

# QCBC Newsletter



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I reported on the need for drainage works to prevent water entering the building in the last newsletter. Since then the heavy downpour resulting from cyclone Debbie caused extensive internal flooding that resulted in further damage to floor coverings and joinery and forced us to close for a week. The vinyl in and outside the kitchen plus the annex carpet have been removed pending replacement and it is likely that the carpet in the main room will also need replacing which will necessitate a further closure in the future.



The drainage rectification works have commenced but the scope of the work required has expanded significantly after excavation as it was found that the main wall facing Wilton Street had never been sealed correctly. The wooden retaining wall behind the house in the rear car park had to be replaced by a much larger concrete wall due to the depth of the trench required for the drainage pipes and the large oak tree on the boundary at the back had to be removed. The bottom line is that we need to find about \$70,000 to pay for this project and although we have some cash reserves we may have to increase debt in the short term to maintain sufficient cash flow for normal operations. Sadly this will mean that we will record a significant deficit this financial year; but delaying the work was not an option due to the impending expansion of the adjacent Jaycar store which will again prevent us from having access to the outer wall in Wilton Street. Ray Ellaway

**Wed 24 May am Swiss Pairs**  
**– please enter prior to the day to facilitate pre-dealt boards and hand records - \$1 entry fee – B4c red masterpoint event – commencing 10.30 am**

Friday 26 May <50mp section  
Red masterpoints - 10am  
Tuesday 6 June Qld Day Pairs  
Red masterpoints - 10am  
Monday PM 12 June Swiss Pairs  
Red masterpoints - prior entry appreciated

## Coming Up

Sunday 11 June 2017 **QLD Graded Teams** – hosted by QCBC - \$120 per team – Director: Jan Peach  
C Grade <150, B Grade 151-750 A Grade Open  
Sat & Sun 8, 9 July **QBA Butler Pairs**  
– incorporating QBA Open Butler Pairs, QBA Womens Pairs & QBA Mens Pairs – hosted by QCBC - \$120 per pair – Director: Alan Gibson  
Enquiries and entries to:  
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Entries accepted by phone and email. Payment by cash or cheque on the day is acceptable.  
**TEAMS OF 3** at QCBC  
Saturday 1 July 12noon – 4.30pm for players < 50mp

**QBA President:** Keith McDonald has stepped down as QBA President after 30 years. The newly elected QBA President is Richard Wallis. Congratulations, Richard.

### Congress Successes



Charlie Lu, Watson Zhou, Eileen Li, Philip Chang

**Mar 11. 12 QBA Mixed Teams – Noosa A Grade**  
 1 C. Lu, W. Zhou, E. Li, P. Chang  
 2 N. Francis, T. Hutton, T. Strong, J. Magee  
 3 C. McDonald, P. Tall, J. Bell, V. Laws  
**B Grade**  
 1 R. Fox, R. Clark, E. Zeller, E. Mander  
 2 P& D. Nilsson, A. Boyce, J. Jenkins

**Mar 11 Dalby Pairs**  
 2 B. Longford, P. Larsen



Joan Jenkins, Alan Boyce, Jack Rohde & Lex Ranke

**Mar 12 Dalby Teams**  
 2 A. Mayers, H. Eastment, B. Longford, P. Larsen  
 3 L. Moses, P. Bugler, P. Hale, P. Schoen



Robyn Clark, Richard Fox, Evelyne Mander, Elizabeth Zeller

**Apr 8,9 Caloundra Teams A. Grade**  
 3 Boyce, J. Jenkins, L. Ranke, J. Rohde

**Apr 16 BBC Easter Pairs A Grade**  
 1 M. Perrin, N. Francis  
 2 T. Hutton, M. Carter  
 3 R. Clayton, A. Smith  
**B Grade**  
 3 K. Goodwin, S. Clifford  
**C Grade**  
 3 D. Gaskill, G. Buganey



