



From the President's Bed



Thank you to all the members of QCBC who participate in what I consider to be the **best tournament in the world**. Lots of QCBC players play in it and Toni Bardon is also a big

part of it. Below are some of the nice things said about her from players she has joined up as partners or team mates?

• ***I write a quick note of thanks regarding Toni's help in putting me in touch with my partner to play at the novice level at the Gold coast congress.***

Toni asked both of us to detail our favoured systems and provided a match up which allowed us to play twice to get the partnership underway.

A great service handled with care and attention including follow up

• ***We had no partners for the Restricted Teams, but your wonderful Toni Bardon went over backwards to find us a pair. The first attempt did not work out. My feeling was, that the nominated pair wanted a same sex team.***

As the Congress got closer and we had no one to partner us, we nearly cancelled that event. Thought I give Toni another ring. She said, don't worry I will find you somebody very nice. True to her words, she found us team mates. We struck two of the nicest people you could

meet. We clicked immediately and will be very good friends. There is a very good possibility that we do not need Toni's assistance next year.

And there were many more

I still am a long way from playing bridge on a regular basis but I did have a game with Barry Williams at the Coast in a Walk In and was very pleased that we got over 50%.

I do attend the board meetings and I am pleased to talk to any member that wishes to discuss any QCBC matter with me. My home number is 33514014. Some fabulous and exciting news – Kim and I are going to be Grandparents – baby due in August. Alex has been given the all clear from the Specialists that the baby is alive and well. She sends us weekly scans and weekly heart beats as she has a home monitor to monitor this. Ray Ellaway, QCBC President

