



CABOOLTURE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Spring is in the air, and isn't it warm. It won't be long before the air-conditioning systems will be working overtime. Be tolerant: Some like it hot, some like it cold. The director on the day must steer middle ground. Work out where the hot and cold spots are and seat yourselves accordingly.

We are trialling a Thursday morning session for improving players.

This is not a silent session, talking, explaining, analysing, is encouraged: If you have formed a new partnership and wish to trial new bidding systems, need mentoring by some of the club's experienced players, or simply want to gain confidence in using Bridgемate; join us on Thursday morning, 9a.m. till mid-day - No cost, no formal partners needed.

Congratulations to the following winners of recent club events:

" The individual MIT competition: Frida Boeser

" Note: Peter Finney ran a close second.

" The club teams event: Jenny Hays, Charlene Frederiksen, Nigel Cleminson and Mitch Kostaschuk.

" Note: For the last four club team events we have had four different teams winning a sign of player strength.

By years end the winners will have their names in gold on the honour board.

Don't forget to get your name entered for the Beryl Cramb trophy event - Sunday October 13

No table fees, lunch and afternoon tea provided.

Since the last newsletter we have lost three dear Bridge mates:

Kath Haigh: honoured on the honour board, a great lady and a friend to all.

Marcia Gardner: one of the clubs longest serving female players, another great lady, another friend to all.

Paul Lyons: a past president of Redcliffe Bridge club, a gentleman with conviction.

May they all rest in peace. All three have left a Bridge legacy.

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.

We arrived in Helsinki on 11th August to commence our trip up to the North Cape well above the Arctic Circle. Helsinki is a beautiful city with many beautiful parks. It is Government Policy to walk 100 metres and find a park or some green space.

The City Square is overlooked by the Lutheran Cathedral.

As we travelled north, we passed through many University towns as the Finns are very big on education. If a child attends school for at least 30% of the required time, 100 Euros per month is paid to them or their parents. 70% of Finland consists of lakes and forests and as we crossed over the Arctic Circle, we encountered many herds of reindeer. These belong to the Sami People and we experienced life in a Sami village as well as a meal of reindeer. Afterwards we gathered wild berries in the forests until the mosquitoes came on the attack.

We crossed the border into Norway and headed to the North Cape, one of the most northern parts of Norway. There is no adjective to describe the beauty of Norway. It is very spectacular with its' deep fiords and mountain peaks. One of the highlights of this country was the Geiranger Fiord. Our hotel room was right on the Fiord and when we awoke the next morning a huge cruise ship was docked outside our window. It was truly magical.

As we had four days before our tour into Russia commenced, we took the train to Bergen. Before leaving home, we organized to do the Norway in a Nutshell trip. This is a 12 hour day comprising a train ride and then coach to the ferry to cruise the Naeroyfjord for 4 hours before arriving at the small township of Flam. We then travelled the Flam railway and experienced some wonderful scenery. It was then back to Bergen for the night.

We then flew into Copenhagen to commence our adventure up into Russia. It was here that we met our Danish friends and had a traditional Danish meal in Tivoli Gardens. It was like fairyland at night and we enjoyed it very much. After travelling to Stockholm and overnight cruise to Helsinki we headed towards the Russian border and St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg is modelled on the city of Venice with many canals. Peter the Great wanted to establish trade routes with the Baltic so St. Petersburg was born. It is a beautiful city.

Novgorod is the oldest city in Russia – founded in 869. We went inside its Kremlin walls at night and it was lovely to see the millennium bell with all its history.

From then it was onto Moscow. We saw Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral and ventured inside the Kremlin Walls from where Russia is governed. There is much wealth in these cities, but travelling through the countryside, we could see how many people were really struggling. The land is more fertile in southern Russia so they could grow some vegetables and sell them on the roadside. Many also gathered wild berries from the forests and made preserves and sold them as well – trying to make a few extra dollars. Their monthly pension is only 200-300 US dollars per month.

From there we went to Warsaw. The old town has been completely rebuilt as it once was. It was 75% destroyed during the war.

We then crossed into Germany to start making our way home. After 36 hours of waiting for planes and connecting flights, we finally arrived in Australia. This is only a brief outline of our adventure, but it was truly fantastic, but as we always say "there is no place like home".

Ron and Robyn Smith



We wish Jenny and her husband "bon voyage" on their trip to the USA in October. They are off for 3 weeks driving through California, Oregon and Nevada.

