

# QCBC Newsletter



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## From the President, Monica Pritchard

After serving as a Board Director for **28 years**, Keith McDonald has decided that it is time for him to step down from this position of service to the club. Keith's commitment to QCBC over that period of time is extraordinary. He brought to the Board, his detailed understanding of bridge, bridge people and the organisation and governance of bridge in Queensland and Australia. In addition, he provided expert accounting skills, his expertise as club recorder and a vast fund of great stories about bridge and bridge players. He has provided generous support to me personally in my term as President and to have that support from someone of his authority and seniority in the bridge world has been wonderful. On behalf of the membership of QCBC, I thank Keith sincerely for his many years of service.

I am delighted to report that QCBC has been successful in a grant application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. We have received almost \$9,000 for a new dealing machine and associated equipment. Some of the grant money will go towards the purchase of a screen that can be used during congresses to display results and upcoming draws. Thanks to Ray Ellaway for his work on this application.

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***Bank on probabilities. The bank may suspend, but it will not fail. Criticus. Contract Simplicitas. 1933***

### BRING AND BUY IS COMING UP MID NOVEMBER.

**Bring in your unwanted treasures and help to fund club activities.**

Volunteers are an important part of a club.

I want to thank **Terry Clarke** who helped look after the office while I was on holidays. Thank you to **Ray Ellaway** for convening the Qld Mixed Teams and **Cheryl Stone** for convening the Qld Graded Pairs. And of course, **Rose**, who always looks after us all. I had a great holiday, made even better by knowing that QCBC was in good hands. You are all wonderful.

Toni

## Competition Successes

### QBA Butler Pairs Champions:

A. Woollens & R. Fox

### Mens Pairs Champions:

A. Woollens & R. Fox

### Womens Pairs Champions:

T. Tully & P. Rankin

### Novice Pairs Champions:

B. Love & J. Hapeta



### Sunnybank Bridge Club Open swiss teams

Tie for first:

A.Braithwaite/ S.Moses, D.McLeish/N.Tuxworth

R&P.Parker, I.Halford/M.Radke

3<sup>rd</sup>: R.Ellaway/T.Bardon, K.Ellaway/C.Stone

### QBA Open Teams Toowong

1<sup>st</sup>: B.Lee, T.Hutton, M.Robson, T.Jackman

2<sup>nd</sup>: L.Vincent, P.Rankin, R.Ward, R.Wallis

### Plate

1<sup>st</sup>: A.Snook, J. Erlandson, M.Trada, W.Higgins

2<sup>nd</sup>: V.Roland, D.Gehrke, J.Kelly, E.Miller

### Territory Gold Alice Springs

### Open Teams Champions:

K&R. Ellaway, S & G. Mayo

### Spring Swiss Pairs

1<sup>st</sup>: T.McEwan & V.Chotai

2<sup>nd</sup>: J.O'Brien & M.Dyer

3<sup>rd</sup>: J.Broad & C.Martin

### QBA Mixed Teams

1<sup>st</sup>: N.Francis, J.Solomon,  
S.Kamalarasa, V.Kumar, M.Moren

2<sup>nd</sup>: R.Parker, P.Hainsworth,  
S.Parker, C.Green, M.Radke,  
I.Halford



### Noosa Novice Congress Senior Section winners:

J.Jenkins, L.Norman

### QBA Graded Pairs Sept 1

A Grade:

1<sup>st</sup> T.Hutton, M.Carter

2<sup>nd</sup> N.Francis, M.Perrin

3<sup>rd</sup> P.Hainsworth, T.Treloar

B Grade:

1<sup>st</sup> M.Pisko, T. Anagnostou

2<sup>nd</sup> D.Lehman, J.Nibbs

3<sup>rd</sup> L.Ranke, J.Rohde

C Grade:

1<sup>st</sup> C.Larter, A.Gosney

2<sup>nd</sup> T.Marks, J.Welch



Be an optimist  
in play and a  
pessimist in  
declaration.

