



## Caboolture Bridge Club Newsletter

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### President's Report:

Hi, Bridge players, one and all:

The weather is getting colder so you'll need to remember to bring your optional cold weather gear when you come to play.

There are those amongst us who like the room colder than others.

It was a delight to visit Francis Twoomey on her 100th birthday. There were half a dozen of us in her room. Francis was bright and cheery; talkative as always.

She is an inspiration to us all. It would be nice to see her smiling face at the clubroom.

It has been suggested to me that we should run some clinics for improving or advanced players.

We will do so if we have sufficient interest.

Here are some topic suggestions:

1. Bidding No-trumps with a 5 card major.
2. The various types of Doubles.
3. Multi-twos - and how to defend against...
4. Bidding in the pass-out seat.
5. CRO or RCO
6. Roman Keycard Blackwood.
7. Michaels Cue-Bid

Topics are by no means limited to the above.

My suggested format is to use mentors from within the club to provide the basic guidelines.

Sessions could run in parallel with the Thursday morning session for beginners.

What do you think? Do we have any takers? If you are interested please see me.

Those of you who follow results etc. on your computer will notice that the home page is being changed to include more current information and to allow more interaction.

When you get the chance do some exploring.

I look forward to the 'friendly' team format sessions which will take place later in the year.

I hope as many of you as possible join in. Team bridge is an excellent format.

Good bridging Finn

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.

There are many members of our Club travelling or about to travel in the next month or so.

Jo-ann Middlebrough and friend Sue are at present touring the United Kingdom before catching the fast train to Paris where Jo-ann will celebrate a very special birthday which commences with a limo pick-up for a formal dinner at the Eiffel Tour, followed by a cruise on the River Seine and then to finish off a fabulous evening, a show at the Moulin Rouge.

Rhonda Niven and sister Karen are also holidaying in May with a flight into Budapest for a few days before boarding a River Cruise Ship on the Danube and finishing in Amsterdam. They then travel to Paris, where Karen will attend the tennis. A wonderful lifetime experience. Enjoy ladies!

Our director Mitch and son Jamie have recently returned from a trip to China, visiting the tourist spots of Beijing and Shanghai.

Lyn Gadsby and friend Irene are also travelling next month. They have 8 wonderful days in Paris visiting the Loire Valley, Monet's Garden, Versailles and also dinner at the Eiffel Tour. After boarding the fast train to London for 5 days, they pick up a hire car visiting the southwest counties of Somerset and Cornwall to research some family history. They then travel to Ireland and join a Globus tour. It sounds a wonderful trip.

Lyn Wellings and husband Linton have just returned from a trip to Japan. They flew into Singapore to join the Sun Princess and cruised to Kobe. From here they explored some of Japan and also caught up with their daughter-in-law's family.

Frieda Boeser is also cruising at the moment. Frieda celebrated a very special birthday on 26<sup>th</sup> April surrounded by her family while cruising the Pacific.

Pat Lyons and girlfriend Shona from New Zealand also sail away in May. They board the Sea Princess and sail for 21 nights to Dubai where they have 5 days on arrival and also a 5 day stopover in Hong Kong on their return journey.

Our President Finn and wife Gill are off on another USA adventure next month. They fly into San Francisco before picking up a hire car and driving to Mount Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park. They are also going to drive through the Rocky Mountains and to Vancouver then onto Seattle. We wish you both a safe journey.

Martine Goedhart and husband are visiting Beijing and Shanghai in May with a 4 day cruise on the Yangtze River, (no holidays without a cruise) On the way home they can't resist to say hello to the people in Hong Kong.

As you can see, everyone has the "travel bug". Must be contagious.



### MARCIA and BOB GARDNER MEMORIAL TROPHY Contributed by Derek Stringfellow

At the AGM it was resolved that a trophy be established to commemorate the great input into this club's development and success by Marcia and Bob Gardner. To implement this resolution, the Club Committee have resolved to establish a Memorial Trophy to be awarded annually to the winners of a pairs competition within this Club. For 2014, the competition will be held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September.

