



Caboolture Bridge Club Newsletter

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Presidents Report.

Things at the bridge club will change a bit while Nigel (the treasurer) is away for the next few months. Robin and Margaret S will still be collecting the table fees. Debbie G will be doing the banking. Charlene and Jenny have been paying bills while Ron S oversees the balancing and accounting. Thanks to everyone for their efforts.

Peter G has taken on the responsibility of landscaper for the club. He has done a great job so far and I am confident that the grass and gardens will continue to look great while under his care.

We held the Club Novice Pairs in February with Gary and Debbie Gibbards winning the competition. We also had 3 table participate in the Australia Wide Novice pairs in May, with Deb and Gary coming 29th out of over 100 pairs Australia Wide. Ann and Mary won a book prize for their achievement on a particular board. Well done to all our novices.

In May we also had the Caboolture/Bribie teams. Good day, good food BUT unfortunately Bribie won the shield ... but just by a very small margin.

In June three teams went on to the next level of the GNOT which was held at Bribie Island. Mitch, Charlene, Jenny and Hugh came in 19th out of 32. Margaret J, Pat, Neville and Frida B were 29th. Dawn Q, Phillippa, John and Peter F were 30th. All in all, it was a pleasant day and as always the Bribie members were great hosts. We also have just completed the Club Pairs which was very well attended with 12 tables the first week and 13 tables the second week. Results are still pending.

While playing in the GNOT competition, I was very surprised at the number of people that did not claim properly ... especially the top, very experienced players. Law 68C clearly states that every claim should be accompanied by a clear statement of order of play. If there is any doubt, the director should be called. After the director arrives, he/she will then decide if a trick could be lost (even through inferior or careless play) and award it to the non claiming pair. Sooo be very careful when claiming AND for all the novice players out there DON'T just accept a claim because you are playing Life or Grand masters!

Remember to be nice (especially to your partner) when playing bridge

President Mitch Kostaschuk

By Robyn Smith



Maureen is now travelling around Australia in her caravan. Maureen is very courageous as she drives all by herself, but is surrounded by her Caravanning friends who are there for support.

Deborah and Gary Gibbards have recently returned from a holiday to the United Kingdom with stopovers in Hong Kong. They also had some free time in London.

Les and Dorothy left last Thursday for a trip to Canada and Alaska which included a stopover in Honolulu en route before commencing the Inside Passage cruise. They are also doing a trip to the Yukon before boarding the Rocky Mountaineer for the commencement of their Canadian Tour.

They are also spending 4 days in Honolulu on their way back to Australia.

Julia and John Moran have recently returned from a couple of months touring in their Motorhome.

They went as far south as South Australia and returned via the Great Ocean Road.

In January they also had a visit to England to await the arrival of their first Grandchild - a beautiful Baby girl named Emelia. Congratulations to you both.

Alison Bodman was also very excited last week when she left to visit her grandchildren and family in northern Australia.

Dawn and David leave in a couple of weeks for their Circle Pacific Cruise with Princess Cruises.

This is a 75 day cruise. We wish them a very happy holiday.

Vice President Peter has just returned from visiting family in Tasmania.

Brian and Shirley Ward have returned to the Bridge Club as they are doing some "house sitting" duties in the area. Welcome back to both of you.

In May we returned from our trip to Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.

I have fond memories of Thailand, cheap shopping and beautiful Thai food.

I was right about the food, but the shopping ???

There are a few places that are a must see when you are visiting these countries.

In Bangkok of course "the floating market" just as I remembered 20 years ago.

Siem Reap in north west of Cambodia is well known for the ruins of Angkor, going back to the 9th—15th centuries.

Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat are designated as one of the "Seven Wonders of the World"

Angkor Wat the main temple, which is pictured on Cambodia's flag is dedicated to the Hindu God Vishnu.

Observing the local life in a floating village at Tonle Sap Lake in the heart of Cambodia, I made the promise, never, ever to complain about anything anymore for the rest of my life.

Despite everything these people are living through, they still look so happy.

In Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City, an interesting city, where a lot of French architecture is still present.

Of course we could not escape the Ben Thanh Market, where an unbelievable assortment of wares and crafts are sold under the one roof. Don't go there when suffering from claustrophobia.

