



President's Message

August already? Exhibition! This means the Macau Teams, Exhibition Pairs and the 5 Star Trophy. I hope our day time players can play in at least one of these events if not all three. What the club needs is as many players as possible to attend the Butler Pairs that QCBC will host on the 18/ 19 August. The under 150 masterpoints section will be a good event for those that have not played a great deal of Congress Bridge. Who cares what the result is, as long as you enjoy the weekend. Helpers will be very appreciated.

The Mixed Teams start on Friday night 24 August. The fund raising organised by Allan Nicholas has raised over \$250, but Alan needs help especially on Tuesday and Friday day sessions. The Board thanks Alan and the members for their wonderful support.

Attention to the access to the back block will be improved ASAP. Just a little correction required. Isn't the club looking great? The new blinds work really well in creating a nice image. Suggestions for "little corrections" are most welcomed. Please let Toni know or speak to one of the Board. There is always the suggestion Box.

Our top priority remains recruiting new players. We need to leave no stone unturned in an effort to encourage people to test the water by enrolling for lessons. We want people to join our happy family. Keith Mc Donald.



RESULTS:

THURSDAY SWISS PAIRS:
CLAIRE GREEN & CLAIRE HYNE

QBA GRADED PAIRS
A: N FRANCIS A PRYDE
B: P EVANS T TRELOAR
C: G ROBERTS K DEAN
D: J BROWN C STONE

BRISBANE CUP PAIRS
KEITH BISHOP & MALCOLM LITTLER

ASCOT TROPHY PAIRS
MIKE STONEMAN & KATE HEWINGS



COMING EVENTS:

MACAU TEAMS
THURSDAY 10am
AUGUST 2 & 9
Illustration of two people playing cards at a table.

NOVICE/EXPERT THURSDAY
7.30pm - 2 August
Illustration of a group of people playing cards at a table.



EXHIBITION PAIRS
WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST – 10.30AM
Red MP



NEW MEMBERS:

Paul Han
Jack Stoll
Joan Walker
Marilyn Graham



We sadly report the death of Georges Hero. Our condolences to Roz and their family. And one of our old members, May Dunlop also passed away.



The Graded Pairs 2007

90 pairs played in this congress. This was the first year that there were 4 grades instead of 3. Alan Gibson did a great job directing as did Maurie Cullen as assistant director and caddy.

Thanks to, Dulcie Currión, Del Dudman and Patricia Tavuzzi for helping Rose in the kitchen. The girls worked non stop making tea, coffee and keeping you all well fed. It is a long day for them and they did a fantastic job. And the home made cakes, slices, sandwiches were all taste tested by me and they were Delicious.

Thank you to the players who stay back, even 5 minutes, to help tidy up – many hands make light work – it is appreciated. A lot of effort goes into a congress to make it successful and QCBC couldn't do it without your help.

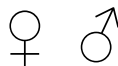


QBA BUTLER PAIRS

hosted by qcbc
open & rest
ricted <150
saturday & sunday
18-19 august

QBA MIXED TEAMS

Hosted by QCBC
Fridays 7.30pm
24 August, 26 October, 9
November, 7 December
Both genders must be represented
in a team's line up at all
times.



Allan Nicholas with his lucky number sheet fundraising for the Club

Qld Seniors team were 2nd in the ANC. This is a picture of them all taken at the Victory Dinner.



L to R: Peter Wells, NPC Jill Broad, Mike Robson, Betty Lee, John Gough, Marion Cooke, Judy Perl

5 STAR TROPHY
Tuesday 10am - August 21
Red masterpoints





Chris Woolley ran a course of Improvers classes on Monday nights. There has been only positive feedback. Your time & efforts are appreciated by the players who attended and by the Club. . Thanks
Chris and Carolyn



- Graduate Master Ranjit de Mel
- Club Master Ron Casey
David Goodsir
June Jones
Kamal Shakti
- Local Master Frances Bensted
Brian Butterfield
Beryl Manders
Maureen Walsh
- *Local Master Beth Belton
Brian Frampton
Susan Leahy
Pat Noad
- ** Local Master Betty Hill
Patricia Middleton
- Regional Master David O’Gorman
Margaret Watson
- * Regional Master Molly Muller
- State Master Patricia Mclean
- * State Master David Temple
Natasha Thomas
- Bronze Life Master Marie Simpson
- Silver Life Master Judy Perl



ANC 2007

Well done to Greer Tucker and Margaret Millar, winners of the Australian Womens Butler Pairs.

