



Caboolture Bridge Club Newsletter

Issue 13 - JULY 2014

President's Report:

Hi, Bridge players, one and all:

As some of you will have noticed, I am back, back from our adventure in the USA, and a great time we had exploring the north-west by car. I recommend it to everyone.

Sadly I have to inform you that Dot Cork died a few days ago. Many of you will remember Dot fondly. She played with her husband Ron who passed away some time ago.

Dot was part of the original committee that got the club going - 1981.

Dot held several other positions in those pioneering days: Secretary, Providore, etc.

You will also notice her name on the Honour Roll - life member; a well deserved honour.

As I understand it, Dot was an inspiration to many. Bless you Dot; we, current Bridge players, bask in your afterglow.

Some interest has been shown in clinics (for want of a better term) for improving players.

The suggestions to date are relatively simple and will be handled at the Thursday morning practice sessions.

A notice has been on the board for several weeks.

You may have missed it, but it is not too late to make a suggestion.

Several very good players attend Thursday morning to hone partnership skills.

Sunday, July 20, we held the annual Bribie/Caboolture team challenge.

Sorry to say, we lost the shield, but it was by the narrowest of margins.

I acted as caddie for the day and I could see that an enjoyable day was had by all.

We employed an outside director and I know that that option was considered a success.

Congratulations to Nigel, Colin, Peter G., and Margie J. they ended up winning the individual team event.

The kitchen helpers, food providers and all players did our club proud.

Good bridging from Finn.



Finn with a couple of friends in Yellowstone N.P.

Secretary Jenny and husband Bob are presently holidaying in the USA/Canada. Bob is Canadian so they are visiting family and friends before going to Alaska and doing the Inside Passage Cruise.

Nothing like a cruise to have a real holiday. Enjoy the rest Jenny.

Mitch Kostaschuk is also heading off in August to visit his Mum and siblings in Canada. The club has a few Canadians as members.

Tony Daigle is also originally from Halifax and is at present visiting his brothers and sisters. It has been many years since they have all been together. So a huge reunion is planned with many a celebration.

Ann Thompson and husband Alan have headed north for the warmer weather of Cairns and some sight-seeing of surrounding areas.

Jo-ann Middlebrough has also had a few days in sunny north Queensland. She is attending the annual Red Hat "Giggle" where over 200 red hatters gather to meet and have a lovely time.

Colin Anderson celebrated a very special birthday recently. Colin turned 80 and celebrated with a gathering of friends and family. Well done Colin!

Ron and Robyn are heading off this month to tour Spain, Portugal and Morocco before flying to Switzerland to visit some of the World Heritage listed sites.

It is nice to see the safe return of all those who were travelling in our last newsletter. Di Khursandi has returned home safely after visiting family in the United Kingdom and welcoming a new baby into the family.

Maureen Lovelock arrived home safely last Monday after flying Malaysian Airlines. Maureen was also visiting her daughter and was there for the arrival of a new grandchild.

Our "Members' Corner" would not be complete this month without paying tribute to the late Judith Le-Comte. Judith was a member of our Club and a dear friend to many. Sadly Judith passed away peacefully on 9th June after a short illness and complications following surgery. Judith lived life to the full - travelling, painting, bridge, red hatting and playing canasta. Judith was always ready to lend a helping hand whenever needed.

Before Bridgemate, she was there every Monday morning writing up the "travellers" and putting them in the boards as they were dealt. She had a vibrant personality and touched many of us along the path that she travelled. A life cut short far too early. We miss you Judith.

Looking back on our China Trip.

China is a big country, fascinating and loaded with history. Our flight to Hong Kong was good. A few potholes en route but who cares! Flight to Beijing could have been less stressful, three boarding passes and 9 hours later we were on our way.

I spent my time at the airport well, playing bridge on my tablet. We finally saw a bed at 1.30am pretty tired. You can imagine our excitement when told that we had to be ready at 8.30am for the first day of the tour. As it turned out these were the only hiccups. The tour guides and the people in our group were absolutely fabulous all 29 of them, including us.

There were many highlights on this tour. A few definitely worth visiting are: Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, The Great Wall, Summer Palace, Terracotta Warriors, 4 days on the Yangtze River and Dam construction.

After leaving the cruise boat, there were only the 5 of us travelling to Shanghai and Hong Kong. Kerry and husband, (Kerry has been at the Thursday night bridge a few times.) my sister and us. First class private travel so we were very spoiled.

The food was! well Chinese, in fact only Chinese, Hang on, we had a Subway in Shanghai. None of us are fans of the fast food outlet but it was definitely different.

Shopping not cheap, heaps of famous brands, Armani, Versace, Gucci etc. still can't afford it. Although the 3 girls all bought a Swatch watch when the men went back to the hotel for a rest.

