

QCBC Newsletter



The insurance settlement for the water incursion through the wall has been received allowing us to replace the carpet in the annexe and main room. The kitchen flooring will be replaced and new storage cupboards purchased in the near future. The club made an operating loss of \$22,722 for 2016/17 compared to a profit of \$40,122 in the previous financial year. Considering we spent \$80,439 on building maintenance mainly due to having to fix the drainage issues near the Wilton Street wall this result was expected. We had sufficient cash reserves to complete this work without the need to take out additional loans. Our financial position remains sound and I fully expect us to return to making a profit in 2017/18.

We received one expression of interest for director training following my notice in the last newsletter but we still need more volunteers as we rely on just a few members to direct most of our sessions.

On a personal note Kim & I will be off overseas to the UK from 27 September until 7 November so I will not be able to attend this year's AGM. This is unfortunate but due to our numerous bridge administration commitments we have limited opportunities to schedule a trip of this length.

Wonderful News from the Australian National Championships

The team of Margaret Millar, Sue O'Brien, Betty Hobdell, Rosemary Glastonbury, Greer Tucker and Sarah Strickland – our Queensland Womens Team came second. Our Open Team came fourth. Our Seniors team came sixth. Our Youth team came fourth and was only .1VP away from third. Congratulations to all our representatives

Coming events

QCBC Club Pairs Championship

Saturday 16 September - 9.30am start
\$20 per player - red B4c masterpoints

Spring Swiss Pairs

Monday 18 September 10am to 1.30pm
(approx.) - red mp

Wednesday PM Swiss Pairs

September 20 - 7.30pm start - red mp

OCTOBER MONDAY ECLECTIC - Starts 9

October - best 3 from 4 scores - cash prizes for open & restricted - 10am to 1pm

QCBC Teams Championship - sponsored by The Village

Wednesdays 4 & 11 October - red mp

AGM Noon - Saturday 21 October

October Red Pt Pairs

Saturday 21 October - 1pm start

Clean Cruising Open & Novice Teams

Sunday October 29



Sue, Greer, Sarah and Betty – (Margaret not in photos)



Rosemary, Betty, Maureen, Alison and Sue

Congress Successes

July 1 QBA Teams of 3

A Grade

- 1 I. Halford, G&D Gibbards, A. Thompson
- 2 T. Treloar, H. Harris, I. Hayward, M. Collins
- 3 M. Radke, G. Smith, R. Coutts, R. Madden

B Grade

- 1 C. Green, B. Dwyer, F. Gillies, M. Jermanus
- 2 R. Wallis, J. Browne, I. Devine, C. Carter



July 2 Noosa Winter Teams

- 2nd P. Nilsson, A. Boyd, N. Moore, A. Wanigaratne

July 2 Lockyer Swiss Pairs

A Grade

- 1 T. Hutton, M. Carter
- 2 J. Magee, T. Strong
- 3 J. Evans, L. Moses

July 8,9 QBA Butler Pairs

Novice

- 3rd A. Marsland, D. Gaskell

Restricted

- 3rd N. Mclver, D. Hansen

July 16 Northern Suburbs Pairs

A Grade

- 1 J. Kelly, P. Evans

B Grade

- 1 C. Stone, R. Clark

July 22 Surfers Paradise Pairs

A Grade

- 3 A. Boyce, P. Nilsson

July 23 Surfers Paradise Teams

A Grade

- 1 K. Wood, C. Howard, J&I. Luck

C Grade

- 2 R. Langdon, R. Murtagh, A&V. Chotai

July 23 BBC Graded Teams

A Grade

- 1 P. Evans, J. Kelly, A&B. Kempthorne
- 2 P. Bugler, T. Runting, G. Belonogov, E. Kowalczyk