**Criticus.**  
**Contract**  
**Simplicitas.**  
**1933**



**May the force be  
with you, Jim**

## GNOT

The Grand National Open Teams is an Australia wide event to select the 64 teams which attend the National Final, a 4-day event at the end of November.

The GNOT Final is conducted in Tweed Heads by the ABF. It comprises 140 boards of qualifying over 2 days in a knockout plus Swiss repechage format, a 2-stanza 20-board repechage final, 4-stanza 48-board semi-finals, 4 stanza 64 board final.

Brisbane Zone Finalists were decided at BBC on 14-15 September.

**1st: R. Parker, A. Pryde, N. Francis, M. Pemberton**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Robson, B. Lee, T. Hutton, T. Jackman**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: P. Bugler, Y. Carter, N. Moore, C. Francis, T. Bardon**

These teams will represent Brisbane Zone in the finals at Tweed Heads in November.



## Masterpoint Promotions August

Lee, Greg	Gold Life	751.50
Nilsson, Peter	Silver Life	505.95
Curtin, Rodney	Bronze Life	410.49
Argent, Jan	*National	248.50
Munro, Maureen	National	175.19
Vickers, Jennifer	State	54.86
Watson, Beverley	*Regional	100.52
Kelly, Lynn	Local	17.33
Ward, Zoe	Local	15.09
Bailey, John	Club	5.26
Van Lieshout, Rita	Graduate	2.08
Chase, Gillian	Graduate	2.08

## Dalby Pairs

**1<sup>st</sup>: M.Carter, T.Hutton**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: R.Wallis, T.Tully**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: D.Mundell**

## Dalby Teams

**1<sup>st</sup>: r.Wallis, T.Tully, M.Carter, T.Hutton**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D.Wenham, M.Keating, R.Groom, R.Knight**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: R.Fulton, L.Sutton, R.Dean, I.Jesser**

**Kate's Rules to Live by - 46**  
**It's only a card game – It's**  
**not life!**



## Report on Coffs Coast Gold Congress August 13-18

The beautiful seaside location of the Coffs Congress, Opal Cove Resort, is one good reason for the popularity of this event, now in its tenth year. Another is the excellent organisation with informative daily bulletins, edited by Nick Hughes, and a winning education program. And, as you would expect, the competition was fierce but friendly.

The topic on everyone's lips at the end of the first day of pairs was a possible grand slam, bid by only one pair.

The top score for this board was 6Hxx, defeated for -2470 when a Lightner double engineered the downfall.

♠K8762	♠ -
♥AQ6	♥KJT753
♦76	♦AKJ3
♣AKQ	♣J73



Hinge and Morrison

**Simon Hinge and Kim Morrison** kicked off the Education Program with a very entertaining talk on '**Our Winning Style**'. They give count in preference to attitude and emphasise getting the suit right ahead of the level. Advice: learn to score.

David Beauchamp's presentation was on **2 over 1 Game Force** making the point that the system can allow room for more extended description leading to the best contract and making it easier to explore slams.

**Paul Marston**, back on the Congress scene after a four year absence, commented that 2 over 1 is the preferred system currently played in North America along with Drury and Lebensohl. His talk was on bidding **Notrump Slams**. With hands that are not balanced, there are 4 qualities to be considered:



David and Evelyn Mander

1. A five card suit
2. Honours working together
3. Length and strength
4. Good spot cards

He suggests a point can be added if a hand scores well on these four points but a point should be deducted if the hand scores badly. Qs and Js in short suits are largely worthless. Advice: gamble on game but not slam.

On the lighter side Paul described his failure to bid a slam in the pairs. The bidding went 1S / 2C / 2D / 2H / 2NT / 4C / 4H (2 Aces) / 5C. At that point **doubt descended** and he passed. His partner made 7C on a 4/4 split.