When Bob Gardner retired as librarian at the Nambour State High School in 1981, they relocated to Caboolture during the following year to be closer to other family members. Both Bob and Marcia were used to being active in community affairs and were both keen golfers. During the next 3 years they joined the Golf Club and the Bridge Club and Bob joined the Probus Club. They were influential in the running and development of all 3 clubs, particularly in the building of our first club house next to the Girl Guides' building. Bob was one of the 5 club members who were heavily involved in the voluntary carpentry and plumbing work of converting the Telecom office building, the club had relocated to the site, from an office building into a bridge clubhouse with playing area, supper room and toilets. Following this work, Marcia and other club members joined the 5 members in repainting the clubhouse both inside and outside. Following this, Bob and Marcia established an attractive garden along the front and side of the clubhouse. For the next 6 years Bob mowed the lawn and Marcia maintained the garden. Bob used his own mower and Marcia provided all the plants used in the garden. When we relocated to our existing building, both were active in our friendly development as a club, with Marcia still very active in providing cakes for afternoon teas and other cooking when we provided lunches, as well as washing table cloths and tea wels, and many other behind the scenes tasks which make a club function so well.

Bob was one of the first three members of this club to be honoured as a life member. However, when Marcia was proposed for life membership she felt she did not deserve it and requested it not proceed. The Committee at the time felt Marcia truly deserved the honour but acceded to her wishes. This year we have sadly missed Bob and Marcia's wise counsel and sensible guidance, and fully support the establishment of this trophy in memory of two wonderful club members.

"Bridge squeezes for Everyone"

Dummy North

♠ AK5  
 ♥ 972  
 ♦ KJ4  
 ♣ T963      ♣ Q953    ♠ Q82  
 ♥ 85                      ♥ KJT643  
 ♦ 9763                  ♦ T82  
 ♣ 842            ♠ J74      ♣ 7  
 ♥ AQ  
 ♦ AQ5  
 ♣ AKJT6

East opens a weak 2♥ and-trying to impress-you reach an ambitious 7♣. West leads the ♥8 and you win with the queen. What chance can you see of thirteen tricks?

Unless the spade squeeze falls in two rounds, you will have to squeeze East in the major suits. He is certain to hold the sole guard on dummy's ♥9. You must hope that he holds the spade queen too. A simple squeeze can not work, because East is sitting over the major-suit lengths in dummy. Only a criss-cross squeeze will be good enough. You cash your winners in the minor suits, arriving at this and position.

You lead the last club and throw the ♠5 from dummy. Whichever major suit East discards, you will be able to disentangle your extra trick.



It's only a game,  
 at least that's what I  
 tell losers.

Dummy North

		AK5		
		97		
		—		
<u>W</u>	T963	—	Q82	<u>E</u>
	5		KJ	
	—		—	
	—		—	
		<u>S</u>		
		J74		
		A		
		—		
		T		

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**These are your trumps N♥AJ43 S♥Q652 How do you plan to play trumps ? Ken Dawson**

You should lead ♥2 to the ♥J Your trumps are not good enough to lead ♥Q, planning to run it. You have no "stuffing" in the suit. For that play you would need ♥10 also. If you lead ♥Q here, West, holding the ♥K will simply cover, promoting the ♥T or ♥9 in either his own or partner's hand.

If ♥2 to the J holds the trick, things are looking better. Now, put down the ♥A and on a good day, ♥K will drop from West's hand giving no loser in the suit.

The layout which you seek is:

♥ AJ43
♥ Kx      ♥ xxx
♥ Q652

OR

♥ AJ43
♥ K      ♥ xxxx
♥ Q652

Here, your thoughtful play holds the suit to one loser.

