
CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB

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JULY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi All,

A special meeting was called on Tuesday 16th July to ratify a change to our Constitution. The Office of Fair Trading required all incorporated associations to update their Constitutions to reflect changes to the resolution of internal grievances.

This matter was quickly dealt with. We then opened the floor to discussion from members regarding the dwindling table numbers the club is currently experiencing.

I pointed out that our club is the members' club and it is fitting that members are fully aware of and take some ownership of the seriousness of the problems facing the club going forward. The Committee has done everything it can to encourage new members and encourage members to support regular sessions. A number of our members are currently playing at other clubs because they dislike Howell movements. This creates a catch 22 situation, as we cannot run a Mitchell movement with less than 5 tables and if players choose to play in other clubs, the reduced numbers make it impossible to play any movement but a Howell movement.

I was very encouraged by the interaction of members who put forward various ideas all of which will be discussed at Committee meetings. We are initiating monthly free day. The August free days are: **Saturday 10th, Monday 12th and Tuesday 20th**. We hope members will recognize our efforts to bring members into their club and support this initiative.

Unless Saturday numbers improve, there is a distinct likelihood that this session may be temporarily suspended. Directors are becoming disenchanted with their responsibility to direct such small numbers and the uncertainty of whether the session will actually run makes it difficult for the Director to make other arrangements for the day. We can't run a session with less than 3 tables.

However, on a much brighter note, the meeting concluded after the award of Honorary Life Member to Jenny Hays. This is a very prestigious club award and is not bestowed lightly.

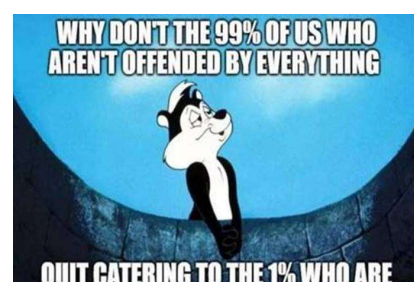
It was a great surprise to Jenny and loudly applauded by all present. Jenny's enduring commitment to our club has been truly remarkable. Thank you Jenny!

Complete details of the presentation are available in "Breaking News" on the Club website.

Happy bridging everyone. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the bridge table.

Regards

Noreen Weyling (President)



PUZZLE TEST

Four is a good number for a game of bridge. While bridge is a great exercise for the mind, so is the digit 4.

Using the digit 4 exactly 4 times and using any basic mathematical operators (+ - x divide brackets etc) see if you can manufacture the numbers 0 through to 10. For example to make the number 0 you could have the following - $0 = 4+4 -4 -4$

MEMBERS' CORNER

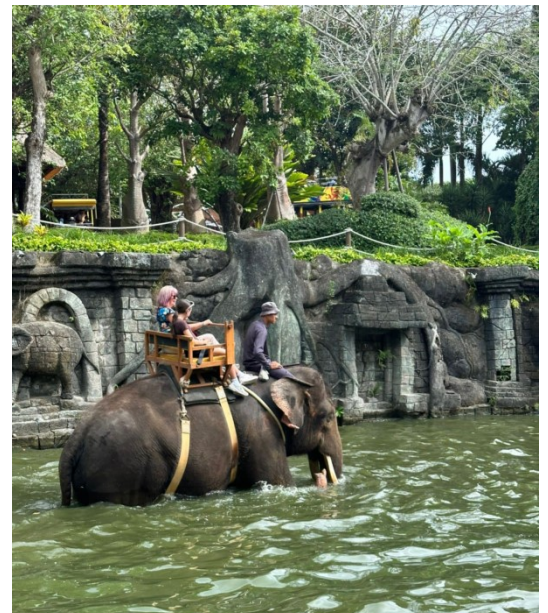
The bad news is that my computer has been hacked, so if you receive an email saying I am sick or asking for help from me, please delete.

The good news is that Judy Gallager is on the way to recovery after her two knee reconstructions, and played social bridge at Living Gems last week. So Judy we hope to see your smiling face again at the Bridge Club in the near future. Also good news is that Vice President Peter G hopefully will give us a report on his present trip for the August newsletter. Peter's trip is a trip that has been on my "bucket list" of travels to do, I will be one of many waiting for this contribution. Mary Arthur is enjoying the beach at Burleigh Heads whilst staying with her children. Also good news is that Jenny H and Charlene F are going on separate trips over the next month and both will be adding interest to Members' Corner in coming newsletters.

The lovely Rhonda N has penned the following summary of her family trip for our enjoyment.