♠AK984	♠Q32
♥J53	♥AK4
♦AJT3	♦K53
♣J	♣AKQ3



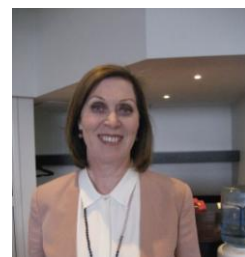
John Kelly & Paul

**Joan Butts'** presentation/workshop was on **Suit Preference Signals**.

As third player, don't worry about attitude signals, signal suit preference.

What does your partner need to know after his first lead? If you want a shift to a different suit, play a high card for the higher suit and a low card to ask for the lower suit. If partner wants a particular suit returned, a high or low card signals which suit to return. A middle card is neutral.

Common situations where suit preference is important are: **When giving partner a ruff** (You want to get in again to set up another ruff.) **When partner leads a singleton** (If he can get in with a trump, he needs to know which suit to lead to set up a ruff.)



October, 2013



Because it was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Congress, prizes were given to participants who came tenth in an event. Kim and Ray Ellaway were lucky winners in the Teams event.

**Dates for next year: 12-17 August.**



**A lovely birthday celebration organised by her family at QCBC for Ros Hero. Ros recommends the venue for celebrations.**



## Wild and Crazy Bidding by Richard Fox

The second last round at **Bribie Island Congress Teams** proved wild and woolly. I was partnering Jan Peach and facing Tony Hutton and Malcolm Carter.

### Which Contract to Double?

I got to open a strong 1NT (15-18), West came in with a 2D bid, which showed a single-suited hand, could be any suit. Partner went 2NT Lebensohl, East passed sneakily and I gave the compulsory 3C reply. This was passed round to East, who piped up with a 3S bid. I didn't mind this development with my spade holding, and West pulled to his suit with 4D.

Dealer (rotated) All Vul	S	♠ ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ J 2 ♣ Q 10 9 8 7 6 5 2	5Cx by S 8S lead
♠ 8 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ K Q 9 7 5 3 ♣ J 4 3			♠ A Q 10 9 7 6 5 2 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ A 6 ♣
		♠ K J 4 3 ♥ A 9 8 5 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ A K	

East must have been confident I would take some action as he passed, and it turns out I could have done the same for a good result. Isn't 20-20 hindsight wonderful? I felt compelled to double, planning to lead trumps whenever I got in. Partner really couldn't stomach this with an 8-card suit and no defensive prospects at all so she bid 5C. This came back to West and he doubled.

The play was a little unfortunate although I possibly shouldn't have gone all-out to make but settled for one down. West led his spade, which I didn't read as a singleton, and I decided to throw a diamond loser and leave East on lead. Malcolm cashed the AD, making it look like a stiff by following up with a small heart. I had little choice but to let this run to dummy, but the king won and West played the KD.

Now I could ruff this, but with what? If East could ruff with the singleton jack I'd be irked, so I went up with the QC, hoping for any 2-1 break. This was not to be, so I went down two for -500. This was a 5-IMP loss, as the other table were also in 5C but undoubled and down 3.

Tony agreed that his double carried no message about who had the trumps. We'd tried to sign off in 3 and ended up bidding 5, so he thought we were too high, and he would have done the same with 0, 1, 2 or 3 trumps. It turns out that 4Dx would have gone down, but Malcolm was never playing there. He would have pulled to 4S, I would have confidently doubled with my KJxx of spades and 3 quick tricks, and would have scored -690.

### Playing for Bigger Stakes

A couple of boards later the casino came back to the bridge table.

West (Tony)	North (Jan)	East (Malcolm)	South (Richard)
	1D	2D	4NT
5H	6D	Pass	7C
Pass	Pass	7H	Double
7S	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Jan opened 1D and Malcolm bid 2D Michaels, showing both majors. I didn't need much to make slam; if there weren't two quick diamond losers I was almost there. I asked for key-cards with 4NT; this had been an area of partnership discussion because I wanted to keep 4D as a pre-emptive raise rather than minor-suit key card, so 4NT had to be my ace ask. Tony doesn't pass if

there's any legal alternative and he duly stuck in a 5H bid.

