

QCBC Newsletter



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New members
Cora and Jim
Taylor –
C Grade
Winners in the
BBC Easter
Congress

QCBC welcomes new members:

Marjorie Heasman
Jim & Cora Taylor
Lynne Gray
Roman Morawiecki
Olga Visser
Narelle De Putron

Congratulations to the QLD Seniors Team:

Ian Afflick - Paul Collins
Robert Milward - Larry Moses
Barry & Agnes Kempthorne

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Another Wonderful Effort from Glenys Larter

Over many years Glenys has helped raise several thousand dollars for QCBC. She has made and donated beautiful quilts, wall hangings and cushions to be raffled.

Thank you Glenys for all your efforts and your generosity.

The Easter raffle raised \$350.

The lucky winners are: Jeff Kennedy, Irene Hayward, Johanna Kreuz, Claire Hyne, Betty Baird, Olive Thacker.

Thanks to Anne Barry and Karen Elmes for their donations and to all who bought tickets.

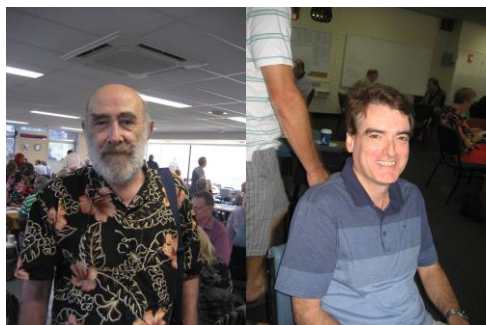
Congratulations to the QLD

Women's Team:

Greer Tucker - Eileen Li
Meta Goodman - Maureen Jakes
Pele Rankin - Janeen Solomon

COMING EVENTS:

Surfers Paradise Teams - Saturday 10 May
QCBC Macau Teams - Wednesdays 14 & 21 May
QBA Mixed Pairs - 17 & 18 May
Stanthorpe Pairs - 18 May
BBC Graded Butler Pairs - 25 May
Caloundra Graded Pairs - 25 May
Arana Butler Pairs - 31 May
Arana Teams - 1 June
Darling Downs Novice Pairs - 1 June
QCBC Winter Swiss Pairs - Monday 2 June
QCBC Qld Day Red pt Pairs - 6 June
QCBC June Teams - Open & Restricted - June 9



Swiss Pairs A Grade Winners:
P. Hainsworth & P. Evans



Northern Suburbs Open Butler Pairs

A Winners

- 1st. M. Carter, T. Hutton
2nd A. Smith, R. Clayton
3rd C. Lu, C. Qin

Plate

- 1 John Kelly, Richard Fox
2 Joan Jenkins Linda
Norman
3 Gayle McCarthy / Andrea
Smith

Consolation

- 1 Gregory Gosney/ Margaret
Plunkett
2 Jim Taylor / Cora Taylor
3 Tracey Young / Wal Brake



BBC Easter Pairs and Teams

A Grade

P, Hainsworth & P Evans
M. Carter & T, Hutton
R, Clayton & A, Smith

B Grade

E. Mander & K. Long
S. Clifford & K. Goodwin

C Grade

D. Giles & B. Mackay
G. Gosney & M. Plunkett



Graded Swiss Pairs
B Grade Winners:
E. Mander & K. Long



C Grade Teams Second
A. Barry, J. Jenkins,
L. Norman, K. Elmes

BBC Easter Teams Winners

A Grade

- 1st I Afflick, P. Collins. M. Hoenig, S. O'Brien
2nd P. Hainsworth, R. Parker, J. Mills, B. Stacey
3rd T. Hutton, M. Carter, C. Qin, C. Liu

B Grade

- 1st J&P Evans, T. Treloar, P. Evans
2nd C. Francis, T, Runting, N. Moore, G. Martin

C Grade

- 1st K&K. Avunduk, C&J. Taylor
2nd A. Barry, K. Elmes, L. Norman, J. Jenkins



L. Norman, J. Jenkins
2nd in the Plate N Suburbs



T. Hutton Northern Suburbs
Pairs Winner with M. Carter

ANZAC Day Teams QCBC

Tony Treloar
hands the
winnings to
Tony Hutton



ANZAC Day Teams

A Winners

- 1st M. Carter/T. Hutton, N. Francis/M. Moren
- 2nd J&P. Evans, P. Hale/ J. Lund
- 3rd K. Steffensen/C. Miller, E&T. Berger

