

September 2012

From the President

Hi again from Finn,

Winter is nearly over. Hopefully soon we will not need the heaters any more.

The committee has been busy making sure the club functions as smoothly as possible.

If you have any specific concerns don't forget to bring them to our attention.

Note: Minutes of all meetings are posted on the noticeboard for all to read.

Recently the following club 2012 competitions have been finalised:

Margaret Jennings and Peter Gruythusen were crowned club pairs champions.

Col Anderson has won the MIT title for the second year running.

Congratulations to the above and to all members who participated.

Note: The club teams event will be held over two Saturdays early in September (8th and 15th).

See the notice board.

Nominate a team. Competition is healthy.

It was very nice to see Robyn Grills direct her first session on Tuesday.

May it be a fruitful first.

A little more about Rules and Regulations for your information:

The following regulation should be note:

Law 65-B-3 Arrangement of Tricks

- Declarer may require any trick that is pointed the wrong way to be corrected at anytime;
- Dummy or either defender may do so but only until the lead to the next trick is made.

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.

Congratulations to the following players who have been promoted during the months of June and July

Lydia Backer	to	Club
Margaret Jennings	to	Regional
Rhonda Niven	to	Regional
Colin Anderson	to	*National
Peter Finney	to	Graduate
Diana Khursandi	to	Graduate
Finn Nielsen	to	State

Caboolture-Bribie teams A big congratulations to all those who took part in the Caboolture-Bribie teams event. Seven of the eight Caboolture teams secured some red points for their effort on the day.

Novice Pairs Also congratulations to Jenny Hays and Margaret Jennings who won the novice pairs with a result of over 70%. Well Done!

Bridgemate A big thank you to all players for their patience. We are still having the occasional teething problem but it is definitely faster and easier than the old scoring method. Thank you for calling us promptly rather than risk compounding the problem. Please read the screen, it will often have the answer you need but don't be afraid to call for help.

We are in good company: Famous Bridge Players.

- James Bond** — Special Agent 007 chalked up 7 ♣ redoubled in Ian Fleming's novel "Moonraker"
- Warren Buffett**— Billionaire investor and philanthropist. Buffett has a reputation of a diehard player, having been quoted as saying "if I'm playing bridge and a naked woman walks by, I don't even see her."
- Dwight Eisenhower**—WW11 General and 34th President of the US. Eisenhower had a reputation as an excellent bridge player and reportedly played in his (little) spare time during WW11 to relax. In 1962, sports Illustrated wrote a detailed article about Eisenhouwers bridge habits.
- Bill Gates**— Billionaire businessman and philanthropist. Gates reportedly got addicted to bridge through Warren Buffet; the two play now regularly on Okbridge and in ACBL tournaments. Gates has a reputation as an enthusiastic learner, studying and playing with professionals to refine his game.
- Martina Navratilova**—Tennis legend and winner of 59 Grand slam titles. On the topic of bridge, she has been quoted as saying: "No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridgetable"
"Bridge teaches logic, reasoning, quick thinking, patience, concentration and partnership skills"
- Omar Shariff**— Charismatic star of "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Doctor Zhivago", Omar Shariff has also enjoyed a long career as an expert bridge player and columnist.



Try the Caboolture Club

This is utterly ridiculous, but I've seen it now three times. RHO opens a 5-card major and ends up with a trump guess with this layout:

	Dummy		
	K987	Part	
Me			
?		?	
	De-clarer		
	AJT65		

Blindly adhering to Zia's rule, "If they don't cover, they don't have it," declarer leads the jack, expecting me to cover with the queen. When I don't cover, declarer cleverly puts up the king and finesses into my queen-doubleton. Think about it. Unless declarer is missing the A10 and is trying a Chinese finesse, what on earth does covering the jack accomplish? If you cover, declarer's guess is ALWAYS solved. In each of the three instances declarer guessed wrong, a game swing was generated. One woman even complained to her husband, "Well, I tried your little rule, but it didn't work...."

Continue: Losing Trick Counts by Derek.

Last Newsletter there was an interesting explanation about LTC Counts with a good trump fit.

The LTC system can be used even when partner has shown a balanced hand when you have an unbalanced hand, to indicate to you a level to which you should bid.

S 8 I was sitting E with the hand shown on the left, when I heard my partner open 1 NT, This
 H A indicated to me that she held a 15-18 HCP hand with 5-6 loser. As my hand was a 5 1/2 loser
 D AJ763 count hand, we had a possible slam combination and thus this should be explored.
 C Q97543

The bidding went as follows -

West	North	East	South	
1 NT	Pass	3 C (1)	Pass	(1) says enough points for game and 5+ good clubs
3 NT	Pass	4 D (2)	Pass	(2) says I think we have slam, I also have 5+ good D
4 NT(3)	Pass	5 H (4)	Pass	(3) normal Blackwood
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass	(4) showing 2 Aces

The full deal was as follows and the 6 NT was easily achieved when the SK was on side for the finesse.

