

QCBC Newsletter



Both now back safe and sound

If you have a new phone number, please notify the office. We are preparing the 2018 membership

From the President

We are on the run home now. Currently in Leeds after having been to Bridgend (Wales), Chester, Glasgow, Inverness, Edinburgh, & Newcastle. Back to London tomorrow for a week before the flight home.

We have had a few games of bridge over here and as expected everyone plays Acol! We have both been well and have had a great time. I have managed to get to three soccer games so far.

The picture was taken near a pub outside Bridgend which overlooks the valley in Wales where Kim was born.

Regards, Ray

Coming events

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Thursdays 9 & 16

November

Qld Wide Pairs

Tuesday 10 AM & 7.30PM

November 21

\$10 per player

DECEMBER Red point sessions

Monday 10am - 4 /12

Friday 10am - 8/12

Tuesday 10am - 26/12



Christmas Party -

9 December

QCBC

OPEN + NOVICE

CROSS IMP PAIRS

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Sunday 14 January 2018



NEW YEAR EVE TEAMS - SUNDAY
31 DECEMBER

ALERT! QCBC Library

QCBC thanks Barbara Ryan who puts in a lot of time and effort to look after our library. The library has over 50 books that have not been returned.

A lot of these are new books and have been missing since 2015. It would be appreciated if you check to see if you have one.

There are too many to list but a couple of the newer books are -

"Bridge Players Bible" by Julian Pottage

"Points Schmoints" by Marty Bergen

"Marty Sez" by Marty Bergen

"To Bid or Not To Bid" by Larry Cohen

"Bridge: 25 Ways to Compete" by Seagran & Smith

"Test your Bridge Technique - Defending Suit Contracts", "Test your Bridge Technique - Entry Management" by Bird & Bourke

"Two over One Game Force, Revised" by Hardy

August Promotions

Alan Gibson

Joan Jenkins

Jennifer Vickers

Rita Fatseas

Ruth Hoffensetz

Irene Hayward

Diana Whitehead

Jenny Hay



Welcome to new members

Watson Zhou

Michael Rosengren

Linda Rosengren



Barbara Mokrzecki

September Promotions

Roberta Tait	Silver Life
Jenny Hay	*National
Sam Ng	*State
Helen Harris	Club
Christine Anderton	Club
Barbara Mokrzecki	Club
Peter Green	Graduate

A few aphorisms

I read that 4.153.237 people got married last year. Shouldn't that be an even number?

Relationships are a lot like algebra: have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you love someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

I think my neighbour is stalking me as she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

You're not fat, you're just easier to see

Congress Successes

QBA Graded Pairs Sept 2

A Grade

1 J&I. Luck

2 N. Francis & M. Perrin

3 J. Magee & T. Strong

B Grade

1 Ann Barry & J. Hay

2. W. Gibson & A. Harburg

3. D&S. Berns

C Grade

1 A. Scott & J. Hefferan

Noosa Teams Sept 10

A Grade

1 M. Carter, T. Hutton, L.

Carter, M. Doran

2 G. Gosney, M. Plunkett,

A. Hyland, F. Jeppesen

Dalby Pairs Sept 10

A Grade

2 P. Larsen, J. Rohde

QCBC Club Championship Sept 16

1 P. Evans, T. Treloar

2 T. Hutton, M. Carter

3 B. Kempthorne, R. Ward

Sunshine Coast Graded Pairs Sept 17

A Grade

1 T. Hutton, M. Carter

2 M. Perrin , A. Dawson

3 L. Carter, M. Doran

B Grade

2 J&C Tayloer

3 M. Plunkett, G. Gosney

Redland Graded Pairs Sept 24

A Grade

1 T. Hutton, M. Carter

2 E. Berger, E. Besprosvan

3 J. Mills, R. Parker

Toowoomba Pairs Sept 3

A Grade

1 T. Runting, P. Bugler

2 E Zeller, A. Dawson

3 P&J. Evans

B Grade

3 T&D. Treloar



Tim Runting, Patrick Bugler



Ewa Kowalczyk, Gheorghi Belonogov, Patrick and Tim

Murray Perrin, Carmel Martin,
Allie Dawson, Liz Zeller



Toowoomba Teams Oct 1&2

A Grade

1 P. Bugler, T. Runting, E. Kowalczyk, G. Belonogov

3 E. Zeller, A. Dawson, C, Martin, M. Perrin

B Grade

2 P&D. Nilsson, B. Kent, M. Knox

3 A. Boyce, J. Jenkins, L. Ranke, J. Rohde

Deborah and Peter Nilsson,
Barbara Kent



Nancy Penfold Memorial
Shield (Highest placed
ladies pair)
Alison Dawson,
Elizabeth Zeller

