



CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Report

Hi again from Finn,

Another year, another game of Bridge (or two, three, four....). Your new committee has knuckled down after its first meeting.

We're a hard working bunch (I am allowed to stretch the truth a little – President's privilege). Margaret Sinclair has joined us. I'm certain she will keep us all in line.

It must be holiday season. Committee members are on the move; East, West, North, South.

It's north for me, driving through south west USA. Wish me luck on the wrong? right side of the road.

How is the introduction of 'leads' in Bridgemate going? We would like some feedback. Is it slowing down play? Is it a valuable tool in analysing why? (Why you did not do as well as you expected to do).

I have noticed a few minor Bridgemate matters as follows:

a) some players seem more concerned with their personal scoring systems than the Bridgemate entries – The Bridgemate entry has priority.

b) some players do the Bridgemate entries before playing their first card – The playing of the cards has priority.

The new curtains are up and in my opinion look good.

The new large television has been bought. It will be up and ready for use in the very near future.

We will need feedback on the use of the medium. We must not let it not become a distraction.

My comment on Laws, Rules and Regulations for this Newsletter refers to partnership agreements, bidding cards.

Law 40 Partnership Understandings:

This Law has been greatly expanded and is the authority for the system / alert / psych regulations.

Both members of a partnership must play the same system including bidding and card playing agreements.

Where as a matter of style members frequently adopt different approaches from each other, those differences must be disclosed on the system card.

Law 40-B-3 Special Partnership Understandings:

Prior agreements by a partnership to vary its understanding during the auction or play following a question asked, a response to a question or an irregularity by its own side is prohibited.

Good Bridging.

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It is published for, by and about its members for the benefit of the members.



Contributed by Robyn Smith

It is almost time to say “ bon voyage ” to Dawn and Dave Quinan as they set sail next month on a cruise around the world aboard the Sea Princess for 102 nights. Enjoy – and we look forward to hearing all about it on your safe return.

It is lovely to see Bett Bunyan back playing bridge after many weeks of rehabilitation from a broken hip. Bett is very resilient as this is the third fall she has endured. Welcome back Bett!

Rhonda Niven is enjoying a little break from Bridge. Rhonda and sister Karen took the Westlander train to do some exploring around Mitchelton and Quilpie.

We would like to wish Judy Boyd all the very best. Judy is one of our Tuesday bridge players and recently had major surgery to have her leg amputated.

The Club received a card from Judy and with this positive attitude we feel sure that she will succeed as she enters this new phase of her life and many months of rehabilitation.

Brian and Shirley Ward are back in Caboolture. Brian and Shirley are our Kiwi friends who do house sitting around the area and are here for about 4 months before moving on to Maryborough.

Our president Finn and wife Jill are on the “ count down ” as they are off next month to explore the national parks and canyons of the USA. Safe journey Finn and have a wonderful time.

Committee member Judith Le Comte and husband Len set off for their mining lease at Sapphire last Wednesday. They have gone up there for about 3 weeks and arrive home just in time before Judith departs for Tuscany.

Judith is going with a group of artists to do some inspiring paintings of the Tuscan Hills.

We look forward to seeing some great landscapes on your return Judith.

TO ALL OF YOU



Masterpoint Notes (Charlene Frederiksen)

Congratulations to the following players who have earned a promotion during February and March

Lyn Gadsby	to	Graduate
Di Khursandi	to	Club
Maureen Lovelock	to	Regional
Nigel Cleminson	to	*State
Kath Haigh	to	Life
Eunice Stringfellow	to	Gold Life
Derek Stringfellow	to	Gold Life
Dawn Quinan	to	*State

The eclectics will be
 Thursdays in April
 Saturdays in May
 Mondays in June
 Thursdays in July

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

May Tuesday 7th

June Final session of the Club pairs

(You will need to play in both Saturdays, June 1st and 8th to qualify for red points.)

