

QCBC Newsletter



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Coming Events

Sunday 11 Nov Snr & Youth Pairs QCBC
Sunday 18 Nov Club Pairs Championship
& QCBC Novice Teams

Wed Night 21 Nov Novice/Expert (Prior
Entry Required)

Tuesday 27 at 7.30pm & Thurs 29 Nov at
10.30 am Qld-wide Pairs

30 Nov – 3 Dec GNOT Finals Tweed
Heads

Saturday 8 Dec QCBC Christmas Party

Sunday 9 Dec QBA Individual at QCBC

Tuesday 25 Dec Christmas Day CLOSED

Monday 31 Dec New Year's Eve Teams

URGENT! Please let Toni Bardon know of any changes to addresses, phone numbers and emails since the last Club Membership entries.



From the President

Monica Pritchard

The annual general meeting of our club was held in late October and I thank all those members who attended. At that meeting, some changes to the composition of the Board of Directors were ratified. Dominique Treloar and Ray Ellaway were elected as board members, with Keith McDonald and Monica Pritchard being re-elected for another term.

I would like to place on record my gratitude to Jenny Williams and Shirley King both of whom have been energetic, thoughtful and supportive during their time on the Board. I look forward to working with our new board members and to utilising their skills and enthusiasm in furthering the objectives of our club.

The QBA 'Teams of Three' event which was held at QCBC last Saturday was an extremely enjoyable day with Grand Masters leading teams of improving players. Observing the mix of congress players sharing the room comfortably with our regular Saturday players reminded me yet again of how fortunate we are to have such a large and well-positioned facility. I would like all of our members to consider ways in which we can ensure that it is used to its full potential.

Recent Competition Successes



Andy Hung and Nathan van Jole – Winners of the Festival Pairs



Dawn Cullen and Joan Jenkins – Winners of the Festival Pairs Plate



Congratulations to our Housemother, Anne Barry, National Master



And to Judith Bennett, Regional Master

Ray Ellaway has joined the Board as of Saturday. Ray is 55. He has been a member of QCBC since 1978. He represented the state as a youth some time ago and during this time met his life partner and with this came her bridge family. Ray married Kim Cooke (Marion Cooke's daughter) in 1989 and had two children: Alex, who will graduate as a teacher in a couple of weeks, and Michael, who has also finished school.

Ray has not had many bridge partners but those who come to mind are Keith McDonald, Ross Dick and Lorna Cameron (deceased). His current partners include of course Kim, of course his Mother-in-Law, Marion and then there is Claire Hyne whom he has played with for nearly 25 years on a Wednesday night.

Ray retired in June this year hence he believes it is now time to give a little back to his home club - he has expertise in technology which includes bridgemates, dealing machines and computers - he loves the directing side of it and has commenced his training as a director at QCBC this year. Kim Ellaway, Manager, Queensland Bridge Association

QBA 27/28 October
Open Pairs: Winners:
S. Kamalarasa & N. van Jole
QBA Novice Pairs: Winners:
E. & D. Goodchild



Nathan & Kamal

Visitors Book
The first name, Mrs Nancy Penfold, introduced by James O'Sullivan, was recorded on 26th January 1967

October Promotions
Margaret Watson * State
Marilyn Klupfel State
Vivien Corderoy ** Local
Anthony Phillips * Local
Sean Quinn Local
Tazuru Saki Club





WOW! Famous Bridge author, Terence Reese played at the Club on 8th February 1969.

2012 Sydney Spring Festival Restricted Teams

At the February Gold Coast Congress, Ashok and Veena Chotoi and their team mates won the prize of free entry into the Sydney Festival Restricted Teams event. As their team mates were unavailable to attend the Sydney Festival they invited Jilian Tuckey and Rozanne Thomas from Noosa to join them.

After three rounds they were winning but did not manage to sustain their brilliant form during the last three rounds.

Fundraiser organised by Glenys Larter

\$300 was raised by raffling the cushions made by Glenys Larter. QCBC is most appreciative of this initiative. Winners were Eros Kondos, Jean Tregaea, Annette Scott, Vivienne Solo, Murray Perrin, Lavinia (a very chuffed chess-playing visitor) and Michael Corner.



