



Caboolture Bridge Club Newsletter



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Presidents Report

I have reread my opening remarks from last year's report have decided to restate them verbatim:

It is upon us: the season to be jolly, the season to rejoice. I trust all my fellow Bridge players are ready to embrace the spirit, goodwill to all etc.

Having repeated the above, and hopefully have encouraged goodwill etc., I also wish to restate the penultimate paragraph of last year's report:

To close on a serious note: We, players collectively, must work on our Bridge etiquette. I do not want to go into technicalities here, but suffice to say that too much information is being passed across the table inappropriately; either verbally or by 'card touching' or the like.

Such irregularities may lead to niggling disputes.

Where is this heading you may well ask: Well! at the November committee meeting directors brought up the subject of 'slow play', requesting the committee to trial the following action which the QBA has recently mandated in their regulation:

Electronic scoring machines (such as Bridgemate), that have the ability to view other table scores and contracts while a session is in play must be disabled.

The committee resolved to trial the above QBA regulation for a month. (Note: It does not have to be applied to non-QBA events). Unfortunately some bridge players have taken offense to the trial. Let me assure you that the committee has acted with the best of intentions: acting upon a request put to them by the referees of our wonderful game.

The referees (directors) who have to apply the laws of bridge.

Let me highlight the relevant law of our game:

LAW 90 PROCEDURAL PENALTIES

- A. director's Authority the director, in addition to implementing the rectifications in these Laws, may also assess procedural penalties for any offense that unduly delays or obstructs the game, inconveniences other contestants, violates correct procedure or requires the award of an adjusted score at another table.
- B. offenses Subject to Procedural Penalty the following are examples of offenses subject to procedural penalty (but the offenses are not limited to these):
 1. arrival of a contestant after the specified starting time.
 2. unduly slow play by a contestant.
 3. discussion of the bidding, play or result of a board which may be overheard at another table.
 4. unauthorized comparison of scores with another contestant.
 5. touching or handling of cards belonging to an-other player (see Law 7).
 6. placing one or more cards in an incorrect pocket of the board.
 7. errors in procedure (such as failure to count cards in one's hand, playing the wrong board, etc.) that require an adjusted score for any contestant.
 8. failure to comply promptly with tournament regulations or with instructions of the director.

LAW 91 PENALIZE OR SUSPEND

A. director's Powers in performing his duty to maintain order and discipline, the director is empowered to assess disciplinary penalties in points or to suspend a contestant for the current session or any part thereof. The director's decision under this clause is final and may not be overruled by an appeals committee (see Law 93B3).

The last thing I, directors and committee members, wish to see is; niggling disputes, directors being forced to make unpopular decisions, unhappy bridge players, etc. The committee, as your representative, is open to; good sensible discussion, constructive petitions, etc....
Wow! It's off my chest.

And what a wonderful Christmas party we had. I, for one, loved it. Margie, I'm sure, will be posting photos. How wonderful to hear her and Rosaleen sing and to see George and Maureen dancing once again. Next year I hope we might get even more club members to participate. Dust off your voice -- maybe dancing shoes. Do we have an aspiring ventriloquist or magician in our mist? Maybe we should consider a talent quest -- just kidding. Thank you to all those who worked hard to make the event a success -- we all know who you are. As president I am blessed with a great, hard working committee. Thank you one and all.

Don't forget that elections are coming up soon. Think about it. For those who are concerned about the direction the club is heading this is your chance to have a say. To quote Abraham Lincoln: *"He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help."*
As I said in closing last year:

'Tis the season to be Jolly... tra la la la la.

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Masterpoint Notes by Charlene

Congratulations to the following players who earned a promotion during November.

Di Khursandi	to	Local
Peter Finney	to	**Local
Peter Gruythuysen	to	*State
Frida Boeser	to	National

Eclectics and red points for January and February

The eclectics

January	on Saturday
February	on Monday

The following are the red points days

January	Monday 5th
February	Tuesday 10th



Members Corner
Contributed by Robyn Smith

It is very quiet on the travelling front at the moment in our Club, but Robyn still could give me some updates.

Dave and Dawn have just returned from an overland trip to Cairns to celebrate with family and friends their son's special birthday. It is good to see you back at the bridge club.

Pat Lyons and Joan Christensen are at present cruising around Australia on the Diamond Princess. We know that they will be having a very happy time.

(Thank you Robyn for being my reliable source of information of what was happening in the club during 2014)

Christmas at Rock-Away Rest

Twas the night before Christmas at Rock-Away Rest,
and all of us seniors were looking our best.

Our glasses, how sparkly, our wrinkles, how merry,
our punchbowl held prune juice plus three drops of sherry.

A bed sock was taped to each walker, in hope
that Santa would bring us soft candy and soap.

We surely were lucky to be there with friends
secure in this residence and in our Depends.

Our grandkids had sent us some Christmasy crafts,
like angels in snowsuits and penguins on rafts.

The dental assistant has borrowed our teeth
and from them she'd crafted a holiday wreath.