I did not expect anything, leaving that Sunday night on the 11th of May, but have since changed my mind. The China trip was as Great as the Wall.

Martine



Charles Goren (1901-1991) who made the cover of Time magazine, is perhaps the best-known bridge player of all time. Born in Philadelphia, he learned bridge while studying law and won his first major bridge event at 32. He went on to become a household name in the US with about 10 million book sales along with TV and radio shows. His daily newspaper column lives on to this day in the US, syndicated in 174 newspapers under the name Goren Bridge.

Goren's number 1 bridge partner was Helen Sobel (1910-1969) a dancer. She went on to become one of the best female

bridge players. The journalists held Goren in awe. But when they would ask her what it was like to play with a truly great player she would say, "Ask him".

The key to success of Goren's books was the introduction of high-card points, 4 for an Ace and so on, an idea he borrowed from Milton Work. It was simpler than the Culbertson honour trick system and it brought bridge to the masses. Later he took this further when he adopted the idea of a Toronto actuary to include points for short suits. His books became the basis of the Standard American bidding system.

The thinking is just as important now as it was then, but it is not the full story; we now know to add one final step and that is to judge how well your points are working. The key though is points opposite shortage are wasted. This is where the golden rule of duplication is coming in.

The following deals illustrate the point. The bidding features the Jacoby 2NT. The 2NT reply shows a game forcing raise of partner's major and South's rebid shows a shortage.

On deal one, North knows to subside with wasted points opposite South's short suit.

Despite having 29 HCP, 10 tricks are the limit of the hand.

Deal one:

Dealer South: Both sides vulnerable

	North	
	Q1075	
	KJQ	
	A102	
	954	
West		East
62		J4
103		9542
742		J53
KJ73		A108
	South	
	AK983	
	4	
	KQ98	
	Q62	

Deal two:

Dealer South: Both sides vulnerable

	North	
	A42	
	K7532	
	983	
	K3	
West		East
Q1085		J76
QJ		—
QJ9		107654
Q1082		KJ654
	South	
	KQ3	
	A109864	
	2	
	A97	

On deal two, with no wasted honours opposite South's diamond shortage. North knows to throw caution to the wind and an easy slam is reached despite holding just 23 HCP.

The golden rule of duplication shows you how to easily take the vital question of whether your honours are working into account. All modern experts use this thinking just as they did in Goren's day.

The only difference is that we have now reduced it to a nice simple formula.

Deal One:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 S
pass	2NT	pass	3 H
pass	4 S	all pass	

Deal two:

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1 H
pass	2NT	pass	3 D
pass	4NT	pass	5 H
pass	6 H	all pass	

The most amazing bridge hand I've held

♠ AK3 ♥ — ♦ KQJT95432 ♣ A

That will be hard to top.

I simply opened 6♦. I could open 1♦, planning on jumping, but I'm jumping to slam anyway. 2♣ (our strong forcing opening) won't get me any useful information unless partner has a monstrous hand (with this particular partner I play step responses, so he can show a weak hand with 1 king or less, a good hand with 1 king or less, one ace or two kings, kings, ace + king, etc ... but seeing as how I can't distinguish the useless heart ace from the diamond ace immediately...)

The real problem with opening low is that my hand only had three defensive tricks, and if partner has the diamond ace, we probably have a grand slam and *still* only have three defensive tricks.

So I want no ability for opponents to determine they have a ten card heart fit (or club fit).

The final issue with opening 6 diamonds is that it will be nigh impossible to get partner to understand that the spade queen is worth more to me than the heart Ace+King (unless he has the diamond ace). But if partner's *looking* at the diamond ace, he'll know that's valuable right away.

If he does have the Diamond ace and anything good, he'll bid seven on the theory that if I thought six would have a play, the trump ace makes seven...if he's looking at random good cards in one suit, he'll know that I'm likely void and discount them towards a raise. In short, when scientific bidding isn't likely to work, just bid what you hope to make.

In fact, LHO doubled (which I assumed meant he had both red aces *and* that he didn't understand how bridge scoring works) and partner passed, then displayed:

♠ xxxxx ♥ AQJT2 ♦ — ♣ xxx

Since LHO didn't lead a heart, dummy was worthless ... except for the very nice five card spade suit, which meant that only one opponent could protect against my four of spades when I played trump (the doubler had led a club honor, which I won, then tried to cash a club, which I ruffed and then played 8 more rounds of diamonds.

And that opponent (doubler), discarded a spade from J96, so that he wouldn't discard down to Kx of hearts in front of dummy.

Of course, if I had a small heart and Ace-small of spades, I was making no matter what, and if I had a small heart and a small spade (without the ace), I was on crack for bidding six diamonds, but stranger things have happened.

