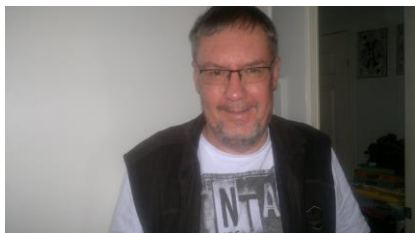


QCBC Newsletter



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From the President, Ray Ellaway

The accounts for last financial year are currently with the auditor and an operating profit of around \$13,000 is anticipated. This is slightly down on the previous year and has only been achieved due to the \$52,000 income received from the advertising sign at the front of the building. As this income fluctuates depending on the amount of time the second side of the sign is leased it is not guaranteed to achieve the same level of return above the base rent of \$36,500. Accordingly the board will be reviewing all areas of expenditure to ensure that the club is operating as efficiently as possible.

Declining attendances at most sessions are a major concern for me and I urge members to support the club by playing more regularly and also entering the congresses that we run.

The club premises are at an age where maintenance requirements are increasing so this will place further strain on our finances. Most recently water entered the annex through the rear door and muddied the carpet which will need a professional clean. Fixing the cause of the problem however will be much more costly as the back car park is very uneven and its drainage is inadequate.

Feel free to give me a call on 3351 4014 or email me at ray.ellaway@qldbridge.com if you have any suggestions on how club operations can be improved.

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Farewell to Tony Legg and to a true gentle man, Charles Noble.

Club Events Coming Up

NB Due to the G20, QCBC Novice Teams (Nov 9) is cancelled & the Club Championship is moved from Nov 16 to Saturday 8 November.

Sept 7 Qld Graded pairs
Sept 15 Jubilee Cup PM
Sept 24 Ascot Trophy
Sept 30 \$50 night
Oct 1 Novice/Expert Night
Oct 6 Labour Day Red Pt Pairs
Oct 12 Clean Cruising Pairs
Oct 23 Presidents Cup 1st of 2
Oct 25 AGM, October Pairs
Oct 30 Presidents Cup 2nd of 2

Novice – Expert Session

QCBC is running a Novice – Expert session on Wednesday night - 1st October.

This night, the newer players can play with a more experienced player.

Prior entry is **necessary**.

If you would like to play, you can phone or email or write your name on the list on the notice board.

Please be here by 7.15pm for a 7.30 start.

Plan Ahead for QBA Congresses - Kim

August 23/24 – QBA Teams – entries and enquiries to Janet Lovell at Toowong

September 7th – QBA Graded Pairs – entries and enquiries to Toni Bardon at QCBC

October 18/19 – QBA Open Pairs – entries and enquiries to Ray Ellaway at the QBA Office

November 9th – QBA Senior Pairs – entries and enquiries to Eva Berger at Gold Coast Bridge Club

December 14th – QBA Teams of Three – enquiries to Jim Evans at the QBA Office - entry forms not available as yet

December 21st – QBA Individual – enquiries to Kim Ellaway at the QBA Office – entry forms not available as yet.

10 Most Improved QCBC Players in 2014

NAME	ABF NO	HOME CLUB	RANK	TOTAL MPs	2014 MPs	2014 IMPROVEMENT
Jenkins, Joan	836788	4-555	National	179.63	70.30	2,514
Li, Eileen	790443	4-555	Life	350.19	113.00	2,510
Gearing, Michael	884863	9-995	*Local	28.30	26.00	2,027
Norman, Linda	797448	4-555	*State	125.68	40.59	1,799
Qin, Chuan	764663	4-555	*State	132.94	37.96	1,630
Loxton, Brodie	836011	4-555	*State	104.97	32.54	1,588
Dawson, Alison	695602	4-555	Silver Life	641.38	102.64	1,384
Roberts, Kay	348538	4-555	State	97.35	24.89	1,261
Berns, Dov	269654	4-555	**Local	46.18	14.74	1,008
Vickers, Jennifer	107824	4-555	State	76.97	16.41	927

ABF formula for Most Improved Player = (Points This Year * 10000)/(Total Points + 100)

Don't forget the "obligatory" double.

