



Caboolture Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's Letter

With President Mitch in the Northern Hemisphere, and Vice-President Peter in Tassie, it falls to Secretary Jenny to complete this month's "President's" Letter.

Competitions:

On Sunday May 21st, Moreton Bribie Bridge Club hosted the annual teams challenge event against Caboolture Bridge Club. We are excited to say that Caboolture brought home the shield this year. Well done to our top performing team: Geraldine, Margaret, Kate and Maureen.

One team comprising Margie, Pete, Deb and Gary have had success at both the Barrier Reef Congress and the recent Moreton Bribie Congress – well done.

These and other members continue to seek events outside our club for added experience (and often financial reward), something many more of us should possibly be doing.

On Sunday July 23rd we will be hosting the annual Caboolture-Redcliffe interclub comp. We will hopefully have 16 pairs from each club competing. We look forward to an enjoyable day of bridge.

The new **2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge** come into effect for Australia and New Zealand on 1st August 2017.

Although the main impact of the new laws will be felt by Directors, here are few preliminary items of player interest:

- **Law 9:** Dummy now has the right to try to prevent any irregularity (such as a lead from the wrong hand), irrespective of whom the potential perpetrator might be. However, once an infraction has occurred, dummy is still prohibited from calling attention to it until after the conclusion of the play.
- **Law 20:** A player who realises that they have given a wrong or incomplete explanation of partner's call is no longer required to immediately proffer a correction, but they must still call the Director and make the correction prior to the facing of the opening lead. It will however generally be in the player's best interests to call the Director
- When a player makes a claim or concession, that player is now required to face his hand and both sides (all four players) may now agree to continue play, rather than summon the Director. However, if they do agree to play on, then the table result will stand. Alternatively if they elect to call the Director then all play ceases and the claim is adjudicated as per the current laws.

Keep an eye on the ABF magazines for further explanations of rule changes.

And please remember [LAW 74 - CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE](#)

Proper Attitude

A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.

A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.

Thanks to Geraldine for stepping into the Director's seat for our Monday and Tuesday sessions while Mitch is away, it is much appreciated.



Get well wishes to Pat Lyons who recently spent some time in hospital undergoing surgery. We understand that Pat is now home and progressing well.

It is nice to see David and Dawn Quinan back at the Club. David recently underwent major heart surgery, but from all reports, it went very well. So that is good news.

Many club members have been travelling and it is good to see that all have returned home safely.

Rhonda Niven travelled with her sister Karen. They visited some friends in the United Kingdom before going over to Paris, Venice, and Tuscany.

Kay Wrangell travelled with her family to the United Kingdom spending several days exploring Southern England and then heading over to Paris for another week. A good time was enjoyed.

Lyn Gadsby has just spent a lovely week on the Sunshine Coast holidaying with her adult children and grandchildren.

Margie Jennings is at present visiting family in the United Kingdom.

President Mitch and his family have travelled to Canada to drive from the East Coast across to Seattle. Mitch is showing his family some of the places where he lived as a child. They are then doing a relaxing Inside Passage cruise to Alaska.

Ron and Robyn Smith have recently returned from a Mediterranean cruise. The weather was perfect on this cruise with no rain and very calm seas. Many lovely ports were visited. Due to security concerns, the ship did not call in at Turkey, but instead went to Kotor in Montenegro. The sail into Kotor was so picturesque. Tiny villages dotted the huge mountains that extended right down to the water's edge. There was about 16 kms of this wonderful scenery before the ship finally reached the port. A Mediterranean cruise is not complete without visiting the Greek Islands and many were visited including the infamous Santorini. Santorini has no water supply of its own and has to ship its water in. Grapes are grown but are trained in a wreath like system so that they hug the ground. The only water they receive is from the overnight dew. This system also protects the vines from the strong wind that the island is also noted for.

Many other highlights include Rhodes, Lucca in Tuscany, Mykonos, Messina in Sicily which has the largest astronomical clock in the world. Many places visited were walled cities with UNESCO world Heritage listing. We also visited Gibraltar which belongs to the British. We caught the cable car to the top of the Rock. This is where the Tail-less Apes live and they are a big tourist attraction.

After the cruise finished, we visited the Gaudi Cathedral in Barcelona. It certainly has the "wow" factor and is due to be finished in 2025. The stained glass windows are something to be seen. These cannot be seen from the outside of the cathedral, only on the inside.