Murray Perrin, Jim Evans & Neville Francis

**Apr 23 Gympie Teams A Grade**  
 3 D. Harris, P. Bugler, T. Runting, T. Ridley

**Apr 25 Anzac Day Teams A Grade**  
 1 T. Hutton, M. Carter, N. Francis, M. Moren  
 2 R. Lachman, W. E. Hunt, G. Belonogov, E. Kowalczyk  
 3 A Gibson, J. Larsson, E. Zeller, A. Dawson  
**B Grade**  
 1 C. Qin, G. Thomas, C. Lu, P. Chang  
 2 R. Wallis, A. Gosney, V. Holbrook, B. Macleod



Maha Hoenig, Tony Hutton, Malcolm & Lyn Carter

**Apr 17 BBC Easter Teams A Grade**  
 1 M. Hoenig, L&M. Carter, T. Hutton  
 2 R. Parker, J. Mills, N. Francis, M. Perrin  
 3 J. Butts. M. Doran, P. Rankin, T. Tully  
**B Grade**  
 2 J. Jenkins, L. Norman, M. Knox, R. Murtagh



Joan Jenkins, Ross Murtagh, Linda Norman

**Anzac Day Teams C Grade**  
 1 J&I Argent, B. Mackay, L. Domenikovich



Robyn Clark



Jim Evans – GRAND!

**Welcome New members**

Fiona Harden, Barry  
Blick, Saad Bactor, Lola  
Heron, Liz Zeller, Kathy  
Lavery, Cathy Christy,  
Fiona Gillies, Cathy  
Mathieson

Janet McKeough	Club
Carolyn North	Club
Ruth Krimmer	Graduate
Warren Brook	Graduate

**February Promotions**

Jim Evans	Grand
Robyn Clark	Bronze life
Phil Pollett	*National
Neil Hansen	Regional
Tony Williams	Local
Bernadette Fitzgerald	Graduate

**March Promotions**

Ian Afflick	Silver Grand
Ian Barfoot	Bronze Life
Jan Argent	Life
Greg Kerswell	State
Constance Mellish	*Regional
Hazel Parkins	Regional
Ryan Stevens	*Local
Michelle Harris	Local
Helene Nasser	Local
Jamshid Vazirzadeh	Club

Michael Corner was a larger-than-life QCBC member whose untimely death deprived us of a remarkable personality. Here is a column he wrote, which is well worth repeating in the newsletter.



**Michael's Corner**

**When you're in a hole, don't keep digging.**

It is a common failing among bridge players to over-react when things start to go wrong, particularly when the problem is caused by the nature of the hand. We need to remember that everyone else is playing the same cards, and therefore our counterparts at the other tables are going to have the same problems that we have.

Let's look at a few "nasties".

- Partner opens with 2S (weak ). You have a void in Spades, AJTx in H, Kxxx in D and Axxxx in C. Opposition passes. What should you do? Let's look at this logically. 2NT isn't an option as you probably haven't got enough points, even if partner is maximum; and there is another concern. **One of the critical considerations in NT is entries.** As partner is weak, and what points they do have should be mainly in their suit, the fact that you have a void means there will be few, if any, entries to their hand. Bidding a suit, presumably Clubs, is asking for trouble as you are a level higher with no guarantee of being any better off. **The other problem is that if you haven't passed previously, your bid could well be considered forcing.** Even if your club suit was stronger, you're still clearly fishing. **The only sensible call is PASS!** Partner has six Spades, and therefore should have a reasonable degree of trump control, and while they may go off, the two or three tricks in your hand should be enough for them to avoid any kind of disaster; **they may even make.** It is also quite possible that the opposition will take the contract themselves, in which case the fact that all suits are breaking badly could be quite entertaining. The fact is that, despite the void, you really aren't in that much trouble barring a really bad break. Even 5-2, particularly on Declarer's right, should be manageable. The general rule in these situations is that if your hand isn't good enough to bid on normally, you shouldn't bid.