Making a real impression were the Cu Chi Tunnels.

The tunnels are an immense network of connecting underground tunnels located in the Cu Chi district of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and are part of a larger network of tunnels that underlie much of the country.

The Cu Chi tunnels were the Viet Cong's base of operations during the Vietnam war.

Personally not interested in war crimes myself, I could not help to feel sad for the Vietnamese people, hearing their story from a different perspective.

The last leg of our trip was Hanoi, sightseeing en route to Halong Bay.

Halong Bay is considered one of the most breathtaking places on the planet, added to the list of UNESCO Heritage and declared recently as one of the "New Seven Natural Wonders of the World"

How many world wonders are there exactly ??

All in all a very interesting trip, with a lot of scooters, and a lot of people in the big cities.

Martine Goedhart

Masterpoint Notes (Charlene Frederiksen)

Congratulations to the following players on their promotion.

Abby Wanigaratne	*Local	to	**Local
Maureen Lovelock	Regional	to	State
Robyn Smith	*Regional	to	State
Dave Quinan	*Regional	to	State
Debbie Gibbards	Club	to	Local
Alison Bodman	Nil	to	Graduate
Georgie Hampson	Nil	to	Graduate

The club now has 93 home club members and 33 associate members.

There are 331 bridge clubs throughout Australia and we were one of 142 which showed an increase in membership during 2015.

The masterpoint newsletter this month contained some statistics about clubs throughout Australia and the percentage of people within certain ranges of masterpoints.

Below are the statistics for our club against the national average for you to see.

Point range	National percentage	Caboolture percentage
0-20	44%	48%
20-50	75%	12%
50-100	12%	14%
100-300	16%	22%
300-1000	10%	2%
1000+	4%	1%

**WORK FOR A CAUSE NOT FOR APPLAUSE
LIVE LIFE TO EXPRESS NOT TO IMPRESS
DON'T STRIVE TO MAKE YOUR PRESENCE NOTICED
JUST MAKE YOUR ABSENCE FELT.**

From last page (9) **SUGGESTED PLANS OF ACTIONS.** Hand no 5.

Hand 5

S A75	Contract 6H by S	No bids by E or W.	Lead SJ	N and S hands are shown
H K10	In assessing the hands you see a S loser and maybe 2 trump losers if all 4 missing			
D AJ96	trumps are in one hand. If the missing trumps split 2 and 2, you will make 13			
C KQ104	tricks. You should not endanger the contract by not planning for a 4 - 0 trump break			
S 83	Thus your plan is to discard your S loser on the D Ace before you make a "safety"			
H A987642	play by finessing the 10 of trumps, in lieu of playing trump A and then K, hoping for			
D K	the trump Q or J to fall. You win the first trick with SA, then play D6 to DK, play C5			
C A95	to CQ, play DA discarding S8. Now lead S5 and trump in hand with H6. Lead small			
	trump from hand, and if West plays low, play H10 and you get the bad news that			
	East has no hearts. However your plan has limited the opponents to just one trump			
	trick and a tight slam was made by proper planning before playing to the lead.			

Message from Finn Nielsen:

Hi all Caboolture Bridge players.

*I have completed my next novel — A Pair of Jacks.
This time I am only producing it in eBook/Kindle format.
If anyone is interested in reading it, it is free.*

*Upon request to my email address I will forward the book to your email address in either:
Kindle or eBook format.*

My email address is: finnandgill@gmail.com

There is a substantial amount of Bridge repartee involved in the story.

Synopsis:

With friends like Jack Lund and Jack Warner, Leif Andersen does not need enemies. Five years after Leif has retired from a working life as a compliant Local Government bureaucrat, two old and best forgotten friends, Jack Lund and Jack Warner, share a telepathic moment with him. Jack Lund, a rambunctious and rebellious boyhood friend who Leif has not seen or heard from in fifty-three years, and who, unbeknown to Leif, has spent most of those years incarcerated in a Danish prison. Jack Warner, an irreverent and hopelessly irresponsible greenie, who, seven years earlier was banished for having committed adultery with Leif's flirtatious wife, Julie.

Jack Lund announces his moment, his arrival, his re-entry, by e-mail:

I will be coming down in mid-August. If I do not know where you are by then I will find you. Australia only has twenty million people. I look forward to seeing you. To find out what my friend has become.

