



CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Report

It's nice to be back amongst Bridge folk. Gill and I had a wonderful trip to the USA.

Twenty-four days of driving around; Canyons, Mountains, Valleys and Wild-West, has been good for the spirit. Las Vegas to Vancouver, I recommend it to anyone.

A couple of self explanatory photos for anyone interested:



Returned home to play in the Bribie teams event. Caboolture won the trophy. We are certainly doing well in terms of inter-club competition. Congratulations to those who did us proud. A great day was had by all. Bribie, as per always, were excellent hosts.

It was nice to see the TV screen working. Jenny and Charlene have been working hard to make the viewing a success. It is an excellent tool for lessons. Any comments?

Good luck to all in the upcoming MIT event.

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MEMBERS' CORNER

Contributed by Robyn Smith

Numbers have been down at the Club lately due to people travelling or the winter colds and flu.

We wish all those who are not well, a speedy recovery.

It was nice to see Fred and Mary Witsenhuysen at bridge.

They have been over to Broome to attend their grand daughter's wedding. They also had a game of bridge. Bridge is only played in the winter in Broome when all the visitors from Perth come up for some warm weather, but Mary warns that if you play, you must bring your own pencil as they do not provide any.

Congratulations to Dawn Knight and husband Graham who have recently sold their home and are downsizing to a lovely house in Central Lakes

We wish them all the best with the move and the rest of their retirement.

Kay Wrangel and husband Harry are off caravanning in central Qld. Kay had also returned last month from a cruise to the Greek Islands with two of her adult children. A good time was had by all.

Maureen Lovelock is also away in the caravan with husband David. They are heading up to the Gulf and hope to do some serious fishing. Northern Australia is well noted for its lovely seafood.

Margaret Jennings is away in the UK visiting family and friends.

Quite a few members of the committee will be away in the next few weeks. Mitch Kostaschuk is going to Canada to visit his Mum and extended family.

Jenny Hays is off to Victoria to help her Mum settle into a retirement village.

Ron and Robyn Smith are heading to Finland and the North Cape before heading south along the coastline of Norway then north into Russia, Poland and Germany.

Happy travelling and a safe return to everyone. *Robyn Smith*

Half July we returned home from our Great Java Rail Tour.

Arriving in Jakarta we were welcomed by Tauphan our guide for the coming 15 days, a great young fellow with a gorgeous smile. Our question of how long it was going to take to get us to the hotel, was answered by "it all depends on the traffic". We soon found out that everything in Jakarta is depending on the traffic. Can you imagine the whole population of Australia living in Jakarta.

Our trip was mostly by train, from Jakarta, Bandung, Yogyakarta, Surabaya and back to Jakarta. The carriage for our group was very comfortable, including the one where we had our lunch and morning or afternoon tea. Our carriages were taken off the train while we stayed for 2 or 3 nights at the time in a hotel.

The scenery from the train was of endless rice fields with people working bare feet in the water, beautiful mountains, but also millions of people living along the railway in "houses" I couldn't believe you could live in. The main streets in the cities have beautiful hotels, are full of brand new cars, mostly big Toyotas made in Indonesia. You see motorbikes carrying families of 5 and of course the riksjas or trishaws.

Don't venture out 50 meters from the main street though. Don't look into the big brown eyes of the beautiful kids, your heart melts and you'd like to take them all home. Despite the fact that most people have so little, they are always smiling, making me think "what am I complaining about sometimes"

The traffic is one big ants nest, but there is no aggression among the drivers, they just find their way and don't be surprised that a 1 hour trip by car can take 2 hours. (All depends on the traffic)

All by all this trip was a real eye opener and yes we do live in the Lucky Country. *Martine Goedhart*



Spot Cards

Cards ranking below the jack, from the ten down to the two.

Of the thirteen tricks which are won on each deal, approximately eight are won with aces, kings, queens, and jacks; the remaining five tricks are won with the lower cards - the tens, nines, eights, sevens, etc. Generally speaking, a fraction more than five tricks is won by the lower cards in trump contracts, since the low trumps win tricks, which are not available in no trump contracts.

Through the years, all the emphasis on winning tricks has been on aces, kings, queens, and jacks (Honour Tricks, Point-Count) and quite naturally so, since these cards are the leaders in the area of winning tricks. However, as can be observed from the above, the lower cards are not merely pawns in the trick-taking field.

Here are two examples of the power of the spot cards. The South declarer in the first deal was Richard L. Frey.

<p>♠ 1092 ♥ K1075 ♦ AQ ♣ A1052</p>	<p>♠ 87 ♥ J64 ♦ J762 ♣ Q964</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ QJ53 ♥ 9 ♦ K10943 ♣ J73</p>
<p>♠ AK64 ♥ AQ832 ♦ 85 ♣ K8</p>			

Against the sound six heart contract, West opened the eight of spades, dummy's nine was put up, East covered with the jack, and declarer's king captured the trick. Three rounds of trumps were then drawn, ending up in dummy. The ten of spades was then led, East played the queen, and declarer took the trick with his ace. On this trick West followed with the seven of spades.

