
CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well the end of the year rapidly draws near and it has been a very busy year for our Club.

For a small Club, we really punch above our weight by running interesting and well supported events. There is never a dull week.

The improvement in table numbers for our club sessions this week has been very encouraging. We have actually been able to play Mitchell movements on both Monday and Tuesday, and we are managing to maintain a bridge session each Saturday. It is great to see our members supporting the Club. The Club can only be its best with members' support.

We recently held our club Teams Championship event which was a great success with a 14 table field. Congratulations to Team Kinross the winning team. Jan Kinross, Rosie Floquet, John Reiter and Ann Thomson made up the team and their names will be entered on our Honour Board for posterity.

It great to see a number of our members from Redcliffe competing in this event. We appreciate their affinity with and support for our small Club. It adds another dimension to the competition.

We are currently planning for our annual Christmas Party to be held on 7th December. It will bring with it the usual great lunch, fun and frivolity and a Red MP bridge session. If you haven't registered you can do so using the registration tab on our website. It would be a shame to miss a great day.

I would like to thank Derek Stringfellow for his commitment to publishing our monthly newsletters. There is an amount of work involved in putting this newsletter together and Derek has done a great job.

For those of you I don't see before Christmas, I wish you all a happy and joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy 2025 enhanced with lots of great bridge.

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President Caboolture Bridge Club

Two things to make your day better:

- Do not watch the news.
- Stay off the bathroom scales.



- Marriage is like bridge – in the initial beginning you need two hearts and a diamond, and in a few latter cases you need a fricking club and a spade.
- A bicycle cannot stand alone because it is too tired.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- When a clock is hungry, it goes back 4 seconds.

Bridge Notes for the Improving Player

Always Revalue as the Auction Proceeds

Some features of a hand may significantly improve or lessen in value in light of the bidding during the auction. The worth of your HCP may change considerably. Experts do count points. But they are not slaves to the point count. *They adjust their evaluation of the hand as the bidding progresses.*

Failure to follow this sound advice and revalue when appropriate is a frequent cause of bidding mistakes.

A common weakness – especially among newer players – is not revaluing after a good suit fit (8 cards or better) with partner becomes evident. Occasionally the trump fit itself is not recognized. Either of these oversights can prove costly.

Example deal #1

Dealer West Nil Vulnerable

		North			
	S	KJ92			
	H	Q6			
	D	AQ4			
	C	KQJ7			
	West		East		
S	A853		S	Q1064	
H	J8		H	752	
D	KJ75		D	108	
C	A105		C	6432	
		South			
	S	7			
	H	AK10943			
	D	9632			
	C	98			

Sound bidding

W	N	E	S
1D	1NT	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Result Making 11 tricks.			
NS = +450		EW = -450	

Bidding error (by South)

W	N	E	S
1D	1NT	Pass	2H
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Result Making 11 tricks.			
NS = +200		EW = -200	

Comment: Opposite a 1NT overall promising a balanced hand with 15-18 HCP and one stopper at least in the suit opened, South should appreciate he has an 8+ card fit with partner in the heart suit.

As soon as this is realized, South should revalue his hand counting HCP plus shortage points. As South is now worth 11 points (7 HCP + 4 shortage points) it is clearcut to bid game – **4H**

If South fails to recognize the heart fit or doesn't revalue the hand properly, a good game contract could be missed.

Some partnerships use transfers over a 1NT opening bid and in this case South would bid 2D for North to transfer to 2H, and then in the sound bidding case, South would bid 4H, and the strong hand would be declarer and thus not tabled as dummy where the defenders can pick possible weaknesses.

In English pubs, ale is ordered in pints and quarts. So in Old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down".

It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's."

Example Deal 2
Dealer West Nil Vulnerable

	North	
	S Q9	
	H K1095	
	D Q2	
	C J10963	
West		East
S A864		S J10532
H 6		H J73
D AKJ853		D 1096
C A4		C KQ
	South	
	S K7	
	H AQ842	
	D 74	
	C 8752	

Sound bidding			
W	N	E	S
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
4S	Pass	Pass	Pass
Result: Making 11 tricks			
NS = -450		EW = +450	

Bidding error (by West)			
W	N	E	S
1D	Pass	1S	Pass
3S	Pass	Pass	Pass
Result: Making 11 tricks			
NS = -200		EW = +200	

Comment: With primary support for responder's spade suit, opener should carefully revalue his hand before deciding on an appropriate rebid. Here, West's hand is now worth 20 points (16 HCP's + 4 for shortages). As partner's response would promise 6+ points, West rebid should be **4S** – not an invitational jump raise to the 3 level.

It is worth noting that once the spade fit is found, West should assess his hand as having 5 losers (2 spades, 1 heart, 1 diamond, and 1 club). West should also appreciate that even if the responder has minimum values for the one level reply, partner's hand will usually contribute at least two tricks – thus reducing the total of losers to 3.

Example deal 3
Dealer West NS Vulnerable

	North	
	S K4	
	H A109532	
	D A1075	
	C 5	
West		East
S AQ1062		S 53
H 6		H QJ
D KQJ3		D 9864
C K104		C J9872
	South	
	S J987	
	H K874	
	D 2	
	C AQ63	

Sound bidding			
W	N	E	S
1S	2H	Pass	3H
Pass	4H	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Result: Making 12 tricks			
NS = +680		EW = -680	

Bidding error			
W	N	E	S
1S	2H	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Result: Making 12 tricks			
NS = +230		EW = -230	
A likely bottom for NS			

Comment: A simple overcall at the two level promises – about 10 – 12 HCP and a 5 card holding with a suit quality of 8 or more.

Here south with excellent heart support, should carefully revalue his hand and see it is worth 12 points (9HCP + 3 shortage). The bidding indicates SJ could be worthless so is not included in South's point count. So South advancing to **3H** to invite game is clearly warranted. It's a serious mistake for South not to revalue and see game potential, and to pass. For more information on this topic see Ross Dick's book "Common Bidding Mistakes to Avoid"

Interesting Stuff

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4000 years ago, that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

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If a statue in a park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person has died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person has died from wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

A bicycle is powered by your fat energy and saves you money.



A car runs on energy, costs you money, and makes you fat.

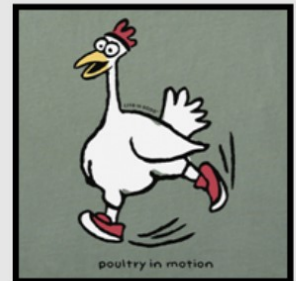
Short Quiz

1. If you were to spell out numbers (excluding word "and"), how far would you have to go until you find the letter "a"?
2. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windscreen wipers and lasers printers have in common?
3. What is the only food that does not spoil?
4. Which American State has the highest percentage of people who walk to work?
5. Which day has the most collect telephone calls in the year?
6. Can you mentally multiply 111,111,111 by 111,111,111?

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A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion!



A calendar's days are numbered.

Quiz Answers

1. One thousand
2. All were invented by women
3. Honey
4. Alaska
5. Father's day
6. 12,345,678,987,654,321