Jack Warner's moment is not announced. It is recorded on a smashed watch. He arrives, re-enters, in a coma, having been found, near dead, in Lamington National Park. Leif's stolen passport, driver's licence and bankcard providing the authorities with a false identity. Jack has no next of kin and no fixed abode.

While Leif is struggling with the burden of the arrival of a pair of Jacks, his parents, who returned to Denmark only months after emigrating to Australia with young Leif, write to him, seeking his urgent assistance. Leif returns to Denmark and bit by dramatic bit he uncovers the unsavoury truth about his rebellious boyhood friend.

In the meantime Julie becomes fascinated with the uninvited guest from Denmark. He has something that she values. Something that she, some years earlier, exploited with the other Jack.

Can the Jack, with a past to forget, help the Jack with no future?

Can Leif help either or both Jacks? And what of Julie?

Bridge Players' Solemn Oath (Anon)

I'm giving up bridge! Tonight's my last night
It's Amen to Stayman, I give up the fight
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles
I can't sleep at night for thinking of Doubles

My cards are all rotten and who's played what?
What the heck's trumps? I think I forgot
It's all over now, and this time for good
I'm saying farewell to leads and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain
I'm getting bad cards, again and again
I'm giving up bridge. Tonight's my last night
Declarers are horrid and nothing's gone right

My partner's a dope and I'm losing hope
And her bid for Game can mean only shame
My points are not high and I'm wondering why
She keeps bidding up, right to the sky.

We're in seven spades and all my hopes fade
When surprise, surprise her bidding has paid
We're winning some tricks, the defenders feel sick
And I have to admit that my partner's a brick

But I'm giving up bridge, tonight's my last night
Farewell to conventions, I give up the fight
I leave with few words, but some that are true
Bridge isn't for me, though maybe for you

So be kind to your partner and don't mind their cheek
It's only a game; and I'll see you next week



New words that may be added to the dictionary this year.

Carcolepsy a condition where a passenger falls asleep as soon as the car starts moving.

Cellfish an individual who continues to talk on their phone thereby being rude or inconsiderate to other people.

Parkolepsy a condition where you forget where in the shopping centre the car is parked.

Nonversation a completely worthless conversation of small talk.

Navigate what your wife does from the passenger seat.

Textpectation the anticipation felt when waiting for a response to a text.

Intaxication Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Sarchasm the gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte to take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Decafalon the gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Arachnoleptic fit The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider's web

Beelzebug Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor the colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

Frostitutea member of the world's coldest profession.

New definitions Alternate meanings to real words

Coffee noun the person upon whom one coughs.

Flabbergasted adj. appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.

Abdicate to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Negligent absentmindedly answering the door when answering only in a nightgown.

Lymph to walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle olive flavoured mouthwash.

Balderdash a rapidly receding hairline.

A police officer called the station on his radio.

"I have an interested case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested the woman?"

"Not yet. The floor's still wet."



On my last flight overseas an elderly passenger kept peering out the window.

Since it was totally dark, all she would see was the blinking wing tip light.

Finally she rang for the flight attendant.

I'm sorry to bother you she said, but I think you should inform the pilot that his left turn indicator is on and has been on for a long time.

An elderly man was on the operating table awaiting surgery to be performed by his son, a renowned surgeon.

Just before they would put him under, he asked to speak to his son: "Don't be nervous, son, do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me... your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife."



Death of Conversation



KIDS IN CHURCH

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service. "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A father was at the beach with his children when the four year old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said. "Did God throw him back down?"

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong.

Finally, the boy replied. "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, he would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six year old daughter and said. "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say", the wife replied. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?."

This time I added three extra pages for those people who like to improve their playing skills in no trump contracts.

Thank you Derek for taking the time to send me this very interesting information on how to play the following no trump hands. I'm sure we will all benefit from it.

