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From the President

Hi again:

Doesn't time fly when you enjoy your bridge?

Again club members have had the chance to compete at the highest level of team bridge available to us. State of origin stuff. Ha. Ha.

Four Caboolture teams competed at the Noosa GNOT TEAMS event on Sunday.

Four teams amongst a total of thirty-two. The top ten teams qualified for the State titles.

Our top team came eighteenth. Congratulations. They did us proud.

Friday afternoon lessons for beginner and improving players is no longer taking place.

At the request of the participants this session has now been shifted to Thursday mornings from 9.00 till 11.30

A big 'thank you' to Barry and Pam for the effort they have put into the Friday sessions. Thank You!

I thought I'd say a few words about laws, rules, etc.

In bridge we have The Laws of Bridge, Rules, Regulations, and By-Laws.

The following two regulations under the heading of WRITTEN BIDDING are interesting:

4. Legal notation - The only acceptable notation for each bid is as follows: C for clubs, D for diamonds, H for hearts, S for spades, NT for no trumps (N is not a legal notation for no trumps), / for pass, X for double, XX for redouble, all preceded by a number representing the bidding level where appropriate. A double line (//) to signify the end of the bidding is illegal. No other notation of any kind e.g. full stops may be used.
9. Covering the bidding sheet. The bidding sheet must remain in view until the third player (on declarer's right) has played to the first trick, whereupon dummy should turn the bidding sheet or otherwise remove it from sight.

Note: In Rule 9 we have the interesting interpretation of the 'should'.

Does should mean shall?

Good bridging from Finn

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.

The following partnerships have qualified for the GNP zone final

on Sunday 7th October at Caloundra

If either you or you and your partner are unable to attend please see Charlene ASAP so that substitutions can be arranged. (Thank you)

Saturday

1. Colin Anderson & Mary Gillies
2. Pat & Paul Lyons
3. Pam Barbour & Barry Kelly
4. Mitch Kostaschuk & Nigel Cleminson
5. Dawn Knight & Maureen Lovelock

Thursday night

1. Hugh Gerhmann & Kath Haigh
2. Martine Goedhart & Cees de Greef

Tuesday

1. Margaret Jennings & Jenny Hays
2. Frida Boeser & Jean Trafford
3. Anita Crestanelli & David Morgan
4. Finn Nielsen & Mary Cowley
5. Dawn Quinan & Maureen Peart
6. Brian Ford & Faye Barkwith

Members Corner:

It is nice to see Len and Judith LeComte home after 3 weeks in Bangkok visiting family and friends and experiencing the Thai culture.

Val Anyon and her husband are off shortly on a P&O Cruise to the Pacific Islands. Both Val and her husband are celebrating their 70th Birthdays and what a wonderful way to celebrate – cruising around the Islands. Have a wonderful time.

Neville Jordan is back in Caboolture. It is nice to see Neville back at the Club. However, Neville had a fight with a fence post and is nursing a couple of fractured ribs. We hope that he makes a quick recovery.

There are so many members celebrating special birthdays this year. Kay Wrangell is another Club member enjoying a special celebration. Kay's son David treated her to a trip to Bangkok for her special day. From all reports it was a wonderful time and experience.

It is nice to see Margaret Stephenson back at the Club enjoying her Bridge. Margaret has been absent for a couple of months whilst she moved house from Narangba to North Lakes Apartments. We hope that she will be happy in her new home.

Pat and Paul Lyons have just returned from their trip to San Francisco. They had a great time. The Club received a couple of Postcards from them. It was very nice to hear about their travels and knowing Pat and Paul, they are probably already planning their next Cruise.

Cees de Greef and Wikke van Wensveen are back from their 6 week trip to Europe, Cees had to give away his daughter, who is now happily married. Being in Holland they could not resist the temptation to visit Paris and Berlin. They had a great time.

It seems that the Caboolture bridge players love to travel as well. Good on you all. Enjoy while you still can.

A big thank you to Robyn Smith, keeping an eye out for me to fill the "Members Corner"

To the other members in our club, If there is anything you would like me to print in your newsletter, send an email to martine@goedhart.com.au Love to hear from you.

There was a flyer on the notice board regarding the bridge book "Free Range Bridge" Not For Chickens 'Women Only' written by Mary Lynch, Mary sent me a copy and there are some interesting snippets in there.

Here are a few. A lot of bridge belongs to women but they don't know ityet..

Statistically women make up almost 70% of registered bridge players in Australia and due to the fact that they play more often, represent about 85% of players in any particular duplicate event. Numbers elsewhere are probably the same.

"Luck" in Bridge, or Card Sense.

What is one of the things that keeps the masses coming back? One area I can think of is that bridge is one of the only games where novices can play against experts and beat them! What delights the beginner and beguiles the seasoned player are the possible lashings of luck thrown into the mix of such an enormous game, with such a bottomless pit of learning. *All that learning can be thrashed by an innocent lead by a beginner, giving experts a bottom board!*

Membership Benefits:

Almost 1500 bridge players have taken up the annual travel insurance policy available through major sponsor, TBIB. Detailed information about this offer can be viewed under Marketing/Membership Benefits on the ABF website.

Toga Hospitality's offer of heavily discounted accommodation rates for their hotels (52) in Australia, New Zealand and parts of Europe is gaining in popularity (Travelodge, Adina, Medina and Vibe) These rates are usually well below those available through *wotif and lastminute* etc.

