



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Well, here we are just over the halfway mark. The time is just flying by. I won't upset anyone by mentioning how many days till xmas.

We have had a couple of members in and out of hospital over the last month or so. Hopefully they are all recovered by this time.

The committee has purchased a new small vacuum cleaner for the quick clean up jobs around the food areas. This replaces the previous one that is getting very tired.

2 Teams of women went down to Bribie Island last weekend for their Congress. They had a wonderful time. Weather great, accommodation great, food and beverages really great, Bridge so-so. Nannette & Ruth came 3rd in the Pairs (B section) and again in the Teams with their partners Kaylene & Lesley, they also got a 3rd. Well done girls. A very enjoyable time was had.



Kelly & Rennie also went for the pairs. They had a great morning, but after lunch the wheels fell off.

Don't forget the AGM is coming up on the 6th September, starting at 11.30am on the Tuesday. Your attendance would be appreciated. Nominations and/or Motions are welcome before the cut off date.

BIRTHDAY BOOK

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Birthdays in August

Don Griggs
Ruth Greentree
Shelly Gauld
Tertia Brink
Val Jerram
Yve Welch
Jean Harm
Keith Johnson
Wendy Banham
Keith Brown
Brian Butterfield

and in September we have:

Jeanette Roughley
Nev Harrington
Dana Wildey
Anthea Stevensen
Cathy Maertens

Welcome to Winter - Queensland's version of winter anyway! The weather has been very warm and springlike for July. Since the last newsletter, the Club has seen many members travelling around the world - President Peter and Dean in China, Ross Chapman in the UK playing cricket, Kay in Morocco, Nanette in Scandinavia, the Andersons and the Greentrees in Canada and cruising in Alaska, and the Brinks in South Africa. We've also had Trevor, Ron, Rennie and myself travelling interstate. It's fabulous that we can have the opportunity to travel but it's always heartening when everyone returns safely. In a world where unforeseen violence is so prevalent, and everyday the news reports yet another catastrophe has hit somewhere in the world, we should all be grateful that we live in Australia!

In June, we held the President's Trophy and congratulations to Sue Schierning and Ross Muirhead who were this year's winners. Also congratulations to Jeanette Roughley and Ian Manly who were successful in the Winter Pairs held in July.

We've also had a few members with health issues: Kathi Vince, Arlette Cook, Bill Bishop, Peter Coppin, Bette Geary and Jeff Streat and we wish them a full and speedy recovery!

As this is the last newsletter before the AGM, I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their efforts in keeping the Club running smoothly over the last 12 months. Nominations have been called for office bearers and committee members for the upcoming AGM and I wish the incoming committee every success.

Take care and Good Bridge!

Kelly Chapman

"Vice-President"



Results of recent events

PRESIDENTS TROPHY (over 2 Weeks) 23 & 30 June were held Thursday PM

Week 1 1st - Sue Schierning & Ross Muirhead

2nd - Kay Kerr & Fran McDonald

3rd - Jeanette Roughley & Ian Manly

Week 2 1st - Sue Schierning & Ross Muirhead

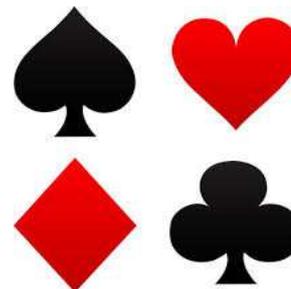
2nd - Tertia & Bryan Brink

3rd - Nev & Adele Harington

Overall 1st - Sue Schierning & Ross Muirhead

2nd - Tertia & Bryan Brink

3rd - Carolann Verity & Jennifer Hollingworth



GNOT Teams in Maryborough, Jeanette & Peter C, Carolann & Steven Verity, came in 2nd but they have elected not to go on to the next event.

WINTER PAIRS (Red Point) 14th July Thursday AM.

1st - Jeanette Roughley & Ian Manly

2nd - Nev Harington & Sue Schierning

3rd - Marilyn Virtue & Lee Lewis.

COMING EVENTS ARE.

18th August **MUSTER PAIRS** Thursday AM (Red Point)

15th September **SPRING PAIRS** Thursday PM (Red Point)

Did you know?

The Eiffel Tower has 2.5 million rivets. 1792 steps and can vary in height (according to the temperature) by 15 cm.

A full moon always rises at Sunset, and is 9 times brighter than a half moon

All gondolas in Venice have to be painted black unless they belong to a high city official.

The distress call "Mayday" comes from the French term "M'aidez", which means "Help me".

A modern PC is more powerful than all the NASA's computers at the time of the 1969 Apollo moon landings put together.

A 340g jar of peanut butter contains about 548 peanuts.

Al Capone's brother was a police officer in the US State of Nebraska.

Native speakers of Japanese, learn Spanish more easily than they learn English.

A metal coat hanger is 112 centimetres long when straightened.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

A reminder of the penalties that may apply if players are found to be commencing bidding after the 4 minute warning bell. The penalties were introduced as some players were deliberately ignoring the Directors' constant requests not to do so and consequently, two tables are then held up at the end of the round. The penalty equates to half of the highest matchpoints applicable for that game and will apply to both pairs at the table. Rule 90B.8 applies.

Here are a few tips to avoid time wasting:

1. When the Director calls "move", move quickly to the next table.
2. On arrival at the next table, by all means greet your opponents but at the same time, be taking your cards out of the board.
3. Count and arrange your cards as quickly as possible.
4. Try to bid as quickly as possible. Some hands require more thought but generally there are only a couple of options.
5. Once bidding has finished, if you are on lead, be ready to lead promptly.
6. If you are Declarer - call for Dummy's cards without Dummy having to ask you which card you want
7. After the play of the hand, restrict any post mortem and/or studying the Bridgемate

If you are in charge of the Bridgемate:

1. If you are Dummy - put Dummy down before entering data in the Bridgемate and similarly;
2. If you are on lead - lead before entering data in the Bridgемate

Remember that everyone at the table has the right to see the **Bridgемate** results should they choose to do so. Whilst it is not desirable to spend a lot of time poring over the results, it is not etiquette for the 'accepting' player to take it upon themselves to decide that no one else should see the results.

At the **Change Partners** session in June, it was put to the vote whether players should be able to choose a partner or whether we should have a random draw for partners. It was not unanimous but the majority voted for the random draw which was the original format. Democracy rules and so random draw it is. So, please do not ask the Director if you can play with a certain person, as she will be obliged to say 'no'.

Good bridging,

Kay



This was only a short newsletter this time. All is quiet and there have been no dramas. (thank goodness) Till next time. Cheers, Fran