The bed pans so shiny, all stood in a row,
reflecting our candle's magnificent glow.

Our supper so festive—the joy would not stop—
was creamy warm oatmeal with sprinklers on top.

Our salad was Jell-O, so jiggle and great,
then puree of fruitcake was spooned on each plate.

The social director then had us play games,
like "Where are you living?" and "What are you names?"

Old Grandfather Cooper was feeling his oats,
proclaiming that reindeer were nothing but goats.

Our resident wand'rer was tied to her chair,
in hopes that at bedtime she still would be there.

Security lights on the new fallen snow
made outdoors seem noon to the old folks below.

Then out on the porch there arose quite a clatter
(but we are so deaf that it just didn't matter).

A strange little fellow flew in through the door,
then tripped on the sill and fell flat on the floor.

Tw'as just our director, all toggled out in red.
He jiggled and chuckled and patted each head.

We knew from the way that he strutted and jived.
Our social-security checks had arrived.

We sang—how we sang—in in our monotone croak,
till the clock tinkled out its soft eight-p.m. stroke.

And soon we were snuggling deep in our beds,
while nurses distributed nocturnal meds.

And so ends our Christmas at Rock-Away Rest.
Before long you'll be with us. We wish you the best.



Albert Einstein (on bridge players?)

Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

This is NOT a good idea. It can easily cost a trick. e.g.



You	
K53	
Declarer	Dummy
Q76	92
Partner	
AJ1084	

Here, if you lead the King, declarer will win the 3rd trick in the suit with his Queen.
 If you lead the 3 instead, partner will win his Ace and return the Jack. This scoops up declarer's Queen so that he makes no trick in our suit.

Instead, our policy should be:-

When leading partner's suit, make the same lead that you would always make from that holding in the suit.

Your natural lead from K53 is the 3. So, that is the card which you should lead. This may mean that, against a suit contract holding AXX in partner's suit, you may not lead the suit at all. Partner can work it out! Of course, there are exceptions....

Always play second hand low.

This is a reasonable policy. The policy is based on the fact that partner still has a chance to play as 4th hand. However, being alert, thinking and planning the play is more important.

What is declarer up to?

Was he unable to get off the table any other way?

Could he not get out of his hand?

Why is he not drawing trumps?

Why didn't partner return my suit?

Should I grab ace of trumps to give partner a ruff?

The policy can also apply for declarer.

X	K43	?
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J62 Here, your LHO leads a small card against your No Trump contract. Just by playing low from dummy, you are guaranteed a trick in the suit. RHO may win the Queen. However, your Jack or King can push out the Ace leaving our remaining honour high. If you rise with the King, you run the risk of making NO trick in the suit. RHO may win the Ace. Then, LHO smothers your Jack with his Queen.

As a defender , here is a classic case where you need to play second hand low—and smoothly.

KJ1043

A52	Q86
97	

When you saw that long suit in dummy, you know that a low card would be fired at you at some time, didn't you? If you play the 2 nice and smoothly, declarer has to guess whether to rise the King or finesse you for the Queen. Yes, he might guess right. However, if you rise Ace or flinch, you remove his guess.

KQ1075

A42	?
6 ??	

Declarer leads the 6 at you and it looks pretty hopeless, doesn't it? Not necessarily. It depends on dummy's other entries and how many tricks we need to set the contract. If we need two, rising Ace gives us little hope. Playing low may turn up.

KQ1075

A42	J83
96	

If declarer tries to get off the table with the 5 of this suit, partner will be ready to play second hand high and grab his Jack.

MICHAEL Swain was just 20 years old on November 8 in 2009 when he triggered an insurgent bomb in southern Afghanistan and lost both his legs.

Precisely a decade earlier to the day in 1999, Dr Munjed Al Muderis landed on Christmas Island after a perilous journey in a rickety Indonesian boat to seek asylum from the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein in his homeland of Iraq.

Fast forward to 2013 and the two men's lives converged in a Sydney clinic where Dr Al Muderis, one of the world's leading specialists in a little-known strand of orthopedic surgery called osseointegration, changes the former soldier's life with a radical procedure to fuse titanium rods into his femur bones.

Rifleman Swain was two months into his tour with Britain's 3 Rifles in the Sangin region of Helmand Province when his legs were blown off and he almost died.

Sangin was the most dangerous place on Earth at the time and during his tour British forces suffered 30 killed and 160 wounded the highest casualty rates since the Korean War.

Swain spent three years in rehab including 18 months learning to walk on carbon socket mounted prosthetic legs. By January 2013 he was nowhere near as mobile as he wanted and he decided that the socket system was never going to work for him.

"I wanted to walk and be active but I wasn't and it was getting me down," he said. But his world changed when he met a patient of Dr Al Muderis' at a clinic in England who had undergone osseointegration in Sydney.

With the help of the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, the men met and Mr Swain began another battle.

The first procedure to insert the titanium implants took place on December 12 last year and eight weeks later he was back in surgery to have the adaptors fitted to the artificial bone that fits directly onto a robotic leg. Bone and muscle grow around the titanium on the bone end, essentially creating a bionic leg.