Martine

DECLARER PLAY

NO TRUMP CONTRACT

Following the opening lead when you are declarer in any contract, don't touch or nominate a card from dummy until you have planned your play. Without a plan, or at least thought about your line of action, you could ruin what otherwise may have led to an excellent result. **Learn to prepare (plan) or prepare for failure.** In some recent results at the club, the number of makeable contracts that have been missed, indicates to me that some declarers are not considering a plan before playing. You don't touch a card until you have formed a plan, including assessing opponents holding from bidding

NO TRUMP CONTRACT

In a NT contract you as declarer should assess the combined strengths of your hand and dummy, and -

- 1 Count how many sure winning tricks you have in the 2 hands, and thus the number of tricks needed to make the contract. In duplicate play a plan can include play to make over trick(s), but in teams or imp scoring matches do not jeopardize the contract in trying to win an overtrick.
- 2 If there is a shortfall in number of tricks required, these can be established by setting up winners in a long suit held in dummy or your hands or by forcing out the opposition high cards.
- 3 Carefully review the bidding and opening lead to deduce number of cards held by each opponent in suit(s) bid by them, and possible location of honour cards missing. For example a strong overcall indicates at least 5 cards in the suit bid and if supported by overcaller's partner, shows at least 3 cards in that hand. If one opponent has called a pre-empt then make a note that there are at least 7 cards in that hand and thus mentally note how many cards in this suit in other opponents hand. Be aware the pre-empter may become the danger hand. Note number of cards shown by other types of bids such as weak 2 bids or Michaels cue bids, etc.
- 4 Make a mental note of a danger hand-

Consider this bidding, lead and dummy - N and S hands are shown

S	AJ84	Bidding -	W	N	E	S	
H	Q9					1H	
D	732		2S	2NT	P	3C	
C	AQ62		P	3NT		All pass	Lead S7

Assess- 7 sure tricks (1S, 3H, 3C), in the two hands and a total of 27 HCP's.

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| S | 63 | Bid info - W should have 9-10 HCP's and 6 spades (including K and Q), thus E has |
| H | AK1084 | only 1 spade and 3-4 pts. |
| D | KJ | Plan - as E should only have 1 spade, there is no advantage in "ducking" the 1 st |
| C | K854 | round of spades, if hearts split 5-1 may need to finesse for J in E hand (most likely) |

E is the danger hand as you don't want E to be leading a D up to dummy's KJ doubleton.

Play W to hold most of the remaining honours, thus plan to lead up to the SJ. When an opponent has established tricks in a NT contract he is the danger hand, or when your stopper(s) are subject to finesse, the right hand opponent is the danger hand. If you have recognized a danger hand and have to lose a trick, then in play plan to lose to the other player. Thus for this plan EAST is the danger hand.

- 5 Check how many entries there are in dummy to enable you to get back into dummy's hand. If entries could be short, do not use an entry in dummy's hand if it could be as easily taken in your hand. There will be times where you must be aware of shortage of entries in declarer's hand and plan for it.

Plan your play on the following NT contracts, before you turn over for the suggested plan at the end of the article. No bid by E or W in each of the 3 contracts. In each case the N and S hands are shown.

1. S A42 Contract- 3NT N	2. S AQ7 Contract- 3NT by S	3. S AQ5 Contract- 3NT S
H A96 Lead- SK	H 72 Lead- S8	H 98 Lead- SJ
D A1054	D KJ96	D 73
C A42	C K962	C A107654
S 987	S K63	S K97
H K42	H K54	H AK2
D KJ92	D A1083	D AK42
C KQ6	C AQ4	C 832

DECLARER PLAY - SUIT CONTRACT

Similarly as for no trump contracts, as soon as dummy hand is placed on the table, declarer should study the two hands and plan how best to play them. All good declarers take time to plan the play before playing to the opening lead. Do **NOT** rush to play the first card from dummy. In a suit contract you should -

1 Count your sure and likely winning tricks and count your losers - that is the tricks in each suit that you will probably lose.

2 If you have more losers than you can afford, try to find possible ways to eliminate excess losers. This may be achieved by trumping in dummy; **OR** by discarding losers from your hand on high card fast tricks in dummy; **OR** by setting up winners in a long suit in dummy and using these to discard losers from your hand after removing trumps. Fast tricks are those you can win without losing the lead - eg. The A and the K in a suit.

3 It is generally correct to draw trumps as soon as possible. But there are situations where you should not draw trumps at the first opportunity. For example, you may want to use dummy's trumps to ruff losers in your hand, or you may wish to make all or most of your trumps separately by cross ruffing. That is ruffing alternately in dummy and in your hand.