July Monday 8th

GRANDPARENTS' ANSWERING MACHINE

Good morning . . . At present we are not at home, but please leave your message after you hear the beep. beeeeeppp

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "birth arrival" so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press 2

If you want to borrow the car, press 3

If you want us to wash your clothes and do ironing, press 4

If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5

If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6

If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7

If you want to come to eat here, press 8

If you need money, press 9

If you are going to invite us to dinner or take us to the theatre, start talking we are listening !!!!!!!!!!"

WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man, & a grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them...They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colours of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'

They don't say, 'Hurry up.'

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have a snack time before bed time, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

Send this to other grandparents, almost grandparents, or heck, send it to everyone. It will make their day.

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!



It would be nice , if there were a Deal of the Year award that earned the respect of the bridge world. In December 1945 the *New York Times* had reported that New York experts had agreed on the deal of the year..... or at least the best play of the year for 1945.

East Dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

	North					
	♠ J10864					
	♥ 76					
	♦ 972					
	♣ 632					
West		East	South	West	North	East
♠ —		♠ A532	—	—	—	1 ♠
♥ J843		♥ KQ109	1 NT	2♦	Pass	Pass
♦ K10864		♦ J5	2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣ KJ87		♣ Q94				
	South					
	♠ KQ97					
	♥ A52					
	♦ AQ3					
	♣ A105					

West led the diamond six to the Jack and Queen. South had a very good idea of what the hidden East-West hands looked like.

But how would that help him make the contract? If he led the spades, East would hold up his ace until the fourth round, leaving declarer with no conceivable way to take more than seven tricks.

Here is the answer. At trick two, return a small diamond! West wins and continues diamonds, which seems safe. East discards his apparently useless two of spades, so declarer's fortunes has taken a sudden upswing.

Quick Tips for Improving Your Bridge Game

When you're declarer:

Don't play to the first trick too quickly. Force yourself to stop and think when dummy comes down.

Concentrate on the opening lead for a few seconds so you'll remember it later. Decide what it tells you about the leader's length or strength in that suit.

Mentally review the bidding. If one of your opponents has bid, try to come up with a general picture of his point-count and his length in the suit bid.

For *most* suit contracts, your general plan should be:

- 1 - Count your **losers**. Decide which ones can be disposed of or turned into winners (by trumping, by finessing or by discarding them on a side suit).
- 2 - If your plan calls for trumping one or more of your losers in the short-trump hand (usually dummy), do that **before** you lead trumps – even if you have to give up tricks to set up the trumping position.
- 3 - Next, lead out your trumps, counting as the opponents follow to each trick. (This will usually be your best approach if you have good honour strength and/or length in one or more of the outside suits.)
- 4 - Attack your longest side suit. Give up your losers early.
- 5 - Last, cash honours in your short suits.

For *most* no trump contracts, your general plan should be:

- 1 - Count your **winners**. If you don't have enough top tricks to make your contract, decide which suit offers you the best chance of creating more winners.
- 2 - Attack that suit first (it will usually be your longest side suit). Give up the tricks you have to lose early.
- 3 - Stick with one suit at a time. Keep leading it until you've established your tricks (counting the defenders' cards as you go), then cash your winners in the suit. When you move to a different suit, start counting again.
- 4 - Last, cash honours in your short suits.



Don't Be Afraid to Respond By Mark Horton (England)

South Deals E-W Vulnerable

North	□ K 5	
	♥ A K Q 10 9	
	♦ A Q J 7 6 5	
	♣ –	
♠ A J 8 6		♠ 10 9 2
♥ J 8 3		♥ 6 4 2
♦ 8 4		♦ 10 3 2
♣ K J 9 3		♣ A Q 8 2
	♠ Q 7 4 3	
	♥ 7 5	
	♦ K 9	
	♣ 10 7 6 5 4	

After two passes, both Norths opened one diamond. At one table South was happy to pass but less cheerful when twelve tricks were made.

His opposite number responded one spade and North rebid three hearts, in their methods showing a very strong hand with at least four hearts. South gave preference with four diamonds and North continued with four hearts. When South bid five diamonds, North reflected that his partner hadn't bid 3NT over three hearts and had failed to make a cue-bid in clubs. Having decided there were no wasted values in clubs, he went on to six diamonds.