2. You have AJTx in S, x in H, KJxxx in D and Kxx in C. The bidding goes 1D from you; P; 1H; P; IS; P; 2H. This is usually weak.

The way I play with my partners the 2H bid is 5 or 6-9 with 6H or a good five. As the hand appears to be a misfit we are really only counting hcp. 3H is invitational as a game force is available with 2C (fourth suit forcing), although this should be discussed with partner. Once again, the correct call is pass. The logic is this: partner has hearts and probably precious little else. If you play outside of hearts you will once again have a problem with entries. You appear to have a misfit ( you may have an eight card fit in diamonds, but it isn't worth going to the 3 level to find out ). **You clearly aren't strong enough for game, so you should be getting out at the lowest level possible.**

### Deportation



To help save the economy, the Government will announce next month that the Immigration Department will start deporting senior citizens (instead of illegals) in order to lower pensions and healthcare costs (flu jabs, walkers, wheelchairs, free prescriptions, bus passes, etc.)

The Government has established that **older people are easier to catch** and, in most cases, will not remember how to get back home.

I started to cry when I thought of you - maybe I'd never see you again.

Then it dawned on me...**bugger!**

***I'll see you on the bus!*** - well maybe not all of you, but plenty of you !!!

### **You Can Do It!**

The club is always on the lookout for more directors, as we're getting a bit thinly stretched when someone goes away. In addition to the long-serving directors, thanks to Jim Love for his ever-reliable work doing the scoring, and to Nick Curry for taking over the load on Monday evenings, and Barry Williams for taking on some Saturdays.

If you're not comfortable with the computer but you're an experienced player who's seen a few revokes and insufficient bids, please put your hand up. Jim Love currently does the scoring on Tuesday and Friday so someone to take calls when Jan's on holiday would be appreciated.

Or maybe you're good with the computer and could team up with someone who's OK taking calls but not so electronically minded.

You don't have to be a qualified director to start doing club sessions - the idea is you don't sit the exam until you've had some experience, so don't let that hold you back. The incumbent directors will be happy to help you out!

### Something for Everyone Richard Fox

This extraordinary hand came up in my Supervised Play session, from a board that had already been played by the Social Bridge group. It illustrates a number of angles that could interest players of various levels.

#### Novice Level

The first concern is to make sure the bidding doesn't accidentally peter out too soon. North has an easy 1S opening, and South has a tremendous hand and mustn't panic about the dearth of

spades. Best is for South to respond 2H, showing 10+ points, 5+ hearts and forcing North to bid again.

Note a 2D or 2C responding bid wouldn't show 5 cards, but 2H does show 5 because it's taken the bidding up quite high without a known fit. Also note, most players these days don't use strong jump shifts, as it's considered that 3H showing a strong hand with hearts uses up too much bidding space. It's a bit tricky figuring out where you want to end up, even without jumping the bidding.

Dealer N All Vul	♠ A K Q J 6 5 ♥ ♦ A J 9 3 ♣ J 6 2	
♠ 10 7 4 3 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 7 6 ♣ K 10 9 7 5		♠ 9 8 2 ♥ J 9 8 4 ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ Q 8 4
	♠ ♥ A K Q 7 6 3 2 ♦ K 8 5 4 ♣ A 3	

Maybe North will rebid 3S showing 16-18 points and a good 6-card spade suit. South doesn't care the spades, or about whether North can support the powerful heart suit. South might take the bull by the horns and bid 4H, confident of making with good stuff opposite, even if it's not hearts.

