



Caboolture Bridge Club Newsletter

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President's Report:

I was saddened to hear that Francis Twomey passed away while I was holidaying in South Korea, so, unfortunately, I could not attend the 'celebration of a life well lived'. I am told Francis lit up the place in her absence. She was a wonderful lady; still playing Bridge at ninety-eight, still with a smile and a twinkle in her eye, still welcoming all partners and opponents. Many of us, bridge players, visited her the week of her hundredth birthday and found Francis chatty and full of enthusiasm; an inspiration to us all.

While I was Seoul searching, I, courtesy of my ipod, saw that Annette and Ted took out the inaugural Gardner trophy. Congratulations to both.

The trophy, I am sure, will be much sought after in the future, and the event will keep alive the memory of two dedicated 'Bridgers'.

Thursday October 2: Today we held the inaugural Older and Bolder Mini-Bridge event - courtesy of Moreton Bay Regional Council.

A wonderful afternoon was had by all.

Twenty or so potential new players joined committee members and other volunteers in a game of Mini-Bridge. It was an interesting afternoon and I must thank Jenny in particular for the work she put into making the session a success.

Derek Stringfellow and I, as your representatives, will be attending the AGM of the Sunshine Region on Saturday 11th. I will keep you up to date in my next report.

I wish all those players playing in the Beryl Cramb competition at Bribie on Sunday October 12, the best of luck - if luck is relevant. The trophy does look good on the wall of the Caboolture clubhouse.

As I often do in my report I draw attention to a law of our game.

The following somewhat obscure, and difficult to rule on, law, is interesting.

Law 78 - Communication:

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Player receives unauthorized information from Partner

When a player has available to him unauthorized information from his partner, such as from a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, undue emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, an unexpected* alert or failure to alert, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage from that unauthorized information.

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.

It is nice to see a couple of happy wanderers returning to Bridge for a couple of weeks. Welcome back to Kevin Thornton and Neville Jordon. Although Kevin is already on the road again heading south this time and Neville is off to Sydney to visit family before going west once more.

Best wishes for a quick recovery go to Pat Lyons who has just undergone shoulder surgery. From all reports, Pat is recovering well and will soon be back at the Bridge table.

Colin Anderson is in rehabilitation at Peninsula Private (visiting hours are 3pm to 8pm) he is in good spirits and can't wait to get out or words to that effect. We wish him all the best.

Many members of the Committee were away, but most of them have returned. Welcome back to Secretary Jenny who enjoyed catching up with family in Canada and also cruising the Inside Passage. President Finn has returned after travelling to South Korea to catch up with family before doing a tour of that fascinating country. Director Mitch has also returned late this week from Canada after visiting his Mum and siblings in Canada. So things are slowly getting back to normal at the Club.

It is bon voyage to Dawn and Dave who are sailing on the Sea Princess to New Zealand. We wish them smooth sailing and an enjoyable time.

Master Points Secretary Charlene and husband Jim are travelling with friends to WA. It will be their first flight so please enjoy and have a wonderful holiday.

Ron and Robyn Smith have also returned after touring Spain, Portugal and Morocco before going to Switzerland.

Here are just a few highlights of this great trip.

Flying into Madrid, we hit the ground running, seeing everything that was on offer. On our first night there, we went into the City and enjoyed a walking tour visiting the palaces and houses of Parliament before enjoying drinks and tapas at a quaint café. The next day we went to Segovia.

It is a gem of a city, 3000 ft. above sea level and it is also an Unesco World heritage Site. It has the best preserved Roman Aqueduct in the world, built by the Romans, without mortar and has remained intact for 2000 years. We went via Granada to the beautiful Costa Del Sol Coast. Unfortunately about

20 years ago the developers arrived and then left leaving many unfinished apartments and many investors losing their money.



We were certainly in a different world in Morocco. From the ancient city of Fes where we did a walking tour through the Medina where they live as they did 400 years ago. Donkeys and carts are the only transport and they have right of way on the narrow dirt alleyways.

We had to be very careful not to get lost. We then travelled through the foothills of the Atlas Mountains to the city of Marrakesh where we visited a typical home in a Berber village.

