

QCBC Newsletter



From the President, Ray Ellaway

Life has returned to some sense of normality for me after working as one of the organisers at the recent Gold Coast Congress. As always this event was well supported by QCBC members and I'm sure you all had a great time at what is considered the biggest and best congress in the Southern hemisphere.

The back lot has been graded and levelled which will make for a smoother walk from the far end but please watch your step as you approach the concrete leading down to the ramp as there is a slight step up (or down if you are leaving the building). We are trying to prevent water from flowing across the lot and then down the ramp and into the annex. I am looking at ways to improve the visibility of this gap but it is a work in progress.

Monica Pritchard and her husband Gary have rented their house out and are off on a trip around the country for the rest of the year so we have another vacancy on the board. If you are interested in filling this position please let Toni or myself know. Monica was on the board for many years and was chairperson prior to handing the reins to me. Her experience will be greatly missed but I wish her and Gary a wonderful time on their new adventures. Monica's departure also left us with a vacancy as the Director of the Wednesday day session and I have volunteered to fill this role. The attendance at this session has dropped off a bit recently so please take the opportunity to come along and play and have a chat with your President.



Coming Events

Mar 17 St Patricks Pairs
 Mar 19, 28 GNOT am
 Mar 21, 22 QBA Open Trials
 Mar 28 SPSC Novice Pairs
 Mar 29 Toowoomba IMP Pairs
 April 5 BBC Easter Pairs
 April 6 BBC Easter teams
 April 18 QBA Womens & Seniors Trials
 April 18 Gympie Pairs
 April 19 QBA Womens & Seniors Trials
 April 19 Gympie Teams
 April 22, 29 Macau Teams
 April 25 Anzac Teams QCBC
 April 28 \$50 Night

Clean Cruising employee, Martine Hero (daughter of Ros Hero) has won Consultant of the Year. Clean Cruising is a QCBC sponsor.



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Congress Successes

QBA Senior Teams

7, 8 February at Buderim

3rd T. o'Dempsey/B. MacLeod
& C. Hyne/ S. O'Brien

Warwick Pairs

1st J&P Evans

2nd N. Francis & M. Perrin



Tony Hutton Collects for
the A Grade Winners

Arana Teams February 15th

A Grade

1st M. Moren/N. Francis & T. Hutton/ P. Chakradeo

2nd P. Collins/S. O'Brien & T. O'Dempsey/N. Marlow

3rd C. Lu/C. Qin & P. Chang/W. Xie

B Grade

1st L. Kaszubski/J.Peach & J. & P. Evans

2nd T. Runting/C. Francis & A. Dawson/J. Kelly

C Grade

1st L. Norman/J. Jenkins & B. Kent/R. Steinhardt



C Grade Winners: Barbara,
Robin, Joan & Linda

QBA Gold Coast Congress – QCBC Winners

Congratulations to Neville Francis and Magnus
Moren, the first Queenslanders to win the Open
Pairs since 1966. WOW!



Neville Francis wearing
the medal made by
Margie Roseler



Magnus &
Neville winners



Dawn Cullen
enjoyed the talk
by Peter Gill

Paul Thiem
attended Phil
Gue's talk



Dinner Dance Revellers
Jim & Pamela Evans, Sue
O'Brien, Paul Collins, Saftica
Popa & Ken Moshner

Masterpoint Promotions – January

Bill Haughie	Gold Grand
Jenny Carter	Gold Life
Jack Rohde	Bronze Life
Narelle McIver	Regional
Michael Gearing	**Local
Margie Maddison	**Local
Kyle Gilchrist	**Local
Hazel Parkins	*Local
Mary Dettori	Graduate

February

Anne Omerod	*National
Michael Gearing	State
Allan Nicholas	Regional
Ron Ward	*Local
Zoe Ward	*Local

More GC Revellers
Veena Chotai, Patrick
Bugler, Michelle
Budler. Ashok Chotai



Mary Dettori

Jack Rohde



And on a Lighter Note: Sally's Introduction to Contract Bridge

On my retirement, at the urging of my old friend Jann, who had been trying to get me to do things suitable to my age, I agreed to learn to play contract bridge.

Jann invited me to come to a bridge evening as an observer and upon my arrival, promptly suggested I retire to the kitchen to prepare the refreshments. It was the dialogue I overheard while boiling the kettle that prompted me to shell out \$60 for lessons.

First Voice – Female: Lay down and let's see what you've got.

Second Voice – Male: As you can see, I've got length but no strength

First Voice – Female replied: But you jumped me twice when you didn't have the strength for one raise, and you certainly had no protection for my honour.

There was a lull in the conversation and sounds of movement out there and I heard:

Female Voice: Looks like time I played with your husband and you played with mine.

