



CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The President's Report has been handed out during the bridge sessions, together with the minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

In his report Finn thanked every one involved in the smooth running of our club, acknowledging a number of people who have left their mark in the past year.

The ongoing success as a club would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of the committee.

I would hereby like to thank the outgoing office bearers for a great job they have done over the past year and wish the incoming committee success in the year ahead.

It is very much appreciated.

Martine Goedhart

LAW 74 CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE

A. Proper Attitude

- 1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.**
- 2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.**
- 3. every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.**

B. Etiquette

As a matter of courtesy, a player should refrain from:

- 1. paying insufficient attention to the game.**
- 2. making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.**
- 3. detaching a card before it is his turn to play.**
- 4. prolonging play unnecessarily (as in playing on although he knows that all the tricks are surely his) for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.**
- 5. summoning and addressing the director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants.**

Finn Nielsen (President)

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.

Robert Gardner

We lost a wonderful member of our Club when Bob Gardner passed away. Bob was an honoured Life Member, who gave great service to the Club during his 31 years membership, particularly during the building of our first clubhouse, and with the help of Marcia, the establishment of gardens and lawn maintenance.

Bob was born in Gympie in May 1921, and in 1925 went with his family to live in Scotland for about a year. The family returned to Kenilworth in 1926, later moving to Milton, but returned to the farm at Belli Park, near Kenilworth in 1932. Bob went to High School at Gympie during 1935-36, where he first met Marcia, who was also a student at Gympie High School. Bob went to the teachers Training College in 1937-1938 and was appointed to the Charleville School Secondary Department in 1939. Bob was very active in Western Queensland sport during this period, particularly hockey and road cycling.

In June 1942, Bob enlisted in the Army and served in Darwin and Timor, and was honourably discharged in June 1946. Bob returned to teaching, first at Caloundra and then at Nambour High School, where he was Librarian from 1946 until he retired in 1981. Bob was one of the first librarians in the Old Education system, and travelled throughout the State, establishing library systems in many other schools. Bob was very highly regarded by his peers in the Old education circles.

Bob married Marcia in December 1946, and had a wonderful 66 years of married life. They had a son, Greg and a daughter, Jill. Bob and Marcia were very proud of both children.

Bob joined the CMF in 1947, and rose to the rank of Major in the 9th and 47th Battalions. He retired from the CMF in 1966.

Bob and Marcia moved to Leslie Avenue, Caboolture in 1981, from where they were able to continue to play golf and join in other local activities, including bridge and Probus Club membership. Bob was a good golfer, good bridge player, an active Probian, with the result he contributed very materially to the benefit of those three activities in Caboolture.

Bob did not read fiction, but he read widely all documentaries and factual books on nature, wildlife, etc. Bob had a vast knowledge about most physical things such as birds, fish, timber, flora, animals, geography etc, and as a result was good company by contributing so intelligently to the conversation.

Bob will be sadly missed at the Caboolture Bridge Club, but will be fondly remembered for his many helpful deeds and his wise counsel during his 31 years as our friend.

Derek Stringfellow

Hi all,

This is a short note to let you all know that I have decided to return to the Netherlands, where all my family lives.

By the time you read this I will be back there enjoying some cooler weather.

I really enjoyed the past couple of years at the bridge-club and thanks to your friendly advice, I managed to improve my bridge-skills dramatically.

I do wish all of you the very best for the future and lots of fun at the bridge-table.

Warmest regards from Cees de Greef

One of our members Eileen Vidler is seriously ill in a Brisbane hospital. Eileen has suffered a stroke and also needs heart surgery which cannot be performed until she is stabilized. Our prayers and thoughts are with Eileen and her family during these uncertain times.

It is bon voyage to Mary Cowley and her sister Ros. Ros has arrived from Canberra to join Mary on a cruise circumnavigating New Zealand. They leave on Tuesday on board the superliner the Queen Mary. Have a wonderful time ladies and we look forward to hearing all about it on your return.

Di Khursandi is also travelling. Di is going to Malaysia on work related business before going over to the United Kingdom to visit family and friends. We wish you a happy and safe journey Di.

Judith LeComte is in New Zealand on a two and a half week trip. Judith has gone over to catch up with family and friends and to see how much her grandchildren have grown.

Dawn and Dave Quinan leave on the Sea Princess on 18th May. They will be cruising around the world for 104 nights. What a great trip it will be! If you get a chance, ask Dave about the excellent deal he got with Princess Cruises.

Our president Finn is also off in May/June for a visit to the USA. He and Jill will be exploring the canyons and national parks on the west coast. Don't get lost at the bottom of the Grand Canyon Finn!

Congratulations to Kath Haigh on becoming a great Grandma. Kath was very excited about this big event. Hugh Gehrman's son and his wife presented the family with a baby girl. So congratulations to Hugh as well on becoming a Grandad.