Do you play "Negative Doubles"? If the answer is yes then you have to remember that you also play "obligatory" doubles. Let's assume that you open one spade and your left hand opponent bids two hearts. Your partner passes as does your right hand opponent. You now need to look at your hand and evaluate the possibility that your partner would have liked to make a penalty double but could not because it would have been a negative double. If you have a decent opener and shortness in the suit that was overcalled, you should re-open with a double. If partner wanted to make a penalty double he will pass, and if he did not he will make a bid to let you know that he does not have that hand.

Surfers Matchpoint Pairs Aug 30

A Grade

1st Tony Jackman - Tony Hutton

Surfers Teams Aug 31

1st Tony Jackman, Tony Hutton, Alan Smith, Robyn Clayton

2nd George Wilkinson, Carol

Wilkinson, Mike Robson, Betty Lee

3rd Cecily Critchley, Lynley Jenkins, Ivy Luck, John Luck

Sunnybank Swiss Teams August 3

Latecomers were disappointed as it filled up quickly.

A Grade

1st R. Ward, L. Vincent, A&B, Kempthorn

2nd C. Francis, T. Runting, A. Dawson, P. Evans

3rd M. Sykes, F. Whitaker, T. Jackman, T. Hutton

B Grade

1st K. Goodwin, S. Clifford, B. Patterson, C. Wylie

2nd L. Norman, J. Jenkins, C&J. Taylor



A Grade Winners: Agnes, Lindy, Barry and Richard



B Grade Winners: Brian, Kay, Carol, Sharon



Queensland Butler

Pairs August 9, 10

1st P. Hainsworth, T. Treloar

2nd M. Carter, T. Hutton

3rd N. Bureca, Y. Kilvert



Coffs Harbour Congress

Open Swiss Pairs

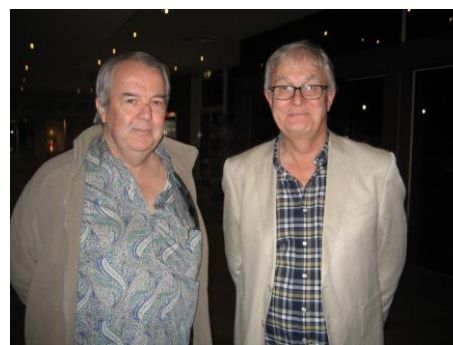
1st Tony Hutton, Malcolm Carter

Top Pair each under 1000 MPs

Charlie Lu and Watson Zhou

Open Teams

1st J. Reitzer, T. Brown, S. Ingham, M. Courtney



Open Pairs Winners
Tony and Malcolm



Joan Butts taught us
about end plays



Queensland Open Teams

A Grade

1st T. Hutton, M. Carter, M. Moren, N. Francis

2nd R. Wallis, T. Craig, T. Tully, L. Vincent, R. Ward

B Grade

1st T&L. Collins, C&J. Taylor

Rank Promotions for July

Lynne Bowler	Club
Ming Shu Yang	Local
Helen Blair	**Local
Deanne Gaskill	**Local
Johanna Kreuz	*State



Johanna Kreuz



The Friday Coffee Club



Beverley Ahern



Joan Murray

Congratulations to Jessica Brake, who won the Joan Girard award for being **'The Role Model for Everyone'** in the Girls Division of the World Youth Teams held in Istanbul. The Australian Girls Team captained by Andy Hung, were knocked out of their quarter final by the eventual winners, France.

Welcome to New Members

New Members:

Eric Harrison
Robert Bland
Peter Martin
Malcolm Minnis
June Naughton
Heather Jago

Eddie Kantar's PREEMPTIVE BIDDING TIPS

Do not open with a beneath game preempt holding two aces or one ace and two kings. You are too strong defensively. Vul. vs not, your suit should contain 3 of the top 5 honors or 2 of the top 3 honors.