***The moral is to keep the bidding discussion going until you have enough information to decide the***

**contract.**

Summary **1S-2H: 3S-4H.**

**Intermediate Level**

After 1S-2H, North can rebid 3D, showing the second suit and also **as it's a new suit at the 3-level, it's game forcing** and shows about 16+ points (added to South's promised 10, that means game should be on somewhere). **For people who play 2 Over 1, 2H is already game forcing so you may have a bit more room to move.**

South needs to be trusting now - 3H is possible as long as you both know it's still game forcing and don't pass. After this, North can repeat spades, with the 3S bid showing 6 spades. The 3H bid showed 6 hearts (remember 2H had shown 5) and North still didn't support, pretty much denying even 2 hearts.

South might settle for 3NT because he has a club stopper, but 4H is safer as the club stopper won't last long. The opponents will know what to lead, the only unbid suit. Both options are too cautious though - surely the hearts will be OK opposite a singleton, and slam can't be far away.

South could just ask for aces by bidding 4NT, and finding none are missing, take a shot at 6H.

Summary **1S-2H; 3D-3H; 3S-4NT; 5H (2 aces) or 5S (2 aces + KS) - 6H**

**The Play, Game or Small Slam**

If you reach game in hearts, spades or NT, the play isn't too hard. In 6H a club lead could make you think a bit. Your first mission would be to draw trumps, and you carefully notice that the jack is still out after you play A,K,Q. Now you'd best change tack: cross to the AD and take spade winners, chucking out the club loser first and then diamonds. You can keep playing spades as long as you like, until East can ruff in with the master heart. By the time he does this, you've disposed of all the non-recyclable garbage.

**Advanced Level**

Now the challenge, in two parts. Congratulations to Gary and Lyn Andersson who displayed enterprise and flair by bidding and making 7NT. I haven't found a clear way to bid it scientifically, but knowing there are two strong suits to play, boldness was rewarded.

1) There are only 12 top tricks, 3 hearts, 6 spades, 2 diamonds and a club. Assuming the 10C lead, how do you make 13 on best defence?

2) What lead from West defeats 7NT by South?

Answering Question 1 first, you'll win the club in South and start on hearts, finding the bad news when West doesn't follow to the queen. Now you cross to the diamond ace and play the spade winners, perhaps hoping for a discarding error. It turns out that an error doesn't come into it, as East has too many discards to find. **The critical moment is when North leads the last spade at Trick 11.**

Dealer N All Vul	♠ 5 ♥ J ♦ J ♣ J	
♠ Irrelevant ♥ ♦ ♣		♠ J ♥ Q 10 ♦ ♣
	♠ ♥ 7 ♦ K 8 ♣	

East was able to afford his remaining two clubs, but on the last spade he won't want to throw the winning JH, so he'll discard a diamond. Declarer has thrown a club, a diamond and 3 hearts so far, and when he sees the heart still isn't a winner he can keep diamonds. As if by magic they've come good.

Poor East may think he must have made some sort of mistake, but actually he was caught in a squeeze, where he was trying to cover two suits and couldn't do both. North doesn't need to know about squeeze techniques in this case - just win the spades and keep an eye out for

the JH, trying your luck in diamonds if it doesn't appear.

Now question 2. How can this be beaten? A diamond lead messes up the squeeze, because you need the diamonds to be part of the two-pronged attack. If you win the diamond in the North, you have to play spades because you won't get there again. You'll end up stuck in the wrong hand at the wrong time. A similar problem occurs if you win in the South, because playing as above you need that diamond king to get to the hearts.

It doesn't matter how long you play this game, you'll never understand it all!

**Consider supporting Zephyr before the end of the financial year**

*Zephyr has become a fully registered, incorporated charity with tax deductible status (DGR).*

*Today we support the children in 47 shelters across Qld. Our goal is to support all 60 we believe to exist in Qld.*

No one is paid to work for Zephyr and it is supported 24/7 by many volunteers who are not reimbursed for personal expenses.

We have been able to increase the number of shelters we support because of, in part, the huge generosity of the Courier Mail and Followmont Transport Ltd.