Members need to access instructions on how to book this discounted accommodation on the ABF website under Marketing/Membership Benefits.

Just bid what you've got.

A competitor was called away on an emergency from a bridge tournament, with still the last hand to play.

So the players asked one of the helpers to take his place, although he knew nothing about the game. They told him, "Just bid what you've got and follow suit" He sat South and the following bidding sequence ensued.

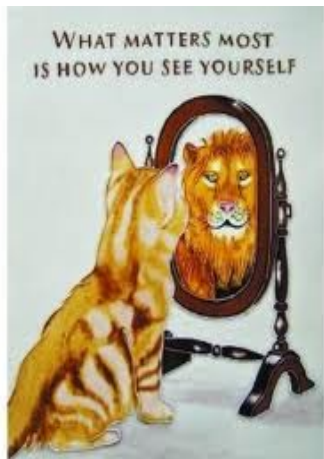
Dealer: South All Vulnerable

West	North	East	South
--	--	--	1 C
Pass	2H	Pass	2 S
Pass	3 C	Pass	3 H
Pass	4 NT	Pass	7 D
Dbf	All pass		

South took the lead of the K of Spades with the Ace, cashed the Ace and King of Trumps, came to hand with the Ace of Clubs and played all his diamonds.

On the last one, West was hopelessly squeezed in Hearts and spades and ultimately discarded a Heart, where upon South made the last four tricks in Hearts.

When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the director, who asked for an explanation of the bidding and got the following reply..... "I was told to bid what I've got and I have one Club, 2 Spades, 3 Hearts and 7 Diamonds!!"



North

♠ A9		♠ 76542
♥ AKQ65		♥ 8
♦ AK		♦ J9
♣ Q1054		♣ 987632
♠ KQ108	♠ J3	
♥ J1097	♥ 432	
♦ Q10	♦ 8765432	
♣ KJ8	♣ A	

**Winning does not really matter,
as long as you win.**

Comments on the Losing Trick Count (LTC) by Derek

I will give a brief description of the method and if it interests you, you should read more about it in a book on the subject such as *The Modern Losing Trick Count* by Ron Klinger. (Book can be borrowed)

Most bridge players rely solely on high card points to estimate whether a game or slam is possible, but how much easier it would be if you could estimate the number of tricks able to be won. The losing trick count (LTC) does just that and its application is not only more accurate than point count, it is also simpler.

Provided you realize that the LTC is not designed for balanced NT hands and is quite unsuitable for misfit hands, it can be used after a trump fit has been established. Thus it is vital that you do not use the LTC as replacing point count. It is used as an adjunct to the point count after a trump fit has been established. After the trump fit is known, the LTC will give a more accurate guide to the potential of the partnership hands.

The LTC Formula

Count your losers Add partner's losers Deduct this total from 24

The answer is the number of tricks the partnership can expect to win. The LTC does not guarantee that you will in fact make this number of tricks. The LTC answer is the number of tricks you can expect to win if suits break normally and half of the finesses work

♠ K98643	You hold this hand and the bidding goes -	West	North	East (you)	South
♥ 7			1D	Pass	1S
♦ 43			4S	Pass	??
♣ A842					

Your thoughts should now speed quickly along these lines — "We have a good trump fit and I hold 7 losers.

Partner has shown two tricks better than a minimum opening and so should have 5 losers, 7+5=12 and 24-12=12

We have the potential for 12 tricks and thus a slam. I must therefore keep on bidding to check for aces etc. and not pass it out at 4Spades. Full deal is as follows.

West	North	East	South	
S AQ75	J2	K98643	10	The lead is H4.
H 106	AQ95	7	KJ8432	When dummy is tabled you are pleased that you bid on to slam.
D AKJ62	Q975	43	108	You ruff the second heart, draw trumps in 2 rounds and ruff your club losers in dummy and ruff your 3 diamond losers in your hand
C K9	J75	A842	Q1063	for a good slam which a lot would miss.

More in next newsletter

LOL



The bride came down the aisle and when she reached the altar, she saw the groom with a deck of bridge cards in his tuxedo pocket.

She said, "Darling, what are your bridge cards doing there?"

He looked her right in the eye and said, "This is not going to take all day, is it?"

AGEING GIRLFRIENDS

A group of 40 year old girlfriends discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally they agreed they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the waiters had tight pants and nice back-sides.

Ten years later at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the food there was very good and the wine selection was excellent.

Ten years on at 60 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they could eat in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

Ten years later at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the restaurant was wheel chair accessible and even had an elevator.

Ten years on at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they had never been there before.

(This definitely does not apply to our bridge members. Ed.)

How clever are you ???

You only need 4 correct answers out of 10.

1. How long did the Hundred Year's War last ?
2. Which country makes Panama hats ?
3. From which animal do we get cat gut ?
4. In which month does Russia celebrate the October Revolution ?
5. What is camel hair brush made of ?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal ?
7. What was King George VI's first name ?
8. What colour is a purple finch ?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from ?
10. What is the colour of the black box in a commercial plane ?



What do you mean you failed. Pass this on to some brilliant friends, so they may feel useless too.

Answers: 1. 116 years 2. Ecuador 3. Sheep and Horses 4. November 5. Squirrel fur 6. Dogs 7. Albert 8. Crimson 9. New Zealand 10. Orange (of course)

**Life is not a matter of holding good cards,
but of playing a poor hand well.**