S J952		
H J10632		Most pairs finished in a 3 NT contract and missed the easily
D 5		makeable slam contract of 6 NT or 6 C.
C J108		Calling Cubs before Diamonds indicated that East may hold
S AQ106	S 8	more Clubs than Diamonds cards.
H KQ84	H A	
D 98	D AJ763	
C AK6	C Q97543	The average minimum opening hand is around the 7 loser mark.

S K743 You calculate partner's losers based on the strength revealed
 H 975 in the bidding. A simple guide for this will be as followed.

D KQ1042	Points	Description of hand	Losers Expectancy
C 2	13—15	Sound minimum opening	6—7 losers
	16—18	Strong opening (1NT)	5—6 losers
	19—21	Very strong opening	4—5 losers
	22 up	Game forcing opening	3 or less losers
	10—12	Just below opening	8 losers
	7—9	Well below sound opening	9 losers

Accordingly, if the bidding begins—Partner 1C You 1H Partner 2H; Partner has shown minimum opening and thus should assess that he has 7 losers.

Had the bidding started—Partner 1C You 1H Partner 3H Partner has shown a stronger hand. As partner is bidding for one trick more, you are entitled to expect one loser less. The normal bidding for that sequence is 6 losers.

If the began—Partner 1C You 1S Partner 4S Partner would be showing a very strong hand. As a minimum rebid would be 2 S, partner's jump to 4S is two tricks extra and so should hold two losers less. The normal holding for this sequence would be 5 losers.

Portable Bridge Notation (PBN)

Over the years a lot of bridge programs have been developed.

There are programs for dealing, bidding, playing, and/or teaching.

A widely accepted standard format for bridge games did not exist. Therefore, the output of one program couldn't be used in another program.

With the development PBN by Tis Veugen and Kaj G Backas in 1999, there is now a widely accepted Portable Bridge Notation available.

Lets have a look at a sample game in PBN (IntAMS19950610-1.pbn)

[Dealer "N"]

[Vulnerable "NONE"]

[Deal "N:AJ52.75.KQJ93.KQ K98764.JT98.62.7 T.Q432.7.AJT9653 Q3.AK6.AT854.842"]

[Auction "N"]

This is what it would look like once loaded into a (your) favourite Bridge-program.



This PBN file can be loaded into most popular Bridge programs e.g. Baron Bridge, GOTO Bridge.

With the recent introduction of BridgeMate and it's associate software program in our club, it will soon be possible to make all games played on a specific date available on our website once the session has ended. That makes it possible to download all the games to your PC, load them into your favourite Bridge program to analyse/re-play. If your favourite Bridge program allows you to manually enter and replay a game, then these PBN-files offer a nice way of being able to go through the most interesting games without having to enter each game manually.

Unfortunately we will have to wait until the next lot of games is being generated by the new software before those PBN files can be made available on our website.

We will keep you informed when the first PBN files are available and where they are to be found on the website.

Thank you Cees.

Many members of our Club are going on holidays shortly and a lot are cruising. This seems to be very popular just now as one only has to unpack the suitcase once. Some of these lucky people are -

Lyn Gadsby has celebrated a special birthday this month so is flying to Istanbul for 3 nights before flying to Bucharest to cruise the lower reaches of the Danube all the way up to Vienna.

Carol Melling and husband are celebrating their birthdays cruising from Singapore to Australia on board the Carnival Cruise Liners.

Brian Ford is travelling across to Perth on board the Indian Pacific and then sailing back home on the Princess Cruise Ship.

Dawn and Dave Quinan are also cruising with the Princess Line up to Shanghai including Japan etc.

This will be a wonderful trip.

Neville Jordan is back at Mitchell doing caretaker duties. He has a couple more farms to go to before heading back into Caboolture about November.

Frances Toomey has not been well enough to come to the Club so some members went and had a game of Bridge with her at home. She still plays a very clever game, and for 98, she is fantastic.

Pat and Paul Lyons are also off cruising shortly out into the Pacific. They certainly love cruising.

Some committee members will also be on holidays in September. Judith LeComte is off to South America - cruising the Galapagos Islands. A "must see" for Judith is the Blue Footed Boobies, before heading off to Ecuador and Peru to visit the famous Machu Picchu.

Nigel Cleminson and his wife Pat are taking a cruise out to Vanuatu and surrounding Pacific Islands.

Ron and Robyn Smith are off to the east coast of the USA and Canada before heading across from New York to Los Angeles by coach.

We wish all these folk and anyone that we have missed, a happy holiday and a safe return.

Dear Members

I love to hear from you.

If there is anything you would like me to print in your newsletter,
please drop me a line.

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How true sometimes.

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.

The Rest Are Mine.

John Crawford achieved considerable notoriety as a "clever" card player.

According to a legend, he was once in a hopeless four-spade contract.

About midway through the play this exchange takes place:

Crawford: The rest are mine, making *five*

Opponent: what do you mean! I still have a trump trick.

Crawford: Oh you're absolutely right. Great defence too, to hold me to four.

Opponent: Thank you.