This is how we came to appreciate how these people live a simple but happy life.

In the Square in Marrakesh, there are many souks which were fun to explore before Ron discovered the snake charmers and had to capture this on video.



From here we travelled past the Rock of Gibraltar which belongs to the British before catching the ferry to start our Moroccan adventure.

It was then onto Rabat via Casablanca. The movie Casablanca was not filmed here so there was no "Rick's Café" until a very enterprising lady started one and is doing very well. Rabat is the capital and financial hub of Morocco and where the King lives. We then caught our ferry back to Spain.

We had 2 nights in beautiful Seville before heading onto Portugal. Portugal is famous for its' cork products. This comes from the oak trees. These trees have a two-fold purpose. The bark for its' cork and acorns to feed the Black Pigs. These pigs feed on the acorns which gives the ham a nutty flavour. It is allowed to mature for 2/3 years and is extremely expensive - around 100 Euros per kilo. It looks a little bit like what we call Prosciutto.

It was then onto the University town of Salamanca before going to Madrid to catch our flight to Zurich.

This tour of Switzerland was most enjoyable. It was packed with variety visiting the Unesco World Heritage Sites not to mention the beauty of the Swiss country side and the tinkling of the cow bells. We took the Bernina Express from St. Moritz through the Alps into the northern Italy town of Tirano. It was here that we had the best Lasagne we have ever tasted, not to mention the gelato for dessert. We skirted the shores of Lake Como onto Lugano.

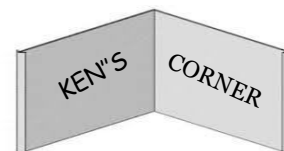
This tour was more leisurely paced and a smaller tour group which made for very comfortable travel. We had four nights in Berne where we radiated out to different sites. One was to Interlaken which is the starting point of the cog railway up to the top of the world, the Jungfrau. The train stops at windows cut in the side of the mountain to have a look at the view. On reaching the top, one has time to explore the Ice Palace which is very cold and slippery before heading out onto the glazier. There was a 10 minute break in the weather when the cloud lifted which allowed for walking on the glazier and playing in the snow.

It was then back to Zurich for the long flight home. I hope that this is not too boring for readers, but it is difficult to condense 4 weeks of wonderful travel into just a few paragraphs.



Robyn

It was nice to see Ken Dawson playing at our club lately.
Ken kindly sent me some useful tips which I would like to share with you.



"Always cover an honour with an honour"

This chestnut is often wrong. The chestnut should be

"Cover an honour with an honour if it can promote a card in either your own or partner's hand"

Suppose the layout is

Dummy		
A3		
K86	54	Here it would be an error to cover declarer's Queen. You can outlast dummy
QJT972		and make your King. Cover the Queen and the entire suit is lost

Dummy		
AT94		
Q76	85	Here, declarer in a 4-4 fit, advances the Jack. Should you cover?
KJ32		The answer is <i>No!</i>

Covering cannot promote a card in your hand or partner's hand. Let declarer fish for your Queen. That is what he is looking for.

However, if you had to think about it, declarer sees your flinch and knows you have the Queen. When dummy came down, you had to decide immediately:-

What am I going to do if declarer leads the Jack at me?

A plan is the key!		Here, you should cover the Jack. If you don't, declarer's next card will be the two.
Dummy		Now, your King will " <i>Beat the Air</i> ". It won't capture a decent card with it.
AQ43		Declarer has erred here. He has insufficient <i>stuffing</i> in the suit for this finesse. i.e.
K6	T85	He has too few cards surrounding his honour. Instead, he should have played small to
J972		the Queen and then the Ace. No Loser!

What do you make of this auction?

1D (1H) 3NT (P)

4S (P) ? What can you conclude about the shape of opener's hand?

When responder bid 3NT over 1H, he denied having a 4 card spade suit. He could have shown it first in a natural and forcing auction. Responder would be able to revert to 3NT on the next round of the bidding. Yet, opener was prepared to bid spades at the 4 level! After the spade denial by responder, this must surely be a five card suit.