After you preempt, and partner bids a new suit beneath the game level, you cannot pass. A new suit is forcing. Don't get cold feet!

After opening 3C and hearing partner respond 3D, show a major suit stopper if you have one. S.QJ4 H.3 D.42 C. AJ108743. Bid 3S to show a spade stopper. The 3S response does not show a real suit. A 3C or 3D opening bid is not supposed to conceal a four card major.

Although most three bids show 7 card suits, if you have 7-4 distribution, with a long major, think about opening four. S. AQJ10543 H. 4 D. Q1086 C. 3

This hand is a clear 4S opening bid. The fourth card in the four card suit is usually worth an extra trick.

If partner responds 3NT to your three level preempt, that ends the auction. It's not on your head to take it out. Partner may have a solid suit perhaps with a singleton or void in your suit. Do not cross partner's intentions!

What's My Story? Ros Hero



Joan, the newsletter editor, has asked me to write a story of my life – so you know ‘who I am’ (her words)! So here goes:

Born in Brisbane in 1923, my mother died in 1936, so I spent the next four years at Stuartholme school as a very happy boarder – this meant that I arrived

at the University of Queensland, very naïve, prim and proper. There I studied Physiotherapy and was among the lucky few women to have a career that allowed me to work for myself – which I did on and off for the next fifty years or so.

While there, James O’Sullivan was one of our group, and so, one vacation at The Blue Wave (that’s at Narrow Neck) I found myself sleeping in the lounge (my two girlfriends had the bedroom) and being woken at 3 a.m. by an inebriated Jimmy with a kiss. ‘Lips that have tasted alcohol shall never touch mine’, I said. Jimmy was a foundation member of QCBC and much liked by all. Thirty years later, when I played bridge on Friday nights, he used to walk to Manning Street, very inebriated, and repeat these words at the top of his voice – much long embarrassment!

If we were very, very good, my brother and I (about 10) were allowed to watch my mother and father, uncle and aunt, play auction bridge every Friday night – my first experience of Silent Bidding!

Meanwhile on rainy days we were introduced to rummy, euchre, crib – patience – you name it, we played it. So cards were always there. I first played contract bridge during the war with two American men, who, for six months

came to dinner with my father and me every Thursday night. We played Culbertson – 2 ½ tricks to open, 1 ½ to answer (or was it honours?) I didn’t play again until marriage and two children later. We learnt from a gentleman who later married a Spanish countess and died over there.

My bridge life went into the doldrums after that. I finished Physio at Uni – worked, went to England, worked on and off – and met my husband-to-be, Georges in Paris.

With 5 babies, we spent the next thirty years raising and educating them, but in the sixties, I managed time to play Solo – the in game at the time. So when Contract began to be popular, naturally I wasn’t going to miss that.

So – I’ve always loved my bridge, but never had time to play it seriously. When I started at QCBC in the 70s, Keith McDonald was one of my first partners,, but he quickly rose to grand master status and left me behind.

It’s always exciting to open the hand and have to decide – decisions! decisions! and I have met lots of nice people in my years at QCBC. My reputation says I’m a gambler – but don’t you believe it. But it’s my poor partners I have to convince.

Now, of course, as I’m very limited in what I can do, my four days a week at QCBC is (apart from my family) my whole life – and I thank you all for all of the happy – and not so happy – days I’ve spent with you. Ros

Ed: We all hope Ros recuperates splendidly and returns to her usual haunt. It does not feel right to be sitting in her chair.

A DIFFICULT SLAM – Dawn Cullen



With this lovely three-loser hand East opens the bidding two clubs. This shows a maximum of four losers or a strong balanced hand.

The comedian in the South seat attempts to make bidding difficult by overcalling two spades.

West is no longer obliged to bid so makes a waiting pass, as does North.

East now continues to describe her hand by bidding three clubs. West responds three diamonds and East continues three hearts.

West must now revalue her hand. Q hearts will cover one loser. There is a possibility of one or even two club ruffs, and surely at least one of the outside kings should be useful. This is enough to bid six hearts.