RELAXING IN BALI

My family have just spent time in Canggu, Bali and we were surprised at how much we found to do. At Echo Beach you can enjoy great surfing, a wonderful sunset dining scene and plenty of family friendly activities like their famous Water Park. You can take up a cooking class with a renowned chef. We enjoyed an elephant ride through rainforest but if you prefer horse riding they have that also. Canggu is a favourite for many as it is peaceful and quiet, nestled amongst rice paddies, the area is a bright verdant green and quintessentially Balinese. People are helpful and friendly. You also can enjoy massages and they come to you. The children enjoy getting their hair braided and beaded in bright colours and of course there is also the market place. A very enjoyable week away bonding with the grandchildren.



MAJOR AND MINOR PENALTY CARDS

A penalty card occurs when a card is exposed to the other players. A **minor** penalty card is a card with a value of less than 10, which is exposed by accident, by dropping a card and only when it is a single card below 10. Exposing two cards automatically makes them both **major** penalty cards. There is no requirement for the minor penalty card to be played at the first opportunity.

Requirements of a minor penalty card are – (Law 50C)

- It is only required to be played if that defender wishes to play a card below the rank of 10 in the suit of the minor penalty card;
- It is not required to be led if that defender is on lead; and
- There are no lead restrictions on the offender's partner.

If the suit of the penalty card is led, the offender may play the penalty card or an honour card, but not another minor card of that suit. If declarer leads a suit that can be trumped, the offender is not forced to play the minor penalty card but can trump.

A **major** penalty card occurs when –

- A card is led out of turn;
- The card is an honour card (10 or above) and is accidentally exposed by playing two cards or dropping a card;
- Two cards are accidentally exposed or dropped, then both cards become **major** penalty cards irrespective of rank.

Requirements of a **major** penalty card are –

- It must be played at the first legal opportunity;
- It must be led if the offender is on lead;
- It must be played if and when the suit of that card is led; and
- It must be played if the offender cannot follow suit.

The declarer may request or prohibit the lead of a suit of the **major** penalty card if the offender's partner is on lead. If this occurs, the offender returns the major penalty card to hand without restriction. In the event of more than one major penalty card, the declarer chooses which one is to be led or played. If offender's partner comes on lead and the major penalty card is still on the table, they cannot lead until declarer exercises their lead directing rights.

Defenders should take care **not** to lead if they or partner have a major penalty card on the table as if they lead prematurely, then the card they lead before declarer exercises their lead directing rights now becomes another major penalty card.

Call the director if you need assistance

FOR THE IMPROVING BRIDGE PLAYER

To play good bridge you do not need an intricate bidding system, but each player does need to **know and understand** what their partner is saying with each bid, and need to have an understanding of card play, and when defending have an agreed signal system.

Is your bidding system with your partner good enough to know and understand what your partner's bids are saying? One aspect of this bid information provided is the number of cards in the suit bid. In the exercises below, you are West and please write down the number of cards in the suit bid or indicated by your partner East, in the following series of bids.

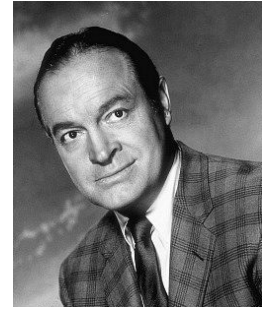
Write answers before proceeding to the next page. The answers are based on Standard American, 5 card majors and weak 2's system taught by Jenny and Charlene and using normal extensions (including takeout, negative and responsive doubles) as proposed by Ron Klinger, who originally wrote the booklet for the system being taught by Jenny and Charlene.

1.	1C	P	1S	P
2.	1D	P	1S	P
	1NT	P	2H	P
3.	1C	1H	1S	
4.	1D	1H	X	
5.	1C	1D	X	
6.	1C	1D	1H	
7.	1D	2C	2H	
8.	1C	1H	X	
9.	1C	1H	1S	

10.	1H	2D	X	
11.	1H	1S	X	
12.	1S	2H	X	
13.	1C	1H	1S	P
	1NT	P	2S	
14.			P	1S
	X	2S	X	
15.			1D	P
	1H	1S	X	
16.			1D	P
	1H	1S	2D	

BOB HOPE

Bob Hope lived from May 29, 1903 until July 27 2003, and was a very notable person during the 20th century. I enjoyed reading of his achievements and his great wit. Some of his comments were –



On turning 70 - “You still chase women, but only downhill”

On turning 80 - “That is the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs ironing.”

On turning 90 - “You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.”

On turning 100 - “I don’t feel old. In fact I don’t feel anything until noon, then it’s time for my nap.”