Coming Up

INTERACTIVE TRAINING WITH ANDY HUNG - WED 7 & 21 & 28 MARCH

Wednesday GNOT - 14 & 21 MARCH - PRIOR ENTRY ESSENTIAL

RED POINT SESSIONS

Monday 7.30pm - March 5

St Patricks - Saturday 1pm - 17 March

Tuesday 10am - 27 March

Wednesday 7.30pm - Swiss pairs - April 11

Directors Training Day - Saturday 14 April

ANZAC DAY TEAMS – Wed 25 April

Bridge for Brains - Saturday 5 May

GNOT HEAT – 1 DAY (SUBJECT TO 30% CONTENDING) - Sunday 6 May

Congress Successes

Gold Coast Teams Jan 7

A Grade

1 R Ward, T. Tully, Terry Strong, J. Magee

2 K. Wood, C. Howard, I&J. Luck

B Grade

2 A&V. Chotai, B, Williams, R, Lowenthal

QCBC Open Pairs Jan 14

1 R. Parker, J. Mills

2 M. Radke, I. Halford

3 A. Smyth, C. Schoutrop

Novice Pairs Jan 14

A Grade

1 B. Manders, B. Belton

2 J. Finigan, M, Simon

B Grade

2 F. Cooper, I. Sobey

Northern Suburbs Teams Jan 21

A Grade

1 R. Parker, J. Mills, M. Radke, I. Halford

2 S. Konig, G. Thomas, B. Macleod, C. Schoutrop

B Grade

2 T&L. Collins, J&C. Taylor

3 C. Francis, T. Runting, N. Moore, A. Wanigaratne

C Grade

1 R. Murtagh, B. Kent, A. Hyland, F. Jeppesen

3 J. Jenkins, L. Norman, R. Clark, S. Wills

Kenmore Pairs Championship Jan 27

1 A Gibson, I. Afflick

2 M. Carter, T. Hutton

3 R. Ward, N. Francis

B Grade

1 A. Woolons, N. Francis

Kenmore Teams Jan 28

A Grade

1 M&L. Carter, R. Wallis, T. Hutton

2 T. Tully, R. Ward, N. Francis, M. Moren

3. I&J. Luck, Terry Strong, J. Magee

B Grade3

J. Vickers, C. Stone, P&V. Robbins

QBA Senior Teams Feb 3,4

A Grade

1 N. Francis, M&L. Carter, T. Hutton

2 C. Miller, K. Steffensen, P&D. McLeish

Toowong Imp Pairs Feb 4

1 N. Moore, A. Wanigaratne

2 E. Li, G. Lee

3 J. Magee, Terry Strong

Arana Teams Feb 11

A Grade

1 A. Gibson, B. Patterson, E. Zeller, A. Dawson

2. J&I. Luck, R. Parker, J. Mills

3. T. Treloar, P. Evans, R. Fox, A. Woolons

B Grade
1 D. Eastman, R. Steinhardt, H. Chamberlain, N. Strutton

2 P. Nilsson, L. Skeate, N. Moore, A. Wanigaratne

3. S. Clifford, K. Goodwin, W. Chan, A. Yang

Gold Coast Congress Feb 16 – 24

Bobby Richman Pairs Championship
Open Pairs – Final F

1 E. Kowalczyk, G. Belonogov

2. S. Konig, G. Thomas

Monday Butler Swiss Pairs 0 – 500

2 L. Norman, W. Gibson

Canberra Congress

Veterans Category Teams

1 Tom & Edda Strong, J&A. Bailer

Seniors Category Teams

1. Tony Hutton, Malcolm Carter, S. Mendick, B. Waters, T. Marinos, P. Grant

Rose has retired

A celebration was held at the club on Friday 2nd February. The usual suspects were there and those who could not make it sent messages wishing her well and exhorting her to drop in often. She has been an inspiration to us all.



James O'Sullivan Winners Overall & Best Silver Grand Masters And Above

Neville Francis

Best Grand Master

Malcolm Carter

Best State Master

Rachel Langdon



Linda Norman & Wendy Gibson second in the Monday Butler Swiss Pairs at the Gold Coast

Zephyr Foundation

Tireless efforts from Carmel Martin and her impressive team of volunteers raised over \$12 000 for the Zephyr Foundation which the Congress sponsors each year.

Peter & Daphne Leggo were 1st EW in the Sunday Rookies Pairs at the Gold Coast Congress



Canberra - Smart and Not-so-Smart Plays

Richard Fox

Among the usual gifts from the opponents and blunders from yours truly, some interesting plays arose playing with Rachel Langdon in Canberra. Here are a couple...



Lightner Double

Usually like my other partners, poor Rachel is stressed out about my doubles, which on bad days can result in scores like -770 and -1190. For a change here's one that worked.

The opponents bid vigorously to slam. 1H from North, 2D as an artificial game force from South and they agreed hearts, asked for aces and settled for 6H. Rachel plays every gadget known with her other less technophobic partners (many of whom can even operate smartphones): Raptor, Lionel, Namyats etc. I knew she'd be familiar with the Lightner double, where doubling a slam out of the blue asks for an unusual lead, typically dummy's first suit. This time dummy's first bid suit was artificial, so I was a bit worried but when I opened my eyes Rachel had unerringly plonked the J♦ on the table.

Dealer N NS Vul	♠ Q ♥ A K Q J 2 ♦ Q 8 7 3 ♣ K J T	6Hx by N JD lead
♠ T 9 7 6 5 2 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ ♣ A 4 3 2		♠ K J 8 3 ♥ 5 ♦ J T 9 6 4 2 ♣ 6 5
	♠ A 4 ♥ T 9 7 3 ♦ A K 5 ♣ Q 9 8 7	

If South was worried by the Lightner double and pulled to 6NT, West should have had an obvious spade lead. At our team-mates' table, they somewhat unwisely led the club ace to 6NT and the contract was cold.

Richard has been conducting lessons for improving players on Thursday evenings.

Playing 3NT Better than Me

The bidding was duplicated many times, West opening 1C after two passes. North had a clear 1S overcall, East a sound negative double so West tried for 3NT.

Hmmm, that club suit is a bit moth-eaten. North leads the KS and continues spades until you take the ace - what's your plan?

