

# CBC Newsletter September 2020 PDF

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Welcome back to all members playing the game we love, both Face to Face and continuing with Bridge Base Online. My wife has commented that I am playing this wonderful and sometimes frustrating game more than before.

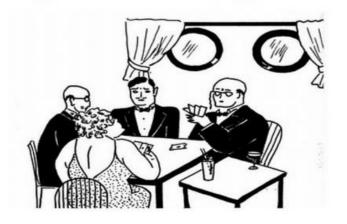
I must thank our Directors' Group and committee persons involved in first initiating BBO for our members and also for providing a "safe as possible" environment to enable us to come together and get that social interaction at 1.5m, sorely missed from mid-March to the end of July.

This year really highlights the more than ever important aspects of life, home, feeling safe, your family, your friends and now reasonable freedom in this wonderful State of Queensland.

I think someone once said "life was not meant to be easy", nothing truer so far this year.

Your Committee continues working on improvements to our Clubhouse and was successful in obtaining a grant of \$2,600 from our local supportive council to enable the purchase and install of our own camera security system. Thank you Jenny H for your work involved in getting this over the line.

# MY IDEA OF EXERCISE IS SITTING EAST - WEST



## **Penalty Cards:** What are They and When to Play Them? **Call the Director!**

## What is a Penalty card?

A card revealed so as to have been able to have be seen by one's partner will become a penalty card. A penalty card may occur *during the auction*, or *during play*, and the severity of the penalty will depend on whether the card becomes a major penalty card or a minor penalty card.

A **Minor Penalty Card** is a single card that has been *exposed unintentionally*, whether by dropping the card, or playing more than one card simultaneously. The problem will be the extent of the information that will be available to the offender's partner.

A **Major Penalty Card** will be any card that has been deliberately exposed, for example by a play out of turn.

## **During the auction**

Should a card or cards be exposed, please do not simply return the cards to your hand. In play, the card[s] will become a **penalty card if it is a defender's card**; if the exposed card becomes a **Declarer's card**, it will simply be picked up and **returned to hand**. As declarer will be playing both hands, there will be no unauthorised information.

If the exposed card is a **single card, less than a ten** [ie not an honour card], it will become a **Minor Penalty card**. Bidding continues normally.

If the exposed card is an honour card, or there are 2 or more cards exposed, the THE PARTNER OF THE PLAYER WITH THE EXPOSED CARDS MUST PASS WHEN NEXT IT IS HIS TURN TO CALL!!!

During play, if a card is exposed unintentionally, the Director will explain whether the card is a Major or Minor Penalty Card.

### WHEN MUST THE CARD[S] BE PLAYED?

During play, if a card is exposed unintentionally, the Director will explain whether the card is a Major or Minor Penalty Card.

A Minor Penalty card does not need to be played immediately, however a card below a 10 **MAY NOT be** played before the Minor Penalty Card.

If the partner is on lead, there will be NO LEAD RESTRICTIONS; partner may lead whatever he wishes.

A Major penalty card must be played at the first opportunity.

If the partner is on lead, partner must not lead from their hand until they are given directions by Declarer, to lead the exposed suit, or do NOT lead the exposed suit while they have the lead.

In this case the penalty card may be picked up and returned to the hand. Your partner has effectively paid YOUR penalty.

A couple of trickier situations:

E W are defending, both with Major penalty cards, W is on lead. Does West just lead out his penalty card [first opportunity]? Or will W be given lead restrictions; to lead partner's suit? W may be told to lead E's suit, and E picks up his card]

Penalty cards in more than 1 suit? Declarer may choose which suit to lead [or to be led if partner is on lead].

# **Competition Winners**

### **Gardner Pairs Competition**



On Saturday September 5th, 17 pairs competed for the shield in this event. **Maree** F and **Melva** L had a fantastic win, leading all day and maintaining a small margin to take out the trophy.

This shield was established in 2014 to commemorate the great input into this club's development and success by Marcia and Bob Gardner.

When Bob Gardner retired as librarian at the Nambour State High School in 1981, they relocated to Caboolture during the following year to be closer to other family members. Both Bob and Marcia were used to being active in community affairs and were both keen golfers. During the next 3 years they joined the Golf Club and the Bridge Club and Bob joined the Probus Club.