So, opener has 5 spades yet opened 1D. Why would he do that?

The inescapable conclusion is that opener has a SIX card diamond suit.

At the table, responder passed 4S and played in a 5-3 fit making comfortably.

Ethical Note:- The opponents asked for an explanation of the bidding before the opening lead. Responder divulged that the auction must show 6-5. However, this was a conclusion based on bridge logic and not a systematic agreement. As such, the defenders are on their own and are not entitled to the conclusion. However, they are entitled to know that the 3NT bid denied 4 spades. An appropriate explanation would be to say

*"Opener is prepared to bid spades on his own at the 4 level, even though I have denied that suit.
You will have to decide what sort of hand he must hold"*

*If we are not meant to have midnight snacks,
why is there a light in the fridge?*

Headlines from the year 2050

- Castro finally dies at age 132; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.
- Australia Post raises price of stamps to \$18. and reduces mail delivery to Wednesday only.
- Japan announces that they will no longer consumes whale meat as whales are now extinct and the scientific research fleet are unemployed.
- Baby conceived naturally! Scientist stumped.
- After a 10 year, \$75.8 billion study: Scientists prove diet and exercise is the key to weight loss.
- Average weight of an Australian drops to 115 kg.
- Japanese scientists have created a camera with such a fast shutter speed they now can photograph a woman with her mouth shut.
- Supreme Court rules punishment of criminals violates their civil rights.
- Victims to be held partly responsible for crime.
- New federal law requires that all nail clippers, screwdrivers, fly swatters and rolled-up newspapers must be registered by January 2055 as lethal weapons.
- Carlton won this year's National Footy final beating the Hindu Hornets 20-11 13-18
- Tasmania executes last remaining Greenie.
- Australian Government have told the Japanese that cane toads taste like whale meat.
- Australian Tax Office sets lowest tax rate at 75 percent.
- Jose Manuel Rodriguez Bush says he will run for second term as US president in 2052.
- Australia has now 10 Universities of Political Correctness.
- Professor Goldman of ANU says there is still a long way to go in the fight to stop people saying what they think.
- Northern Territory voters still having trouble with voting machines. Martine

Eclectics and Red Points for the next 3 months

Contributed by Charlene

Eclectics

October Tuesday

November Saturday

December Thursday

Red Points

Thursday 9th

Saturday 1st

Tuesday 2nd

Conversation is three women stand
on the corner talking.
Gossip is when one of them leaves.

Dummy ♠QJ9

♠2

♠???

♠34

Playing in NT, the opening lead is ♠2. How do you best play this suit to have a stopper?

Your best plan is to presume LHO has led from either ♠A or ♠K or both. Hence, play one of your honours from dummy. That should dislodge the top honour from RHO leaving your remaining top honour to hold the fort from the other top honour, presumably held by LHO.

Playing the ♠9 at trick 1 will only work if LHO holds the ♠T (50 %). The ♠9 in your hand is a red herring designed to distract you!

Of course, on a bad day, LHO will have ♠Txxx and RHO will have ♠AKxx. In that case, you should lose my phone number.

K.D



Pensioner's reply re. COLES.
Didn't like shopping there anyway.

Yesterday I was at my local COLES store buying a large bag Pedigree dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout queue when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Pedigree diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 2 stone before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IV's in both arms. I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with Pedigree nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in the queue was now enthralled with my story.) Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care again because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the kerb to sniff an Irish Setter's arse and a car hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned from COLES. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of daft things to say.