Notice that the declarer play is the same for:

♥ AJ4	OR	♥ AJ74
♥ Q6532		♥ Q6532

**Good Lord.** Sam was the owner of a worldwide branch of stores and a multi-millionaire. When his daughter Sandy got engaged to a very religious young man he called the future groom into his office. "So tell me," said Sam, sitting the young man down. "What are your plans for the future?" "Well," said the groom, "I plan on studying holy works all of my life." "And how exactly do you plan on supporting my daughter if you are studying all day?" questioned Sam. "I am sure the Lord will provide." answered the young man. "And what about your kids? How do you plan on supporting them?" "The Lord will provide," answered the young man again. "How did it go?" asked Sam's wife after they finished talking. "It went great." Sam replied. "I had just met the young fellow and already he thinks I'm the Lord!"

# Why play bridge?

**With so many activities competing for your leisure time, why invest your energy into learning a game as complex as bridge?**

**Why bridge instead of computer games, poker, chess, golf?**

If you're wondering if bridge is for you -- or if you've always wanted to learn but have been afraid it's too difficult -- here are some of the reasons why millions of people around the world are hooked on this fascinating game.

**Bridge can be a lifelong pursuit.** It takes only rudimentary knowledge to begin playing and enjoying bridge, but as any player will tell you, this is not a game for those who demand instant gratification. Learning to play well takes time and effort, and the game is impossible to master. But that's precisely why bridge is so popular, and why it's called "the game for a lifetime". No matter how many years you play, you'll always find new challenges, and the learning process will never end. Bridge also caters to all physical conditions and disabilities, so players can actively pursue their pastime throughout their entire lives.

**Bridge will never bore you.** The game can be exciting, challenging, frustrating and humbling, but it will never be boring. There are more than 750 trillion possible hands, so you'll see something new every time you play. It's actually a fast-paced game, too. Each hand takes just five to ten minutes to play before you move on to the next deal and a new challenge.

**Bridge stimulates the brain.** Bridge is one of the best ways to practice the "use it or lose it" advice for maintaining mental sharpness in older age. Research has shown that regular bridge playing improves reasoning skills and long- and short-term memory. You'll feel the neurons firing not only while you play, but long after. Many players say that hours after a bridge game, they still feel mentally alert and energized, similar to the "high" that long-distance runners experience after a race.

**Bridge exercises both sides of your brain.** Bridge is one of the few games that stimulates both the left and right sides of your brain. Every time you play, you use -- and improve -- your skills in communication, logic, math, memory, visualization and psychology. It's a unique type of mental workout that is both relaxing and invigorating, and that can't be duplicated by other leisure or work-related activities.

**Bridge can improve your physical health.** Research has shown that a game of bridge can even boost your immune system. By stimulating the brain cortex, bridge-playing activity produces higher numbers of the white blood cells that fight disease. Other studies have found that people who play bridge regularly are 2½ times less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease.

**Bridge is social.** A game of bridge involves communication and cooperation with your partner and interaction with your opponents. There's a special camaraderie among bridge players that develops from the social setting and the game's emphasis on teamwork, ethics and sportsmanship. And if you play duplicate bridge, you can find new friends and partners at more than 3300 bridge clubs throughout North America.

**Bridge is a bargain.** All you need for a bridge game is a deck of cards and three other people. You don't have to leave your home, and if you have a computer, you don't even need the cards or the people. You can play and practice on your own with bridge software, or you can join in live games with thousands of players from around the world at one of the free online bridge clubs. You can also enter games at your local duplicate club, where you'll enjoy a three-hour session of bridge for less than the cost of a movie.

**Bridge is fun.** Of all the reasons to learn the game, the most important is that it's just fun to play. It offers the suspense of poker, the cerebral qualities of chess and the excitement of athletic sports, all in a sociable setting where you're a participant, not just a spectator. Every session allows you to test yourself and experience the feeling of accomplishment when you find a successful bid or play.



Always remember you're unique,  
just like everyone else



**Masterpoint Notes: (Charlene Frederiksen)**

Congratulations to the following player who earned a promotion during February and March  
Julia Moran to Graduate

The eclectics will be held on Tuesdays during May  
The following is the red point day May Thursday 8th

**Bridgemate:**

I would continue to ask people to be vigilant when entering and checking bridgemate results. We have had a couple lately that are definitely incorrect. E.g. 3 hearts making 9 tricks being entered as 3 hearts making 3. You need to get into the habit of saying the number of tricks made rather than the contract.

