

QCBC Newsletter



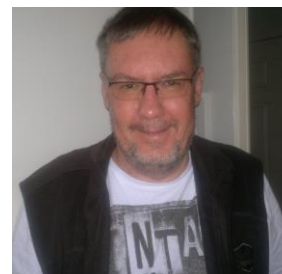
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The bulk of the repairs required after the flooding last year are now completed with the scoring room carpet having been laid recently. Purchase /repair of storage cupboards is the only outstanding item. As a result our finances have normalised again and we are on track to return a profit in the current financial year rather than the \$22,722 operating loss the previous year. Of course there will still need to be ongoing expenditure on building maintenance and we will be installing an air conditioning thermostat control in the main playing area shortly so that temperature variations can be more easily controlled.

As many of you are aware the Canvas Factory next door to us is closing down in preparation for a new Bunnings Warehouse development on the site. Assuming they get the necessary council approvals it is expected to be completed in late 2019. I will keep you updated as we receive new information.

On a personal note I had my first game of bridge at the club last Tuesday since my surgery in early December last year and all went well. I am hopeful of getting a medical clearance on 26th May so that I can get my driver's licence back and return to playing regularly. Ray Ellaway



EARLIER START FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
7PM START AND FINISH AT 10PM - This new time is being trialled for 2 months BEGINNING **May 2**. The club will be open from 6.30pm.
More players are needed on Monday mornings. Start 10am, finish 1.00pm. Looking forward to your company.

QBA Representative Teams CONGRATULATIONS!

Open: Paul Hooykaas, Martin Doran, Jim and Pam Evans, Tony Treloar and Peter Evans - Richard Wallis NPC

Womens Team: Toni Bardon, Yolanda Carter, Greer Tucker, Maha Hoenig, Pele Rankin, Eileen Lee - Therese Tully NPC

Seniors Team: Neville Francis, Tony Hutton, Ian Afflick, Paul Collins, Larry Moses, Richard Touton - Neville Francis PC

Youth Team: Darren Brake, Ben Leung, Jack Luke-Paredi, Jasmine Skeate, Ellen Visscher - Paul Brake NPC

Coming Up

Qld Butler Pairs 2018

(An approved QBA red point congress played under QBA Regulations) hosted by QCBC

Saturday & Sunday 9 & 10 June

Tuesday 10am - **May 15 red pt session**

Friday 10am - May 25

Special section - players < 50mp Red pt

Beginners lessons - Tuesday 29 May - 10.30 am to 12.30 First lesson FREE

Tuesday 7.30pm - May 29 **\$50 night**

Queensland Day Pairs Wednesday 6 June - 10.30am Red pt

Qld Graded Teams July 15

Congress Successes

QBA Mixed Teams Mar 10, 11

A Grade



- 1 C. Lu, E. Li, P. Rankin, C. Qin
- 2 P. Collins, S. O'Brien, M. Radke, I. Halford
- 3 T. Hutton, N. Francis, T. Strong, J. Magee

B Grade

- 1 E. Mander, J. Jenkins, R. Clark, R. Fox

Toowong Novice Imp Pairs Mar 11

- 2 A. Yang, T. Larsen

Sunshine Coast Graded Teams Mar 25

A Grade

- 2 R. Ward, T. Hutton, N. Francis, R. Parker

BBC Graded Matchpoint Teams April 2

A grade

- 1 N. Fox, R. Parker, J. Mills, M. Perrin
- 2 R. Fox, A. Woollons, N&A. Maclauren
- 3 J. Kelly, P. Evans, A. Dawson, T. Bardon

B Grade

- 2 A. Boyce, I. Barfoot, L. Ranke, J. Rohde
- 3 J. Jenkins, E. Mander, R. Clark, S. Wills

BBC Pairs April 1

A Grade

- 1 P. Evans, J. Kelly
- 2 C. Lu, C. Qin
- 3 T. Hutton, R. Ward

B Grade

- 3 J&C. Taylor

April 7,8 Caloundra Graded Teams

A Grade

- 1 P. Collins, S. O'Brien, R&R. Touton
- 2 R. Ward, T. Hutton, N. Francis, M. Perrin

- 3 G. Olsen, M. Jakes, R. Crowley, R. Trollope

B Grade

- 2 A. Boyce, J. Jenkins, L. Ranke, J. Rohde
- 3 J. Hoffman, R. Burnage, G. Gemmell, A. Hyland