Dealer E NS Vul		3NT by W KS lead
♠ A 4 3 2 ♥ A T 3 ♦ K ♣ A Q 9 6 2		♠ J 7 ♥ K 7 6 5 ♦ A J T 5 ♣ 8 5 3

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1C	1S	X	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

It didn't seem promising to return a spade and hope the defenders would self-squeeze. I thought I needed the KC on-side and maybe a miracle like J-10 doubleton with North. I could do with the QD coming down doubleton. I unblocked the KD, crossed to a heart and finessed the QC losing to the king. North finished spades and exited the QH. I eventually lost a club, the QD, 2 hearts and 4 spades for a grand total of 4 down. Luckily we weren't vulnerable.

I can almost hear Geoffrey Thomas at the table, rumbling "Good players will make it" and he would of course be right.

Mike Doecke explained over a post-game beer how NZ international Matthew Brown played against him. He held off twice in spades and took the third one, pitching a heart, just in case some cheeky **** had overcalled a 4-card suit. Then he immediately cashed the club ace, dropping the king as per the Rabbi's Rule and suddenly things looked a whole lot better. He was able to play a small club to dummy, picking up the suit for one loser thanks to the 9-8 combination.

Dealer E NS Vul	♠ K Q T 9 6 ♥ Q J 8 4 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ K	3NT by W KS lead
♠ A 4 3 2 ♥ A T 3 ♦ K ♣ A Q 9 6 2		♠ J 7 ♥ K 7 6 5 ♦ A J T 5 ♣ 8 5 3
	♠ 8 5 ♥ 9 2 ♦ 9 7 4 3 2 ♣ J T 7 4	

The logic which I'd missed was that the priority is to ensure North doesn't get in to play spades; assume he doesn't have the guarded king of clubs because that's insurmountable. If South has it, he can be allowed to win it.

Playing the ace is a safety play, ensuring you don't lose unnecessarily to a club honour in North. If nothing good had happened on the ace, the next plan would be to cross to dummy and lead towards the queen, hoping South had the king.

Jimmy Wallis wasn't put to the test as he'd sat the other way, but he considered the ace play was automatic. I actually recall I floundered in a similar position when I played with him some time back and he showed the correct approach.

Mike Doecke's team-mate Johnno Newman managed to duplicate Matt Brown's play for a flat board - well done.

January Promotions

- Beth Gutteridge Gold Life
- Mike Fox Silver Life
- Ian Bannister * National
- Patricia Thompson State
- Geoffrey Dick Graduate



Sandra Aring
Local Master



Rosemary Coutts
** Local Master



Clifford Miles Graduate

February Promotions

Tony Treloar	Grand
Robyn Clark	Silver Life
Linda Norman	Life
Ashok Chotai	Life
Charles Page	Life
Helen Standfast	Life
Frances Wall	National
Lynne Gray	National
Alan Anderson	State
Rosemary Coutts	**Local
Tony Williams	*Local
Sandra Aring	Local
Joan Taeffe	Club
Peter Leggo	Graduate
Daphne Leggo	Graduate
Margaret Murphy	Graduate
Chris Green	Graduate

Welcome to New Members

- Paul Roberts
- Matt Creagh
- Judith Briggs
- Bev de Smidt
- Ian Bannister
- Shane Newbery
- Christine Newbery
- Carol Findlay
- Fiona Bates
- Marianne Treuen
- Jeanette Spaninks
- Pauline Parr-Wilson

Sadly report the deaths of Bev Watson and Nick Horner

A Dream Hand by Don Worner

I dreamt of a hand too good to be seen:
 Ten spades headed
 by the ace, king,
 queen
 With two outside
 aces but a losing trick
 I thought I should bid
 four clubs real quick.
 Needing to find that
 missing ace



When partner bid you
 should've see my
 face
 The response was 5 clubs as she had a few -
 Right now we are in the tin or in the stew
 (or something else that also rhymes)
 We play Gerber so partner must have forgot
 But I did refrain from saying what.
 I needed to think quick just what to do now -
 Can I save the situation with a bid and how?

Don't panic, do not get fazed,
 Surely the situation can be saved.
 Logically I know I have 12 tricks in hand
 And I want more bids by partner banned.
 My bid must show that I am not kidding
 So I bid six spades which ends the bidding.