- 3 P. Hale, P. Schoen, M. Radke, I. Halford

B Grade

- 1 S. Clifford, K. Goodwin, W. Chan, J. Hislop

July 30 Darling Downs Swiss Pairs

A Grade

- 1 J&I. Luck
- 2 T. O'Dempsey, N. McLaurin
- 3 P. Bugler, N. Francis

Aug 6 Sunnybank Teams

A Grade

- 1 N. Francis, M. Perrin, T. Hutton, L. Carter
- 2 C Lu, E. Li, C. Qin, H. Chan
- 3 F. Whittaker, M. Sykes, T. Tully, P. Rankin

B Grade

- 2 P&D Nilsson, A. Boyce, J. Jenkins

Aug 19 Surfers Paradise Swiss Pairs

A Grade

- 1 C. Howard, K. Wood
- 2 M. Perrin, N. Francis
- 3 M. Carter, T. Hutton

B Grade

- 2 J. Rohde, L. Ranke

C Grade

- 2 N. Mclver, A. Gross

Aug 20 Redcliffe Pairs

- 1 T. Hutton, M. Carter

- 2 A. Smith, R. Clayton

- 3 G. Gosney, M. Plunkett

Aug 26, 27 QBA Open Teams

Championship

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

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

3. M. Doran, T. Strong, J. Magee, L. Carter

Plate

- 1 E. Zeller, C. Snook, D. Hartwig, B. Longford
- 2 B. Luchjonbroers, E. Miller, G. Toon, A. Corkhill

Coffs Coast Gold Congress

- Open Swiss Pairs
- 1 P. Gosney, J. Newman
- Open Swiss teams
- 2 A. Hung, N. Griffiths, L. Milne, A&E. Edgton, D. Braun
- Top Team under 1000 MPs
- C. Snook, D. Hartwig, G. Elich, B. Longford
- Restricted, Intermediate Teams
- 2 E. Mander, R. Langdon, S. Hughes, R. Rush
- 3 B.Kent, R. Murtagh, J. Jenkins, A. Boyce



Narelle Mclver

June Promotions

Alan Boyce	Bronze Life
Veena Chotai	Life
Andrew Woollons	Life
Margaret Roseler	State
Patricia Thurlow	State
Christie Campbell	Local
Lee McGovern	Club
Michael Martin	Graduate
Cliff Miles	Graduate

July Promotions

Michelle Radke	Grand
Narelle Mclver	National
Terry Clarke	State
Lee McGovern	Local



Most Photogenic and elated at Coffs: Gabrielle Elich and Byron Longford

Lee McGovern



Welcome to New Members

- Kevin Dean
- Sandy Greenwood
- Anne Clarke
- Margaret Dickerson

Teamwork

Thank you to all the members who helped move furniture over the last couple of weeks - your help was appreciated by the Board, Toni and the carpet layers. **Awesome effort.**

Next on the agenda is the kitchen floor, new cupboards and bridge cloths. Thanks to Andersens MacGregor - they were very helpful and got the job done.

STARTING BRIDGE by DON WORNER

I decided that bridge was what I wanted to play
 To ensure my brain did not fall into decay.
 First bid I wasn't too sure what to go
 So I decided I would bid real slow.
 My opening bid was a club - just one.
 Other option was to simply cut and run;
 But the opposition did not pay clean:
 They asked partner, 'What does that mean?'
 My partner responded, 'He is new to the game.
 It could mean anything or something insane.'
 But I did have at least two of that suit;
 My partner would have been better to remain mute.
 Left hand opposition passed. Partner bid one spade.
 Now please don't ask me what that is, I prayed
 Because I have already forgotten if that's 5 or 4 -
 But they did ask. I said, 'I'm not sure.'
 If the bidding continues, they won't ask me again.
 From the looks I got they think I am insane.
 But I did get through the rest of the first day.
 Now playing bridge for me is here to stay

Two Hands

And here's a very tricky hand – can you figure out what is going on?

	North	
N/NS vul	♠ -	
	♥ 654	
	♦ 1082	
	♣ AKJ10876	
		East
		♠ 32
		♥ K1083
		♦ KQ9
		♣ 9432

The bidding has been simple – North has opened 3♣ and South has bid a direct 6♠. Partner leads the ♥2, ♥4, ♥K, ♥Q. What do you play now? See the end of the article.