April 8 Toowoomba Butler Pairs

A Grade

- 1 A. Mayers, B. Longford
- 3 J. Wlodarczyk, G. Elich

C Grade

- 1 R. Fatseas, A. Worrall

April 8 Redlands Restricted Teams

A Grade

1. G. Gibson, L. Layton, B. Koster, K. Mukai
- 2 A. Gosney, R. Langton, J. Price, R. Spelman
3. K. Males, W. Chan, M. Fawcett, L. Tracey

April 15 Warwick Swiss pairs

A Grade

- 3 M. Perrin, A. Dawson

B Grade

- 1 A. Boyce, J. Jenkins

April 21 Gympie Imp Pairs

A Grade

- 1 P. Bugler, T. Runting

April 22 Gympie Teams

A Grade

- 1 P. Bugler, T. Runting, N. Moore, R. Touton
- 3 P. Nilsson, A. Boyce, V&V. Markovice

April 25 Anzac Day Teams

A Grade

- 1 P. Evans, J. Kelly, J. Mills, R. Parker
- 2 C. Lu, W. Zhou, P. Rankin, E. Li
- 3 P. Bugler, T. Runting, B. Patterson, A. Gibson

B Grade

- 1 P. Nilsson, L. Skeate, G&A Gosney
 - 2 W. Chan, A. Yang, L. King, H. Standfast
- Encouragement Award
R. Harrison, J. Hefferan, A. Scott, N. McIver



EASTER
PLAYERS

Richard Fox lessons

for people who have done beginners' lessons and some supervised play, or maybe have tried some main club sessions and would like a recap of some of the basics. \$10 per player per lesson

Scheduled dates are Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May - 7:30 start time.

Lesson 1

Declarer Play in Trump Contracts

Throwing off losers

When not to draw trumps because there's something else to do:

- Taking ruffs in the short trump hand
- Cross-ruffing
- Ruffing to make a suit good

Lesson 2

Defence - Signalling Encouragement or Not

High or low encourage, how to tell partner you like their lead

- You have high cards in the suit
- You can get a ruff

Second hand low but cover an honour

Third hand high, but just high enough

Lesson 3

Doubles

All sorts of doubles:

- Take-out doubles and negative doubles, asking partner to choose a suit
- Penalty doubles, when you think the opponents are in trouble

Lesson 4

Overcalls and Strong Hands

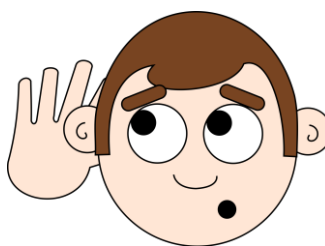
Review of overcalls, how good does a 1-level or 2-level overcall have to be? Strategy:

- To buy the contract
- To tell partner the best lead
- To get in the way

When to support an overcall and how high

Slam-going hands:

- The 2C opening and how to answer
- Asking for aces, quick overview
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FREE Hearing Checks

QCBC on Tuesday 5th
June - 8.30am to
12pm - **15 minute appointments**

Book at the office - bridge subs arranged while you have your test.

New Members WELCOME!

Freda Starr
Liz Parry
Laura Dawson
John Rivers
Debbie Carroll
Julia Park
Trina Louis
Margaret Walker
Louise Bennett
Stephen Bennett
Vincent Hart

A Hand against Margaret and Sue - By Richard Ward

Margaret Millar has been one of the stalwarts of Queensland bridge for many years, representing her state in 15 Australian National Championships and winning several of those. She is a regular at QCBC with her usual partners Sue O'Brien and Caroline Woolley where it would be most unusual for her to finish outside the top 3. **Back in 1988, Queensland hosted an Expo 88 Bridge event where Margaret was partnered by international superstar Zia Mahmood in the pairs – coming in 2nd against a stellar field.**



So it is always a challenge to play against Margaret, always aware that she will take every opportunity to give you poor scores. One such hand occurred on a recent Wednesday when Margaret held:

♠AK982
♥A9
♦Q983
♣96

When partner Sue O'Brien opened 1♣, Margaret bid 1♠, there was a 2♥ overcall, and Sue (west) jumped to 4♠. Many would pass with this hand but Margaret trotted out key card Blackwood, found just 1 key card and, anticipating a heart lead but with no inkling about the diamond suit, bid 6♠. Correct!!!

Making 13 tricks! Thank you, partner.