It was now clear to declarer that East had the five and three of spades remaining, for surely if West had either of these cards he would not have dropped the seven-spot, which was the highest-ranking spade left.

Dummy was then re-entered via the club ace, and the two of spades was led. When East followed with the three-spot, declarer's four-spot was played, successfully finessing against East's five-spot. The six of spades was now played, and on it dummy's queen of diamonds was discarded. All in all, thirteen tricks were taken, declarer ruffing out his losing diamond.

When you have a plethora of honours

and spot cards, it still may be right to lead a spot card rather than a honour as an entry conserving play.

North (dummy)		
D. AJ102		
W. K876		E. 54
S. Q93		

Say you need 4 D. tricks and have no re entry to your hand. If you start with the Queen and West plays low, you can only take 3 tricks. After you repeat the finesse by leading low to the 10, you can't get back to your hand to repeat the finesse. However if you start with the 9 and West plays low you can underplay with the 2 and then lead the Queen. Now you have 4 tricks regardless.

Similarly

North (dummy)		
D. K1092		
W. Q765		E. A4
S. (you)		
J83		

Say the lead is in your hand and you need three diamonds tricks and have only one hand re entry. If you start with the Jack and West plays low, East wins the Ace and now you can't pick up West's Queen with only one hand re entry. However, if you start with the 8 and West plays low, you can underplay the 2. Assuming East wins the Ace (it doesn't matter), you can return to your hand and lead the Jack, losing one trick in the suit.

They were at a concert. Said she, a bridge addict,
"What's that book the conductor keeps looking at?"

"That's the score," answered her escort.

"Oh. Who's vulnerable??"

Masterpoint Notes (Charlene Frederiksen)

Congratulations to the following players who have earned a promotion during April and May

Shirley Ward	to	Graduate
Brian Ward	to	Graduate
Jo-Ann Middlebrough	to	*Local
Phillippa Kidd	to	Gold Life Master
Anthony Daigle	to	Local Master
Margaret Jennings	to	State Master
Val Anyon	to	Graduate Master

The eclectics will be

August	on Saturday
September	on Tuesday
October	on Thursday
November	on Monday

The following are the red point days for the next few months

August	Thursday	8 th
September	Saturday	21 st
October	Tuesday	8 th
November	Thursday	7 th

There Really is no Life after Bridge

At the end of play at the a Senior Teams match one of the players made it to the bar and requested "Two Spades Please"

At the Gold Coast Congress last year, following a gruelling 2 rounds, a husband and wife were having dinner in a local restaurant, the wife says: "See that man over there, the one sitting North"

Overheard: It was such a wonderful cruise, I had a Grand slam in Napoli, then 6NT in Corfu.

Overheard: My partner has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

Overheard: If I agree with you, we'd both be wrong.

Smart people learn from their mistakes. But the real sharp ones learn from the mistakes of others"

"The 50-50-90 rule: anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong."

There is only one thing worse than playing bridge -- and that is not playing bridge.



Please



In 2013 some MPs may do well to consider the Dalai Lama's words about religion and truth.....

Take care of your thoughts because they become WORDS

Take care of your words because they become ACTIONS

Take care of your actions because they become HABITS

Take care of your habits because they will form your CHARACTER

Take care of your character because it will form your DESTINY

And your destiny will be you LIFE

As of August 1st 2013 there will be two significant changes to the current alerting procedures and both of these changes will have an impact upon the average club player.

The first is that when you open the bidding with 1♣ your partner will no longer need to alert it. This is irrespective of whether the 1♣ opening is natural or conventional. Instead opener's partner must automatically "announce", without waiting to be asked, the essential meaning of the bid.

For a natural 1NT opening, this announcement is the strength range. So partner says: "15 to 17" or "12 to 14" or whatever the range is.

For a 1♣ opening, it depends on the system. For natural (Green) systems, partner announces the minimum club length guaranteed, saying "4 plus clubs" or "3 plus clubs", etc.

For strong club systems, you announce the point range. In Precision you would say "strong at least 16 points".

For other systems, for example Polish Club, which has multiple means for the 1♣ opening, partner simply announces "unusual".

It is the responsibility of the Responder to make the announcement whenever their partner opens either 1♣ or 1NT. Either call will now trigger the prescribed announcement, or in the case of a conventional 1♣, the announcement will replace the current requirement to alert. These are the only two calls that will lead to an announcement, the Alert Regulations remain unchanged in respect to all other actions.

After any announcement, the opponents will still be able to ask supplementary questions, however the basic information already conveyed will avoid much of that need. A side benefit of this new approach is that many of the problems currently created due to inopportune (and sometimes pointed) enquiries will now disappear. And opponents will no longer be at risk of confusion caused by variable 1NT ranges and the like.