Have a great time.

Is this an either/or situation?? Or

North ♠ K62
 ♥ A2
 ♦ 832
 ♣ AK1098

South ♠ A754
 ♥ K9
 ♦ KQJ5
 ♣ J54

 ♠ K62
 ♥ A2
 ♦ 832
 ♣ AK1098

♠ J98			♠ Q103
♥ Q10765	N		♥ J843
♦ 974	W	E	♦ A106
♣ 76		S	♣ Q32
		♠ A754	
		♥ K9	
		♦ KQJ5	
		♣ J54	

West North East South
 — — — 1 ♦
 pass 2 ♣ pass 2NT
 pass 3NT pass pass
 pass
 West leads the ♥ 5

Solution. Declarer counts 6 top tricks the ♠ AK the ♥AK and the ♣ AK. So he has to develop three extra tricks. Is he going to set up the clubs or the diamonds?

Suppose he finesses for the ♣Q. If he succeeds, nine tricks are there, but if East wins with the ♣Q. declarer is almost certainly defeated since EW set up their heart suit.

As soon as declarer plays a diamond — in order to set up his ninth trick, after all he has only eight tricks to take — the defence wins with the ♦A and cashes at least three more hearts (in this case exactly three)

So by finessing for the ♣ Q declarer puts all his eggs in one basket: a 50% chance of success.

Declarer can do much better by *combining chances*: he wins the lead with the ♥A, cashes the ♣A (you never know...) and plays a diamond from dummy. If East has the ♦A (a 50% chance) the contract is made.

—If East wins with the ♦A, south has three master diamonds, enough for his contract.

—If East ducks, South scores the ♦K. with a diamond trick in the bag and still a heart guard, declarer now changes tack by finessing for the ♣Q, not caring too much whether the finesse wins or fails.

If it wins, he cashes the clubs and switches back to diamonds, making eleven (diamonds not 3-3) or twelve tricks. If the club finesse fails (the actual layout), he safely makes 9 tricks.

If, on a different layout, West wins with the ♦A and clears the hearts, declarer first tests the diamonds. If this suit is 3-3 (a 35% chance), he has nine tricks. If not, he tries his last chance: the club finesse (50%)

Following this line of play, declarer will only be defeated if West has the ♦A *and* the diamond suit is not 3-3 *and* East has the ♣ Q. The total chance of defeat is 16.8. If declarer suffers that fate, he has reason to complain.

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.

Masterpoint Updates: by Charlene Frederiksen

Congratulations to the following players who have earned a promotion during July.

Shirley Ward	to	Local
Brian Ward	to	Local
Peter Finney	to	Local

The eclectics will be

October	on Thursday
November	on Monday
December	on Tuesday

The following are the Red Point days for the next months

October	Tuesday	8th
November	Thursday	7th
December	Monday	9th

I have been involved in more than my share of card mix ups. Here are two of my finest. (Eddie Kantar)

	North (dummy)	
	S. 10976	
West (me)		East (my partner)
S. K32		S. Q84
	South	
	S. AJ5	

Defending no trumps with declarer having denied a four card major, I decided to lead the two of spades. Dummy played low and my partner stuck in the eight, losing to declarer's jack. Later, on lead, I decided that declarer might have started with AJ doubleton, I led a second low spade. When declarer played the ten from dummy, partner played low thinking that I had led from K xxx and guess what? We didn't take a single trick and declarer took four!

	North (dummy)	
	C. K764	
West (my partner)		East (me)
C. QJ2		C. A98
	South	
	C. 1053	

After a convoluted sequence where dummy showed a strong 4-4-4-1 hand, the opponents wound up in 4C. My partner elected to lead the two of clubs. Dummy played low and I stuck in the eight losing to the ten. Later on lead, I decided to clear trumps and played the ace and another. The end result of this defence was that we were able to take one trump trick with a combined holding of AQJ982 of trumps. (At least we didn't have the AQJ987)

Thanks also to Dawn and Dave for taking us on their cruise

We boarded the Sea Princess in Brisbane on 22nd May for our world cruise, next stop Singapore. It was a cold bleak day. On each sea day, we played bridge. Lessons were also run for beginners and over 200 people were taught to play. In New York a 2nd teacher joined the cruise, resulting in beginners lessons, supervised play, intermediate lessons and then conventional play. Usually about 13 tables for competition. 6 x 10 day competitions were run. Individual percentages were recorded resulting in Dawn being crowned the bridge princess. Needless to say, we played a lot of bridge. Now for the rest of the cruise.