After a lovely holiday, one has to face the long flight home. The cruise started and finished in Barcelona so there were many hours in the air.

As we always say "there is no place like home".

One of our members, Carol Melling, will be participating in a 3 day, **100 km** walk along the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail from Toogoolawah to Ipswich in a Fundraiser for Diabetes. If you wish to support her in raising funds for this cause, please speak to her directly.



Many thanks to Robyn Smith, bringing us up to date with what is happening in our Club.

Masterpoint Notes

Congratulations to the following players on their promotion.

Ted McDonald	promoted to Graduate Master	Heather McKendrick	promoted to Graduate Master
Karen Preston	promoted to Club Master	Kevin Thornton	promoted to *Local
Debbie Gibbards	promoted to State Master	Gary Gibbards	promoted to State Master
Mary Cowley	promoted to State Master	Rhonda Niven	promoted to State Master
Jenny Hays	promoted to *State Master	Peter Gruythuysen	promoted to National Master
Nigel Cleminson	promoted to *National Master	Dawn Knight	promoted to *National Master

Welcome to new members

Alan Blackman, Ian Rose, Stan Gillam (husband of Kerry who sometimes plays on a Thursday night), Ross Kreigh and Beverley Fawcett- Smith. These new member have all come out of the recently finished lessons.

Lessons

Should you know of anyone who is interested please have them contact me on 38881162, 0412136814 or jcfred@bigpond.com I will hold their names for the next round of lessons.

Outside the club Toowong Novice Pairs

Congratulations to Debbie and Gary who earned some red points at this event.

Barrier Reef Congress

Congratulations also to the following people who took part in the Barrier Reef Congress at Yeppoon – Peter Gruythuysen, Margie Jennings, Debbie Gibbards, Gary Gibbards and Nigel Cleminson.

All earned quite a few red points (as you can see by the movement up the promotions ladder above).

GNOT ZONE

Congratulations to Frida Boeser, Mathilde Noending, Peter Finney and Peter Gruythuysen who came in 11th and have made it through to the next level of the competition.

We also had some members who took part in the **Moreton Bribie Congress** with good results.

Our club members are certainly becoming adventurous with their trips and bridge play.

Interesting facts about our club

The ABF recently released figures about masterpoints and the percentage of ABF members in each section. Below is the table of ABF masterpoints and percentages against Caboolture Club and the percentage of our members in each area.

As you can see we certainly are above the average in the 100-300 range but below in the next 2 categories. Of course with all those players heading off to congresses around the place we may see an increase over the next few years.

Masterpoint range	ABF percentage	Caboolture percentage
0-20	44%	44%
20-50	15%	11%
50-100	12%	15%
100-300	16%	27%
300-1000	10%	2%
1000 +	4%	1%

Bridge tips by

Ken Dawson

A new suit at the 3 level is forcing.

Most pairs play this chestnut as true: though there are exceptions. Its logic is based on the fact that three level bids occupy a lot of space.

To play them as non-forcing makes for "tortured" auctions when you would like a sequence to be forcing. e.g.

1H – (2S) – 3C

Here, the opposition has made a weak jump overcall, cramping our bidding space. Of course, there are hands where responder is long in clubs and very weak. With those hands, you would like to be able to bid 3C for partner to pass. However, there are a great many other hands where you will be unsure of the final contract and need more information from opener. Hence, most pairs play the 3C above as forcing; (2S) – 3C

This time, you have overcalled their weak 2S bid. You are showing the values for a solid overcall at the two level. Partner will have to decide whether to bid or not.

1H – (P) – 1S – (P)

3D – (P) - ?

Here, opener is showing a strong red hand, probably 5-5. Responder is obliged to find a bid – return to 3H, 3S (six carder), 3NT (must have clubs stopped) or bid 4D.

1H – (P) – 1S – (P)

2H – (P) – 3C – (P)

?

Here, opener is obliged to find another bid. He may feel that he has described his hand already. However, responder hasn't had enough yet!

(1H) – X – (P) – 3C

(P) - ?

It would require a specific agreement to be able to pass this jump response. Most pair play it as forcing for one round.

(1H) – X – (2H) – 3C

(P) - ?

Most pairs would not play 3C as forcing here. 3C is simply showing a response to partner's double. The 3C is probably about 5 – 9 HCP with five clubs

A change of suit by an unpassed responder is forcing.

