



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi all

Well, it is almost Xmas. (don't you just love people who say that?)

In regard to the October Congress. I think we need to be aware of Kelly's work for the congress. With Kay's help, she picked up the ball 5 days prior to the Congress. Happy to say, it went off without a hitch. We are very fortunate that we have Kelly as our Vice President, as she is a very capable person. Everyone who helped these two, from the setting up and dismantling of tables and shade tents to the Kitchen helpers and on to the barman at the end of the day. Everyone did a great job and the Bridge club needs to give them a big thank you to all those that contributed to making the October Congress happen and turn out to be a great day. Shelly, as our Caddy did a great job as usual and we have come to rely on her for this trying position.

Well done everyone.

The Xmas party was held on the 1st December (Thursday) at Gunabal's, and I hear that it was enjoyed by all that attended.

As per your Handbook the Club will be closed from Friday 23rd December till Monday 26th December (this is the designated Boxing day holiday). We don't want you to get bridge withdrawals.

You should all have received your Subscription notification for the fees for next year. This is due by the 14th Feb, Please make sure that you don't mislay the notification. You will also have received your Handbook for 2017. Please keep this handy as it contains all the information that you will need for the coming year.

We have had a trouble free year and we should be very pleased that it has gone smoothly. Lets hope that next year will go as well. The Directors have strived to make your bridge sessions enjoyable and I'm sure you appreciate their efforts.



BIRTHDAY BOOK

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Birthdays in DECEMBER

Andre Brink
Joy Anderson
Marilyn Virtue
Ross Plowman
Jan Beckett
Peter Coppin

and in JANUARY

Tania Hooper
Bevan Anderson
Lesley Wilson
Steph Richardson

Please Note:

BEGINNERS

LESSONS

will again be starting, in early February 2017.

Your help in finding people who would like to learn is a big help, not only to the Teachers but to the Club as well.

Here we are at the last newsletter for the 2016! Where has the year gone?

The honour boards have been updated, Alwyn Geary has done a brilliant job in weeding the gardens and Neil Schiering has done the mulching - well done - it looks great. Also a big thank you to Jeff Streat who has installed a solar powered light in the car park.

Unfortunately, it isn't quite strong enough to provide the extra light needed to increase players' safety and security at night, so Dean Hollingworth has been asked to install a motion sensor on the existing light. Hopefully that will shed enough light on the car park to improve players' safety.

Thursday night attendance numbers have been down, perhaps it is a seasonal issue (?) - we hope numbers will improve in the New Year. Cathy Reed from Tin Can Bay has decided to hang up her teaching hat (after 10+ years). Cathy introduced a number of players from Tin Can Bay to our Club over the years, for which we are thankful.

Speaking of teaching, Jennifer will be undertaking lessons with beginners again commencing in February and we look forward to welcoming them to the Club.

There is no increase in our yearly subscriptions for 2017 there may be a small increase in 2018. The Club will also celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May of 2018 and the Committee has appointed Kay Kerr to form a steering committee to commence the planning of such a momentous event.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish each and every one of you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and happy 2017.

Kelly Chapman VP"

Results of recent events

Rhoda Clifford (Red Pt) Held over 2 weeks
11th and 18th October

Overall Handicap winners were

- 1st - Kay Kerr & Diana Thorogood
- 2nd - Peter Coppin & Jeanette Roughley
- 3rd - Arlette Cook & George Konyi



Overall Gross Winners were:

- 1st - Peter Coppin & Jeanette Roughley
- 2nd - Chris Lucas & Sue Schierning
- 3rd - Arlette Cook & George Konyi.

Armistice Pairs (Thursday AM Red Pt 10th November

- 1st -- Jeanette Roughley & Sue Schierning
- 2nd — Des Horrox & Lesley Wilson
- 3rd — Jeff Streat & Ian Manly

QLD Wide Pairs, 22nd November. Waiting for QLD list.