They were active in the building of our first club house and enjoyed establishing an attractive garden at both the old and new clubhouses. Both were active in our development as a friendly club. Bob and

Marcia were very supportive of beginning bridge players and would even suggest that "perhaps you would like to change that bid" for players during their early forays into club bridge. Marcia was very active in providing cakes for afternoon teas and other cooking when we provided lunches, as well as washing table cloths and tea towels, and many other behind the scenes tasks which make a club function so well.

Bob was one of the first three members of this club to be honoured as a life member. However, when Marcia was proposed for life membership she felt she did not deserve it and requested it not proceed. The Committee at the time felt Marcia truly deserved the honour but acceded to her wishes.



**Sunshine Coast Handicap Pairs Competition** 

Over three consecutive weeks in August, Deb and Gary Gibbards participated in the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club's Handicap Pairs Competition. They did a great job, and came out on top after the final session on Friday August 28th. Well Done!



All club members are welcome to let us know if they have played in any outside competitions! We would love to feature your participation and experiences in our club newsletter. First place positions not required!

## An Athlete in our Midst.



Hidden beneath that quiet exterior is a bundle of energy. Carol Melling has achieved many awards for her athletic prowess; from walking and running races to marathons and kayaking.

From a 2016 article in the Caboolture Shire Herald:

The 75-year-old won the full complement of medals at the recent World Masters Athletics Championships in Perth.

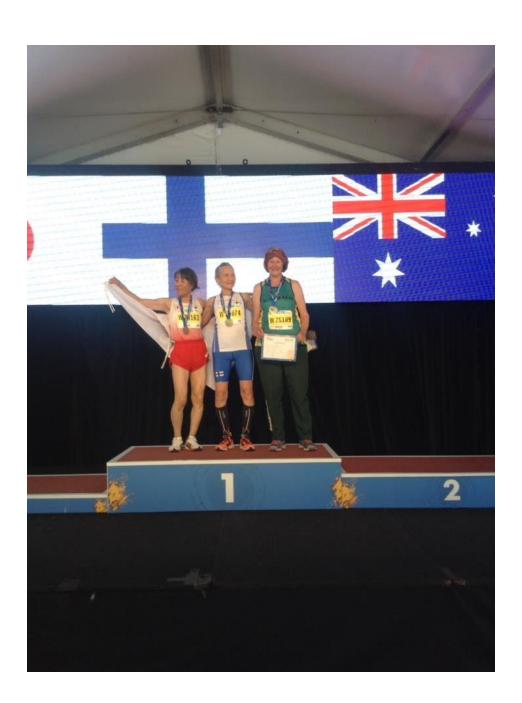
The mother-of-three and grandmother-of-two wongold in the 4x400m relay, silver in the 1500m and bronze in the 10km.

She also placed 4th in the 8km cross country, 8th in the 200m and 4th in the 5km.

Street Melling, who trained five days every week in the lead-up to the competition, said the experience was "just wonderful".

Famous Caboolture long distance runner Ron Grant said Street Melling, who won three bronze medals at the World Masters in 1994 and held the record for running 180km in 24 hours in 1991, was "one of the best runners Caboolture has had".