Male Voice protesting: OK for now, but I guess we will have to leave soon as this is my last rubber.

It was a terrible disappointment to discover that all this is only bridge-speak.

Cross Ruff Stuff

Some hands make by cross ruffing.

This hand is from Match Five Board 14 at the GCCongress Teams.

Contract is 5C from North. Opening lead is K♦. Win A♦ and play K♥. This will lose and a ♦ will be cashed.

Now ruff a ♦ low and proceed to ruff Hearts and Spades - low for first few. Do not try to draw trumps. Declarer makes 9 trumps by cross ruffing and the A♠ and the A♦ to make 5♣.

Dlr: S	♠AKJ86	
Nil Vul	♥93	
	♦QJT6	
	♣Q2	
♠QT5432		♠97
♥82		♥QT65
♦74		♦985
♣T9865		♣AJ
	♠--	
	♥AKJ74	
	♦AK32	
	♣K743	

Dlr: West	♠62	
Vul: N/S	♥T754	
	♦KJ93	
	♣K72	
♠T753		♠QJ4
♥QJ6		♥AK982
♦762		♦84
♣Q83		♣T95
	♠AK98	
	♥3	
	♦AQT5	
	♣AJ64	

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1♦
P	2♦	2♥	2♠
P	3♦	P	4♣
P	5♦	All Pass	

Dlr E	♠7	
Nil Vul	♥JT953	
	♦74	
	♣KQ652	
♠KT54		♠982
♥Q62		♥A874
♦952		♦KQJ83
♣T94		♣3
	♠AQJ63	
	♥K	
	♦AT6	
	♣AJ87	

This hand offers another cross ruffing approach

The trick here is to get to 6♦, which will not make on a ♦ lead.

Most players do not do this.

After winning the opening lead, lead a ♣ and then cash the winning ♣ and all the remaining high tricks in the majors and proceed to crossruff the rest.

And here's a little example from **Frank Stewart**:

I hate to say it, but the average declarer follows a three-step schedule when he plays a trump contract: first, he draws trumps; second, he thinks; third, he apologises to his partner for messing up. You're declarer at 5♦, and West leads the Q♥. How will you take 11 tricks?

S ruffed the second ♥ and drew trumps in three rounds. He led to the K♣ and returned a ♣ for a finesse with the J♣. This plan would work if the clubs broke 3-3 with the Q♣ onside (about an 18% chance), W took the Q♣ and led another ♥, and East got two heart tricks. Down two.

Before S draws trumps, he should count his tricks. He can expect to get the black aces and kings and therefore needs seven trump tricks. Nothing could be easier – provided he doesn't draw trumps.

He cashes his four black tops, ruffs a ♥, ruffs a ♠ with dummy's 9♦, ruffs the last ♥ and another ♠ with the J♦. The contract is safe: S has won nine tricks and still has the A♦ in his hand and the K♦ in dummy.

Michael's Corner – with Tony Treloar (in tribute to Michael Corner, who had a regular feature in this newsletter before his too early demise)



Winning in the play after losing in the auction

When we become declarer and we see dummy for the first time we all do the same thing: critique partner's bidding. We just can't help ourselves. But when we are playing matchpoints this serves a purpose. **At this point we should compare our contract with what we think will be the "normal" contract at the other tables.** If our contract is different from the norm then we should keep this in mind during the play. Consider the following deal:

Dir S	♠K93	
Vul All	♥AQ54	
	♦A8653	
	♣9	
♠J75		♠AQT842
♥K763		♥2
♦T72		♦KQ9
♣852		♣763
	♠6	
	♥JT98	
	♦J4	
	♣AKQJT4	

Our auction was as follows:

1C (/) 1D (1S) 2C (/) 3NT (all pass)

As I thought my partner had denied 4 hearts when she bid 2C (could double to show 4 hearts) I decided not to show them and bid 3NT (whatever we play in it is probably best for my hand to declare to protect my spade holding). The jack of spades is led and the trick is won by my king.

When I see 4 hearts in dummy I know that 4H will be the contract at most of the other tables. Now I need to evaluate the fate of 4H. 4H looks like it should always make at least 10 tricks (if they lead a diamond and the

heart finesse loses they will take a heart, a diamond and the ace of spades). So what about my 3NT? After the lead I have 9 tricks on top so enough for my contract. **At matchpoints 400 points is not enough, compared with 420/450/480 in 4H it is worth nothing.** So I can't cash my tricks, I need to take the heart finesse. If this works I will make 12 tricks, if it fails then I will go two off. If the finesse works I will make a top, my 12 tricks in 3NT will beat anything they make in hearts. If it fails I will make a bottom, but 400 points for 9 tricks in no trumps will be close to a bottom anyway. So I win the lead, run the clubs (pitching spades and diamonds) and then I grit my teeth and run the jack of hearts. My left hand opponent had pitched a heart on the run of the clubs (their only heart) and shows out. So now I just keep finessing the hearts and claim 12 tricks. This was enough for 100% of the matchpoints. Another pair in 3NT who cashed their tricks and got 2/20 matchpoints (10%). **See how little I risked taking the finesse!**

