



*Caboolture  
Bridge Club  
Newsletter*

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*Presidents Report*

Merry Xmas, Feliz Navida, Joyeux Noel and ...(I can say it but can't spell the Ukrainian version) to one and all!

Back in September we had the Gardner Pairs ... won by C. Frederiksen and J. Hays.

In October we played the Beryl Cramb at Bribie Is. Unfortunately, we did not win. I was not able to attend BUT was told that it was an enjoyable day. The Bribie club members are always good hosts and all events at that club are well worth attending.

We had an unusual event at the end of October ... Halloween!! Thanks to the efforts of Debbie and Gary, our usually quiet Monday session was unique and fun. We had an interesting video, played some cards, ate some candy, AND we even had a couple of people dress up for the occasion.

In November we celebrated the Melbourne Cup with drinks (thanks Nigel), sweeps (Robyn) and pizza (Mitch). Good times!!

Also in November, we had two competitions. The Club Teams ... won by E. Miller, D. Gehrke, F. Boeser, and B. Horan. The Queensland Wide Pairs ... our best results North/South were M. Kostaschuk and N. Cleminson coming 17 out of 329 and for East/West were M. Neubauer and K. Forrester coming 35 out of 341.

Finally that brings us up to the Annual Xmas Party. I feel sorry for anyone that was not able to attend as it is the highlight of the year! A lot of people put a huge amount of effort into making this an enjoyable occasion. We had good food (Jenny, Robyn and other helpers) served by good people (Lorna and her helpers), good music (Finn, Keith and Rosaleen), good drinks (Nigel), good fun video (Debbie and Gary) and lots of help to set up and clean up in the end. The only hitch was when two people from table one used two engraved awards glasses as water glasses which caused Jenny to panic. We'll laugh about it next year ... MAYBE!

All in all 2016 has been a GOOD year ... better than 2015 and may 2017 be even better!

Happy New Year to one and all

President Mitch

*To all members of the Caboolture bridge club  
Have a Merry Christmas  
Cheers to a New Year  
and another chance for us to get it right*

## *Christmas*

*The party is organised, the presents are bought, the tree is decorated and the drinking cabinet is full, exhausting but worth the trouble. After all the excitement, the well-deserved summer holiday is booked.*

*But ... "Christmas doesn't come from the store, maybe Christmas means a little more"*

*May we all find this Christmas ways of expressing care to all people less fortunate than us, fleeing their homeland, no home to call their own and not welcome anywhere.*

*Make it a happy Christmas for them too.*

*We are all one race !!! The human race .....*

*Martine Goedhart*



# Congratulations!

to our members winning the following awards.

## Muriel Davis Trophy

A.Bodman

## Novice Pairs 2016

D.and G.Gibbards

## Club Pairs

D.Gehrke - E.Miller

## MIT

M.Kostaschuk

## Gardner Memorial Trophy

J.Hays - C.Frederiksen

## Club Teams

F.Boeser - B.Horan - D.Gehrke - E.Miller

## Masterpoint Notes

There were no promotions this month.

## Welcome to new members

We welcome Eddie Rees as a new associate member

## Lessons

Although lessons are nearly finished for this current round we hope to do a group early next year. Should you know of anyone who is interested please have them contact me on 38881162, 0412136814 or [jcfred@bigpond.com](mailto:jcfred@bigpond.com) and we will try to accommodate them. Day and date yet to be decided.

## Outside the club

Queensland Wide Pairs – a total of 329 tables.

Congratulations to

### North South pairs

17<sup>th</sup> placed Mitch Kostaschuk and Nigel Cleminson

28<sup>th</sup> placed Jenny Hays and Ann Thomson

36<sup>th</sup> placed Dawn Quinnan and Phillipa Kidd

### East West Pairs

35<sup>th</sup> placed Maureen Neubauer and Kate Forrester

54<sup>th</sup> placed Hugh Gehrman and Charlene Frederiksen

These were the best placed in our club but congratulations to all who took part.

## Top 50 Most Improved Players for 2016 QLD

Debbie and Gary Gibbards are both on this list improving by 1,943 and 1,907 masterpoints respectively in 2016.

## Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs

Congratulations to Debbie and Gary Gibbards who came in 5<sup>th</sup>.

Alison Bodman and Lyn Gadsby also took part and were 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to both pairs.

The Supreme Court has ruled that there cannot be a Nativity Scene in the nation's Capital this Christmas season.

This is not for any religious reason. They simply have not been able to find

Three wise man in Canberra.....

The search for a virgin continues.....

However, there was no problem finding enough donkeys to fill the stable!







Christmas  
2016

Thank you all for participating in a great party





George worked for the Post Office and his job was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day just before Christmas, a letter landed on his desk simply addressed in shaky handwriting: 'To God'. With no other clue on the envelope, George opened the letter and read:

**Dear God,**

I am a 93 year old widow living on the State pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had in the world and no pension due until after Christmas. Next week is Christmas and I had invited two of my friends over for Christmas lunch. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. God; can you please help me?

George was really touched, and being kind hearted, he put a copy of the letter up on the staff notice board at the main sorting office where he worked. The letter touched the other postmen and they all dug into their pockets and had a whip round. Between them they raised \$95. Using an officially franked Post Office envelope, they sent the cash on to the old lady, and for the rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of the nice thing they had done.

Christmas came and went. A few days later, another letter simply addressed to 'God' landed in the Sorting Office. Many of the postmen gathered around while George opened the letter. It read,

**Dear God,**

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your generosity, I was able to provide a lovely luncheon for my friends. We had a very nice day, and I told my friends of your wonderful gift - in fact we haven't gotten over it and even Father John, our parish priest, is beside himself with joy. By the way, there was \$5.00 missing. I think it must have been those thieving fellows at the Post Office.

George could not help musing on Oscar Wilde's quote: 'A good deed never goes unpunished'

## *Welcome to the New Year*

*\*Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve.*

*Middle age is when you're forced to.*

*\*An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in.*

*\*A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. Bill Vaughn*

*\*May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions Joey Adams*

*\*It would not be New Year's if it did not have regrets. William Thomas*

*\*A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.*

*\*People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas. Unknown*

*We can only try, can't we????*

## Nigel's Brainteasers

<b><u>HEAD</u> HEELS</b>	<b>NO LEFT</b>	<b>T O W N</b>	<b><u>STAND</u> I</b>	<b>LE VEL</b>
<b>N E W S</b>	<b>R ROADS A D S</b>	<b>CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>SAND</b>



### Church Ladies With Typewriters.

They are back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins.

*(These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services)*

The Fasting and Praying conference includes a meal.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5.00 PM. Prayer and medication to follow.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7.00 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7.00 PM. at the first Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Ladies don't forget the garage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

*Thank you Nigel.*

### CAN YOU READ THIS?

**R3AD1NG 7H15 M3554G3  
5UCC355FULLY – PROV35 7H47  
YOU H4V3 4N AMAZ1NG M1ND  
4ND 4N 1MPR3551V3  
1NT3LL1G3NC3.**

If you want to know something about yourself, ask somebody else,

I hate that sad moment when you return to ordinary life after reading an awesome book.