PUZZLE QUIZ ANSWER

$$1 = \frac{4 + 4}{4 + 4}$$

$$2 = \frac{4}{4} + \frac{4}{4}$$

$$3 = \frac{4 + 4 + 4}{4}$$

$$4 = 4 + \frac{4 - 4}{4}$$

$$5 = \frac{4 \times 4 + 4}{4}$$

$$6 = 4 + \frac{4 + 4}{4}$$

$$7 = \frac{44}{4} - 4$$

$$8 = 4 \times \frac{(4+4)}{4}$$

$$9 = 4 + 4 + \frac{4}{4}$$

$$10 = \frac{44 - 4}{4}$$

The above was easy, but getting from 10 to 20 are harder. Here is some help –

$$15 = \frac{44}{4} + 4$$

$$16 = \frac{4 \times 4 \times 4}{4}$$

$$17 = 4 \times 4 + \frac{4}{4}$$

ANSWERS TO BRIDGE QUIZ

Using this weak 2’s system, you know the following opening bids by your partner (or opponents) are telling you that –

- 1 of a major shows 5 or more cards in that major and 12+ total points;
- 2S, 2H, or 2D shows 6 cards in that suit and 6-10 HCP’s;
- 3 of a suit shows 7 cards in that suit and 6-10HCP’s.

But there are a number of other methods whereby partner can give you information on the number of cards held in a suit which can be helpful in establishing whether you have a fit in a suit and possibly game or whether you stop in a part score. The explanation in the answers to the above questions will help explain when the bids are saying “I have a 5 card suit” or a 4 card suit, or a 3 card suit, or less than 3 cards.

If your system includes strong 2’s in lieu of weak 2’s, then the answers to some questions will not apply, and some of the answers will not be applicable.

The answers to the above questions, with the bids repeated (for ease of understanding) and explanations are -

1.	1C	P	1S	P	East is showing 4+ cards in the spade suit. When opponents do not bid, partner cannot be more specific in the number of cards held in the suit.
2.	1D 1NT	P P	1S 2H	P	East is showing 5 cards in the spade suit. If he had only 4 cards in the spade suit, he would have bid hearts first. Thus he is holding 5 spades and 4+ hearts, and less than 12 points. If East held more than 12 points, then his second bid would have been 3H in lieu of the 2H bid, showing 5 spades, at least 4 hearts and 12+ points
3.	1C	1H	1S		East is showing a 5 card (may be more) holding in spades. With only 4 spades he would have used the negative double to show 4 cards in the other major, to that bid by the opponents,
4.	1D	1H	X		East has 4 spades and the negative double of opponents 1H is saying "I have 4 spades and 6+ points, have you got 4 spades" and if you answer 1S you are saying "yes, but I only have a minimum opening hand." If you reply 3S, or 4S, you are saying that you have 4 spades plus 16-18 total points, or 4 spades plus 19+ total points respectively.
5.	1C	1D	X		East, with the use of the negative double, is saying "I have at least 4 cards in each major", or if East has 12+ points East may only have a 4 and 3 holding in the majors, but considers it safe using the negative double in this manner to bidding 1 of his major and missing a near fit in the other major.
6.	1C	1D	1H		East has 4 or more hearts and 6+ points. East has not got 4 spades, otherwise he would have used the negative double. Thus West knows no spade fit.
7.	1D	2C	2H		East has 4 or more hearts and 10+ points. East has not got 4 spades, otherwise he would have doubled to show both majors. Thus as West you now know not to bid spades at a higher level.
8.	1C	1H	X		East is saying "I have 4 cards in the other major and 6+ points."
9.	1C	1H	1S		East is saying "I have 5+ spades and 6+ points" With only 4 spades he would Double.
10.	1H	2D	X		East, by using the negative double, is saying "I have not got 3 hearts but I have got 4 spades, tolerance for clubs and 10+ points". If he had 3 hearts he would have shown fit in lieu of looking for another suit.
11.	1H	1S	X		East is denying support for hearts, but is saying "I have 4 or more cards in each minor with 6+ points, pick your better minor"
12.	1S	2H	X		East is saying "I do not have support for spades or a good stopper in hearts, but I have 4 or more cards in each minor and 8+ points- select your better minor."
13.	1C 1NT	1H P	1S 2S	P	East is saying "I have 6 spades and 6-9 points."
14.	X	2S	P X	1S	East is saying "I have not got 4 hearts, but I have 4 or more cards in each minor and 8 – 11 points."
15.	1H	1S	1D X	P	East is saying "I have not got 4 hearts, no reasonable stopper in spades, but at least 3 clubs."
16.	1H	1S	1D 2D	P	East is saying "I have not got 3 hearts, a spade stopper, or 4 clubs, but I have 6 diamond cards and 12 – 15 points."

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was called “Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden”, and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.



It is impossible to lick your elbow

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I wonder how many of you checked whether it was possible!



In the 1400's a law was set forth in England, that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have “the rule of the thumb”



JUDGE THUMB.
or...Patent Sticks for Family Correction: Warranted Lawful!
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Ted McDonald	Local
Jenny Hays	Silver National
Gary Gibbards	Silver Life