

QCBC Newsletter



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From the President

It will be the end of September by the time you are reading this. Time is flying. Zeraya is now 1 and Kim and I are expecting another grandchild in February – when will my children ever realise February is Gold Coast Congress Month?

October is QCBC's AGM and we have 3 positions available for the committee and only 2 nominations at this stage. If anyone is slightly interested, please don't hesitate to contact me. A big thank you to **Val Holbrook** who is standing down this year from the Committee and also to **Cheryl Stone** who is also standing down after many years contributing to the successful running of the club. Val lives on the Coast and finds it difficult to attend meetings and Cheryl is retiring due to health reasons. It is not an arduous task but involves monthly attendance at a Committee/Board meeting.



Jenny Hay is doing a marvellous job with the Facebook page and in her absence when she is overseas Charles Page will oversee the task. Have a well-earned holiday Jenny.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/QCBCBridge/reviews/?ref=page_internal

QCBC hosted the GNOT Regional Final on behalf of the Brisbane Zone and it was nice to see 48 tables in play. Director **Julie Jeffries** ran a tight ship. **Barry Williams** convened his first congress with the QBA Graded Pairs and did a great job. Biggest field for a while. Winners are published elsewhere in this newsletter. Talking about the newsletter, Joan our wonderful editor would like to hand the reins over to someone else – she also has been editor for over 10 years and she deserves a break – any aspiring editors out there?

Finally from our recent Tournament Committee meeting a couple of reminders to players:

1. please turn your mobile phones off prior to a session commencing; and
2. please avoid discussing board results when they are displayed on the bridgemate

Ask the Expert

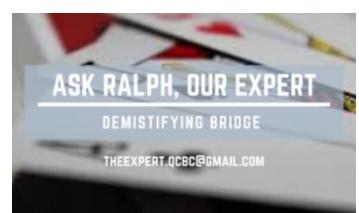
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Running our Club and our eight Bridge sessions each week is made up of a lot of small jobs and help make our Club run smoothly, Things like this newsletter, dealing, the kitchen, directing, bridgemates, helping with lessons, caddies for tournaments, the list goes on.

Currently we have a few people heavy lifting, a huge thank-you to them.

So if you can come in early or stay late and do some dealing, learn how to operate the bridge-mates, train up to become a session Director or put your hand up for some other job then please speak to Toni.

Many hands make light work it's true !!



Are there occasions you need some guidance and want to sense check your thinking? Ask our expert, Ralph Parker. Ralph can be contacted via email at theexpert.qcbc@gmail.com.

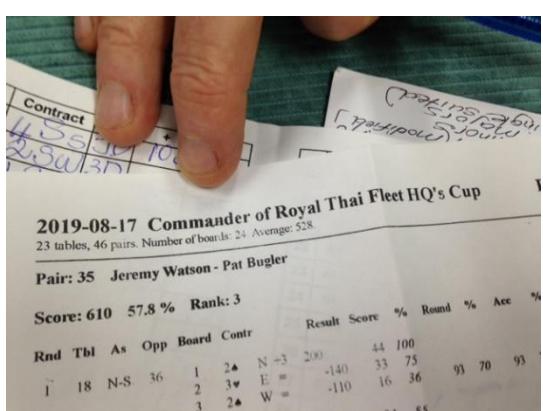
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International Relations

The Thai navy hold a comp once a year at their base about an hour outside Bangkok. They cover everything including a sit-down meal and when it's over a boat ride out to an island the following day.

When Thai cadets join the Navy they need to pick four sports to play from a choice of twelve and bridge has to be one of them, the reason being that if they are at sea and meet a navy boat from a different country they can meet on the high seas and play bridge.

This year I was lucky to be asked to play by a guy called Jeremy Watson. (I think all of his other partners had the flu.) There were about half a dozen pairs from Holland and Norway as well as three pairs that make up the current mixed Thai teams which included us.



My partner carried us into 3rd place. We were dealt lots of interesting hands but one comes to mind. I opened 2H which was 5+ Hearts and 5 of a minor. My partner bid 2NT asking for my other suit. I bid 3D. His next bid was 7S. He had eight spades headed by AKQJ and 5 diamonds headed by the AK. Good board for us.

It was a thrill to play there and see lots of young people embracing our wonderful game.

Who knows, maybe next year a few might have the flu again. ☺ Patrick Bugler

What would you have Done?

This is from a Tuesday day time session where Ray Ellaway and Robin Steinhardt were playing. Ray comes home and discusses the hands with me and when told about this hand I put the blame totally in his hands.