Masterpoint movements: Contributed by Charlene

Congratulations to the following players who earned a promotion during December and January.

Mary Cowley	to	*Local
Joan Christensen	to	**Local
Jenny Hays	to	Regional
Julia Moran	to	Graduate
Cees de Greef	to	Club
Maureen Peart	to	Graduate

The eclectics will be:

Mondays in March
Thursdays in April
Saturdays in May

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

March Thursday 7th
April Saturday 6th
May Tuesday 7th



An interesting fact is that the default in modern society has become "to be seated"

Almost everything we do can now be done from a seated position. Including our beloved game of bridge.

Recent research suggest that inactivity increases the chances of developing diabetes and heart disease, independently of how often someone works out.

Actually by going from sitting still to standing still, the increment in calories isn't great.

However, what's very interesting is that as soon as you are standing you are more prone to move.

And as soon as you are bearing weight through your body and moving you've doubled your metabolic rate and doubled the calories you're burning.

So if you were to walk and talk next time you have your friend over for coffee you will be burning 150 calories for that hour of talking.

And if you were to increase your pace of walking, could burn 200 or 300 calories in that same hour.

It's true that 150 calories isn't a lot really as it only equates to one slice of bread but it is enough calories to make a difference to your weight. Over time 100 calories a day becomes 10 kilos of weight a year.

The best way you can start to make some changes around your sitting behaviour is to arrange to stand up and move more.

Even small changes will help. If you are a bit of a 'couch potato' then by just getting up and walking around the room every 20 minutes for one or two minutes, your health outcome will significantly improve.

In a nutshell, too much sedentary time is not good for your health and if you don't break up your sedentary time frequently throughout the day, you have a poorer health profile than people who are frequently getting up and moving about. This can be described as the 'prolonger' versus the 'breaker'. You can still be sitting for a long time overall, as a lot of people are confined to chairs for different reasons, but if you break it up and go for short walks or do a few squats or other exercises, it's better for your overall health especially the health of your cardiovascular system.

Not such a bad idea to sit East/West playing bridge, get up and walk to the next table, may be with a few squats on the way.

From *Actively Ageing* by Ali Ford.

THE CHINESE FINESSE

The Chinese Finesse, like the Chinese Cut in cricket, appears to be so called as it has no connection whatsoever with China.

The Chinese Finesse occurs when Declarer holds an unsupported Ace opposite to an unsupported Queen and attempts to make two tricks by leading the Queen e.g.

Dummy Qxx

Declarer (South) Axx

This play fails when East holds the King and covers the Queen as he usually should. It obviously fails when West holds the King.

The correct play of course is to lead low from Declarer's hand (either before or after playing the Ace) and to play the Queen unless West goes up with the King. This play has a 50% chance of making two tricks which is much better than the 0% chance offered by the Chinese Finesse.

Of the most common addictions

—tobacco, alcohol, drugs etc.—bridge is clearly the most socially acceptable.

Interesting:

Dealer: North East / West Vulnerable.

	<u>North</u>		
	♠ A		
	♥ Q654		
	♦ Q108632		
	♣ AJ		
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>	
♠ 973		♠ J8542	
♥ AKJ7		♥ 1098	
♦ K954		♦ 7	
♣ 102		♣ Q765	
	<u>South</u>		
	♠ KQ106		
	♥ 32		
	♦ AJ		
	♣ K9843		



South	West	North	East
—	—	1 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

The heart 7 lead was ducked to the eight. East returned a heart to the king. West shifted to a *low diamond*.

At this point, declarer had a blind spot, winning the ace of diamond and then overtaking the jack.

He should have made the contract by winning the jack and ace of diamonds, crossing to the spade ace, then knocking out the king of diamonds.

Let us focus on the defender's error. After winning the heart king, West should try to disrupt communication by returning a black suit. As it happen, either one will suffice. According to the strategy proposed here, a club is correct, because that is declarer's transportable vehicle. The requisite tactics are still delicate.

East must not cover the club jack and West must not take the jack of Diamonds when it is offered.

It's Not All About HCP

High card point guidelines for opening, over-calling, responding or balancing are important, but there are other factors of importance.

Hand evaluation approaches that factor in HCPs, where your values are, your distribution, and your losing trick count tend to yield better results in the long run.

A study in Bridge Buff (Jan/Feb, 2007) looked at 6,458 hands played at tournaments.

The conclusion was that shape, finding fits, and having your values in your longer suit(s) were responsible for 60% of good results.

Good hand evaluation is mainly about estimating the trick-taking potential of your hand and partners.

— Based on 'Points Schmoints' by Marty Bergen, 1996.