North/South

- 1st— Jennifer Hollingworth & Carolann Verity
- 2nd—Bette Geary & Nannette Jones
- 3rd—Cathy Reed & Jeanette Roughley

East/West

- 1st — David Harris & Timothy Ridley
- 2nd — Lee Lewis & Margaret Bazzan
- 3rd — Des Horrox & Helen Morrissey

This is a green point event for our Club but should you get into the top few in the state of Queensland then it becomes a red point event.

COMING EVENTS

Nothing special for December or January (unless you want to go to the Canberra Festival of Bridge in January) Don't forget the Sunday Bridge sessions. They are a good relaxing afternoon and are a very social day.





It was coming up to Christmas and Sammy asked his mum if he could have a new bike. So, she told him that the best idea would be to write to Santa Claus. But Sam, having just played a vital role in the school nativity play, said he would prefer to write to the baby Jesus. So his mum told him that would be fine. Sam went to his room and wrote 'Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy and would like to have a bike for Christmas.' But he wasn't very happy when he read it over. So he decided to try again and this time he wrote 'Dear Jesus, I'm a good boy most of the time and would like a bike for Christmas.' He read it back and wasn't happy with that one either. He tried a third version. 'Dear Jesus, I could be a good boy if I tried hard and especially if I had a new bike.' He read that one too, but he still wasn't satisfied. So, he decided to go out for a walk while he thought about a better approach. After a short time he passed a house with a small statue of the Virgin Mary in the front garden. He crept in, stuffed the statue under his coat, hurried home and hid it under the bed. Then he wrote this letter.

'Dear Jesus, If you want to see your mother again, you'd better send me a new bike.'



 On the Sunday before Christmas Reverend Billy Graham was walking down Highland street in Mt Holly, North Carolina on his way to see a parishioner. However, he wanted to post a parcel urgently so he asked a young boy where he could find the post office. When the boy had directed him, Reverend Graham thanked him and said, 'If you'll come to the Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven.' The boy replied, 'I think I'll give your sermon a miss. If you don't even know your way to the post office, how will you lead me to heaven?'

 Four-year-old to her two-year-old sister: "Let's play Christmas. I'll be Santa Claus and you can be a present and I'll give you away."

 Last Christmas, I told my girlfriend that all I wanted was an Xbox. That's it. Beginning and end of list: Xbox. You know what she got me? A homemade frame with a picture of us from our first date together. Which was fine. Because I got her an Xbox.

 **Knock knock**
*Who's there? Mary! Mary who? Merry Christmas

Knock, knock
Who's there? Chris! Chris who? Christmas!!!!

 Q: What Christmas song is hidden in the alphabet:
"A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z"? Noel (No L, of course)

 An honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus were talking when they all noticed a \$5 bill on the floor. Who picked it up?
Santa of course, the other two don't exist!



Over 70% for 2016.

Ruth Greentree & Nannette Jones 80%
(Top percentage) (Well done girls)

Bette Geary & Sue Schierning 75.5%

Cliff Cook & Arlette Cook 75.0%

Fran McDonald & Shirley Bishop 74.5 %

Jeanette Roughley & Cathy Reed 73.3%

Ross Muirhead & Sue Schierning 72.2%

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Rennie Pettit & Kelly Chapman 70.8%

Jeanette Roughley & Peter Coppin 70.3%

Jennifer Hollingworth & Peter Coppin 70.1%

Sue Schierning & Bette Geary 70.1%

So the Overall personal scorers are: (Drum roll)

Sue Schierning 5 times over 70% (Very good Sue)

Ross Muirhead - 4 times Bette Geary - Twice

Jeanette - Twice Peter Coppin - Twice

And everyone else once.