BD: 20 ♠64 Dir: W
♥K82 Vul: Both
♦JT752
♣T83

♠QJ73 ♠AK982
♥JT ♥A9
♦ ♦Q983
♣AKQ7542 ♣96

♠T5
♥Q76543
♦AK64
♣J

March Promotions

Albert Duff	Regional
Thomas Larsen	** Local
Carol Findlay	Local
Anne Carmody	Club
Diane Whitehead	Club
Rebecca Birdsell	Graduate
Carol Brennan	Graduate
Mark Brennan	Graduate



Lyn Gray
National
Master

April Promotions

Rachel Langdon	*National
Lynette Miles	Regional
Michelle Harris	* Local
Carolyn North	Local
Narelle De Putron	Graduate



Tom
Larsen
**Local
Master

Gold Coast 2018 - Maximising Matchpoints - Richard Fox

Bridge can be a cruel game at times, and relatively reasonable plays can prove costly when your luck isn't in.

A Fortunate Plus

In the Gold Coast Pairs I was matched up with a charming French-American lady, Liliane Kirchhoff. Her husband Rick was playing as a client with professionals, and meanwhile Liliane drew me out of the partnership hat.

Playing against Rick's professional team-mate Jonathan Free, I had a chance to get something right.

Finals Session 3 Bd 23 Dealer S All Vul	♠ J 6 4 ♥ K J 10 5 3 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ K 2	3S by W 4S lead
♠ K Q 8 7 3 ♥ 8 4 ♦ A J 5 ♣ Q 7 6		♠ A 9 5 2 ♥ 7 2 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ A 5 4 3
	♠ 10 ♥ A Q 9 6 ♦ 7 4 3 2 ♣ J 10 9 8	

As West I opened 1S, partner showed me an invitational 4-card raise with a Bergen 3D, and I declined with a non-shapely minimum.

Jon led a small trump from the North, and as I knew him from WA I was aware nobody dislikes trump leads more than him. This indicated he must have a collection of exceptionally unappealing leads. The KD was surely offside, and he would have the KC as well. My mission would be to avoid two club losers, so I drew trumps and exited in hearts, hoping for some sort of help from the defence.

South won the second round of hearts and quite reasonably sent through the JC.

The only credible chance I could see was to let this run to the ace and play a low club from both hands, hoping to fell the king. As you see this line worked and was worth an 83% score.

Too Many Overtricks

Finals Session 3 Bd 17 Dealer N Nil Vul	♠ J 7 6 ♥ 7 4 ♦ A J 10 4 ♣ J 9 7 5	4H by E 2S lead
♠ A 10 9 ♥ A K 6 2 ♦ Q 6 3 2 ♣ K 6		♠ Q 5 4 ♥ Q J 9 8 5 3 ♦ K ♣ Q 10 2
	♠ K 8 3 2 ♥ 10 ♦ 9 8 7 5 ♣ A 8 4 3	

Towards the end of the Pairs, Liliane as East opened with a weak 2H, raised to 4H by me. The contract was pretty normal and the defence made a couple of decisions that didn't look too bad but proved expensive.

South chose an ill-fated spade lead; leading from the king is not risk-free but partner could easily have had something in the unbid major. The first trick went 2-10-J-Q and after drawing trumps Liliane successfully finessed the 9S. When she played a diamond to hand, North played second hand low, only wrong if East had exactly the singleton king - it wasn't her

day.



This resulted in 12 tricks, losing just a club. Two overtricks were worth 96% on the board.

It's the sort of hand that doesn't cause any consternation at IMPs scoring because it's a cold game and overtricks are a very minor factor. At matchpoints however, the main aim of the defence is to limit the overtricks. It's difficult to be sure, but a passive diamond lead looks safest. Hopefully there's nowhere to pitch black-suit losers without South getting another chance to cash out.

Another Appreciative Hand from Richard Ward

Playing in a GNOT heat at QCBC in March, you are sitting East, dealer and nil vulnerable. The bidding goes:

Partner leads the ♠Q and this is what you can see:

♠K873
♥J975
♦A
♣Q964

N	E	S	W
	Pass	1♣	1♦
DBL	1♠	2♥	3♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Partner leads the spade queen which wins the trick and then leads the spade jack, ducked in dummy. How do you defend?

It seems counter-intuitive to play your spade ace, but this is what **Jenny Williams** did. This was the winning defence when the whole hand was: On the low spade at trick 3, no matter what declarer did, he had to lose a trump and a club to go down 1. There is a winning line and that is to cover the queen at trick 1 but full marks to Jenny for her brilliancy.

BD: 30 Dlr: E
Vul: None

♠K873
♥J975
♦A
♣Q964

♠QJ
♥T86
♦KQT9632
♣J

♠AT652
♥K4
♦8754
♣KT

♠94
♥AQ32
♦J
♣A87532

Jenny Williams



An Article Which May Help Beginners with Splinters.