B Winners

- 1st C&J Taylor, B&H Loxton
- 2nd W Brake/J. Burley, P&J Brake
- 3rd S. Silver/ M. Bucens, J. Tuckey/R. Thomas



QBA Annual Novice Pairs Congress Toowoomba

Winners

- 1st Rebecca Knight - Naureen Gearon
- 2nd Bill Szumidlo - Mick Fawcett
- 3rd Judy Glasby - Trevor Glasby



New member
Brodie Loxton

Masterpoint Promotions May

Laming, Estelle	*National
Bensted, Frances	Regional
Kelly, Lynn	*Local
Gartner, Rolf	*Local
Gearing, Michael	Local
Murray, Joan Kathleen	Club



Masterpoint Promotions
in April: Linda Norman,
Michael Fernon and
Joan Jenkins

Kate's Rules to Live By

Points don't take tricks. The high-card points are only a very rough guideline, and are not nearly so important as other factors. Forget the points and look at the fit. Look at long suits, good suits, trick-taking potential, hand quality, position, etc.



BEHIND THE SCENES

From Little Things Big Things Grow

By Marion Cooke

Who would have thought that something that started out as a minor “nuisance” in my life should grow and grow (like Topsy) into something all consuming.

When I started dealing for the QBA there were some congresses spread over the year and a couple of weekly orders for Brisbane clubs, along with the QBA trials and the major Gold Coast Congress. This was back at the beginning of the century when the “Main Event” was held at the ANA Hotel and I dealt approximately 400 sets for that week.

How things change, as now, most clubs own their own dealing machines thus negating the need for the QBA dealer to a certain extent.

But wait for it, they, the QBA, didn’t want me to be idle so they took on the dealing for the major Coffs Harbour Congress and also accepted the ABF challenge to hold the GNOT Grand Final in Queensland.

Not only that, the Gold Coast Congress moved in 2007 to the Convention Centre and hasn’t looked back with a percentage growth each year.

So, what started as a hobby, dealing around 500 + sets a year or 14,000 hands, has become a full time occupation dealing solidly all year around 2000 sets, or nearly 52,000 hands.

Dealing machines over the years have improved greatly with the first ones only being able to deal specially designed bar-coded cards. Then an Aussie company invented one that would deal any cards so long as they were introduced in a specific order e.g. Spades A to K, Hearts A to K etc. (This proved to be an additional job for the caddies at the Gold Coast when (in their spare time) they had to sit and put packs of cards into the required order.)

But technology has further advanced and we now have machines that deal “most” packs of cards just by determining the data with the ‘magic’ eye.

All the dealers (the people, not the machines) should be congratulated for what they do for their clubs as, although you don’t have to be a member of Mensa or have a degree in dealing, you do have to be alert and aware of the idiosyncrasies of your machine and have the patience of Job.

The operators do not set the hands. The machines do that with a programme that is completely random. It is quite illegal for anyone to tamper with these programmes.

So when you are sitting with 13 in your hands and complaining that you never have any ‘cards’, give a thought to the ‘dealer’ who has spent his/her time dealing for “you”.



Good Times at the Gold Coast Congress by Alan Boyce

Gold Coast Congress 2014 was a great event, memorable for many reasons. I played in a mixture of events, from open butler and swiss pairs on the opening 3 days (with Andrew Woollons), then on to intermediate teams mid-week and finishing with the restricted butler at week's end (with Monica Pritchard).

I've looked back and would like to reconstruct some of the memorable hands from the week. (As with most bridge writing, all highlights tend to be positive!)

Weekend Matchpoint Swiss Pairs Round 8 Board 23

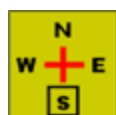
Board 23 ♠T93

Dealer S ♥

Vul Both ♦QJT7654

♣852

♠
♥QT876542
♦A2
♣AQ9



♠A854
♥AK9
♦K83
♣J76

♠KQJ762
♥J3
♦9
♣KT43

N E S W

1NT 4H

P P X All pass

South opened 1NT and West (Andrew) jumped to 4H. Not afraid of missing a slam after the 1NT opening and with a 4 loser, looks a good shot. Passed around to south and really no double should be made as only 2 certain tricks and one likely (kd seems doubtful). Queen diamond lead, won with the Ace in hand. Andrew played carefully and just lost the AK of hearts for a nice 990 score and 93%

Open Board Results for Round 4 Board 2. Open Butler

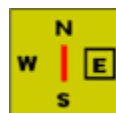
Board 2 ♠T94

Dealer E ♥8763

Vul N-S ♦JT865

♣8

♠K3
♥KQJ
♦K7
♣AK9753



♠J876
♥95
♦9432
♣QJ4

1
19 16
4

♠AQ52
♥AT42
♦AQ
♣T62

7NT W off 2

An interesting hand and certainly possible to mis-defend (Andrew and I sat N/S.). Top of rubbish 8H was led (singleton trump lead could be deadly). Plan the defence.

