AKQJ75  
♠84  
♥AKQJ863  
♦A842  
♣ -

I start by cashing the ace and king of spades and then ruffing a spade. On the third round, East discards a club. That's unfortunate, but I ruff and take my second chance by playing a diamond to the jack. East, who is beginning to annoy me, wins with the queen and returns a club, forcing me to ruff.

I can still get home if the diamonds are 3-3, but it comes as no surprise when East proves to have four of them and I am one down.

#### POST-MORTEM

After ruffing the opening lead and drawing trumps, I have an elegant route to success by simply ducking a spade. I can win any return, play three rounds of spades (ruffing the third) and get back to dummy with the king of diamonds to cash the thirteenth spade.

In a game where winning tricks is the objective, the idea of deliberately losing one is difficult to grasp, but once assimilated, this is a tactic that can repeatedly come to declarer's aid.

Combining your chances was one tactic Andy Hung dealt with in one of his excellent Intermediate sessions at QCBC.

## Bridge Bidding by Don Worner

We all play bridge just for pleasure  
And hope we get our opponents measure  
We bid up big to what we think  
But some of my bids really stink  
Whenever I play and eventually go down  
I look across the table and see a frown  
My partner is smiling but is heard to say  
I guess it is just not our day

These words were spoken with rule 72 in mind  
But other words you just might find  
Such as your bid was but a farce  
Not enough points your bid was pass  
Fortunately I do not go down too often  
Otherwise I would find myself in a coffin  
Despite the occasional bid in error  
Should our partnership dissolve? Never!

### **A Great Lesson on Stress (Some good advice. I particularly like number 16)**

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading a seminar and explaining stress management to her audience. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practised.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

1 \* Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!

2 \* Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

3 \* Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

4 \* Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

5 \* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

6 \* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

7 \* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

8 \* Never buy a car you can't push.

9 \* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

10 \* Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

11 \* Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

12 \* The second mouse gets the cheese.

13 \* When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

14 \* Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

16 \* Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

17 \* We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

18 \* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

19 \* Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

20 \* Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!\*