Murray Perrin

Splinters can really help when you are trying to judge how high to go when placing a contract. The first thing is both people in the partnership must agree to play them. The second thing is you must be willing to revalue your hand if you are using them. The main use for splinters when they are bid is to say to partner: *I have four cards in you trump suit and a singleton in the bid suit.*

This hand was from a normal Thursday club session.

E (12 HCP nice shape)

♠A73

♥Q652

♦4

♣AQT86

W (16 HCP great shape)

♠KQ2

♥AKT97

♦A987

♣7

So looking at the two hands 12 plus 16 is 28 and for slam you usually need at least 32 points, I have heard people say, let's see how the bidding goes. North/ South pass throughout. (A clear version of the bidding is at the end of the article).

East opens one club, West replies one heart,

East now bids 3 Diamonds (two Diamonds would be a reverse), *this shows an opening hand 4 hearts and a singleton diamond*. West can now revalue their hand. It is now a 19 point hand with the singleton club and the nine card heart fit. West would think the following

1. I have one loser in spades (the ace)
2. Most likely no losers in hearts with a nine card fit
3. No losers in Diamonds
4. One loser in clubs, therefore possible slam

West can now find out how many Keycards East has. Keycards are the four aces and the king of trumps so bid four no trumps.

A recap on the bidding

1C / 1H

3D (must be alerted, this is the splinter saying partner I have 4 hearts and one diamond) / 4NT (Keycard ask)

5S (Two Keycards with the queen of trumps and we know now partner's key cards are missing two aces)

West now knows we have no spade losers (partner has the ace) no heart losers, no diamond losers (we can trump the three little ones - we have the ace and partner has only one diamond) and no club losers (partner has the ace of clubs).

Therefore West now bids 7 hearts.

The bidding was

1C / 1H

3D / 4NT

5S / 7H





Dear Bridge Player

Things that may be of interest

Please don't forget to enter congresses in a timely manner. Clubs get extremely nervous when 10 days out they only have 8 tables participating. I keep telling them to hold on – entries will come and they usually do but if you have no reason not to enter early, please do so.

Coming Events for the QBA

May 14th – 18th – Barrier Reef Event – Townsville - already 60 tables

May 19/20 – Mixed Pairs - Toowong

June 9/10 - Butler Pairs – QCBC

The ABF have had their AGM. The new management committee of the ABF is Alison Stralow - President, Roy Nixon, Treasurer, Kim Fraser - Secretary, Therese Tully, Dallas Cooper.

The 2018 Autumn Nationals in Adelaide started today. Results on ABF Website.

The Wrap Up Meeting of the Gold Coast Congress has happened. Early news as to changes are

- Bobby Richman Pairs will commence at 10.30 am and 3.00 pm on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th
- Weekend Swiss will commence at 3.00 pm on Saturday 16th and 10.30 am and 3.00 pm on Sunday 17th
- Monday Butler to start at 9.30 am not 10.00 am
- More Walk In Holiday Pairs
- New Event - a two session 0-50 Masterpoint Event with Butler scoring
- More boards to play in the Monday Butler events.
- Thursday Rookie to be played in the afternoon session not morning.
- Unfortunately we cannot prevent an additional \$5.00 per player per event to be charged.

Kim Ellaway
Manager – QBA

Mothers Day Raffle

1st prize - 3 nights accommodation at Moffat Beach - generously donated by Jenny Hay

2nd prize - Champagne & chocolates

**Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5
The raffle will be drawn Friday 11 May**



Members helped Sue O'Brien to eat her birthday cake.

IS ONLINE BRIDGE DESTROYING OUR CLUBS? Patrick Bugler

We live in a world where technology increasingly dominates every facet of our lives. It has now become possible to shop, date, read, watch movies, order food and do many other things all from a computer screen in the comfort and privacy of our own homes. We should pause, however, and consider the impact this is having on our lives and our engagement with our community. Human beings are social animals and have thrived within groups for as long as history is recorded. What is the result, then, of our increasingly isolated lives spent in a room in front of a computer?

As bridge lovers, we all enjoy getting together and playing this wonderful game. It has been responsible for the development of friendships, relationships and often inspires travel to the far reaches of the world. We also enjoy the annual Gold Coast Congress, where the social aspect of the game both during hours of play and afterwards provides much entertainment and networking amongst those of us who share a passion for the game and also our partners who may not play but enjoy the activities organised by those who care not just about the players, but the interests of their nearest and dearest.