Key suit is clubs. South must be careful when clubs are lead (from East). I was sitting south and ducked the club while hoping that east didn't decide to finesse the 9 on the 1st round. If I had covered the 1st club lead with say the Queen, and the 8 dropped from North, I think a savvy declarer would place me with Jx remaining and finesse the 9 on the second round. Also made the spade jack for the 2 trick set and a big swing.

A majority of the room made slam. 12 tricks is simple, with 3 spades, 4 hearts, 2 diamonds and 4 clubs after conceding 1.

Teams Qualifying Intermediate Board Results for Round 10 Board 19.

Board 19 ♠J7654

Dealer S ♥42

Vul E-W ♦T94

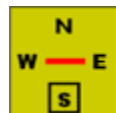
♣432

♠KQ9

♥K3

♦KQJ52

♣A85



♠AT82

♥QT9865

♦8

♣T7

♠3

♥AJ7

♦A763

♣KQJ96

1

18 6

15

4H E off 2

I was north and Monica held the spotlight sitting south. 4H seems reasonable, as it appears you lose 1H, 1D and 1C, but not this day. **Key plays were the duck when heart is led across to the King, preserving the AJ tenace over the QT in declarers hand (2 heart tricks); and the duck when the 8 diamond is led, so that the 7 clubs is now not a discard when diamonds are subsequently led back from the table.** The long spade was made in defence to set the contract 2.

Wine Discounts and Insurance for Club Members

ABF members'services -

Get Wines Direct (GWD) Offering you the best value wine deals in Australia. ABF members will receive a 7% discount on all wine purchases (minimum order 1 dozen bottles). Details on this website: www.abf.com.au/member-services/membership-benefits/wine-offers/

TBIB Tony Bemrose Insurance Brokers (TBIB) are sponsors of bridge and offering great travel insurance to ABF members. All details on their website - www.tbib.com.au/abf-travel-insurance.php At the moment, TBIB is offering Multi Trip Travel Insurance.

Weak Two You may be very weak and inexperienced, but you give so much happiness to all the other players in the room by giving them lots of points in the competition. It could also mean you have six cards in one suit but a miserable lack of points. (*Two Old Geezers Tell You All about Bridge*)

NEW HUMOROUS BRIDGE NOVEL

Mabel and Mary's Light Bulb Bridge by Annette Corkhill And Bill Hunt

Bill Hunt is one of Australia's finest bridge players and teachers. He has represented Queensland and the ACT on numerous occasions and been teaching and playing our favourite game for over 60 years. He and co-author Annette Corkhill, a published poet and author of other books, have combined their talents to write a new book satirising the entire bridge scene. It will be available for purchase from 14 June 2014. To order copies at \$35 each, please ring Annette 0423121643 or 33004634 after May 30.

The League of Extraordinary Gamers is Now Based at the QCBC

The League of Extraordinary Gamers (LXG) is a gaming club that has based in Brisbane since 2004, although it has existed in other incarnations since 1979. As of April 2014, LXG has made the QCBC its new home. LXG was created to be a family-friendly gaming club for tabletop gamers of all ages. Our activities revolve around the face to face interaction offered by board games old and new. We manage Brisbane's (if not Australia's) largest board game library to ensure that we have something for all tastes. The club library has over 400 individual titles, and additional copies of popular games are kept for tournaments. LXG meets once a month, all day, on a Sunday. These are the remaining dates for 2014;

11th May/ 15th June/ 20th July/ 16th and 17th August (Winter Legends)/ 21st September/ 26th October/ 23rd November/ 7th December

What kind of games does LXG play? Basically, anything you can play around a tabletop! From classics such as Monopoly and Scrabble through to new popular titles such as Settlers of Catan, Magic: the Gathering and Ticket to Ride. Besides playing social games on the Sunday, LXG also organises competitive leagues in specific game titles and hosts two separate all weekend tournaments (Legends of Summer and Legends of Winter). The Legends of Summer event incorporates the Queensland titles for the Australian Board Game Championships. In addition, LXG runs a number of other out-of-club social activities that includes our "Around the World in 8 Restaurants" dining out nights and our ever-popular Winter Retreat gaming getaway - a weekend holiday for anyone who loves playing tabletop games.