QBA Open Pairs Oct 7&8

A Grade

- 1 L. Carter, R. Wallis
- 2 R. Ward, T. Tully
- 3 J. Magee, T. Strong

Gympie Teams Oct 8

A Grade

- 2 M. Stoneman, V. Roland, P. Bugler, T. Runting

B Grade

- 1 N& B. Williams, G. Breeze, M. Ruttiman

GNOT Final Brisbane Oct 14&15

- 1 T. Hutton, M. Carter, N. Francis, T. Tully, R. Ward
- 2 P. Gosney, B. Haughie, R. Parker, P. Hooykaas

BBC Novice pairs

Championship Oct 22

- 2 K&W. Males
 - 3 K Mukai, K. Seefeld
- Consolation
- F. Cooper, S. Aring

Surfers Paradise Graded Teams Oct 28

- 2 T. Hutton, R. Ward, S. O'Brien, P. Collins
- 3 P&D. McLeish, C. Miller, K. Steffensen

QCBC Open & Novice Teams Oct 29

A Grade

- 1 G. Toon, M. Hoenig, T. Strong, J. Magee
- 2 L. Ranke, J. Rohde, R. Fox, T. Bardon, T. O'Dempsey
- 3 J. Jenkins, E. Mander, C. Green, S. Johnson



Terry,
Jack,
Richard,
Lex

Maha, Jill,
Terry,
Geoffrey



Trump Promotion Time: Greed is good! Annette Corkhill

My partner Greer Tucker found the perfect defence recently! It involved Trump Promotion, always a great defensive strategy. She was sitting N, whilst I held the S cards.

		W	N	E	S
N					
♠	K743				pass
♥	K76	pass	pass	1NT	pass
♦	K10854	2♦	pass	2♥	all pass
♣	4				
W		E			
♠	J	♠	AQ1096		
♥	109854	♥	Q2		
♦	9763	♦	AQJ		
♣	AKJ	♣	875		
S					
♠	852				
♥	AJ3				
♦	2				
♣	Q109632				

Dealer S All vul

After three passes, E opened the bidding 1NT, 15-17 HCP. His partner W bid 2♦, transfer to hearts, and this concluded the bidding sequence. Declarer surveyed the hand and probably considered that it looked easy enough, despite the secondary fit and the missing honours.

I led the obvious ♦2, hoping to take a trick with my low heart. Partner played the 8, and declarer happily won the queen.

He next crossed to the board with a club, before continuing with the ♥10 to the queen and ace. I exited with the ♣9, a deliberately confusing card as I did not want declarer to know I held the Q under his AKJ. I was delighted when declarer put up his king. Greer ruffed it with her remaining low heart. She returned the ♦4, which I won with the ♥3.

I now pinned the ♣J with my Q. When I played the winning ♣3, Greer ruffed high with the ♥K, so making my ♥J good and drawing upon an excellent defensive weapon, the famous 'trump promotion'. Had she simply discarded and allowed declarer to ruff with the 2, our regal father and son, the king and knave, would have fallen together on the battlefield as soon as declarer reached the table with a spade ruff and led a heart.

Making 7 tricks, a pleasant outcome for the defence! The moral of the story is: even if partner has already won the trick, you should sometimes trump her winner high. In this way, you promote one of your partner's trumps and yield an extra trick for your side. Never forget to indulge in one particular deadly sin at the bridge table: its name is Greed, and it is good!

The Role of the Recorder - Richard Ward

Many may not be aware that QCBC has a appointed Richard Ward to the position of Club Recorder.

This is in line with similar appointments for all ABF and QBA events where the role is described in the following way:



The Recorder will be a person to whom players may have recourse on complaints or suspicions of improper, unethical or discourteous behaviour by others - in general, matters which are not strictly the province of the Director. He will receive the complaint tactfully, confidentially record it, and may discuss the matter with the subjects of the complaint if he deems it appropriate. If he receives repeated complaints of a similar nature against a particular player or pair, he may discuss the matter personally with him/her, and should report the matter in confidence to the Management Committee.

To elaborate further on how this works, I have paraphrased below an article written by ABF Recorder and former ABF President, John Brockwell for the Gold Coast Congress Bulletin in 2016.

Recorders exist to allow people to get things off their chests or to let off steam. Many recorder matters are fairly trivial. They come about because normal people have behaved out of character because they are tired or are playing badly or are irritated by an opponent's mannerisms or for any number of other reasons. Typically, the sort of incident that is drawn to the attention of a Recorder

is one that makes someone at the table feel uncomfortable. Examples of such incidents are psyching, abuse of partner, rudeness to the opposition, and bullying of inexperienced opponents.

