



CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

April 2012

From the President's Standard System's Card.

Hi everyone:

It's a pleasure to write my first newsletter report as president of your club.

Thank you one and all for making the AGM interesting and challenging.

It's always good when members have their say. It's the only way a committee gets to know the views of those concerned. So please keep it up. Don't be afraid to speak out; to voice an opinion, to criticise - be gentle.

The committee after all is your collective voice.

I'd like to thank Jenny, in particular, for making my transition from 'a president of vice to one of virtue' (Ha Ha Ha Ha) relatively calm. (It's early days yet -- says a calm and collected voice in my head).

I'd also like to thank Derek Stringfellow for the excellent work he has done with the Newsletter over the years. His clues and lessons have been invaluable. His jokes... well...

You've set a high standard Derek. Tine, I'm sure, will keep the high standard high.

And welcome to Tine, our new editor. Tine plays on Thursday night so some of you may not know her. Keep her up to date with anything (Bridgewise) that is going on.

The newsletter thrives on your information.

Details of the new committee are being dealt with elsewhere. I'm sure they will all work hard on your, our, behalf. Let me say that they look a likely and dedicated bunch.

Most of you know that it takes a lot of work to run a club like ours, and all concerned, I am sure, will put their best foot forward (not in it). We do however need the co-operation of all players. Accept the rulings of the umpires (the Directors). Keep it moving. Keep it light. Keep it happy. Keep smiling. Laugh if you feel like it. Keep playing. We all want to enjoy the game we love. The game that challenges us.

On Monday April 9 those of us who played Bridge were fortunate to share a birthday celebration with Frances Twomey. She turned 98 a few days earlier. As some have suggested she is a Bridge Treasure. 98 and her mind is still sharp enough to keep her Bridge partner, Tony, honest -- it's not easy, is it Tony? A wonderful day was had by all. I did wish her the best on behalf of all members.

Finn

Welcome to my first Newsletter.

As from now I will take over from Derek in trying to put together our Newsletter.
I'd love to get some input from the members, your contribution is more than appreciated.
From my side I will try to make it enjoyable to read, but you might have to put up with some
Double Dutch sometimes.

Martine Goedhart

A warm welcome to new Committee.

The club held its AGM on Saturday March 17, and so a new year begins.

We wish Finn and his team all the best in navigating our club through another successful year.

Although not mentioned very often, we do appreciate what you are all doing.

A big thank you to the retiring committee for all the hard work you have done over the last year.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Finn Nielsen
SECRETARY	Jenny Hays
TREASURER	Nigel Cleminson
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Charlene Frederiksen Robyn Smith Mitch Kostaschuk Judith Le Comte
MASTERPOINT SECRETARY	Charlene Frederiksen
PROVIDORES	Lyn Gadsby and Ann Thomson
PARTNER LIAISON	Jean Trafford
LIBRARIAN	Rhonda Niven

Rhonda will be contacting members who have had books out for a long time.

We like to keep them circulating, particularly the Ross Dick books which have been purchased to replace previous titles that have gone missing.

VICE PRESIDENT No nominations were given from the floor at the AGM so this position is still available to be filled. At the moment Jenny will stand in when Finn isn't there.

Re. **PARTNER LIAISON** - Process will involve calling Jean who will put you in contact with anyone else who may have requested a partner for the same session.



Just to remind you.

GN Pairs: Thursday 12, 19 and 26 April
Tuesday 8, 15 and 22 May

Redcliffe Challenge: Sunday 20 May at Redcliffe
Novice Pairs: Saturday 2 and 9 June

This Newsletter offers information, education, recognition and entertainment to its members.

It is published for, by and about its members for the benefit of the members.

Members Corner

Frieda Wintringham has been in hospital. Frieda we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back soon.

Lydia Backer is back home again. Good to hear Lydia that you are feeling much better and playing again.

Colin Anderson is still having back difficulties. Hopefully Colin you will overcome them without having an operation. You looked a lot better last Thursday night.

Our best wishes to all of you.

A belated **Happy Birthday** to Francis Twomey.