If you are the person accepting the contract please double check that it has been entered correctly - don't assume that the entry is correct!!!!

**Alberta Mental Hospital Release Examination  
A – Levels Time allowed 1 minute**

1. Continue this sentence in a logical way 25 pnts <b>M T W T _ _ _</b>
2. Correct this equation with a single stroke 25 pnts <b>5 + 5 + 5 = 550</b>
3. Write anything in the space below 25 pnts  _____
4. Draw a rectangle with 3 lines 25 pnts

**ANAGRAMS: INTERESTING:**

When you rearrange the letters

PRESBYTERIAN	BEST IN PRAYER
ASTRONOMER	MOON STARER
THE EYES	THEY SEE
GEORGE BUSH	HE BUGS GORE
THE MORSE CODE	HERE COME DOTS
DORMITORY	DIRTY ROOM
SLOT MACHINE	CASH LOST IN ME
ELECTION RESULT	LIES-LET'S RECOUNT
A DECIMAL POINT	I'M A DOT IN PLACE
THE EARTHQUAKES	THAT QUEER SHAKE

**CLEVER !!**

Stupid computer  
keeps saying  
"you got mail"



**New Technology**

I finally convinced my mother that it was a good idea for her to learn to text. Her first message to me?  
"Whereisthespacebar?"

A lawyer e-mailed a client: "Dear Jennifer: Thought I saw you on the street the other day. Crossed over to say hello, but it wasn't you, so I went back.  
One tenth of an hour: \$30."

"Everyone should be able to do one card trick, tell two jokes, and recite three poems, in case they are ever trapped in an elevator."





THAT'S WHY I LOVE AFRICA.



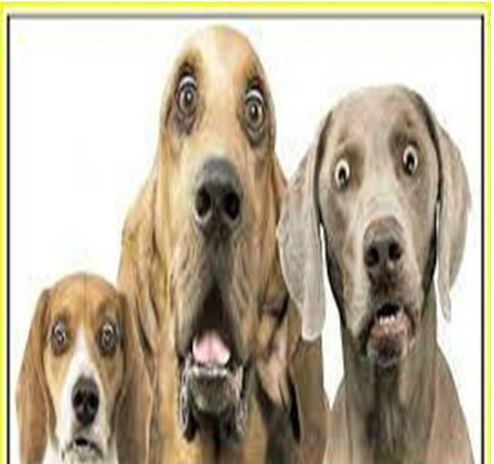
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**Alberta Mental Hospital**  
**Release Examination**  
**60% or higher required for release**

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday  
Thursday Friday Saturday  
Sunday.
- $5\ 4\ 5 + 5 = 550$
- anything
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**You hang in there, Sunshine.**  
**I didn't pass either!!**



Exactly the same look you get from your friends when you say you made 7 NT doubled plus 1

LOL I see this every day. This financial crisis is forcing local governments to make tough decisions. If things continue like this there's a real risk that we may have to lay Fred off.

Hesitation during the play off a hand is perfectly ethical so long as you don't overdo it. On the other hand, hesitation during the bidding is considered extremely bad form. It obviously reveals that the question has some tricky value or that there is a problem in it. This problem can be readily and accurately guessed by an expert partner.

There is a classic bridge story involving Charlie Goren, one of the top bridge players, in a local tournament several years ago Goren drew as his partner a somewhat inexperienced old lady.

Charlie dealt and bid one Club. The opponents on his left overcalled with one Spade. The old lady hesitated and finally passed. Goren then bid two Clubs, which was promptly overcalled with two Spades. This time the old lady paused even longer before passing.

Goren finally got the contract for three Clubs. When the old lady's hand went down, it contained little trick value. "My" remarked Goren. "That second hesitation certainly was an overbid".