This hand which was played at a QCBC Wednesday session last month illustrates some testing defence which declarer understandably failed to overcome

W/all vul	♠ KJ1074	
	♥ A864	
	♦ 953	
	♣ Q	
♠ A82		♠ Q3
♥ KJ753		♥ 92
♦ J7		♦ Q108
♣ 987		♣ K106432
	♠ 965	
	♥ Q10	
	♦ AK642	
	♣ AJ5	

South played in 4♠ after a transfer sequence and no opposition bidding. West found the great lead of ♠2, ducked to East's ♠Q allowing the defence to play an immediate three rounds of trumps thus eliminating the possibility of ruffing some losing hearts in the short hand. At our table, declarer failed to find the only way home now, namely – start with the ♣Q intending to finesse if not covered. This sets up one heart discard. Now duck a diamond, setting up four diamond tricks for two more heart discards. The hand was played in spades, either game or part-score, with most making 10 tricks, presumably after easier defence.

And, for the first hand, it would seem that partner has led away from the ♥A – why would he do something risky like that? Light bulb moment – he must be void in clubs and is waiting for a club

ruff by leading the suit preference ♥2. So you return a club. Right?? Nope, wrong!! You've been conned. The whole hand was:

S/Nil	♠ -		
	♥ 654		
	♦ 1082		
	♣ AKJ10876		
♠ 654		♠ 32	
♥ J972			♥ K1083
♦ J765			♦ KQ9
♣ Q5		♣ 9432	
	♠ AKQJ10987		
	♥ AQ		
	♦ A43		
	♣ -		

[Source US Bridge World February 2017. For subscription details go to www.bridgeworld.com]

Richard Ward

Dawn Cullen persuaded one of her fellow cruisers to provide this anecdote for our newsletter.

You rarely hear the call “Anyone for bridge” these days. It went out with leisurely sea voyages and the private clubs of nomadic politicians. Besides, rubber bridge, the gambling form of the game, has gone out of fashion, and an innocent invitation to a stranger to “join me for a rubber” might easily be interpreted as a different proposition altogether.

I recently re-read Charles Lamb’s famous essay on Mrs Battle and her views on whist, one of the parents of the bridge game. His heroine “... took and gave no concessions. She hated favours. She never made a revoke, nor ever passed it over in her adversary without exacting the utmost forfeiture.” Mrs Battle’s modern descendants gather in clubs all over the country every

night of the week to pit their wits against each other in a pastime that makes no concession to age or gender. The role of referee or

umpire is taken by a person known as the Director, blessed with a thorough knowledge of the rules, and the ability whenever a violation occurs to give an adjudication which rivals in length and complexity a High Court arbitration.

One of the great contributions that the game of bridge has made to

civilisation is that it brings out the worst in people. In recent times, the word partner has taken on a meaning away from the card table, implying that two people are living together in a permanent or semi-permanent sharing of bond, board and bed. The theory is that if they can put up with each other in such close proximity, there is a chance that the arrangement might be successful in the longer term. That’s the theory; in practice, it is



just an excuse for ... well, you know what I mean.

How much better, less expensive and less stressful on parents if the couple in question were to form a bridge partnership. If that lasted more than a year, there is a sporting chance that they are compatible. Should there be any such people reading this, I assure them that if they can find a person of a gender appropriate to their preference who can execute a Reverse Squeeze or a Scissors Coup at the bridge table, there is every chance that they may be able to carry out equivalent manoeuvres in a loving relationship.

Of course, once they get married, they must give up their bridge partnership. Marriage tends to bring out previously hidden kinks in people's character and there are few things as dis-edifying as seeing such imperfections brought to the light of day at the card table. You rarely find husband-and-wife bridge partnerships. Even the great US husband-wife pairing of Ely and Josephine Culbertson ended in divorce. For most married couples, their conjugal state is much too important to be put in jeopardy by a wrong guess.