***The Courier Mail transports boxes of Zephyr goods to towns and cities up and down the coast, together with their newspaper deliveries.***

***Followmont Transport delivers boxes of Zephyr goods to more remote areas in Western Queensland and other areas unsuitable for Courier Mail delivery.***

***Both companies pick up and deliver entirely at their own cost.***

We also support all 6 womens' refuges in Tasmania from our Qld base. Although small in number, some of these 6 shelters provide refuge for up to 22 families. ***Another wonderful company, Tasfreight transported 19 large boxes, free of charge, to Tassie to set up these shelters.***

If you would like to support Zephyr's work, donations can be made to **ZEPHYR EDUCATION INC, BSB 084 004 ACCOUNT NO 15-629-0526**

Please remember to **email admin@zephyreducation.com.au** so we can send your tax deductible receipt for any donation over \$2.

We operate mostly by word of mouth so if you feel that you know people who would be interested in Zephyr, I would appreciate your sending this message on. **Zephyr Education Inc** has a facebook page and our website is at [www.zephyreducation.com.au](http://www.zephyreducation.com.au) Carmel Martin, Treasurer, Zephyr Education Inc 0438873620



## Bridge with Beauchamp

at QCBC

Wednesday 17 May, 2017 10am-12pm

### High Level Competitive Decisions

Does your partnership know when to bid on, double or pass?

When is the 5 level right for you?

This seminar is suitable for experienced players who want to improve their competitive bidding. Extensive notes will be provided.

Cost: \$20 per session. Bookings are essential.

#### **David Beauchamp**

David is one of Australia's leading teachers. He has run workshops throughout Australia and has been a Celebrity Speaker at the Gold Coast congress & Canberra National Open Teams on numerous occasions.

#### 2017 Bridge Playing Achievements

- Member of Australian Open Team for World Championships in Lyon & Asian Pacific Bridge Championships in Seoul
- Semi-Finalist Canberra Open Team & Seniors' Teams
- Semi-Finalist Gold Coast Teams



### **Frequently Asked Questions: Law 43: Dummy's Limitations**

#### A. Limitations on Dummy

1. (a) Unless attention has been drawn to an irregularity by another player, dummy should not initiate a call for the Director during play.

(b) Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity during play.

(c) Dummy must not participate in the play, nor may he communicate anything about the play to declarer.

As an example: Dummy can attempt to stop declarer committing an infraction e.g. 'having no clubs partner?' but cannot be the first to call attention to an infraction once committed.

e.g. Declarer has played from the wrong hand – Dummy must not draw attention to this as the infraction has already occurred.



**Queensland Contract Bridge Club**

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*is hosting the*

**QBA Teams of 3**  
for Novice players < 50 MPs at 31/03/2017

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

**Start:** 12:00 noon – finishing approx. 4:30 pm  
**Entry fee:** \$15.00 per player to be collected on the day

**What is a Team of 3?**

The QBA Teams of 3 aims to encourage your enjoyment of the game, broadening your experience with teams' events and providing opportunities to learn from and with others. 3 novice players team up with an expert as team captain. The expert plays sequentially with all 3 novices. The QBA organises the team captains and matches an expert with your team.

- Enter as **an individual, a pair or a team of three**
- Each novice player must bring their **completed ABF system card** as the captain will play that system
- **Prior entry is essential** but entry fees will be collected on the day (cash or cheque only)
- Each team is to arrange to bring one plate of nibbles for sharing throughout the afternoon
- Green masterpoints are awarded

Entries close 5:00pm, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Entries by email to the Convenor Cheryl Stone (Mob: 0407 172 287) are preferred: [cheryl.stone6@bigpond.com](mailto:cheryl.stone6@bigpond.com) and will be confirmed by email. Otherwise post to: QCBC, 67 Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba 4102

Please check your entry on the QCBC or QBA website

**ENTRY FORM**

**QBA Teams of 3 for Novices < 50 MP – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

Names	ABF No.	Contact Nos and Email Addresses
1.....		
2.....		
3.....		