Go Queensland!! The Open team finished 3rd, Women finished 4th and the Seniors finished 2nd. Well done to you all. Hopefully, we might have a few hands for the next newsletter.



The new dishwasher, hot water unit and 2 water coolers have been delivered and will be installed asap. Thank you again to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for the grant.



Our thanks also to the Brisbane City Council for a rate reduction for this quarter. Our rates are over \$22,000 per annum so every bit helps.



The QBA have given QCBC a \$300 marketing grant. This will be used to promote lessons and bridge in the area.



The winter, as usual, has brought on colds and flu. Some of our Members have been hit and we wish them a quick recovery. And a few of our sure carded members haven’t been too sure footed – wish you all a quick recovery too.

One of the ladies paid \$70 for taxi fares the other day just to come to bridge. If you can give someone a lift, please offer - it is appreciated.



Here is a picture of Meg, Dorrie and Pat as they are about to board the plane for their holiday in England, Scotland and Ireland.



DEADLY BRIDGE SINS!

(This article is taken from the daily bulletins from the recent Australian National Bridge Championships which were held in Fremantle. We will publish the rest of the article over the next few months.)



“Today we begin a series of articles generously provided by Blaine Howe. Today’s article is the introduction to the series and tomorrow Blaine talks about the first of the seven deadly partnership sins.

Deadly Bridge Sins

The Seven Deadly sins were put together by the Dallas Aces (in 1967 according to my copy) as a summary of the categories of mistakes we make as players – they used them when reviewing what they did during training and matches. The team (Bob Hamman, Mike Lawrence and a few other OK players) went on to win multiple world championships so here is probably something to it.

I have noticed that most mistakes my partner and I make as players can be chucked into one of these baskets. If the same sin keeps repeating itself, we work on it.

Seven Deadly Sins

The original list that I have is:

1. Bidding without values
2. System violations
3. Unilateral actions
4. No-Win declarer plays
5. No-Win defensive plays
6. Impulsive plays
7. Mechanicals.

We try to identify such things ourselves when reviewing sessions or events. For instance, because of being tired, defence gets sloppy during an evening, leading to unnecessary losses – if one of us says this after a session, we do not pursue any particular boards where the defence was poor.

These sins are just you as a player and you can work on them just like you work on your technique. The mistakes you make as partners, however, are just as important to your results.

I have attempted here to generate an effective list of the sins that occur on a partnership level. Surprisingly, the top 3 had direct parallels.

Broadly speaking, partnership sins are about how you conduct your relationship and how you conduct your defence where winning bridge is based on a fully co-operative effort.

Seven Deadly Partnership Sins

My (Blaine’s) version for the sin list for partnerships follows.

1. Talking without values
2. Agreement violations
3. Unilateral defence
4. Domestic deafness
5. Body language
6. Creating bad Vibes
7. Laziness

It will be interesting to see if I have got it right or not. Maybe my partner will tell me if I have missed something.

Also, maybe some of you out there can explore the themes. If you want to shield the innocent (such as your good self), then pass material on to me – I promise to protect my sources...

1. Talking without Values

Your partner has just gone down in 3NT. You say at the table:

“I think you should have made that. And anyway, you could have put us in the 5-3 Spade fit and let me play the hand.”

I heard this said recently and, after the dust settled, it turned out that 4S had no play but 3NT did. 3 NT was a better contract and it only went down because we defended well. Declarer was not a happy camper. This is a clear case of Talking Without Values and I hear this sin committed every time I play bridge.

Bridge is an emotional game and players get excited easily. This frequently leads to players blurting out their opinions at the table when they are unhappy about something – a very dangerous practice.

Clearly I am warning you to take the time to think things through before criticising the bridge actions of your partner or your opponents. Ignore me at your peril. Criticism like revenge is a dish best served cold.

The next time you hear this happening you can try what I do sometimes:

“**Talking without values, eh?**”

Catch the right tone and you can get the transgressor to move on happily

It’s fun to try it, anyway.”

Blaine Howe.



These cards come from a deck of cards from Mongolia brought along to the club by Joan Shapland. It is interesting to note the different style of these cards with their interesting graphics.



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