Perhaps I should explain. In bridge there is a thing called a finesse: it involves determining which opponent holds a particular card, and since there are only two opponents, it is a simple 50-50 guess. In such a position you guess, or rather I should say, I guess, happy to be right half the time. Good players would not do anything as vulgar as that. They "make an inference" or "take a view" or use some obscure piece of information that escapes the ordinary mortal. They may still



get it wrong of course, but much less often than the rest of us.

Frank O'Shea, Williamstown BC, Melbourne

Dear All

It's the first Day of Spring – where did Winter go?



I am back on deck for half a day each day however the QBA will close on Tuesdays in future as I have this day for medical appointments and I have a lot of appointments coming up. My health has been given a big tick by the doctor and I have his blessing to go to the United Kingdom at the end of the month which brings me to the next point. The QBA office will be closed from September 26th to November 8th inclusive. I will answer emails however the QBA phone will have a message stating office is closed. My mobile phone will be with QCBC and Toni Bardon will answer calls and return calls during work hours.

Important Dates for your Calendar

Qld Graded Pairs – September 2nd – venue Queensland Contract Bridge club – entry form on QBA Website

Qld Open Pairs – October 7th and 8th – venue Northern Suburbs Bridge club – entry form on QBA Website

Qld Novice Pairs – November 12th – venue Sunshine Coast Bridge club – entry form on QBA Website

Qld Senior Pairs – November 12th – venue Gold Coast Bridge Club – entry form on QBA Website

Qld Teams of Three – December 10 – venue Northern Suburbs Bridge Club

Qld Individual – December 17 – venue Queensland Contract Bridge Club – entry form on QBA Website (28 entries required)

Butler Pairs – George Belonogov and Ewa Kowalczyk. This event incorporates the Womens Pairs won by Val Holbrook and Brownyn Macleod and the Mens Pairs won by Malcolm Carter and Tony Hutton. Open Teams – winners were Neville Francis, Magnus Moren, Malcolm Carter and Tony Hutton.

Gold Coast Congress 2018 dates – Friday 16th February to Saturday 24th February with the No Frills back on the Friday 16th. Theme – Aussie Aussie Aussie

2018 Changes

Bobby Richman Pairs to start at 11.00 am and 3.15 pm on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th meaning no night play. Weekend Swiss to start at 3.15 pm on the Saturday and then 11.00 am and 3.15 pm on the Sunday – there will be an additional 9 boards in play.

Monday to remain the same

No Frills on Friday 16th to start at 6.00 pm to 6.30 pm – staggered start.

Commonwealth Nations

Two Queensland teams will be invited to take up semi-subsidised places in the 5th Commonwealth Nations Bridge Competition to be held just prior to the Gold Coast Congress next February.

Queensland 1 will be the highest placed all-Queensland team in the GNOT Finals played at Tweed Heads in late November.

Queensland 2 will comprise the two highest placed pairs in the 2017 Queensland Open Pairs Championship played at the Northern Suburbs Bridge Club in early October.

Kim Ellaway
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Inspirational!

Ros Hero and Olive Thacker
94th and 96th birthdays in August

**Congratulations to
Ryan and Chantelle
Stevens - and
welcome to their
baby girl, Elsie
Grace.**

BRIDGE LESSONS start
Monday 7.30pm - 9
October
and Tuesday 10.30am - 10
October

Sadly noted: the death of Maureen Walsh

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NOMINATION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Nominations are hereby called for Directors of the Queensland Contract Bridge Club.

Nominations are called for two positions.

Richard Fox and Cheryl Stone will retire from the Board at the Annual General Meeting on October 21 in accordance with the Articles of Association and being eligible, both will stand for re-election.

Nominations should be signed by a Proposer and a Secunder who are FINANCIAL members and bear the signature of the Nominee accepting the nomination.

Nominations close on Monday 18 September 2017 at 1 pm. Forms for "Nomination of Office Bearer" are available on the bench outside the secretary's office.

Completed forms should be addressed to the Manager at the Club premises. Please leave in the Secretary box outside the office.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Toni Bardon

Secretary/Manager