Thank you, Glenys



Cushion Raffle



**Lucky winner:
Vivienne Solo**



Welcome back to Leo Arthold

Kate's Rules to Live by no. 8
Limit your hand whenever you can. Partner knows the partnership level, and the bidding goes smoothly from there.

WHO AM I By Don Worner

My electioneering featured either a ute or a lorry
But I'm the one who eventually said sorry.
It was political importance that I was chosen
And eventually I had the top job in the nation.
But later on when it came to the crunch,
It seems that I was not popular with my bunch
Because I did not have the numbers on the floor.
As a result I was simply shown the door.
Although my successor did wear a skirt
Our dealings with each other are quite curt
I took the job of Minister for Foreign Affairs
Even though other cabinet ministers gave me stares.
Eventually I again took on the mob
And sought to regain the top job.
Although I wanted to be number one
The reality is I simply got done;
And so I'm now on the back bench
With my name a bit of a stench.
You could say my polly days are numbered
It's only my electorate now that I'm lumbered.
I've risen from nowhere to top dog in the fray
And soon I could bid you all good-day.
Although I did have quite a leap
My political career could be on the scrap heap
And so you could say my future is set:
In political terms it's down the toilet.

So who am I?

Answer:?

Ps
But wait there's more; a new twist:
The party, it seems, says I've been missed
They might want me back again
They have a Mr. Rabbitt to be slain
With the help of a Slippery Pete and a Craig
It could be that I've again got it made.
Also it's not popular this carbon tax;
The party might change its mind and send me a fax
Asking can I lead the party through tough times ahead.
I might say I will or I might say no instead.
So keep up with the news maybe a new story;
I could find I'm back in all my glory.
Stay in touch you just never know
As the party's fortunes ebb and flow,
It could be, with policies quite sound,
We just might make up some lost ground.
There you have it we will wait and see
If the next prime minister happens to be me.



There was a young
vicar from Stoke
Said "Club Bridge is
more than a joke,
Though all my
intentions
Are to learn the
conventions,
The very next round I
revoke"

John Hill ☺

Bridge Jargon, Explained

Blackwood: A convention designed to tell partner that you have a vague suspicion there could be a slam in the offing but aren't quite sure how to investigate it.

Variations include *Roman Key Card Blackwood* which is the same but carries the additional implication that you know what you are doing and are not to be trifled with, and *Byzantine Blackwood* which is designed to tell the opposition that you are a real expert and they double you at their peril.

Claim: Where declarer lays his hand down because it looks like he should be able to make the rest but can't be bothered to work out the entries.

Cold/Solid: A contract which should have made, but didn't.

Competitive Bid: Any excessive or unsound bid in an auction where both partnerships are bidding.

Declarer: In actual play, that member of a partnership who was most persistent in rebidding his suit. In books, a synonym for South.

My Favorite Hands by Alan Boyce

This hand came up during a normal Tuesday night session at QCBC recently. Sitting west second in hand I was dealt this rather nice 0-7-4-2 shaped hand.



♠ void
♥ KQJ9742
♦ A792
♣ K4

Just 13 HCP's but plenty of playing power opposite the right stuff.

Opening went 1H by me, 1S by partner. With my spade void I decided to slow down a tad, and rebid 2H not 3, fearing a possible misfit. However, my stocks rose when partner raised me to 3, showing 10-12 pts and "support", probably 3-card. I decided it was worth a cuebid or two to see if a low-point slam might be on. 4D from me got the 4H riposte. I really needed to know if partner had the club Ace so 4S from me, and 5C from partner. Based on that I felt that slam had a nice chance, especially as we were playing with a 30 point deck, via my void. 6H I bid and after a low trump lead partner tabled:

♠ 1086543
♥ A8
♦ Q5
♣ AJ8

PLAN THE PLAY BEFORE READING ON.....

My only losers are in diamonds. And it dawned on me that it wasn't a great slam as I calculated my actions to follow. I didn't think many would try the slam so a failure would surely bring in a bottom board. 3 diamond losers needed to be reduced to 1. If the club finesse worked, one would go. The only other possible place to park a diamond loser was on the Queen of diamonds. Short of trying a Chinese finesse, and leading the Queen from dummy, I needed to lead up to the Queen, hoping the diamond king is also on-side.