The hands were

South passed, and West opened 1 diamond. Ray chose the (to me) a very negative bid of 4 spades. I think the correct bid is 5 no trumps which must show the other minor and a major – slam force and if East keeps quiet South should bid 6 clubs or South should bid 2nt showing the same hand but east might bid 4 hearts which would mean when north now bids 4 spades showing a very strong hand, South should give a courtesy raise to 5 spades and then 6 spades will be found.

Who said wild deals don't come from the computer?

Kim
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BD: 7	AKQ8754	Dir: S
		Vul: Both
KQT853		
J62		
KQ96		JT87542
K976		Q8542
A7		4
T93		
A3		
AJT3		
J962		



Graded Teams

This event has been running for 25 years – I have been lucky enough to always team up with Lindy Vincent and Richard Ward (only thing that has stopped us are health issues from both partnerships). It is a popular event and always has an entry of over 40 tables with over 50 tables in its first year.

I found Board 18 very interesting and we were playing against Lynne Gray sitting East and your esteemed editor Joan Jenkins sitting West. Lyn opened 2 no trump. Joan found the bid of 3 clubs which asked for a 4 card major as she felt whatever Lynne replied she would pass; however when Lynne bid 3 spades she found the excellent bid of 4 spades. Out of the 24 tables in the A Grade Section, only 5 tables bid the unbeatable contract. Well done Joan. The event is convened by Toni Bardon who always does an excellent job and is directed by Jan Peach who always does a superb job.

Kim Ellaway

Manager Queensland Bridge Association
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BOARD 18		
BD: 18	72	Dlr: E
	AQ942	Vul: N-S
	94	
	9854	
JT85		AKQ9
T86		K3
87653		AK2
T		Q732
	643	
	J75	
	QJT	
	AKJ6	

The Subtleties of Bridge Deanne Gaskill

I was playing at the Gold Coast Congress a few years ago with a delightful partner (& former QCBC member) who has a wonderful attribute of looking at, and responding to, the world through rose-tinted glasses.

As most GCC players know, it can be very cold at the Convention Centre. Consequently, the ring I was wearing kept slipping & I was forever straightening it. On one of those occasions, my partner played a diamond which won the trick. Immediately, the opposition cried foul and wanted to call the Director believing that I had sent a secret signal. I'm sure my eyes widened in disbelief then my dear, sweet partner, while pointing at my ring, cried out: "But that's not a diamond, that's a pearl" – then pointed to her own ring saying: "THIS is a diamond."



The silence around our table from other players was deafening for a nano second – then laughter ensued. The matter was amicably resolved at the table – but a lesson for all was learned... A game of Bridge is truly serious at times – even in the Novice section!

The following year, I was again at the GCC - with a different partner this time. I had been having physiotherapy for some time for back pain & my back was heavily strapped. While sitting for long periods of time, every now & again I found it helpful if I raised my arms above my head & stretched for a bit. Yep, you guessed it, the opposition considered that I was sending a signal to my partner. At this point, my "helpful" partner suggested that I immediately strip to prove why I was stretching. The opposition demurred. Phew. Another controversy avoided!

Masterpoint Promotions

August

Jack Rohde	Gold Life
Kris Sullivan	Local
September	
Jan Malinas	Grand Master
David O'Gorman	Gold Life
Anne Lamport	Silver Life
Robin Webcke	Life
Irene Hayward	**Local
Jamshid Vazivzadeh	**Local
Jenny Thompson	Club
Louise Bennett	Club
Vivienne Van Rooyen	Club



Jan Malinas



Louise Bennett



Robin Webcke



David O'Gorman

WANTED

- Card Tables with wooden legs - THESE ARE NOW HARD TO PURCHASE. If you have one in reasonable condition and you don't want it any more, please contact me to discuss.

-Staff for the Gold Coast Congress - many positons will be vacant in 2021 - please contact me if interested.

-Caddies for 2020 - any age however I need caddies for events not single days. I have two and three day events. Please contact me if interested - limited accommodation available.

Kim Ellaway
Manager
Queensland Bridge Association



ANC Bridge Gear Welcome Swiss Pairs
Sue O'Brien and Paul Collins – First

Results

Australian National Championships - Melbourne

Qld Open Team (Tony Treloar, Peter Evans, Ralph Parker, Paul Hooykaas, Charlie Lu, Martin Qin, Martin Doran (NPC) – third

Qld Seniors' Team (Therese Tully, Richard Ward, Tony Hutton, Neville Francis, Eva Kowalczyk, Gheorghi Belonogov, Martin Doran (NPC) – second

Qld Women's Team (Maha Hoenig, Greer Tucker, Pele Rankin, Janeen Solomon, Sue Spurway, Annette Corkhill, Sue O'Brien (NPC) – fourth

Qld Youth Team (Jack Luke-Paredi, Ben Leung, Darren Brake, Jasmine Skeate, Elen Visscher, Oliver McCarthy, Paul Brake (NPC) – third

Neville Francis/Tony Hutton – Senior Pairs – 2nd

David Earnshaw/Daniel Chua – Restricted Pairs – 3rd

Alison Dawson and Elizabeth Zeller – Women's Butler – 3rd

Congratulations All

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Maha Hoenig has suggested this excellent resource which is free online at
<https://bridgefeed.acbl.org/> Try the Hand of the Week. Here is an example.