So, there you are, as a steady and sometimes spectacular points earner, my bridge tip is:

Don't Be Afraid to Respond**Bridgemate**

It would appear that there are still some results being entered into the Bridgemate incorrectly and being accepted by the opposition. The committee would ask that all players entering results into the Bridgemate check before clicking OK and that the opposition please check before accepting.

For example - these problems occur when a contract of 3 making 3 is entered as making 3 tricks instead of the correct score of 9 tricks. We have also had occasions where the wrong contract is entered and also accepted.

Should there be a problem with the results after bridge has finished then the parties involved in that particular board on that particular table need to consult with each other and agree before any changes can be made to the score entered into the computer.

Charlene

A blonde and her friends go to Vegas for a "girls weekend." Upon arrival, the blonde heads immediately to the casino lobby's candy machine. She stands in front of it, puts two coins in, and turns the knob, after which, a candy bar falls out.

The blonde picks up the candy bar, puts it in her pocket, then slips two more coins into the slot and turns the knob. Again (of course) a candy bar falls out and, again, she puts it in her pocket.

She slips another two coins in the machine, turns the knob and retrieves her candy bar.

A man standing nearby studies her. Confused, he asks, "I'm sorry, Miss, but I have to ask..."

What are you doing?"

The blonde turns to him, annoyed and says, "Uh...hello? What does it look like I'm doing? I'm winning."

Don't Follow Partner's Signals Blindly By Berry Westra (Netherlands)

Where: A bridge tournament anywhere in the world.

When: Just after a beatable game has been allowed to make due to defensive error.

Possible conversations:

A: 'There's no point in signalling with a partner like you! I ask for a heart and you play a club. What's the point?'

B: 'Partner, why didn't you play back a club?' 'But you signalled for a heart.' 'That doesn't mean you have to play one! Why don't you think for yourself?'

Which conversation is more likely? Ten to one says it's 'A' for obvious reasons. If your partner obeys your signal and it turns out wrong, you go easy on him. You might even take part of the blame. However, when partner ignores your signal and that is the wrong thing to do, oh boy, you hit him with everything you've got!

It is therefore very understandable that many players tend to see partner's signals as a command (who needs a scolding?) rather than a suggestion. This is the wrong way to handle signalling. Signals are indispensable in solving many of the difficult problems that come up, for any partnership.

However, they should be an aid to the right defence and nothing more. Defence starts with analysis.

An example is the next board which was played in a local Dutch tournament. Here it clearly paid off to use your own judgment rather than follow partner's signal.

East Deals

E-W Vulnerable	N	♠ J 8 2 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ Q 10 9 6 5 3 ♣ 10	After East opened the bidding with one club, South reached four spades, doubled by West.
W		♠ K 9 5 3 ♥ K 6 4 3 ♦ 4 ♣ J 8 7 4	At several tables West led the four of diamonds to the three, ace and king. East played back the two of diamonds and West ruffed South's jack.
			Of course East's two of diamonds asks for a club return and in fact some Wests fatally followed their partner's signal.

Huib Bertens, one of Holland's most talented players, realized that a club return could wait. However, if East held the queen of hearts, then a heart switch was needed immediately and this is what he proceeded to do. This was the full deal:

	N	♠ J 8 2 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ Q 10 9 6 5 3 ♣ 10	
W		♠ K 9 5 3 ♥ K 6 4 3 ♦ 4 ♣ J 8 7 4	E
			♠ 7 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ A 8 7 2 ♣ K Q 5 3 2
	S	♠ A Q 10 6 4 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ K J ♣ A 9 6	

Declarer went two down whereas the club return would have allowed the contract to make. Perhaps East should have played back a more neutral diamond, but he wanted to show West that under leading his hypothetical ace of clubs would be safe.

A man walked by a table in a hotel and noticed three men and a dog playing cards.

The dog was exhibiting an extraordinary performance.

"That is a very smart dog," the man commented.

"He's not so smart," said one of the players.

"Every time he gets a good hand he wags his tail."

