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Bridging the Gap

From the president

Thank you to Charles for putting his hand up as Editor of the QCBC Newsletter. Charles will struggle in compiling an interesting newsletter if he does not get your articles and stories.

The bathrooms are 95% completed and I would like to thank all of the QCBC members for their patience during this lengthy refurbishment.

Some big events occurring at QCBC over the next few months will see some sessions cancelled and apologies in advance.

Cancelled sessions

Saturday August 26 and Sunday August 27 is the Brisbane Zone GNOT Finals so the Saturday session is cancelled,

Saturday October 7, Sunday October 8 and Monday October 9 Qld Festival of Bridge so both the Saturday session and the Monday session are cancelled

Friday December 1, Saturday December 2, Sunday December 3 is the National GNOT-Final so both the Friday and Saturday sessions are cancelled.

AGM

October 21 is the date for our AGM. I will be standing down after 10 years. I can't say my 10 years have been entirely trouble free. My mother in law Marion Cooke who was my mentor and encouraged me to put my hand up for QCBC President unfortunately passed away shortly after I took on the position, I then got struck down with a brain tumour but I am here to talk about it, we went through QCBC being flooded and then Covid before most recently the renovations.

I have certainly enjoyed my time and will continue to direct on Tuesdays and perhaps play at other sessions a little bit more. If you are interested in coming on the board, give me or any board member a call



"Of course we're not going to experiment on you - we just needed another hand for our bridge game!"

Club Congress News

The July Congress has been played and won by the Leung Team of Ziggy Tere Kate and Zac. It was great to see the young and the old combining to win the event.

We also have Jack Luke-Paredi and Seb Langton-Macmillan representing Australia at the World Youth Championships in the Netherlands. They are often seen at the Club on Tuesday night scooping the

Prizes. Remember that both Paul Gosney and Andy Hung learnt their bridge at QCBC.

We, in fact, have a strong youth section coordinated by Michael Gearing including Lauren, Jasmine, Paddy, Ben and Alex who play bridge with Pizza on



A number of members Friday night. recently played on state teams that went to Perth and unfortunately there was no winning teams from Queensland this year, not even a finalist.

However, a few came close with the seniors and youths coming third in their round robin.

With only one win in the open since the ANC commenced in 1931, that team featured luminaries as Hunt Wallis Ward Laving Blyth and Hume so maybe we might ask them the secret !

Now for some bridge

Here is a hand that I picked as on my very first board ...I always tell myself be ready to bid a slam, even on the first hand...whilst still asleep and sipping my tea..this arrived

When Partner opened 1NT I was wide awake spluttering ...here comes my slam and I can transfer with 2♥ for partner to bid 2♠ ... I next bid 3♣ over the transfer and partner then bid 4♦ ...Now I had a double gulp and choked on my biscuit...partner is looking for action ...don't balls it up Charles

4NT came next and back came three Aces 5♦....has Partner really shown 3 Aces ? .. will he recognise my ask for Kings
5NT....Judging by his reaction and choice he had no idea but choose 6NT which left me none the wiser but I decided we must have an extra card some where and I have an extra ♠ so could count to.."Enough..this it will be ok" and Bid 7♠. Nothing to making 13 Tricks

Intrestingly in the Open Section across 10 pairs only two bid the Grand as that level you need 15 cold tricks...In the wannabe B section 5 of 8 pairs bid the grand slam ready to show the A grade they should be there and nothing in the Novice grade except they all bid the slam ... are lessons needed for the novices to cover the magic 7 level bids.?

BD: 3	♠ 864	Dlr: S
	♥ T976	Vul:
	2	EW
	♦ J2	
	♣ JT9	
♠ A5		♠ KQJ93
		2
♥ AQ8		♥ KJ
♦ KT95		♦ A64
3		♣ K8
♣ A64		
	♠ T7	
	♥ 543	
	♦ Q87	
	♣ Q753	
	2	



Meet the editor

I am putting my hand up as bulletin editor as I recently retired because of my chronic Kidney disease.

I try to play on a Tu esday Thursday Saturday and other odd times.

I learned to play as a child and started playing in Brisbane during the 2003 ANC. I have had the opportunity to play Bridge around the world from Lithuania to the USA, the UK France and Spain and against all and sundry ..yes even the great Zia. We shared a taxi from Vilnius airport to the venue and we discussed Cricket ! I have been the ANC Convenor in 2016 and organised Asia Pacific

Congress around 10 years ago. I love the game and find it endlessly challenging ...why did I do that..I hope to share this passion through the Newsletter. If you have a story for me you can email me at Pele196519651965@gmail.com or call me on 0449 758 046 or see me at the club.

Stephen Bennett gave me this hand teaser... South to bid first, what do you fancy? I am hoping you either passed or bid 2♠. The spade suit is a bit weak, but you have a seven loser hand and favourable vul, I like the 2♠ bid

I was sitting west, another tricky bid, thoughts? You have 16HCPs, a five~~X~~ loser hand, but what are those red K's worth? My thought process was as follows. I took south for AK♠. I hoped partner had A of hearts **and** say the Q of ♦ **and** the Q of ♣. Then I would make 5♣s, a ♦, 2 ♥s and a ♠ or 2 after north led a spade, making 3NT. So, I bid it.

I was correct 3NT did make, just not our way!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 5 off for a joint bottom. So, what other options did I have? As it happens pass is the best option, which upon reflection is what I should have done. I was playing fantasy bridge again where I was placing partner with 3 exact cards, not that likely. Just one of 27 boards from a normal Saturday afternoon session !

BOARD 3					
BD: 3	♠				Dir: S
	♥AQ72				Vul: E-W
	♦QJT843				
	♣J72				
♠QJ9864				♠A	
♥K				♥JT9653	
♦K				♦7652	
♣AK963				♣84	
	♠KT7532				
	♥84				
	♦A9				
	♣QT5				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	3	1	-	3
S	-	3	1	-	3
E	-	-	-	1	-
W	-	-	-	1	-
					10
					16
					9
					5

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FREQUENCIES FOR BOARD 3			
Contract	Result	Score	Frequency
3NT by EW	-5	500	2
4♥ by EW	-4	400	1
4♠ by EW	-4	400	1
3♥ by EW	-3	300	1
3♠ by EW	-2	200	1
3♦ by NS	-2	-100	1
2♠ by NS	-4	-200	1

Supervised play with Ross and Claire

Ross Murtagh and Claire Hyne run the help with play sessions on a Wednesday

This session is the finishing school before playing in a full club session. It reinforces the bridge fundamentals and etiquette to get people ready for a normal club session.

This session caters for people with less than 50 master points, or have been through help with play sessions, or coming back after a lengthy break.

The session plays about 21 boards at a pace of three boards every 25 minutes. It scored like a normal session with reduced weightings, the players can ask questions during play and get assistance and you don't need a partner as one will be provided if required. The cost per session is \$8 for members and \$10 for non members and everybody is welcome.

Advice on any bridge subject is available before and after every supervised session.

The session started off last year with about 30 people have but has grown to be consistently over 50.

If you are coming it is requested that you are to be seated by 9.45 am for a 10am start with a 1pm finish. Parking is available under or behind the club on spare allotment on Wilton St.

COMING EVENTS:

Qld Graded Pairs Congress

Open - Under 750mp - Under 150mp

Masterpoint status as at 30/6/2023

9.15am for 9.30am - Saturday, 2nd September 2023

VENUE: 67 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba 410

ENTRY FEE: \$70 per pair (or 70 bridge credits)

ENTRIES & INFORMATION: ♠ MyABF Website <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/>

The link: <https://www.myabf.com.au/events/congress/view/780>