Unfortunately, as a society, we are so caught up in our screens that we are not thinking about what is happening to our lives and social structures whilst our attention is being diverted by our devices. What happens to our shops and businesses whilst we are all busy purchasing online? What will become of our restaurants, bars and music venues when everyone "orders in" via Uber Eats, and plays all their music on Spotify?

These are all issues we must ponder and now begin to address in terms of Bridge. Sadly, there has been a huge decline in attendance in our clubs for evening bridge. It has become easier for people to play bridge online in their homes with a glass of wine at their fingertips than to go out to

their local club, play and interact with people. Even worse, evenings that were very popular have been shut down due to lack of numbers.

It is easy to stay at home and play online. You can play with anyone you choose, you can drink without worrying about driving or transport. It has all become TOO easy. Most people would say that they will go back to attending a club when it suits them or attend on a sporadic basis.

The reality is this: people who are passionate about bridge and keep the clubs running cannot do so with falling numbers. Our facilities are wonderful, as are the people running the clubs - most of whom dedicate time and effort above and beyond what is expected to keep the game and clubs going.

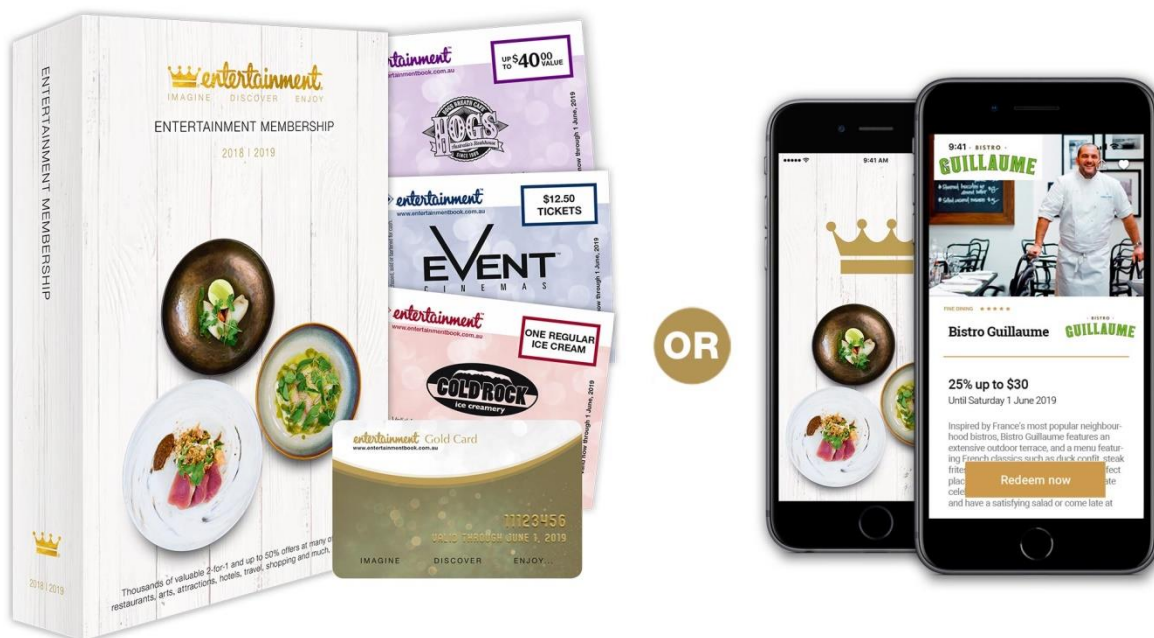
We must now ask ourselves this. Are the bridge clubs going to be there waiting for us to wake up from our online stupor? The way things are going, the answer is this: NO. Please ask yourself the next time you opt out of going to play evening bridge to sit and play online: ***how would I feel if the OPTION to attend a social game on an evening JUST IS NOT THERE?***

Our bridge clubs need people. People need people. People like us who love bridge need others of like mind to play with. We all need outings and to interact socially with others. So, the next time you decide to stay in and play online, please consider that the facility you do not support may not be there when you most need it. Our clubs need attendance for evening bridge to stay alive.

Please read this and think deeply about how much bridge and your club means to you and what it has done for you and support it!



We're fundraising with

QCBC is very happy to be promoting the 2018-2019 Entertainment Book. This is a fundraiser for the club but also gives our members a chance to look at the great offers and discounts on restaurants, accommodation, etc.

Each book or membership is \$75.

This is a perfect Mothers Day present!!

About the Entertainment™ Book

Discover thousands of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, cafés, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more.

2018 QBA Club Director exam

Nominations close June 6. Exam will be held at Saturday 23 June.

More information - <http://www.qldbridge.com.au/documents/2018/ClubDirBne.pdf>