Our partnership had also not yet discussed DOPI/ROPI (double with no keycard, pass with one etc.) to cope with this sort of interference. Partner thought I was looking for a diamond slam and

made what seemed the practical bid of 6D. I was a bit short of options, but my clubs were likely running and Jan probably had AK to some number of diamonds for her bid. Bidding seven at teams is always a big position to take, can go horribly wrong, but I decided to take the plunge.

Dealer N NS Vul	♠ A 9 2 ♥ K 10 ♦ A K 9 5 3 ♣ 9 6 5	7Sx by West JC lead
♠ 10 8 7 5 4 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ J 4		♠ K Q J 6 3 ♥ 9 7 6 5 3 ♦ J 10 2 ♣
	♠ ♥ A J 2 ♦ Q 8 ♣ A K Q 10 8 7 3 2	

Malcolm decided that if Tony couldn't find an excuse to double, we were probably making so he extracted full value from the favourable vulnerability and bid 7H over me. I doubled and Tony admitted to another suit with 7S. Jan clobbered that, and I had another cogitation before passing. I seriously considered 7NT (which is of course laydown) but I decided it was just too big a gamble when we were in line for a chunky penalty.

We could have taken this six down but I inadvertently crashed one of partner's heart tricks, not expecting one there. The 1100 penalty only lost us 7 IMPS compared to 6C at the other table. We seemed to have been out-manoeuvred on both these boards and at score-up we were astonished to have edged a win in the match. We stopped in 3NT on one hand where the other table tried for slam, and then a couple of scattered IMPs got us over the line.



**Secure your handbag. Recently, a wayward strap caused a nasty fall. OUCH!**

**Cake Raffle**

The cake  
donated by  
Carolyn  
Woolley's sister  
raised \$502 for  
the Zephyr  
Foundation.



Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday you can participate in a just-for-fun teams event at QCBC.

## QBA Butler Pairs by Andrew Woollons

This is one of my favourite events. It is a two day soap opera – you do something good, then card tragedy strikes, and down the slippery pole you go. This year my partner was Richard Fox, and I didn't want to let him down with my occasional brain failure that often seems to cost big in butler type scoring. So I couldn't believe it when we finally made it to the winners spot in the final round.

*I have tried to work out whether there are any good luck omens that occur on the morning of a bridge congress that will auger well for the day. I had a theory that the bread I bought from the local bakery would power me in the afternoon to the highest echelons of mental concentration. More specifically if the teenage girl with the braces smiled at you with her full metal grin as she handed over the bread then that was the source of good fortune. In the past this theory has been met with mixed success. Well...for this congress my wife dashed down at the crack of dawn and the man who owns the bakery/chief baker did the*

**handing over of the bread. So now I know. This chap doesn't realise what a good thing he could be on to!**

But seriously, the key to the win was a minimal number of mistakes that cost imps, and benefiting from the opposition making errors. I am sure that day one of the Congress was my most error-free day of congress bridge that I have had to date. Clearly I hope to have more days like that in the future!

OK confession time. There was some good fortune involved. The classic was a ridiculous 6S contract I was in on board 1 on Sunday PM. I was sitting east and rebid 3S after Richard replied 2H to the 1S opening. OK 6 loser hand, but I can't see why I should overbid this, but I did at the time. Of course the information conveyed to partner lights a fuse that ends in slam. The lead was 4C, dummy goes down and I shake my head at my silly overbid. The loser of the post mortem will be me when surely the slam will fail. So anyway I have a good think about this and then see that there is a slim chance it will make. Step one: I have to finesse the QC. Rising with the ace will lose the contract when the trump trick is won and a club returned. Luckily the trick holds. Over to hand with AD, then AS, QS which loses to the K. Club returned, win with the A, then small club ruffed in hand. Then BIG breath and play JS. Both remaining trumps fall. Then can claim and apologise to partner and opposition for the stupidity of the situation.