I started to draw trumps, in 3 rounds, and noted the 8C discard from south at trick 2. An enquiry uncovered the opponents were playing odds-and-evens, suggesting values in spades held by south. This was somewhat good news as other missing values in diamonds and clubs just might be where they needed to be. So at trick 4 I led up to the Queen of diamonds and north played the king. North exited a spade, trumped in hand. King of clubs and a low club towards dummy's jack; finesse success! The remaining diamond loser was gone on the club Ace so slam bid and made.

24 HCP's and a cold slam on the lie of the cards. Not a good slam to have been bid, needing both key honours to be onside, but worthwhile given that voids and great shape are great tools for chasing low-point slams. As suspected, slam wasn't envisaged by others, all bar 1 landing in 4H, and 1 resided in 2. 4 others made 12 tricks and a couple probably played safe in their lower contract.

♠ 765	♠ K98	
♥ J982	♥ K1054	
♦ Q932	♦ AJ104	♠ AQ102
♣ A7	♣ KJ	♥ AQ
		♦ 7
	♠ J43	♣ Q109543
	♥ 763	
	♦ K865	
	♣ 862	

I Finally Get the Message

Sitting East in a recent competition, I bid my Clubs over North's opening bid of 1NT and played in 3 Clubs, making 10 tricks. I was thanked for this effort - but not by my partner. North assured me he could have made only four or five tricks. We were all vulnerable. Curses! Partner's message to prefer to defend with values has at last broken through.

Joan Jenkins

An Inspired Hand by Dawn Cullen



♠KQ1076
♥7
♦Q84
♣KJ62

♠A98
♥Q10632
♦-----
♣Q10954

♠53
♥84
♦A109632
♣873

♠J42
♥AKJ95
♦KJ75
♣A

After an opening bid of 1S by the North hand and an overcall of 2H by East, pass by South, West has to decide on a bid. The distribution is very interesting but the values are not great.

An Unassuming Cue Bid of 2S is a possibility. This shows H support and 11+ support points, and asks partner "How good is your overcall?" 3H would say that is minimum. Anything else shows a better hand, but the response of 3D is not encouraging. (3C would have been magic, showing a double fit in hearts and clubs).

Probably a bid of 4H is now best.

11 tricks would be easy by ruffing 4 diamonds and 4 clubs, but there could be more. **Playing Matchpoints overtricks are valuable.**

The Q109 in the club suit provides a chance to set up an extra trick. On a normal 4- 3 split the fifth club can be set up and there might be two clubs to discard two spades.

Since North opened the bidding, he might hold king and jack of clubs

The diamond suit also looks interesting. If North holds 3 diamonds to the ace, the K can be set up by ruffing three diamonds.

A 2 – 1 split in trumps will be necessary to cope with the ruffing and drawing trumps.

After an opening lead of the 5S, win the ace and lead a club to the ace. Ruff a diamond to enter dummy.

Now lead the 10 clubs hoping North will cover. Discard a spade if it is not covered. Trump if it is covered. Even if this ruffing finesse loses there are still 11 tricks available.

If North covers, ruff and lead another diamond to ruff. Now the Q C can be led for another ruffing finesse. If this is covered and ruffed high, there are now two established club tricks in the dummy if clubs split 4 - 3.

Now an **INSPIRED GUESS** in diamonds would be a lead of the K D. South covers this with the Ace and it is ruffed by dummy. There is a bonus as this also pins the Q D in the north hand and sets up the J D as a winner. (A 13th trick is established)

Now trumps are drawn from dummy with Q and 10. Two spades can be discarded on two good clubs and a spade ruffed to return to declarers hand for the J D. If you can manage to work all this out then 13 tricks is the well-deserved result.

You would probably be more likely to decide that the AD is with north because there are only 15 high card points outside the two visible hands. The AD would not be ruffed out but trumps can be drawn and two spades discarded for a result of 12 tricks, the more likely result unless you happen to find the **INSPIRED GUESS** in D.

NEW YEAR'S EVE TEAMS



Monday 31st December 2012

Entry Fee: \$60 per team
Play Commences: 7.30 pm
Entries Close: Thurs 27th December



**champagne
supper**

FRIGHT NIGHT THEME

**Teams which are dressed to best display
this year's theme will win a prize.**

Theme clothing is optional

Cash Prizes

**Any enquiries including help with team-mates,
please phone Toni Bardon on 3391 3241**



This event is conducted under QBA Regulations.



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