As it turns out the small slam is made
 No matter whichever way it is played.
 Fortunately partner did not have the missing
 ace.
 What we scored is best saving grace

Next morning I awoke to "How do you feel?"
 I said I had a dream it was so unreal-
 We played bridge and finished with a top
 score
 As our systems proved they work for sure.
 Which system it was, was not asked
 So what happened in the dream is in the
 past.

Author's note

This is purely a fictional piece prepared for
 your amusement as this situation did not
 occur or perhaps my clairvoyant powers are
 telling me just what is to happen shortly

The New Laws for Players

In August last year, the new Laws of Bridge came into force in Australia. In many cases, the variations are of little practical effect. I have summarised some of the more significant changes that players may notice and need to know about. This summary is not intended as a complete description of the relevant laws.

Unintended calls

The opportunities to change an unintended call have been significantly reduced. An error which arises because of the player's loss of concentration as to the level of the auction can no longer be changed. This is the case even though the call may not be one which the player ever intended to make. For example, with spades agreed as trumps, West bids 4NT, Blackwood. East responds 5H (two without the queen). West starts thinking about whether to bid the slam or sign off at the five level. Eventually, he decides that 5S is enough, but this decision comes out as *Pass*. Even though he never intended to pass, he can no longer change the call to the bid of 5S he intended. (The same restriction will apply in other similar situations: for example, when a player passes an artificial Bergen-style raise.)

The same principle now also applies in regard to declarer's call of a card from dummy. Effectively, only legitimate slips of the tongue can now be changed. Loss of concentration or changes of mind are not viable excuses to correct. For instance, saying "small, I mean ace" will now mean that no change is allowed. The director can allow a change if he is satisfied that it was just a slip of the tongue. Potential allowable examples:

1) "king of hearts, I mean king of diamonds"

2) "small spade" while declarer is pointing at dummy's clubs

Calling the Director

It has always been a requirement in the Laws that the director be called whenever there is an irregularity. This has been reinforced in the new laws. It may become particularly relevant if, at the end of the auction, the declaring side reveals that there has been incorrect information given about their bidding. If the players fail to call the director at the time and it turns out that the director could have done something to rectify it had he been called, then both sides are liable to get their worst possible score on the board.

The new law specifically states that ignorance of the law is no excuse.

Calls out of turn

Under the old laws, the penalties arising due to calls out of rotation could be very harsh. Often times, a player's partner was barred from bidding for the whole auction. Under the new laws, the partner can make his normal call. Depending on the action now taken by the player who originally called out of turn, the auction will either continue without penalty or the player's partner will have to pass for one round. The director will make a determination on a case by case basis using the guidelines in the laws regarding "comparable calls".

Claims

Previously when there was a claim, play stopped. If there was any dispute it was decided by the director. Now, play may be continued at the request of the non-claiming side provided all four players at the table agree. The result obtained at the table will stand.

March/April 2018

Unfortunately the photos from the New Years Eve Teams did not turn out.

But some people made the effort to celebrate Australia Day: Jeanne Welch, Fran Bensted and Colin Peardon



Evelyne Mander won the award for speed around the fashion circuit at the most enjoyable Gold Coast Congress Fashion Parade



Robyn Clark has been working with newcomers on Tuesday mornings

New cards will be on the tables soon. Look after them as if they were your own.

Flu season is here . Stay healthy. Don't share your sneezes and remember to wash your hands frequently.

A Reminder from the ABF website. Lots of good resources there online. Check it out.

www.abf.com.au/education/

Conversation at the table in serious games is generally unwelcome. Post-mortems after each hand, if limited, can be useful as long as they seek to be constructive. It is best to keep all post-mortems until the session is over and you can go over the score-sheets with your partner at leisure. During the session, conserve your energies to do battle at the next table. It is extremely poor taste to abuse or criticise partner or an opponent. Experienced players should go out of their way to make novice players feel at ease, so that they see bridge as a pleasant recreation, not a battleground. Never try to teach anyone at the table.

Never let a harsh word pass your lips and you will be a sought-after rather than a shunned partner. Prefer to say too little than too much. If partner has bid or played the hand like an idiot, say 'bad luck' and leave it at that. Do not harp on past errors.