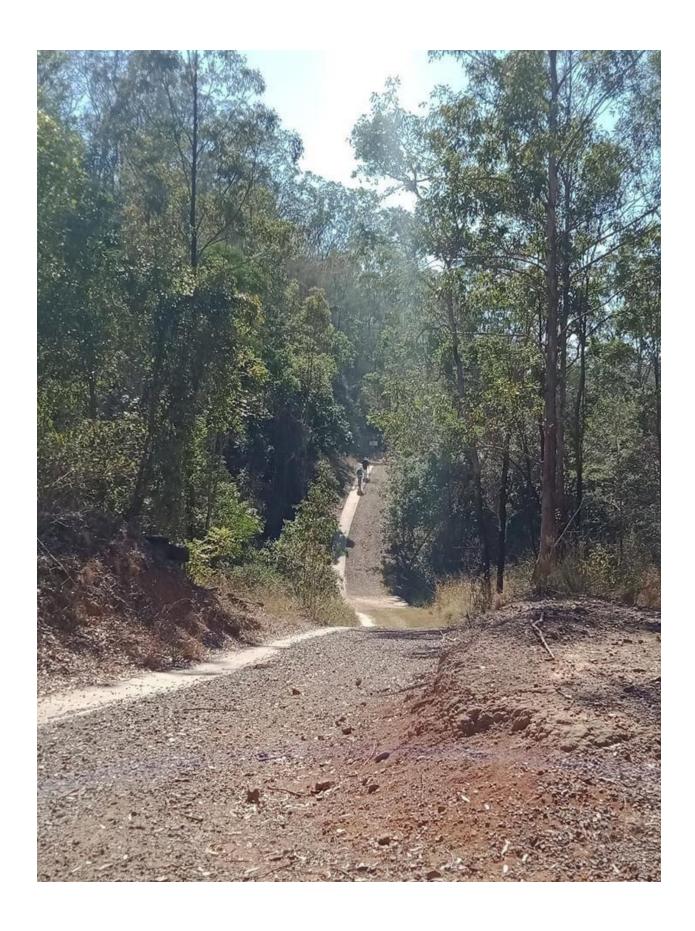


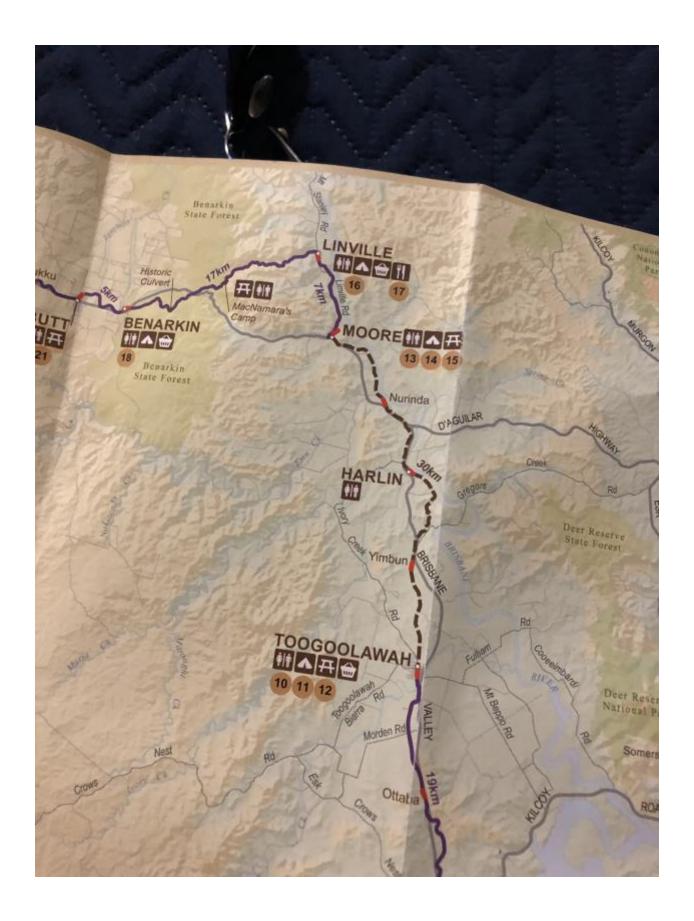
Paddling is another competitive activity which Carol enjoys. She has been an active Dragon -boater and she competed in a Marathon paddle on the Ord River and Lake Argyle — a 54 km stretch of water inhabited by freshwater crocodiles.

As an Ultra Marathon runner, Carol still holds a 24 hour running record of 180 km. When not running she is walking. Carol is a regular participant in the three day Rail Trail Event from Yarraman to Toogoolawah organised annually by Ron Grant. This is an 80 km stretch of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT). Over the years Carol has walked the entire length of the BVRT, from Wulkuraka (Ipswich) to Yarraman, a total of 161km.

Click through the stack to see Carol's BVRT photos.











Next year Carol intends to compete again — her 80th birthday year!