Cruising The South Pacific

Intrepid travellers Wikke, Cees, Martine and Jan ventured on the Ocean blue to visit a few of the South Pacific Islands.

Cyclone Oswald obviously objected to these four travellers leaving its bosom and stretched its tentacles out to sea and created havoc. The travellers were not impressed with the rocking n' rolling of the ship but there wasn't a thing they could do about it. We tried to stride out each day but it was similar to climbing undulating hills that zigzagged all over the place. In the end we lazed around in bed and were in no hurry to go for breakfast.

Our itinerary was changed, thanks to Oswald, and we had an extra day at sea which meant an Island was deprived of our company.

There was always plenty to keep us occupied on the ship; most importantly playing bridge.

Every night we were present in the crows nest for the happy hour and to play Trivia and on one occasion, we actually won. We were so proud, as the questions were quite difficult. Had to wait for the following night before we received our prize; the excitement was unbearable. There was a box the Cruise Director brought and we thought it contained our prize. Yes, it did! Oh how lucky were we - a folded up plastic shopping bag with the "HOLLAND AMERICA LINE" logo plastered along it. Naturally we attended all future Trivia nights with the hope that we could win more magnificent prizes.

One night we played "Majority Rules". Have to say that I myself obviously go with the majority but Cees is still brooding over his 'golf' answer being ignored. Did it stop us from winning, no!

The islands were okay apart from 'Mystery Island', which was paradise. Small, uninhabited, beautiful white sands, no sharks or stingers and the water was a clear blue until dropping away to the reef. A glorious day all round. It would have been nice to have snorkelling gear but that day we left it on the ship, never thought of it.

It was good to relax, meet new people and not have to worry about cooking or housework.

Martine Goedhart

EXCERPTS FROM THE EXPERTS. (Thank you Colin)

- *Singleton leads are more likely to be effective on bad hands than on good ones. The fewer high cards you have yourself, the better your chance of finding partner with the entries he needs to give you ruffs.
- *The opening lead is the one play that wins or loses more points than any other single factor of contract bridge.
- *Think twice before you bid five over five. The five-level belongs to the opponents.
- *When you have a holding such as A-Q or A-J in the suit led by partner, do not automatically play third hand high.
- *Remember the playing strengths of a long suit and don't try too hard to find or support another fit.
- *Games may be quietly defended, but slams must be attacked.



Metaphors from NSW Year 12 English essays.

The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.

The revelation that his marriage of 30 years had disintegrated because of his wife's infidelity came as a rude shock, like a surcharge at a former surcharge-free ATM.

He was as tall as a six-foot three-inch tree

She has a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like the sound of a dog makes just before it throws up.

Her hair glistened in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.

From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on holidays in another city and Sex in the City comes on at 9.00pm instead of 9.30pm

John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.

The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law Phil. But this plan just might work.

The young fighter had a hungry look, the kind you get from not eating for a while.

He was as lame as a duck. Not the metaphorical lame duck, but a real duck that was actually lame. Maybe from stepping on a land mine or something.

The ballerina rose gracefully "en pointe" and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant.

It hurt the way your tongue hurts, after you accidentally staple it to the wall.

Love those kids. (Martine)

On a lighter note: *(thank you Colin)*

* Director to a tediously slow and ponderous player: "A card must be played the same day it is dealt"

* "If I hadn't gone down I would have made it."

* "Partner, when my second or third bid goes into two squares it is **definitely** forcing!!"

* In the 1960s in England the laws against gambling meant that bridge clubs were affected. Before the law was changed a popular bridge club story was as follows:

A Catholic bishop, priest, Protestant minister and a rabbi were playing bridge when police officers raided the club and arrested all of them.

The police addressed the first player: "Bishop were you playing bridge?" Silently the bishop said: "Forgive me Lord for lying but this time I must." Then aloud he said, "No officer I was not playing bridge."

The priest was next asked the same question. He followed the bishop's example and prayed silently for forgiveness. Then he answered, "No, I wasn't playing bridge."

A similar response followed when the minister answered the same question.

Exasperated, the chief police officer then turned to the rabbi. "What about you rabbi? you WERE playing bridge weren't you?"

The rabbi took his time. The eyes of the others were upon him. Then he shrugged his shoulders and replied: "Who with?"

* Part way through a bridge session a man walked over to his wife's table and asked if she could take him to hospital as he had experienced some serious chest pain. She got up immediately, but he stopped her saying: "No. No. Not yet. After the game. I think we're doing very well"

* It is important for partners to appreciate what constitutes a mistake in bridge. Edgar Kaplan has suggested the following definition.

"A mistake is any action in the bidding or in the play, which you, in similar circumstances, would not have taken."

* You should play the game for fun. The instant you find yourself playing the game for any other reason, you should go on to something else."