Grand Ambitions

4 weeks ago Brent Manley Hand of the week

DLR: SOUTH	North	WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ 6 4 ♣ A K 7 5				1♠
VUL		Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
N-S		Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
		Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
		Pass	5♣	Pass	5NT
		Pass	6♣	Pass	7♠
		All Pass			

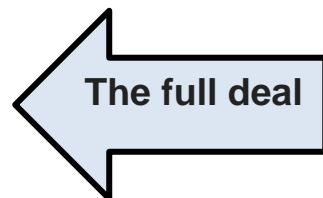
You open 1♠ and, after North's game-forcing raise promising four-card spade support, your 3NT showed extras while denying six spades and indicating no singleton or void in a side suit. After some control-bidding, you asked for key cards and then confirmed that the partnership had them all by bidding 5NT. When North showed that he held the ♣K by bidding 6♣, you bid what you thought you could likely make. West leads the ♥10. How will you get to 13 tricks with these cards?

Solution

When dummy came down, declarer counted 12 winners and saw that, if trumps were no worse than 3-1, he could draw the trumps, discard a diamond from dummy on the fourth round of hearts: and ruff the ♦Q in the dummy. So, declarer played low from dummy and won the first trick in hand with his king. He played a low trump toward dummy. When West discarded a diamond, declarer won the trick with dummy's ♠8. Declarer saw that trying to ruff a diamond was too dangerous a policy to pursue. Instead, he decided to ruff two clubs in hand without using the ♥A as an entry. So, he cashed the ♣A and ♣K, then ruffed a club with the ♠K.

Next, he led the ♠Q to dummy's ace and ruffed dummy's last club with the ♠J. Declarer's remaining trump, the 5, was now led to dummy's 9. After drawing East's last trump with dummy's ♠10, declarer claimed 13 tricks: four trumps, four hearts, a diamond, two clubs and two club ruffs.

Note that the bad heart break meant that if declarer had been careless with his trump entries to dummy he would have gone down when he tried to cross back to dummy in hearts.



♠A1098	♦64	♣AK75
♥A65		
♦K9732		
♣Q43		
♠-----	♣7643	
♥109872	♥4	
♦J1085		
♣10962		
♠KQJ52		
♥KQJ3		
♦AQ		
♣J8		



Bridge in the Stratosphere from Richard Fox

World champion American player Alan Sontag said "It's not the difficult hands that set the expert apart, there aren't enough of them. The key is not stuffing up the easy ones." For most of us that's good advice. If you don't mess up any hands in a congress you'll be hot contenders to win outright.

However, that's not the whole story. Here is an example from England of expert play that would be beyond all but the best.

Squeeze Play

Squeezes aren't that big a deal at top levels. Club players sometimes realise they are in trouble, and may or may not find a way out, but there's often not much science to it. In this hand Artur Malinowski managed some exceptional card-reading, aided by the quality of the opposition.

Dealer S NS Vul	♠ 10 9 6 2 ♥ 9 7 ♦ K J 10 7 ♣ Q 7 3	4S by S S lead
♠ 8 5 ♥ K J 10 4 ♦ Q 6 5 3 2 ♣ J 6		♠ 4 3 ♥ 8 6 3 2 ♦ A 8 ♣ K 9 8 4 2
	♠ A K Q J 7 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ 9 4 ♣ A T 5	

South opened 2NT and reached 4S after a Stayman enquiry. West was Justin Hackett, who with twin Jason and father Paul are a very successful bridge-playing family. Justin led a passive trump, all other leads being pretty awful. Malinowski drew trumps ending in hand, and ran the 9D to East's ace. East returned a heart, the queen lost to the king and the JH went to declarer's ace. South ruffed a heart and surveyed this situation. It was matchpoints, so the overtrick could be key, and he'd lost a diamond and a heart.

Could he avoid losing any more? Maybe it looked like this...