7 spades was led on this occasion. It is obvious that the club suit must be set up. On this hand it is essential to commence this immediately. Also it is important to preserve entries to the East hand to use the long clubs later.

Win the first trick with the king in the dummy and lead a club to the ace. Q clubs falls on the left. This could be QJ but it does not matter.

At trick three, ruff a small club disclosing the distribution and revealing that another club must be ruffed. Reenter hand with a trump and ruff another club.

Now the lead of Q hearts reveals that there must be a heart loser. This is now the only loser. A spade to the carefully preserved Ace, allows a further heart to be drawn and then clubs can be played until North ruffs in.

Dlr E	♠Q5	
Vul Both	♥JT85	
	♦A74	
	♣J742	
♠KT2		♠A3
♥Q973		♥AK42
♦KJ963		♦--
♣5		♣AKT9863
	♠J98764	
	♥6	
	♦QT852	
	♣Q	



Bridge Topic of the Week

INADVERTENT BIDS

- If you make a bid that is inadvertent (rather than just careless), it may be possible for it to be altered without penalty.
- Whether or not your pen is still on the bidding pad is not relevant.
- The Director will need to decide whether the inadvertency provisions applied.
- Inadvertency may still apply even after LHO has called.

Bridge Law Topics

Check out the excellent series of Bridge Law Topics provided by Peter Busch on The QBA Website, an example of which is displayed here.



Auf Wiedersehen, David Temple

David Temple was somewhat of an institution at QCBC. Whether or not you got on with him, everyone at QCBC knew David Temple. I got on with him extremely well. David loved his bridge and was a regular Friday and Saturday player. I was lucky enough to have had a couple of games with him over the years. He used to sit South on table 6 in Section A on Fridays. I know some of the Friday EW players found it frustrating when they came to his table and would complain that he would never let them have the contract –he always had to bid one more.

However David was a great supporter of QCBC and I believe Toni and Rose will both miss him greatly. David was always there and willing to help out when needed. He was always available and happy to come in and play when someone needed a partner. I know David partnered many QCBC players over the years. He was willing to do the odd job - to pick up more milk, a ream of photocopy paper, an ink cartridge, to do the banking, to change the fluorescent tubes, to set up the trestle tables, to take out the rubbish, or to do whatever handyman task needed to be done. He was readily available and volunteered on a regular basis. David was a reliable supporter of the club and QCBC will miss him greatly.

David was a fire protection and fire safety consultant and carried out the regular fire safety and smoke detector checks at QCBC.

David was also an expert on stamps and coins. He was an active member of the stamp and coin club and hired our annex on a regular basis for stamp club meetings. I also know that some of our members sought David's advice in this area of his expertise.

What some of you may not know is that in his younger days David was in the British Army Air Corps. He was a helicopter pilot and was stationed in the south of Germany for 3 ½ years in the early 60's with his wife and young family. He loved wildlife and once told me the story of how he rescued a raccoon (they are pests in Germany) and brought it home to become a family pet. During this time he learnt to speak a little German. When David found out that my son lived in Munich, that I visited him regularly and could indeed speak a little German myself, he started exchanging Friday morning greetings with me in German. I will miss these Friday morning conversations. They were fun.

David's wife, Barbara, told me that they enjoyed their time in Germany. At Christmas time, David would dress up as Santa and fly his helicopter low over the base, lean out and wave to the children. David enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit. I have a vivid memory of him with red nose and reindeer antlers at our last year's Christmas party.

I am shocked and saddened by David's untimely passing. Little did I know that Monday 28 July was the last time I would see him. He dropped in to the Bridge club and enjoyed some time working at the jigsaw puzzle table. I will miss seeing him sitting there.

David was always so active and seemed so fit and healthy. He passed away on Wednesday 30 July 2014 from coronary artery disease. He was only 74 years old.

Gute Nacht, David. Ruhe in Frieden. From your friend, Julie Jeffries