Swain was the third double amputee patient to have the osseointegration procedure in Australia.

Dr Al Muderis fled Iraq in 1999, two years after qualifying from Baghdad University, when he was ordered to amputate the ears from Iraqi soldiers who had deserted from Saddam's insane regime. When his hospital supervisor was murdered in cold blood before his eyes he fled to Jordan before making his way to Java, via Abu Dhabi and Malaysia, where he boarded a people smuggling boat crammed with 150 passengers bound for Christmas Island. He spent the harrowing journey treating his fellow asylum seekers, who included several pregnant women, for severe sea sickness.

"There was no room even to sit, many people were just standing on deck," he said.

Dr Al Muderis said there was nothing special about refugees, who represent a slice of society including the "good, the bad and the ugly". But he said no one deserved to be known as a number like he was for 10 months in Curtin Detention Centre where he was known simply as "Number 982".

"People should never be a number, I don't keep numbers, people have names," he said.

After being told by then Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock that his qualifications would never be recognised in Australia, the young refugee medico emerged into Australian society and worked from Mildura to Canberra to prove his worth.

He obtained a job as Surgical Registrar at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne before placements at Bendigo, Wollongong and Canberra Hospitals.

"It was during my time at Austin Hospital that I studied to fulfil my dream to become an orthopedic robotics limb surgeon; a most fascinating and rewarding profession working with cutting-edge technology to assist those who have lost legs in combat, or through other health and accident reasons," he said.

Despite his ordeal and the hurdles he was forced to overcome, Dr Al Muderis said that he felt very lucky to be an Australian.

He hopes to be able to provide his services to Australian soldiers who have lost limbs in war.

His first military patient flew for 25 hours, over other clinics in Sweden, Germany and France that conduct the procedure, to be treated by an Iraqi refugee.

His Sydney clinics at Norwest Private Hospital, Macquarie University and Sydney Adventist Hospital are regarded as worldwide centres of excellence and are better known abroad than in Australia. He has treated numerous Paralympians and other high achievers as well as cancer patients and other traumatic amputees.

Dr Al Muderis said most of his patients were happy to risk complications to undergo osseointegration and leave their archaic socket prosthetics behind.

"The sockets date from the 15th century and they haven't changed much, but we are changing things now," he said.

Last week Michael Swain walked onto a Qantas aircraft for the long flight back to England.

In April he will march up to Her Majesty The Queen to receive an MBE and in June he will walk down the aisle with his bride Jade to begin the rest of his life with his son Max and his daughter due in April. He will retire from the Army to run a gym in Luton, north of London.

"My new legs are 10 times better. I will be able to do my job, play golf and be an active dad.

There will be no wheelchair and I will go anywhere and do anything and I will spread the word about this amazing procedure and the incredible Dr Munjed Al Muderis."

*Definitely something to think about.
Martine*





What a party it was. Great fellowship with heaps of fun



It's Christmas and
I just wanted to say
"Thank You" and that
It's been a pleasure
playing with you the past year

Hope you and your family have
A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year

On behalf of all the members of the
CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB

Martine

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills."

The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

"Grandma's Christmas Strategy"

One Christmas, a mother decided she was no longer going to remind her kids to send thank you notes. Consequently, the kids' grandmother never received any thanks for the Christmas checks she sent to the kids. The very next Christmas, all the kids stopped by in person to thank their grandmother for their checks.

When asked by a friend what caused this change in behaviour, the grandmother replied, "Simple. This year I didn't sign the checks."

Actual sign posted at a golf club in Scotland Contributed: Nigel Cleminson.

GOLF CLUB INFO & TIPS !!

1. Back straight, knees bent, feet shoulder-width apart.
2. Form a loose grip.
3. Keep your head down!
4. Avoid a quick backswing.
5. Stay out of the water.
6. Try not to hit anyone.
7. If you are taking too long, let others go ahead of you.
8. Don't stand directly in front of others.
9. Quiet, please ... while others are preparing.
10. Don't take extra strokes.

Well done. Now, flush the urinal, wash your hands, go outside and tee off.



Police Officer Bryant found a perfect hiding place for watching for speeding motorists.

One day, the officer was amazed when everyone was under the speed limit, so Bryant investigated and found the problem. 10 year old Dennis was standing on the side of the road with a huge hand painted sign which said "Radar Trap Ahead." A little more investigative work led the officer to the boy's accomplice, another boy about 100 yards beyond the radar trap with a sign reading "Tips" and a bucket at his feet, full of change.

My sister, Paula, and her husband, Chris, had just finished tucking their young ones into bed one evening when they heard crying coming from the children's room. Rushing in, they found Tommy crying hysterically. He had accidentally swallowed a 5cent piece and was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking could change his mind. Trying to calm him, Chris palmed a 5cent coin that he happened to have in his pocket and pretended to remove it from Tommy's ear. Tommy, naturally, was delighted. In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed it and demanded cheerfully - 'Do it again, Dad!'