As with a no trump contract, consider carefully the opposition bidding and opening lead for information as to the likely location of missing high cards and the number of cards held by each opposition player in each suit. But be flexible in your planning to provide for a change if defenders provide an unplanned surprise.

Plan your play for the following suit contracts, before you read the suggested plan overleaf.

North and South hands are shown.

4 Dler- East	Bidding	5 Dler- North	Bidding
	N E S W		N E S W
S 972	P P P	S A75	1NT P 2D P
H QJ1064	1H P 3H P	H K10	2H P 4H P
D A63	4H all pass	D AJ96	4NT(1) P 5H(2) P
C AK		C KQ104	6H All pass
			(1) Blackwood
S 864	Lead SA	S 83	(2) 2 Aces
H A7532		H A987642	
D KQ		D K	
C 985		C A95	Lead SJ

SUGGESTED PLANS OF ACTION

HAND 1

- . S A42 Contract 3NT by N Lead SK (No bid by E or W)
- . H A96 You see 8 sure tricks and D is the only realistic suit to make the 9th trick.
- . D A1054 As neither opponent bid, the remaining 12 pts are probably split nearly evenly.
- . C A42 Obvious problem is if one opponent holds 5 or more spades and the DQ, so plan to protect against this possibility by ducking first two rounds of spades. On 3rd round of spades E discards the H3 and you win with the SA. Thus W becomes the danger hand, as he has two spades left
- . S 987 Your plan is to now finesse though W for the DQ,
- . H K42 by playing C2 to CK, then leading DJ. If W holds the DQ it is trapped by the DA,
- . D KJ92 and if W plays low then you play D3. If E holds the DQ he can win the trick. but
- . C KQ6 must play back to one of your winners for you to win 10 tricks.
- GENERALLY DON`T CASH YOUR WINNERS UNTIL YOU CAN MAKE YOUR CONTRACT.

HAND 2

- . S AQ7 Contract 3NT by S No bids by E or W. Lead S8
- . H 72 Again you see 8 sure tricks and the D suit the most likely to give the 9th trick. The danger would be in hearts, if say East won a trick and led say HJ then you could
- . D KJ96 lose 5 or more tricks. Thus E is the danger hand and you should win trick 1 in
- . C K962 Dummy with the SQ, then lead the DJ. If east plays low, discard the D3. If W has
- . S K83 the DQ, any lead from W cannot defeat the contract, as with a H lead you will
- . H K54 make 10 tricks, and on any other lead you will make 9 tricks. IF YOU MUST
- . D A1083 LOSE A TRICK(S), LOSE IT EARLY WHILST YOU HAVE CONTROL OF
- . C AQ4 ALL THE SUITS.

HAND 3

- . S AQ5 Contract 3NT by S No bids by E or W. Lead SJ
- . H 98 Can see 8 sure tricks (3S, 2H, 2D, 1C), extra trick must come from club suit. This
- . D 73 may require 3 entries into dummy to enjoy this 9th trick, so the first trick should
- . C A107654 be won in hand and the club suit attacked immediately. If club suit breaks 3 - 1 then contract will make, but if the suit breaks 4 - 0, with E holding the 4 clubs careful play may be needed to make the contract. The opponents hold 13 HCP's and as neither bid they are probably nearly evenly divided, with W holding a sequence of say S J108x as his strongest suit, the lead suggests this holding.
- . S K97
- . H AK2
- . D AK42
- . C 832

HAND 4

- . S 972 Contract 4H by S No bids by E or W. Lead SA
- . H QJ1064 Declarer can see 6 sure tricks if trumps behave, but has 3 losers in S and may lose HK.
- . D A63 The plan is to try and trap the HK. The opponents have 17 HCP's, probably
- . C AK evenly split. East proceeds to play A, K, and Q of spades, and then leads a small Club to West's J and won by Declarer's CK. As East did not bid, but has shown
- . S 864 9HCP's. Thus the remaining missing honours must be held by West, and thus
- . H A7532 the HK cannot be finessed. This means a revised plan is required, as the only chance to make
- . D KQ the contract will be to lead a H to dummy's A and hope that West has a singleton K !!
- . C 985