It will take some time for players to adjust to such a significant change in alert procedure. Directors are encouraged to exercise suitable tolerance in respect to inadvertent non-compliance until players become familiar with the new procedure.

Announcements have been successfully used in both England and the United States for a number of years and it is felt that the above application of the same approach will also be beneficial in Australia.



****Why is the Ace of Spades different looking??**

Playing cards was a popular form of entertainment in France. The rulers saw a way to make more money by taxing the Ace of Spades and only that card in the deck. Aces were given the most space so they could be stamped showing that the tax had been paid. Today card manufacturers use the space to print their company information in, including trademark information.

****To avoid paying the tax that was tacked onto the Ace of Spades, people wouldn't buy that card when they bought a deck of playing cards. So, they were playing traditional games that required using 52 cards with only 51. It was said they weren't "playing a full deck" or they were foolish for doing so.**

****If you have ever heard or used the phrase "They're Not Playing With a Full Deck" describing a person who isn't completely in their right mind, it is hereby all explained.**



ON A LIGHTER NOTE

Four guys were playing bridge and were being kibitzed by their buddy, Steve. Suddenly Steve grasped his chest, cried out in pain, and collapsed dead to the floor. "Golly," exclaimed one. "What should we do?" "Out of respect let's finish this hand standing up,"



CAKE OR BED

A HUSBAND IS AT HOME WATCHING A FOOTBALL GAME WHEN HIS WIFE INTERRUPTS, HONEY COULD YOU FIX THE LIGHT IN THE HALL WAY? IT'S BEEN FLICKERING FOR WEEKS NOW. HE LOOKS AT HER AND SAYS ANGRILY, FIX THE LIGHTS NOW? DOES IT LOOK LIKE I HAVE ENERGEX WRITTEN ON MY FOREHEAD? I DON'T THINK SO, FINE, THEN THE WIFE ASKS, WELL THEN, COULD YOU FIX THE FRIDGE DOOR? IT WON'T CLOSE RIGHT TO WHICH HE REPLIED, FIX THE FRIDGE DOOR? DOES IT LOOK LIKE I HAVE WESTINGHOUSE WRITTEN ON MY FOREHEAD? I DON'T THINK SO FINE, SHE SAYS THEN YOU COULD AT LEAST FIX THE STEPS TO THE FRONT DOOR? THEY ARE ABOUT TO BREAK I'M NOT A CARPENTER AND I DON'T WANT TO FIX STEPS HE SAYS, DOES IT LOOK LIKE I HAVE BUNNINGS WRITTEN ON MY FOREHEAD? I DON'T THINK SO I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU. I'M GOING TO THE PUB!!!! SO HE GOES TO THE PUB AND DRINKS FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS..... HE STARTS TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT HOW HE TREATED HIS WIFE, AND DECIDES TO GO HOME AS HE WALKS INTO THE HOUSE HE NOTICES THAT THE STEPS ARE ALREADY FIXED.AS HE ENTERS THE HOUSE , HE SEES THE HALL LIGHT IS WORKING AS HE GOES TO GET A BEER, HE NOTICES THE FRIDGE DOOR IS FIXED. HONEY, HE ASKS, HOW'D ALL THIS GET FIXED? SHE SAID, WELL, WHEN YOU LEFT I SET OUTSIDE AND CRIED JUST THEN A NICE YOUNG MAN ASKED ME WHAT WAS WRONG, AND I TOLD HIM. HE OFFERED TO DO ALL THE REPAIRS, AND ALL I HAD TO DO WAS EITHER GO TO BED WITH HIM OR BAKE A CAKE. HE SAID, SO WHAT KIND OF CAKE DID YOU BAKE? SHE REPLIED, HELLOOOOO.. DO YOU SEE SARA LEE WRITTEN ON MY FOREHEAD? DON'T THINK SO!

**A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game and are driving home from a distant bridge tournament. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking his wife: "Relations of yours" "Yes" she says, "In laws"

** Hearts are trump and West, on opening lead, leads a low Diamond. East, holding no Diamonds, plays a Spade thinking Spades are trump. Later when West gets in again, he leads another Diamond and this time East trumps with a Heart. West says: "No Spades partner?"

** This lady, Charlotte, plays very slowly. She is asked to speed it up a bit. She says: "I am sorry, but I can't think and play bridge at the same time"

** Two blondes were driving down the road. The blonde driving looks at her friend in the passenger seat and asks her to see if her blinker is working. So the blonde looks out the window and says, "Yes. No. Yes. No."

** A lady playing in her first bridge session hears her opponent say: "Alert" The lady says: "I am alert"

** A rich blonde buys the New Automatic BMW X6 Sport. She drives the car perfectly well during the day, but at night the car just won't move at all.

She tries driving the car at night for a week but still no luck. She then furiously calls the BMW dealer and they send out a technician to her, the technician asks: "Ma'am, are you using the right gears?" Full of anger, the blonde replies: You fool, how could you ask such a question, I'm not stupid! I use **D** for the Day and **N** for the Night."

