



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

It's almost February already. Just into a new year and it is flying by. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Xmas and New Year. Also a restful break from Bridge. (is that possible?).

It's good to see that everyone is back and rearing to play.

We will be starting the Beginners lessons again soon. Check with Jennifer or watch the website for the actual dates.

If you know of anyone who is interested, then please pass on that information to Jennifer or Fran. If there is enough interest in the Saturday morning session, then we will again hold them.

You should all have received your Year 2016 Handbook by now, along with your bill for the coming year's subscription.

See Kaylene if you haven't had yours.

Don't forget the subs are due before the 14th February.

The new timer clock is working well. Thank you to Tim Wilson for applying the Perspex shade to tone down the bright lights. It is still very bright but better than it was, and the warning bell is less annoying than the old one.

Thanks to Kay's tireless pursuit of a new modem, we are all back up and running on the internet. Please note that our e-mail address has changed. It is now gympiebridgeclub@bigpond.com Please change this in your handbooks in case you need it in the future. Sunday Bridge is a great day. Relaxed, fun, very enjoyable. Jean Graham is doing a great job of acquiring partners for anyone without one. So mark this in your diaries and bring along yourselves plus some nibbles for after the game and enjoy the day.

BIRTHDAY BOOK

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Birthdays in FEBRUARY

Steven Verity
Carolann Verity
Sue Schierning
Dave Connors

And in MARCH we have:

Kay Kerr
George Konyi
John Byrnes
Kelly Chapman
Greg Dewar
Jack Wright
Lesley McHugh



Why do answering machines asked you to press 1 for English when they then connect you to someone who can't speak the language??

Hi everyone

“Welcome to the first newsletter for 2016! Let’s hope 2016 is a happy and healthy year for all of us.

The roadworks on Tozer Park Road have been somewhat disruptive, but hopefully will be completed before school recommences at the end of the month.

Good luck and good bridging to all those travelling to the Gold Coast for the congress in February – do Gympie proud and amass those gold points! “

Thanks

Kelly Chapman
Vice President.

Please Note.



Steph. Richardson's Phone No. is **5483 3974.**

Also Jan & Ed Beckett associate members) have new phone No's.

5447 1186 or 0439 675 112.

Please amend your handbook to show these new numbers.

Results of recent events

Nothing to report.



COMING EVENTS ARE.

4th February AM is the SUMMER PAIRS (Red Point)

So please add your name to the sheet provided to help the director work out the movement.

On the 8th & 15th February, Monday pm, we have the TEAMS OF THREE.

This is over 2 weeks, so you must be willing to commit yourself to playing both weeks.

This is a fun event. So get busy and organise a team. (Please add your name to the sheet)

You need 4 players with one player having a Masterpoint total of 200 or more (the Captain) and the rest of the team under that. You then play 3 rounds. One round with each of your team members as your partner.

You need to discuss your system with the other players, prior to the start of the days play.

Keeping it standard is good unless you are familiar with that partners system.

All the Captains to sit South at all times.



3 MYSTERIES

Mysteries to exercise your mind.

Mystery No. One.

A man was found murdered Sunday morning. His wife immediately called the police. The police questioned the wife and staff and got these answers:

- The wife said she was sleeping.
- The cook was preparing breakfast.
- The gardener was gathering vegetables.
- The maid was getting the mail.
- The butler was polishing shoes in the pantry.



The police instantly arrested the murderer.

Who did it and how did they know??



Mystery No. Two

A man walks into his bathroom and shoots himself right between the eyes using a real gun with real bullets. He walks out alive with no blood anywhere and no. he didn't miss and he wasn't superman or any other crusader wearing a cape.

How did he do this?



Mystery No Three

Poor Mr Teddy was found dead in his study by Mr Fiend. Mr Fiend recounted his dismal discovery to the police.

"I was walking by Mr Teddy's house when I thought I would just pop in for a visit. I noticed his study light was on and I decided to peek in from the outside to see if he was in there. There was frost on the window, so I had to wipe it away to see inside. That is when I saw his body. So I kicked in the front door to confirm my suspicions of foul play. I called the police immediately after wards"

The officer immediately arrested Mr Fiend for the murder of Mr Teddy

How did he know Mr Fiend was lying? *Answers on last page, not that you will need them.*

I stretch my arms,
I bend my knees,
I straighten my neck,
and they are all crunching.
Conclusion: I'm not getting older,
I'm getting more crunchy.

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*A clear conscience is
the sure sign of a
bad memory.*

~ Mark Twain

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*A glass of beer shortens
your life by one minute,
a glass of wine
by two minutes,
and a day of work
by seven to ten hours.*

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DIRECTORS' CORNER



Problems persist with **Declaring**. When declaring, it is not enough to display your hand and say 'the rest are mine', or worse, say nothing at all. You must state your line of play for the rest of the tricks, taking particular care to account for any outstanding trumps. If you fail to do this, the Director should be called by the opposition and if there is any possibility that the opposition could have taken a trick, they will be awarded that trick. Most importantly, once a declaration is made and has been disputed, the cards **cannot** then be played out and the Director **must** be called.

Opening leads must always be placed face down and once on the table can not be changed. Dummy must not display their cards until the partner of the person on lead has indicated it is in order to face the lead card and this has been done.

Time for another mention re covering the bidding sheet. It is a QBA Regulation that Dummy must cover the bidding sheet once the player to their left has played to the first trick. I notice a few (very few) players are observing this Regulation, although I suspect it may be only when I am at the table. It is a Regulation just as important as any other, such as Alerting and Announcing and as such should be observed. Remember, once covered, the bidding sheet may not be uncovered. If you have forgotten what the Contract is, you are at liberty to ask the other players at the table.

That's all for this issue.

Till next time, Kay

ANSWERS TO THE MYSTERIES.

No 1. It was the Maid. She said she was getting the mail but there is no mail delivery on Sundays

No. 2 He shot his reflection in the bathroom mirror (that was an easy one.)

No 3. Frost forms inside the window, not the outside. So Mr Fiend could not have wiped it off to discover Mr Teddy's body.

Lets hope we all enjoy 2016

Cheers, Fran.