But what a great effort. Congratulations all of the above. This is a good percentage to strive for, so hang in there guys as there is always next year.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Systems

We all have a system card which sets out the specifics of the system we are playing and the special conventions we may add to our basic system, as well as details of our signals etc. when defending, and so on. Our partner should, of course, have an identical card, though we do not always need to have two cards at the table. We are expected to bid according to the details on our system card and presumably our partners also expect us to bid according to the details on our system card. Therefore the opposition should be able to expect that bids made are in accordance with the system card offered. They should also be able to expect that any explanation given in answer to a request for information, will be correct. I have lost count of the number of times lately that incorrect information has been given or the partner does not know what their partner's bid means. Often the player making the call has obviously bid in contravention of what is on their system card and in some cases is very surprised when this is pointed out. The bidding in bridge is meant to be done on a level playing field. We do not have any right to know exactly what is in the opposition's hands but we do have a right to correct information regarding their system and we do have a right to expect that they are bidding in accordance with it. Perhaps it is time for us all to review our cards with our partners and ensure that the information contained therein is up to date and in some cases, ensure that we understand the information that is detailed in our cards.

Reminders for Dummy:

Dummy must never draw attention to an irregularity during play, including the fact that Declarer has led from the wrong hand.



(penalties apply)

Dummy should not initiate a call for the Director during play unless attention has been drawn to an irregularity by another player

(penalties apply)

Once Dummy's hand has been placed on the table Dummy may not rearrange the hand e.g to fill in gaps once a suit has expired.

Happy Bridge Kay.

Have a great xmas and come back refreshed (and sober)
Cheers Fran



A LESSON LEARNED

The Bridge Club Christmas party was on the BRINK of disaster. For the first time in a long time, it had been decided to hold the party in the Club house. A spit had been ordered and had been cooking merrily away all day unsupervised and so by the time the members arrived, smoke was pouring out and the pungent odour of burnt pig hung in the air. It wasn't long before tempers were frayed and the blame game started.

"Didn't it oKERR to anyone to check it?" asked Margaret.

"I think I know who to blame," said Bill, pointing to President Peter.

"He's been a THORNE in my side for years."

"I didn't think you'd have the GAULD to point the finger at me," said Peter.

"I'm not COPPIN the blame for this and I'll SUE you if you try."

"Well," said Bill, "anyone should know that if you have the heat too high, the meat BYRNES. Look at it, it's all BROWN."

"It's just a case of too many COOKs," replied Peter.

"I'll BETTE," said Bill.

"Don't be so PETTIT you two," said Nev. "If you don't stop arguing I'll TANIA backsides. Anyway the spit is too close to the clubhouse and could be dangerous. We should move it."

"Oh, it'll be WRIGHT," said Jack.

But Nev insisted. "Look, I'm getting really WILDEY here. KENT you see it has to be moved. We need help; a CHAP, MAN, whatever, someone really MANLY with a STRONG ARM."

"What about that boy over there?" asked Adele. "Isn't he DAVID'sSON?"

"No, he's JOHN'sSON," replied Nev. "You have to watch him; he's a bit LEWIS."

"What we need is an ANGEL A' mercy," said Jack.

"Well, we have a couple of BISHOPS. They might help," quipped Bevan, laughing at his own joke.

"HELEN damnation! KONYI please keep the noise down" cried George. (He's Hungarian and has an accent.) "This is supposed to be a time of JOY and instead, it's just getting CROZIER and CROZIER."

"Well, what are we going to do about food?" asked Bev. "We should be EATON by now."

DEWARna go to McDONALD's?" asked Greg.

"It wouldn't do any HARM," agreed Jean. "It'd be LESTER worry about."

"I think that's a THOROUGHly GOOD idea," said Diana. "Where is it?"

"It's just in the next STREAT. ROUGHLEY half way down," said John.

"It won't be the same," said Jennifer. "There'll be no decorations, no music and no Santa KRAUSE."

"It's oKAY," said Dean. "We can just go out and get a GREENTREE and decorate it and Ron can play the ORGAN and you could sing us a CAROL ANN."

"I'm not conVINCEd," said Kathi. "It's only Christmas YVE. Why don't we wait and go out for a PLOWMAN's lunch on Boxing Day."

"You mean the Feast of STEVEN?" asked Trevor. "Where's the VIRTUE in that?"

And so the arguments went on until well into the night...

And that, my fellow bridge tragics, is why we only play bridge in the clubhouse and don't hold our Christmas parties there.

Merry Christmas