Making six. I guess I should have redoubled, but who knew partner would have the right card (that fifth spade)?

A blonde wanting to earn some money, decided to hire herself out as a "handy-woman" and started canvassing a neatly well-to-do neighbourhood. She went to the front of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do. "Well you can paint my porch." he said "How much would you charge me?" The blond after looking about responded. "How about \$100?"

The man agreed and told her that the paint and materials she might need were in the garage. The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband. "Does she realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?"

The man replied. "She should, she was standing on it. Do you think she is dumb?"

"No" replied the wife. "I guess I'm guilty of being influenced by all the "dumb blonde" e-mail jokes we've been receiving." A short time later the blonde came to the door to collect the money.

"You're finishes already?" the husband asked.

"Yes" the blonde replied "and I had paint over so I gave it two coats " Impressed the man reached into his pocket for the \$100 and handed it to her. "And by the way." the blonde added.

"It's not a Porch, it's a Lexus."

Eclectics and Red Points August-September-October.

The *eclectics* will be:

August on Saturday

September on Thursday

October on Tuesday

The following are the *red point days*

August Monday 4th

September Tuesday 9th

October Thursday 9th

Thank you Charlene



WHY GOD MADE MUMS.

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions.

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the sticky tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. God made my Mum just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What did God give your mother and not some other Mum?

1. We're related
2. God knows she like me a lot more than other people's Mums like me.

What kind of little girl was you Mum?

1. My Mum has always been my Mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.

What did Mum need to know about Dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your Mum marry your Dad?

1. My Dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My Grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who is the boss at your place?

1. Mum doesn't want to be the boss, but she has to because Dad is such an idiot.
2. Mum, you can see by room inspection. She sees stuff under the bed.

What is the difference between Mums and Dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and Dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but Mums have all the real power, 'cause' that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's

What does Mum do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't have spare time
2. To hear her talk, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your Mum perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. You know, her hair. I'd die it, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your Mum, what would it be?

1. I'd make my Mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
2. I would like her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.



World Cup Refund



After Nigeria was eliminated from the world cup the Nigerian captain personally offered to refund all the expenses of fans that travelled to Brazil. He said he just needs their bank details and pin numbers to complete the transaction.

The committee on Ethics has little work to do. Not so the committee on interpretation of the rules. I remember one incident in which an old lady asked the tournament director to rule on a point.

She had bid four diamonds over an opponent's four spades bid. The director explained the routine ruling including the option of making the diamond bid sufficient with no penalty.

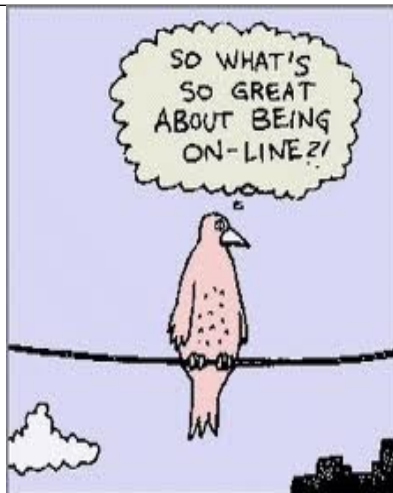
After the hand was over the little old lady sought out the director and complained.

"You said I could bid five diamonds with no penalty, well, I bid it and went down 1.700 points, what do you mean no penalty?"

Perfume



"I want my husband to pay more attention to me, got anything that smells like a computer?"



I don't need to do my homework.
I sourced it out to a kid in India

A twist.

A doctor was checking up on three elderly bridge players who had injuries from a car accident. Sarah inquired "Doctor, will I still be able to play bridge?"

The doctor said "How many high card points in a deck of cards?" "60" the lady replied. Worried the doctor turned to Wayne "How about you? How many high card points in a deck of cards?"

"Uh, Wednesday!" he shouted.

Even more concerned, the doctor motioned to the other lady. "Well what do you say, madam? How many high card points in a deck of cards?" "Forty!" Sheryl replied.

"Excellent!" the doctor exclaimed.

"How did you get that?"

"Oh, it's pretty simple," she explained,

"You just subtract the 60 from Wednesday"



A new twist.

Sheryl subtracted 60 from Wednesday to get 40. The numerical equivalent of Wednesday is
 $23+5+4+14+5+19+4+1+25 = 100$ So there!

A team of engineers were required to measure the height of a flag pole. They only had a measuring tape, and were getting quite frustrated trying to keep the tape along the pole. It kept falling down. A mathematician comes along, finds out their problem, and proceeds to remove the pole from the ground and measure it easily. When he leaves, one engineer says to the other: "Just like a mathematician! We need to know the height, and he gives us the length!"