Francis turned 98 and celebrated this happy occasion with a game of bridge.

Francis you are an inspiration to all of us.

Rosaleen Harp celebrated her special 70th birthday on April 16 with family and friends with a morning tea at her home, followed by lunch at Scott Damiens Restaurant.



Last Thursday night it was nice to see Mary Cowley's sister Rosaleen again. It is always a pleasure Rosaleen to welcome you at the bridge table.

Rosaleen is travelling to the USA and Canada soon, we hope you have a fantastic time.

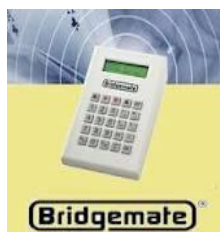
Rhonda Niven and her sister are off to Vanuatu in early May, to celebrate a special birthday of her sister's.

Lyn Welling and husband left last week on a cruise. We wish them happy cruising.

Finn and Jenny recently attended a directors' workshop at Woolloongabba.

At the AGM:

Members decided to go ahead with replacement of the vinyl flooring, this should be completed by now. It was also voted to purchase "Bridgemate" and associated hardware soon. We are currently looking at that.

**Reminiscing.**

With interest I read Derek's story in his last newsletter, it brought back quite a few memories.

I joined the Caboolture Bridge Club in 1982 playing in the small room of the Senior Citizen's Hall.

I still have fond memories of playing bridge on Saturday nights at members' homes, which included great suppers, until, thanks to a lot of hard work from some members we moved into our own clubhouse.

In 1998, with increased play and members, it became a bit too overcrowded and we really needed a bit more space and with that more money.

Members got enthusiastic in raising funds, garage sales and bring and buy.

This all happened under the watchful eye of Derek, who was working hard behind the scenes, talking to council, builders, and finance providers while in the meantime giving Eunice a headache.

Over the last 25 years, Derek, through the committee, has had a big influence on what the club is today.

A well established, well known, great bridge club.

It would have been a different story without him.

I know I speak for many when saying: "Thank you for putting so much of your time and effort into our club"

For now, just enjoy your bridge for many more years to come.

Martine Goedhart

LOL



A doctor concerned about the physical condition of one of his bridge-playing patients, during a regular check-up asked, "Do you get much exercise?"

"Only when I sit East-West," was the reply.

Sheryl accompanied Wayne, her bridge partner, to the doctors office. After the check-up, the doctor called Sheryl into his office alone. "Wayne is suffering from very severe stress disorder. If you don't follow my instructions carefully, he will surely die. Never point out any mistakes he makes. Be pleasant at all times. Don't burden him with conventions and bidding systems. Always give him a hug when he feels down. And never discuss hands. If you can do this for the next 3 months, I think Wayne will regain his health completely"

On the way home, Wayne asks Sheryl, "What did the doctor say?" "He said you're going to die" she replied.

Listening Critics: Did you also hear these comments while playing bridge?

I don't understand why you couldn't see my signal, partner. Everyone knows that a singleton is the top of nothing.

I know we agreed to lead A from AK. Sorry my fault. I promise to have the King next time.

Did I tell you about..... Partner; Yes

I expect the worst in bridge and I am rarely disappointed.

I know no one whom I would rather see in charge of the dummy.

My point count system? Extra for long suit, extra for short suit and 3 points for my superb play.

(He) is so bad that he admits to mistakes before he makes them.

Do you want to play Lavinthal or Odd-Even or natural discards? "Let's play them all"

You made your ACE of trumps. What else can you possibly want?

My partner and 12 sure tricks equals 11.

"How should I have played that hand?" "Under an assumed name"

Ten things a bridge player would never say.....

This club's playing area is always at the right temperature - never too hot or too cold.

Free coffee? No thanks.

Cool! A four board sit- out.

No. I don't think tournament fees are too high.

I can always count on my partner to remember every convention on our card.

No gossip please. I'm not interested.

Great. More new alerts! More new alerts!

One thing I can say about bridge players—they sure know how to dress.

No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way.

I don't feel like bridge today. I'd rather jog and work out.

Don't let worries get you down - play Bridge instead