This chestnut is by partnership agreement. It is meant to apply to uncontested auctions which haven't started with 1NT or a pre-empt. (When our auctions start with 1NT or a pre-empt, our responses have different meanings).

1H 1S

1NT 2C

?

Here is a typical auction where opener must keep bidding. Responder's hand is unlimited.

On the contrary :

1S 1NT

2C 2D

This 2D bid "begs to be dropped".

Responder has shown less than 10 HCP, at least 6 diamonds and hopeless holdings in opener's black suits.

1S (2C) 2D

Whether 2D is forcing depends on partnership agreement. Here, the opponents have overcalled at the two level showing a goodish hand.

Many pairs play 2D here as a Negative Free Bid showing about 8 – 11 HCP and a 5 card suit, not forcing.

A politician dies and ends up in front of the pearly gates.

"Welcome to heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, I have to inform you that we just changed the rules. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you'll be allowed to choose where to spend eternity."

"Seriously? Then, I've made up my mind," says the politician. "I want to be in heaven."

"I'm sorry, but I have my orders."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him in days gone by.

Everyone is very happy. They're dressed nicely and having a great time. They run to greet him, shake his hand and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the taxpayers.

They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes.

They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it's time to go and visit heaven.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises.

The elevator goes up, the door reopens and St. Peter is waiting for him.

"So that was hell. Wasn't what you were expecting, I bet?"

"No Sir!" says the man.

"So then", says St. Peter. "You can make your choice after you have spent a day in heaven."

So, 24 hours pass with the politician joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp, singing and worshipping the Almighty God. They have a good time and — before he realizes it — the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well now, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The politician reflects for a minute, and then he answers: "Well, I would never have said this before I mean heaven has been delightful ... but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it into black bags as more trash falls from above. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

"I don't understand," stammers the politician. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil looks at him, smiles and says,

"Yesterday, I was campaigning. Today you've voted."

Wrong Email Address.

A couple going on holidays, but his wife was on a business trip so he went to the destination first and his wife would meet him the next day.

When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email.

Unfortunately, when typing her address, he mistyped a letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before.

When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

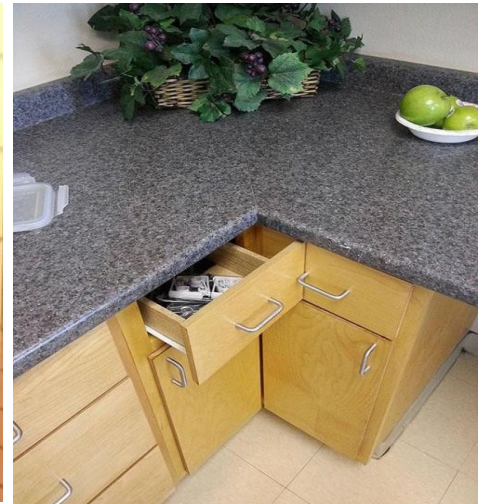
At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen

Dearest Wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

P.S. Sure is hot down here.

**Live like
heaven is
a place
on earth...**



Beautiful English I called an old school friend and asked what was he doing. He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed. On further inquiring, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water ...under his wife's supervision



Birth Announcement

There was an expectant father who had spent quite some time waiting for the offspring to arrive - at his in-laws' place. As his leave balance had gone into the red, he tells his father-in-law, "When my son comes, do not call up my office and say that I have become a father of a boy because I'll have to shell out a lot for parties. Just leave me a message that the clock has arrived. This will be our code for the arrival of the baby."

The offspring does finally arrive one day, but it's a daughter. The father-in-law now thinks to himself, "If I tell him that the clock has not arrived, he'll misunderstand and think that something has happened to the baby and come rushing over." So the father-in-law left the following message:

"The clock has arrived, but the pendulum is missing."

This is exactly how politics works !!!

I told my son, "You will marry the girl I choose." He said. "NO!"

I told him, "She is Bill Gates' daughter." He said. "OK"

I called Bill Gates and said, "I want your daughter to marry my son." Bill Gates said. "NO"

I told Bill Gates. "My son is the CEO of the World Bank" Bill Gates said. "OK".

I called the president of the World Bank and asked him to make my son the CEO.

He said, "NO."

I told him. "My son is Bill Gates' son-in-law."

He said. "OK"