Thank you Nigel



A short course in human relations

the *six* most important words:
"I ADMIT I MADE A MISTAKE"

the *five* most important words:
"YOU DID A GOOD JOB"

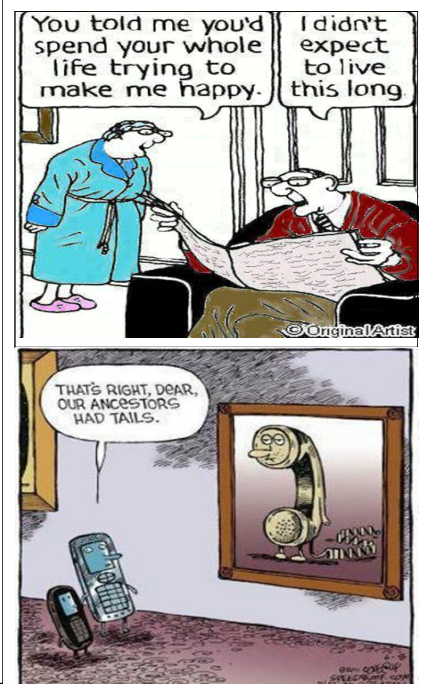
the *four* most important words:
"WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?"

the *three* most important words:
"WOULD YOU MIND?"

The *two* most important words:
"THANK YOU"

The *one* most important word:
"WE"

The *least* important word:
"I"



7 Reasons why Bridge is better than sex.

It is perfectly acceptable to play bridge with a total stranger
Your partner doesn't become upset about people you played bridge with long ago
There are no bridge-transmitted diseases (except the compulsion to play more bridge)
Nobody expects you to play bridge with the same partner for the rest of your life
Your bridge partner will never say, "Not again, we just played bridge last week!
Is Bridge all you ever think about?" Oops! - maybe they will
The Ten Commandments don't say anything about bridge.

AIM ALWAYS TO BE A GOOD CLUB MEMBER. SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS.

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT WAYS IN WHICH EVERY MEMBER CAN CONTRIBUTE.

If you are not already scoring 10 out of 10 (and that applies to most of us) try to score full marks or near-full marks in the year ahead.

1. **Once** the play of a hand is finished allow North to score as quickly as possible and without the disturbance of post-mortem comment at the table.
2. **Once** the scoring for a board has been completed move promptly to the next board and the next auction. Post-mortem discussion if desired - apart from occasional ultra-brief and benign comment - should definitely be delayed until after all boards for the round have been played and scored. There is scope for much improvement in this area.
3. **Avoid** discussing hands after the round is called and your new opponents arrive at the table.
4. **Always** greet your new opponents promptly and in a friendly way.
5. **Always** thank your opponents when the round is ended.
5. **Avoid** negative comments concerning the bidding or play of your partner or an opponent.
6. **The auction** period is for SILENT bidding. Avoid comment, sighs, and other behaviour which may convey unauthorised information.
7. **Avoid** loud talking which may be overheard or cause distraction at other tables.
8. **Avoid** excessively loud calls for the Director. See that your phone is switched OFF.

Always do your part in tidying up after play. Don't just dash off!

Chairs in. Side tables neatly placed.

Bidding pads placed neatly back on the table .

Remove all papers, cups and other rubbish, including all items on the bottom shelf of a side table.

Ready for the next session.

This is just a reminder, I know we are all perfect !

M.



COFFEE CHOCOLATE MEN SOME THINGS ARE JUST BETTE RICH



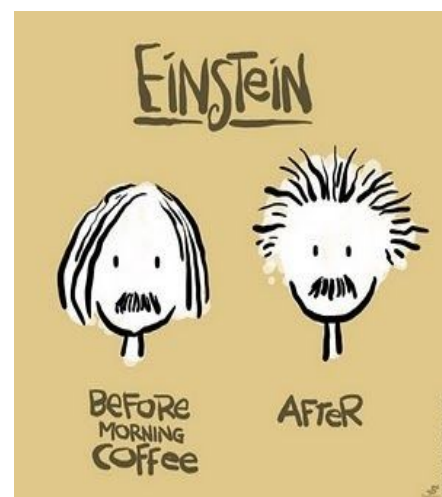
A big busty bird caught my eye in the supermarket.
She smiled.
I smiled back.

I pondered for a while then I thought, what the heck I'm going to go for it.

I said, "Hey there, I don't usually do this but I don't suppose you fancy grabbing a coffee?"

"Sure." She smiled, "Where?"

"Just behind you." I replied, "A jar of that Maxwell House."



The secret behind Einstein's genius

Who Should Brew The Coffee

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says: "HEBREWS"