- Abuse of partner is fairly common. Realistically, it is a stupid practice. Not only is it bad manners but it is also bad for partnership rapport. Almost always, abuse of partner makes the opponents feel uncomfortable. It should be reported to a Recorder.
- Rudeness to opponents is unacceptable. Sometimes you will find that an opponent's idiosyncrasies can be a bit irritating. That's just human nature. Occasionally, when those mannerisms become overwhelming, bite your tongue and report the matter to the Recorder at the end of the session. Rudeness is never an appropriate response. Rudeness should always be reported.
- A thing that really troubles Recorders is bullying of opponents. They take a dim view of it. The most frequent victims are players who are new to tournament play. More-experienced opponents are sometimes inclined to admonish them for some perceived breach of procedure. That is not their function. There are also those who usurp the Director's job by giving table rulings. That is foolish and improper. The Laws require that a Director be summoned whenever an infraction occurs, however trivial that infraction might appear. It is unnecessary, indeed unbecoming, to summon the director in an aggressive or intimidatory fashion. It is easy to say to your less-experienced opponents "I think there has been an infraction; do you mind if we call a Director?" Likewise, and this is not an easy thing to do, less-experienced players should call a Director if they are bullied and, later, they should report the incident to a Recorder. Far too many incidents of bullying are not reported as they should be. The authorities have ways and means of dealing with persistent bullies.
- Breaches of proper procedure can be catalysts of incidents at the table. eg with written bidding, the bidding sheet must remain in view until the third player (on declarer's right) has played to the first trick, whereupon dummy should turn the bidding sheet over or otherwise remove it from sight.
- Where an incident is more serious, the main roles of a Recorder are to gather the evidence, to make a preliminary assessment of it and, perhaps, to make some personal judgements about the credence of the complainant and the person complained about. Then a report about the incident is submitted to the QCBC Management Committee to deal with as they see fit, and in line with their Club constitution.

A complaint to a Recorder is a highly confidential matter and a Recorder should never extend any inquiries more widely than absolutely necessary. As a general rule that means the complainant, the person complained about and, where he has been involved, the Director. Sometimes it is necessary to consult the other people at the table, but consultation beyond that should be avoided. Any Recorder who allows recorder matters to become common knowledge is not doing his job.

So don't forget – if something occurs at the table that makes you feel uncomfortable and which can't really be effectively dealt with by a Director, do not hesitate to see a Recorder about it. A long time ago someone said that "Bridge is a game for ladies and gentlemen". Nowadays, that idea seems quaint and old-fashioned but there is still something nice about it. Someone else once said that "Bridge is a beautiful game; let's keep it that way". **John Brockwell**

For more reading on player behaviour and conduct, see the ABF website/ Member Services/ Policies and Procedures/ Player Behaviour/

- 'Be a good sport'
- 'Player code of conduct'
- 'Dealing with inappropriate behaviour'

INTERACTIVE TRAINING

With Andy Hung



At Queensland Contract Bridge Club

(67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba)



We are delighted to have Andy Hung back for more bridge lessons! We will continue to look at how to improve more of our bridge, but also learn some new things!

Everyone is welcome – a partner is not required.

Visit Andy Hung's Bridge Website at: www.andyhungbridge.com

DATE	Topics (with description)
WED 8/11/17 10AM-12:30PM	Improve Your Constructive Bidding – How to show various (strong) raises in partner's major suit, with or without a slam try hand.
WED 15/11/17	BREAK for 1 week
WED 22/11/17 10AM-12:30PM	Defence Signals – Continuing with suit preference signals, we will look at how it works in a NT contract.
WED 29/11/17 10AM-12:30PM	Improving Your Bridge – Test yourself by playing hands, followed by discussion analysis with Andy. There will also be quiz problems to solve.
Costs: \$15 per person per lesson (Individuals and non-members are more than welcome!)	

Please RSVP (though not essential) to Andy Hung
 Email: hung.andy.p@gmail.com

NEW YEAR'S EVE TEAMS

Sunday 31st December 2017

Entry Fee: \$80 per team
Play Commences: 7.30 pm
Entries Close: Friday, 29th December



This year's theme is:

Beads, Balls & Bow Ties

The best dressed team

will win a prize,

but theme clothing is optional

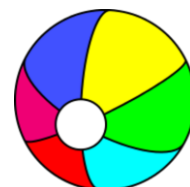
Champagne Supper

Cash Prizes

Any enquiries including help with teammates, please contact:

**Cheryl Stone 0407 172 287 / cheryl.stone6@bigpond.com
or QCBC 3391 3241**

This event is conducted under QBA Regulations.



NEW YEAR'S EVE TEAMS - We wish to enter a team and enclose our entry fee of \$80.00:

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

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