Of course if I was playing teams or Butler pairs (or playing for money) then I would cash my 9 tricks and move on to the next board. The strategy here is very different. If I cash my tricks then I will likely lose 2 imps to the field. If I take the finesse and win I probably make 1 extra trick and hence win an imp, whereas if the finesse loses, I will lose 13 imps. Try explaining that to your teammates.

So when you are playing matchpoints and you think you are in the wrong contract take the time to consider the "right" contract and look for ways to catch up. If it works you might have just scored a top board. If it doesn't whatever you do, don't blame me!

Tony Treloar



Kim's Communique

Firstly thank you to everyone who made the Gold Coast Congress a fantastic success. As we plough through all the invoices, we will have an outcome in the next 2 weeks. All my team should be congratulated for the obvious hard work they put into the event being so successful.

RESULTS OF QUEENSLANDERS AT THE GC CONGRESS

PAIRS

FIRST IN THE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP – NEVILLE FRANCIS AND MAGNUS MOREN – *When Neville and Magnus received their trophy on Saturday night, they received a standing ovation.* It has been a long time since a Queenslander has won that particular event.

Best Queensland Pair – Other than the Winners of course – Phil Hale And Pam Schoen

First in Section G Open Pairs – Ralph Parker and Ivy Luck

Second in Senior Pairs Championship – Richard Wallis and Sue Picus

First in Section C Intermediate Pairs – Charles Page and Terrence Sheedy

Second in Restricted Pairs Championship – Nanette Loxton and Brodie Loxton

First in Section B of Restricted Pairs – Terry Nowitzki and Allan McIntyre

First in Section B of Novice Pairs – Annemarie Hugentobler and Walter Hugentobler

First in Section C of Novice Pairs – Allan Byrnes and Peter Taylor

First in Section D of Novice Pairs – Margaret Robertson and Donald Robertson

TEAMS

=3RD Open Teams Bill Haughie, Simon Hinge, Jan Cormack George Kozakos

Best Womens Team in the Open = Carolyn Woolley Margaret Millar, Jill Broad Carmel Martin

Best Mixed Team in the Open = Malcolm Carter, Tony Hutton, Paul Wyer, Joan Butts, Michael Courtney

Best Queensland Team in the Open = Ian Afflick, Paul Collins, Ken Dawson, Andy Slater

First in the Intermediate Teams - Michael Stoneman - Val Roland - Herold Rienstra - Bert Luchjenbroers

Second in the Intermediate Teams - Eric Baker - Chris Stead - Keith Blinco - Terrence Sheedy

Best Queensland in the Intermediate Teams - Tim Runting - Craig Francis - Alison Dawson - John Kelly

Best Queensland Team in the Restricted Teams - Joan Jenkins - Anne Russell - Linda Norman - Kay

Roberts

First in Novice Teams - Justine Wlodarczyk - Bronnwyn White - Caroline Marshall - Margaret Teitzel

Second in Novice Teams - Denise Merrin - Mary Smith - Joanne Evans - Sheena Pollock

Best Queensland Team in the Novice Teams - Allan Byrnes - Steven Parkes - Unis Suliman - Peter Taylor

Other Events

Weekend Swiss – Paul Collins and Ian Afflick – First

Seres McMahon Friday and Mixed Teams – Second Nabil Edgtton - Liam Milne - Andy Hung - James Coutts - Michael Whibley

Ivy Dahler Open Butler – Second - Joan Butts - Geo Tislevoll

Ivy Dahler Restricted Butler – Third – Janet Hansen and Diane Morgan

Congratulations ALL

Forthcoming Events for the QBA

Mixed Teams – March 14/15 and conducted by the Noosa Bridge Club – entry forms on website

Selection Trials – Open – March 7/8 21/22 and 28/29 are the dates allocated

Selection Trials – Womens and Seniors – April 11/12 and April 18/19

QBA Novice Pairs – Yeppoon Youth Day at Toowong – April 19th -

<http://www.qldbridge.com/documents/2015youthFunToowong.pdf>

May 4th – Master Class with Alex Smirnov and Andy Hung – details on website

May 16/17 – Qld Mixed Pairs – Toowong

June 5-8 Barrier Reef Congress - Cairns

General

Next Management Meeting for the QBA – March 12th

Next Council Meeting which is also the Annual General Meeting – March 26

Kim Ellaway, Manager, QBA