We visited over 40 ports, each of which were short stops. Arrive approx. 7am and leave by 7pm. Organised tours were available at all ports. Australia is SO young compared to some of the places visited which were over 6000 years old. Whilst travelling the Red Sea, the ship was on pirate alert. Security guards were on lookout watch 24/7 and we were flanked by United Nations warships.

After Singapore we visited Kuala Lumpur, Langkawi, Mumbai, Dubai, Luxor (where we had lunch at a hotel on the banks of the Nile), Aqaba, Ashdod and then through the Suez Canal. The canal was impressive, but doesn't compare with the Panama.

Once into the Mediterranean Sea we visited Israel, Greece, Turkey, cruised Anzac Cove and had a memorial service. Then we visited Italy, Monaco and Spain, before heading out of the Med and up the coast of Spain and Portugal. North then to Ireland, Cobh and Dublin – beautiful weather. Then Scotland to see the lochs, France for Paris, Dover for England – during a heat wave!

We then went to Copenhagen, Rotterdam and Oslo, and on to the Faeroah Islands. Next came the Atlantic crossing to New York, from here down through the Caribbean to Aruba and Curacao.

Then the mighty Panama Canal. A glorious day as we went up 18 metres in 3 locks to the Gatun Lake. The same operation happens in reverse on the Pacific end. Lots of ships anchored off waiting their turn. The passenger ships get priority. Which may have something to do with Sea Princess having to pay \$354,000 for the ships passage. Truly amazing engineering feat and they are building new lochs which can take bigger ships.

There was a large container port at either end where containers are offloaded to lower the draft of the ships, enabling them to traverse. The containers are loaded onto trains which take them to the other end where they are reloaded.

We then visited Costa Rica and Los Angeles before crossing the Pacific where we visited three of the Hawaiian Islands. Tropical vegetation and fruits amazing. We visited Waikiki Beach and Pearl Harbour.

From here we went south to Pago Pago, American Samoa. Lovely tropical island.

Then Suva, Fiji and onto Auckland. The coldest day since we left Brisbane. Then to Bay of Islands and then Sydney on the 2nd of September.

We were most impressed by the Panama Canal. Also, struck most by Mytilene, a Greek Island, and Pago Pago, American Samoa. David thinks he could live at either of these places.

We met a lot of people who came from Bribie Island, Sandstone Point, Beachmere, Ningi, North Lakes, and Sunshine Coast etc. Cane farmers from Tully whom I hadn't seen for 30 years.

A marvellous journey, you never get bored, so much to see and do.

Dawn and Dave

(what a trip this was) *Martine*

Male or Female ??

You might not have known this, but a lot of non living items are actually male or female.

Here are some examples:

- FREEZER BAGS:** They are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.
- PHOTOCOPIERS:** These are female, because once turned off; it takes a while to warm them up again. They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong buttons.
- TYRES:** Tyres are male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated.
- HOT AIR BALLOONS:** Also a male object, because to get them to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under their butt.
- SPONGES:** These are female, because they are soft, squeezable and contain water.
- WEB PAGES:** Female, because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.
- TRAINS:** Definitely male, because they always use the same old lines for picking up people.
- EGG TIMERS:** Egg timers are female because, over time, all the weight shifts to the bottom.
- HAMMERS:** Male, because in the last 5000 years, they've hardly changed at all and are occasionally handy to have around.

Media Accuracy

Two boys in Brisbane playing football in the park when one of the boys is attacked by a savage Rottweiler. Thinking quickly, the other boy rips a board off the nearby fence, wedges it down the dog's collar and twists, breaking the dogs neck.

A Courier Mail reporter hears about the accident and rushes over to interview the boy.

"Young Lion Fan Saves Friend From Vicious Animal" he starts writing in his note book.

"But I'm not a Lion fan" the little hero replies.

"Sorry since we are in Brisbane I assumed you were", says the reporter and he starts again.

"Bronco's Fan Recues Friend From Horrific Attack!" he jots in his notebook.

"I'm not a Bronco fan either," the boy responds.

The reporter starts again: "Maroons Supporter Risks Life In Heroic Rescue"

I'm not a Maroon's fan either," the boy responds.