# Our Clubrooms - A Retrospective.



By Derek Stringfellow and Jenny Hays

We all tend to take our wonderful clubrooms for granted, but we weren't always this lucky. Let's take a brief look at how we got to where we are today.

Our first bridge games were held in 1981, but not in the luxury of a building where the set up was permanent. Games were held both during the day and in the evening at these various locations over the next ten years:

- The Senior Citizens' Hall
- The Anglican Church Hall
- Caboolture Bowls Club
- Ruby Cross' double garage

When these venues became unsuitable, the committee was able to purchase the old *Telecom* works building and have it relocated. Derek negotiated this purchase and arranged with the council for a lease on a part of Rafting Ground Park, located next to the Girl Guide building (now U3A). This new clubh ouse, at its brand new location, could accommodate up to 14 tables with the use of the main area and supper room.

Naturally, funding was required to enable this significant purchase. Some of this funding was provided by the ABF and QBA on the proviso that club could guarantee at least 20 new affiliated members. As most of the players were already members of Moreton-Bribie Bridge Club, the committee had to work hard to get these new members so that their own clubrooms would become a reality. This first clubhouse was officially opened in September 1993 by Ruby Cross.





In 2001, plans for a new clubhouse began. Derek provided a layout design, while Hugh Gerhmann did the structural design and tender documents. After some delays and significant cost increases, the building became a reality and was officially opened in 2002 by ABF President Keith McDonald and State MP for Pumicestone Carryn Sullivan.





















Please take an opportunity to look at the full story of the "History of Our Clubhouse" on our website.

# Security Camera Installation



We have been fortunate to receive a grant from the Moreton Bay Regional Council Community Grants Program in the amount of \$2615.00. We applied for this grant to help subsidise the installation of a security camera system.

As you are all aware, our clubhouse is in a vulnerable location. The council had kindly lent us some temporary wifi cameras, but now we have been able to replace these with a high efficiency, hard-wired system.

# Bridge Base Online

Our BBO sessions under the ABF model began on Friday August 7th. Our members have continued to support these sessions, although a number of members from other clubs have returned to their own clubs who are also running masterpointed online sessions.

We are looking forward to receiving our first payment from the ABF for BBO table fees paid by our players during August.

To register your BBO Username: Access the ABF Signup web page using the following link:

http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/

Fill in the required fields and click **SUBMIT.** 

To check if your BBO username is registered with the ABF, go to the following link and insert your username.

http://www.abfevents.com.au/bbo.asp

## **Helpful BBO Tips**

#### FOR MASTERPOINTED SESSIONS

To register for the masterpointed sessions, from Friday August 7th, you must log on to

- COMPETITIVE ALL TOURNAMENTS (not Free Tournaments) and look for CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB
- or VIRTUAL CLUBS (in the Featured Areas section)- ABF-Australia Caboolture Bridge Club.

### **UNDOs**

These requests can cause disquiet between players. They are not allowed in many tournaments. It is a good idea for players to turn on the options to "Confirm Cards" and "Confirm Bids"—these are found in the Account settings on the RHS of the screen. This may help to minimize 'misclicks'.

## **PROFILE**

The QBA has reminded all members that they must put their real names in their profile. It is nice for players to know who they are playing against if they don't recognize the BBO user name. It is also a requirement that the correct level of ability is stated in the profile - ie. Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced. These fields can be accessed in your ACCO UNT tab.

## **Masterpoint Notes**

by Charlene Frederiksen

#### **Red Points**

Red points were used in our Face to Face Sessions on Saturday 1st August and Monday 3rd August and again on Saturday September 5th for the Gardner Pairs Competition. We were also able to use red points for our BBO Session on Tuesday September 9th.

#### **Promotions**

It has obviously been difficult to gain any points for your bridge play during these difficult times, so congratulations to the following players on their promotions:

• Ann Thomson - promoted to State Master

Di McColl - promoted to Graduate Master

Dom Hummel - promoted to Regional Master

• Mary Benson - promoted to \*Local Master

Your ABF Registration cards arrived (back in April) but for obvious reasons they have not been distributed. These are now at the club and we will hand them out to players as they attend the clubhouse.

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