Membership to LXG is \$60 per year (which includes borrowing rights to the LXG games library). However LXG is extending its concessional membership rate of \$35 per year to all members of the QCBC who would like to be a member of LXG. If you are interested, contact Keith Done on 33988745 or email keefdone@gmail.com

The LXG web-site is at: <http://qllegs.wordpress.com/>

Around the World in 8 Restaurants

The League of Extraordinary Gamers is following the route of Phileas Fogg's (of "Around the World in 80 days" fame) across the world during 2014 by visiting 8 restaurants from countries that the Jules Verne hero visited in his epic journey. In order, we will be eating in: France, Italy, Egypt, India, China, Japan, USA and England.

The next stop on our trip is Italy and we will be dining at the Elios Restaurant (see below);

Where: Elios Restaurant, Winstanley St Carina Heights

When: 6pm 15th May 2014

Cost: \$36 all you can eat pizza, pasta, gelati + coffee

This event is open to LXG and all members of the QCBC. You must RSVP by the 14th May 2014.

RSVP to: Keith Done on 33988745 or email keefdone@gmail.com

■ Unilateral Bid. This is an awfully nice way of saying you went out on your own taking no notice of your partner. (*Two Old Geezers Tell You All about Bridge*)

MASTER CLASS with ALEXANDER SMIRNOV AND ANDY HUNG

The Master Class invites players with experience for a session of bridge followed by expert discussion and analysis • Play a set of 16 pre-set boards that will focus on Defence and Competitive Bidding COMPETITIVE BIDDING – Conventions that will gain you an edge in competitive bidding DEFENSE – Working together as a partnership, and counting declarer's shape

• This session is aimed at the more experienced tournament players, but open to all!

• **Please register as a pair with Kim Ellaway by Tuesday 27th May**

Date: Wednesday MAY 28th, 2014 Time: 7:00PM – (approx.) 10:00PM

Venue: Queensland Contract Bridge Club (QCBC) 67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba QLD 4102

Cost: \$25 per person Format: 2 Sessions: 8 boards per session with analysis after each session



INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE LESSONS with ANDY HUNG



Andy has represented Australia on numerous occasions and has been the coach for the Australian U20 team. He has been doing private coaching for the past 5 years, bridge lessons for the past 2 years, and is currently helping out in the Queensland Youth Bridge Program.

Andy has recently won the 2014 National Open Teams (NOT), finished 2nd twice in the NOT; won the 2010 South West Pacific teams, the 2012 Gold Coast Team Championships, and also the 2007 and 2010 U25 Asia Pacific Bridge Team Championships.

DATE	TIME / LOCATION	TOPICS (with Description)	
Wed, 14/5/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Responsive Doubles	<i>How to apply them, and when to apply them?</i>
Wed, 21/5/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Responder's Rebid – Part 1	<i>How does responder's rebid work? What do they show in terms of strength and shape?</i>
Wed, 28/5/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Responder's Rebid – Part 2 + Intro on Fourth suit Forcing	<i>A continuation on responder's rebid with an introduction on Fourth-Suit Forcing</i>
Wed, 4/6/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Combining Opener's Rebid and Responder's Rebid	<i>The full auction! How the full auction should pan out after opener's and responder's rebids</i>
Wed, 11/6/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Revision and Reinforcing – Play 10 hands based on the topics learnt from previous weeks, and a presentation with analysis and discussion will follow.	
Wed, 18/6/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Declarer Play – Draw trumps, or delay drawing trumps	<i>How to recognise the situations when you need to draw trumps and when to delay drawing trumps.</i>
Wed, 25/6/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Slam Bidding – Cuebids	<i>How to apply them, and why are they needed?</i>
Wed, 2/7/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Defence – Better Opening Leads	<i>Against partscores, games, and slams!</i>
Wed, 9/7/14	10:30AM-12:30PM @ QCBC	Revision and Reinforcing – Play 10 hands based on the topics learnt from previous weeks, and a presentation with analysis and discussion with follow.	

Costs: \$12 per person per lesson (Individuals are more than welcome! ☺)

Please RSVP to Toni Bardon at qcbc1@optusnet.com.au or write your name and contact details on the list on the QCBC noticeboard.

Andy is also taking private lessons (coaching) – if you and your partner (or a group of 4 is preferable) are interested, you can contact Andy Hung at:
Email: hung_andyp@gmail.com Phone: 0425 101 094