DLR N	♠KT9 ♥9642 ♦J3 ♣T985	VUL Nil
♠ - ♥AQ853 ♦KQT64 ♣AQ2		♠AQJ8764 ♥J7 ♦A5 ♣63
	♠532 ♥KT ♦9872 ♣KJ74	4 17 12 7

A memorable board that involved a good swing of imps our way was board 25 on Saturday PM. The bidding is a little hazy to me now, I opened the bidding sitting east with 1C, the opposition competed to 4S (1S from South, raised to 4) , and Richard had the final say with 5D out of the blue which was doubled by north. The lead was JC, won by south with AC. Richard tried to confuse the situation by playing the 9C. There was a LONG think by south who then luckily for us switched to a heart. I suppose if you are going to switch suits then clearly this one has the most promise. But surely JC is a singleton lead. A club return results not only in a ruff but also means declarer has other heart losers as well resulting in +800 for NS. The heart switch resulted in Richard being able to clear trumps and then use clubs to dump the losers making +750 for EW.

DLR N	♠AJ63 ♥KJT98 ♦964 ♣J	VUL EW
♠8 ♥AQ73 ♦AQT873 ♣97		♠KT2 ♥52 ♦K ♣KQT6543
	♠Q9754 ♥64 ♦J52 ♣A82	10 12 11 7

And my final thanks to Richard for making 6H in the final round on Sunday, **the only declarer in the room to do this.**



QUEENSLAND CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

2013

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER at 12noon at the Company's premises, 67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba.

**BUSINESS**

- 1 To receive Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet and The Reviewer's Report
- 2 To elect Directors in place of the retiring Directors.

Mrs Julie Jeffries will retire in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mrs Jeffries will stand for re-election.

On the death of Michael Corner, Neville Francis was appointed to fill the position. Neville Francis will stand for election.

Mr Keith McDonald has resigned from the Board.

Nominations were called for the three vacancies: Julie Jeffries, Neville Francis and Barry Williams have been nominated. No other nominations were received

By Order of the Board

Toni Bardon

Secretary/Manager

67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba - 7 October 2013

**RED MASTERPOINT SESSIONS AT QCBC**

**PRESIDENTS CUP PAIRS**

Thursdays 10.30am

24 & 31 October

**OCTOBER PAIRS**

Saturday 26 October

**PAT WILSON TROPHY <300MP**

Friday 1 November

**MELBOURNE CUP PAIRS**

\$20 PER HEAD

BRIDGE, LUNCH, CHAMPAGNE, SWEEPS

Tuesday 5 November

**NOVICE TEAMS <100MP**

Sunday 17 November

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Sunday 17 November

## AGM

Saturday 26 October

12 noon

**Come in for the AGM and  
stay for the October Pairs  
red point event!**

## QCBC

### CLEAN CRUISING PAIRS

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

Sponsored by



**CLEAN CRUISING**  
Find Your Dream Cruise Faster

Bridge prolongs life?  
Proudly Nonogenarians  
Nell, Olive and Ros all have  
birthdays in August  
Looks as if bridge players have  
a good chance of living long,  
lucid lives if they were born in  
August. ☺

## Movember Teams

When? Fri 8<sup>th</sup> November

Time? 7.30 pm

Where? QCBC

What? A tournament for  
all organised by male bridge  
players to raise funds for  
research into improving  
men's health.

Ladies get to relax for the  
night while the blokes (with  
big moustaches) do all the  
work.

Cost: \$40 per team

Entries Close Wed 6<sup>th</sup>  
November

**PRIZE FOR THE  
BEST MOUSTACHE**



Nell Monaghan



Olive Thacker



Ros Hero



Reno Fioriti