
CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi All,

Some of our members are participating in the MIT (Multi Individual Trophy) event presently which requires players to play in 4 events with different partners, including 2 partners who have less than 75MP. It is an Honour Board event so an important competition in our calendar.

I think everyone is enjoying the challenge of playing with partners whose system is a mystery to them – having never played together before. It is very competitive, but is creating much mirth in the room at times when things just don't end up the way players expected.

You should have received an email from me in recent days, outlining our coming events. We do have some interesting competitions coming up - including the Gardner Pairs (a Red MP Shield competition, the Australia Wide Pairs, Beryl Cramb Pairs (at Bribie) and of course our big event, the Stringfellow Teams Congress (Sunday 20th October). I really hope that players will try to make themselves available to register for these special club events and be part of the fun.

As I mentioned in my email, for the first year, registrations for the congress require members to be registered with MyABF. If you wish to nominate a team for the event and have not registered with MyABF but are experiencing difficulty doing so, please ask for assistance from either myself or Jenny Hays.

Deb Gibbards has really embraced Ekka mode. The players competing on Saturday were treated to carnival music and Brisbane Ekka Strawberry and Ice Cream cones during afternoon tea. Delicious!! To make it even better, it was one of our free bridge days.

Come along to our Club events and you may be surprised at the treats in store for you.

Thankfully, our failed air conditioning unit will be replaced on Monday 2nd September. Many thanks to Jenny Hays for great persistence over a long period, to ensure we have ended up with the best outcome for our Club. It was important that this unit was fixed before summer arrives and certainly before we host 28 teams for our congress.

Happy bridging everyone and I hope to see you at the bridge table.

Kind regards

Noreen Weyling

They only had one job to do!!!



MEMBERS' CORNER

Hugh Gehrman and his family have been enjoying the snow skiing delights at Thredbo, and Robyn Smith has been enjoying the delights of looking after a granddaughter with all its happy moments.

WE are fortunate that Vice Pres. Peter has given us the following great description of his recent family holiday –

Adventures with the Groots

Deb and I have been fortunate to go on a wonderful family adventure starting to Cambodia and Vietnam for Xmas with all our family. 13 of us travelled from Sydney to Cambodia through to Vietnam over a 2-week period. Some of the sites that we saw have been on bucket lists for some time and it was great to tick them off.



Angko Wat



Ta Prohm also known as the Tomb Raider Temple



Royal Palace, Phnom Penh

Some of the highlights of this trip were a cooking course for all our family members young and old.

- visited the markets, chopped, sliced and sautéed before eating our 3-course meal
- had our feet nibbled and cleaned by little fish in a tank while consuming a beer
- enjoyed a 10-hour bus trip to Phnom Penh, which included more temples and food from roadside stalls
- exploring Saigon for three days
- a wonderful 3 days on a junk floating down the Mekong Delta
- 4 fabulous days at Phu Quoc Island on the West Coast of Vietnam



Variety of edible insects and spiders at one of the markets



One of the beautiful sunsets on Phu Quoc Island



Some of the delicious sea food

To experience this trip with all our family was one of the highlights of our life so far.

RANDOM PUZZLES

- 1 Rearrange the following letters to give 2 different 9 letter words.

A C C E H I M N S

- 2 What same 3 letters can be placed in front of these words to form a new word -
sport sword sage sable time
- 3 In each set supply the 3 consonants to give 6 letter names of the 6 countries –
eie aaa uai aai eio aaa
- 4 Take the letters **ERGRO**
Put 3 letters in front and put the same 3 letters behind to form a common 11 letter English word.

FOR IMPROVING BRIDGE PLAYERS CONSTRUCTIVE BIDDING

I take it you all understand the straight forward opener – responder points sequence, whereby opener's rebids show whether the opening hand is minimum, strong, or very strong, and responder's methods of showing strength and support.

So this newsletter comment will only look at opening in 3rd or 4th seats.

Opening in 3rd seat

The opening has gone -	Partner(dealer)	Opponent	You
	Pass	Pass	?

With a minimum strength or better hand there is no problem – bid normally as if in first seat. However with lesser values should you open light?

In 3rd seat there are 3 reasons for opening light if hand is suitable -

- It can help partner select a good opening lead;
- It can be usefully obstructive. You know your partnership is unlikely to have game values and the 4th or another suit player is likely to have game values. If you bid they will have to use defensive bidding and may cause them to misjudge their combined strength.
- Your side may win the auction and gain a part score or secure a successful sacrifice.

ALWAYS HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR OPENING LIGHT.

Guidelines on whether you should open light in 3rd seat are –

- Will you be able to handle partner's most likely response – if not **PASS**.
- Your call should be based on a good suit, as lead direction is main reason for opening "light"
- Opening with a major is more obstructive than bidding a minor. Sometimes, if not vulnerable, opening with a very strong 4 card major holding is a good strategy.
- Watch vulnerability, when vulnerable do not open light, and do not open with a 4 card major holding.
- For a "light" 3rd seat opening, have a minimum strength of 9+ total points.

As the opening may be light the partnership should have the following agreements –

- A full strength hand is indicated if opener rebids 1NT or 2NT, or another suit.
- A 2 level response in a new suit will promise at least a good 5 card holding.
- The Drury convention should be used to check whether opening was normal or "light".

For 3rd seat openings most partnerships agree to relax requirements for openings, including pre-emptive 3 level openings, if not vulnerable, and this can include a good 6 card suit.

OPENING IN 4th SEAT

In 4th seat after 3 passes, open normally with a good standard opening hand. With hands of 10, 11 or 12 HCP's, you know your LHO is not waiting with a big hand to bid, so you should only open if you are going to get a positive score. Guide lines are next.

Guide lines are –

- If opening hand is weak in the majors, be wary of opening as opponents may bid a major and make their contract, when a pass from you would have resulted in a better score for you.
- Use the Rule of 15 if you have a borderline strength hand. You count HCP's and add one for each spade card held. If total is 13 or less – pass. If total is 14 opening is optional, and if total is 15+, you should generally open.
- A weak 2 opening in a major, must have slightly more strength than normal, to ensure you make your contract. Partner will be aware of this and will only invite or bid game if he has better than normal values to bid.

Some humour -

Learning she was going to have twins, the bridge playing wife said, "that's just what my husband regularly does, doubling me when I am vulnerable".



PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

1 mechanics mischance

2 **PAS**sport **PAS**sword **PAS**sage **PAS**sable **PAS**time

3 **BeLiZe** **CaNaDa** **KuWaiT** **MaLaWi** **MeXiCo** **PaNaMa**

4 **UNDe**rgro**UN**D