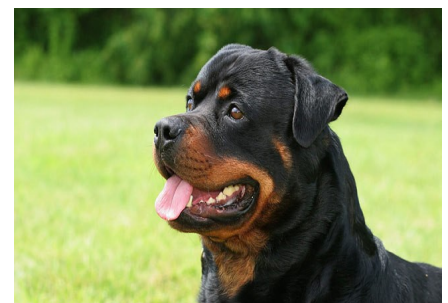
"I assumed everyone in Brisbane was either for the Lions, Broncos or the Maroons.

What team do you cheer for?" the reporter asks.

"We are both from Sydney and I'm a Blues fan" the boy says.

The reporter starts a new sheet in his note book and writes:

"Little Redneck Cockroach Bastard Vandalises Fence
And Kills Beloved Family Pet."



**IF PLAYING
BRIDGE
IS WRONG
I DON'T
WANT TO BE
RIGHT**

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

You should
have
trumped
that
Ace of
Spades



No
Comments

**BRIDGE
IS THE
ANSWER
WHO CARES
WHAT THE
QUESTION IS**

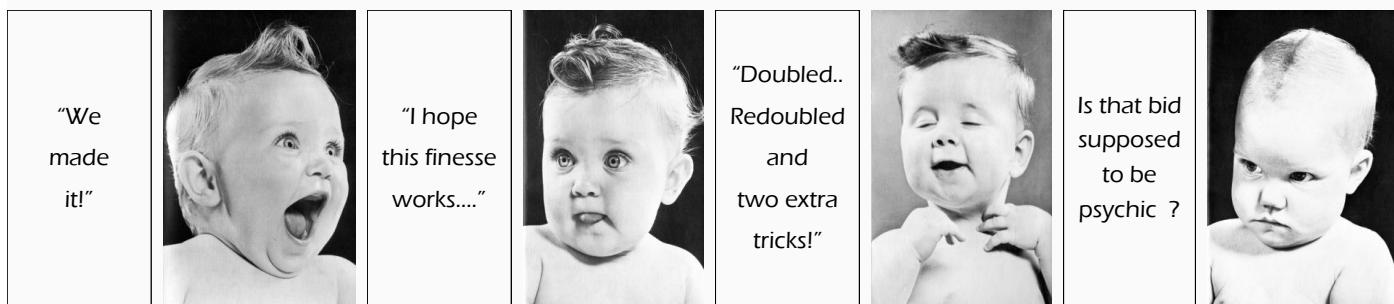
When the dealer still had made no bid after studying his cards for a long while, one of the opponents muttered something about "getting this duplicate moving.

"What did you say?" asked the dealer coming out of his reverie momentarily.

"I want to know what you do," said the opponent.

"Oh," responded the other. "I am in the wholesale grocery business. Why?"

This guy who loves to psyche is playing in a two session pair game with his favourite partner. He is psyching like mad and most of them are not working. After the session his partner tells him that he doesn't want to play the second session if this psyching continues. The guy, not wanting to lose his favourite partner, promises not to psyche in the next session. In fact, he says, "If I psyche I will give you \$20.00 each time I psyche." This sounds okay to his partner, so they begin to play the second session. Near the end of the session, the psycher, on his best behaviour, sits down against a guy he really hates. The psycher is the dealer. He pulls out a 20.00 bill and hands it to his partner saying: Here's that twenty dollars I owe you; one spade!



Four elderly ladies play bridge without bidding boxes though they are hard of hearing. The opener announces: "1 Spade". Her left hand opponent: "1 Heart". Her partner quickly: "1 Diamond". The 4th lady finally after some consideration: " If everyone passes, I pass as well".

Beginners bidding:
4C - Pass - Pass - X
4D - Pass - Pass - X
4H - Pass - Pass - X
and one spade



1H - p - 1S - p
2H - p - 2S - p
3H - p - 3S - p
4H - p - X
the opponent remarks: "but you can't double your partner!"
"He is no longer my partner!"

SNOW DAYS.

On a bitterly cold winter a husband and wife in Dublin were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "we are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through". So the good blonde Irish wife went out and moves her car. A week later when they're having breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "we are having 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow ploughs can get through".

The good sweet little blond went out again and moved her car again. The next week they are again having breakfast when the radio announcer says, "we are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park" Just then there was a flash of lightening and the power went off. The good sweet little blonde Irish wife was very upset and with a very worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the road do I need to park on so the snow ploughs can get through?"

Then with love and understanding in his voice, the husband replied, "why don't you just leave the damn car in the garage this time."