Dealer S NS Vul	♠ 10 ♥ ♦ K J 10 ♣ Q 7 3	4S by S S lead
♠ ♥ 10 ♦ Q 6 5 3 ♣ K? 6		♠ ♥ 8 ♦ 8 ♣ J? 9 8 4 2
	♠ A K 7 ♥ ♦ 4 ♣ A T 5	

West clearly had the QD and if he also had the KC a squeeze would develop. Malinowski would play 3 trumps while West could spare the heart and one diamond but then would be in trouble. He would have to keep a club to protect the king so he'd have to throw another diamond, making all 3 diamonds come good on the finesse.

This may seem quite smart to a mere mortal but here comes the clever part. Artur Malinowski knew that Justin Hackett was good enough not only to foresee this problem, but to have escaped by playing a diamond instead of the JH to spoil the squeeze. He would hang on to the guarded king of clubs and make it.

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<p>♠ ♥ ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ J</p>	<p>♠ ♥ ♦ 8 ♣ 9 8 4</p>	
	<p>♠ A ♥ ♦ 4 ♣ 10 5</p>	

Therefore Malinowski decided Justin Hackett couldn't have the KC so he'd have to rearrange the squeeze to make sure West would be the victim after all.

The technique is called "transferring the menace". He played the QC off dummy, covered and headed by the ace, leaving West trying to keep both the JC and the diamonds. When he played the ace of trumps in the position above, West's goose was cooked. The squeeze worked for a well-earned 11 tricks.

Coming Up

Monday 7 October - ALL SESSIONS ARE CANCELLED

Saturday 19 October - AGM 12noon followed by

October Red Point Pairs starting at 1pm

Tuesday 10 AM - 22 October - Red point day - Pairs & Teams - entry forms out soon

**QCBC OPEN, RESTRICTED & NOVICE TEAMS -
Sunday 27 October - Sponsored by CLEAN
CRUISING**

BEGINNERS LESSONS - starting Wednesday 2 October - 10 am to 12 noon - 8 week course - \$40 - contact: Christine Newbery - 0412 427 748 - christine.newbery1@gmail.com

Beginners Lessons - starting Monday PM 14 October - 7pm to 9pm - 6 week course - \$40 - contact: Robyn Clark - 0414 540 776 - rcla@optusnet.com.au



**A big welcome
to these new
members**

Sally Hall
Peter Munro
Afi Baghaei
Delaine
Humphreys
Ross Humphreys
Elizabeth Moran
Dennis Cross
Rhonda Austin
Raelene Clark
Ann Shotter
Cathy Matheson
Alison Banks

**The QBA Presidents Meeting was held at QCBC,
28 & 29 September. The presidents and
representatives from Queensland clubs
attended.**

**Kim Ellaway, Manager of the QBA, was
awarded Life Membership of the QBA.**

**Congratulations, Kim, and thank you for all
your hard work.**



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NEW YEAR'S EVE TEAMS

Tuesday, 31st December 2019

Entry Fee \$80 per team

Commencing: 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start

Entries Close: Saturday, 28th December



The team best-dressed to display this year's theme of:

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY
will win a prize. Theme clothing is optional.

CHAMPAGNE
SUPPER

CASH
PRIZES



Any enquiries including help with team-mates, please contact:
Cheryl Stone: cheryl.stone6@bigpond.com or 0407 172 287

This event is conducted under QBA Regulations.

New Year's Eve Teams Entry

Entry Fees will be collected on the night.

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

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OPEN, RESTRICTED & NOVICE SWISS TEAMS

(Novice - less than 100 masterpoints
as at 31/07/19)

(Restricted - less than 300mp as at 31/07/19)

Sunday 27 October

SPONSORED BY



ENTRY FEE: \$120 per team

TIME: 9.30AM

ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday 23/10

DIRECTOR: Alan Gibson

SYSTEMS: **Open & Restricted:** Green, blue, red & brown sticker conventions & treatments

Novice: Blue & Green only

VENUE: 67 Ipswich Rd

Woolloongabba 4102

ENQUIRIES: Toni at QCBC - 3391 3241 qcbc1@optusnet.com.au

BYO Lunch

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Morning & afternoon tea supplied

CASH PRIZES

Should entry numbers warrant the division of the field for secondary prize money purposes, it shall be divided on the initial seeding.

- QBA Regulations apply.
- Entries accepted by email, post or phone
- Entry fees can be paid on the day by cash or cheque or directly into our bank a/c - BSB: 124-011 A/c 10195696. Cheques to be made payable to QCBC.

Please check entries on QCBC website prior to the event and advise organiser of any errors or omissions. www.qcbc.org.au

Entry form

Open *Restricted *Novice

(please nominate category)

NAME ABF NO.....

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CONTACT PHONE NO

***Novice Teams** - each player must have <100mp as at 31/7/19

***Restricted Teams** - each player must have <300mp as at 31/7/19