



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

Here we are half way through the year. It is hard to credit it. The weather is still like summer, and yet it is the beginning of winter. For those of us that like the hot weather, it is great, but for those that like it cold it is not so good.



The congress was again a success. Thanks to Kay and her merry band of helpers, all ran on well oiled wheels.

We are glad to see Kay safely back from Morocco and Lesley from America and beyond. (Tertia has not surfaced so she must still be in South Africa... Opps, she's back, no long MIA) Don't you love these globe trotters? Jennifer is off to Europe (cycling I believe) Nannette is also away again, not sure where.

For those that don't know. Margaret Mangold has sold her property and has relocated to Dalby. (she came back for a doctors appointment the other week but that should be all.) Her e-mail address will remain the same, so if anyone wishes to correspond with her, see Fran for it.

Supervised play is again being held on both Wednesday evenings & Saturday mornings for the beginners. If you can spare a couple of hours on either of these days, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to those that are already coming, they are a big help.

In answer as to why we now have a letter box. Apparently we had a parcel addressed to the club's street address and no one was here when the Postie tried to delivery it. As there was no letter box for the Postie to leave a card in, saying there was a parcel, the goods were returned to the sender. This caused a lengthy delay in getting it re-delivered. So now we have both, so nothing has really changed for mail deliveries.

Tuesday, July 5th will be the Club's Charity Day. Soup , bread rolls and sweets, will again be provided by some club/committee members. The cost this year has increased to \$12.00 per head. This whole amount (being your day's playing fees of \$4.00 and the your donation of \$8.00) goes to "Wish List", this years benefactor. Please put this in your diary as it is an enjoyable lunch with good company and you are helping a deserving Charity as well.

BIRTHDAY BOOK

Birthdays in

June:

*Lee Lewis
Jennifer Hollingworth
Mary Boyd
Ross Chapman
Adele Harington
Dean Hollingworth
Jay Kent
Peter Krause
Nannette Jones
Cathy Reed
Chris Lucas*

And in

July we have:

*Bev Eaton
Joe Edmonds
Rhonda Armstrong
Bette Geary
Jeff Streat
Diana Thorogood
Jean Graham
Bill Bishop*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi

Congratulations Kay for organising another very successful congress. Also thanks to all the members who in some way contributed.

In the pairs Ross & Sue came 2nd in the "B" while Trevor and Steve won the "C". In the teams, the winners of the "B" were again Steve and Trevor with Kelly & Rennie. While Nev, Adele, Sue and Chris came 3rd.

Thanks Jeff for a great job installing the storage cupboards.

Although not in the best of health, I would like to thank Trevor for doing a sterling job as Treasurer.

Bye

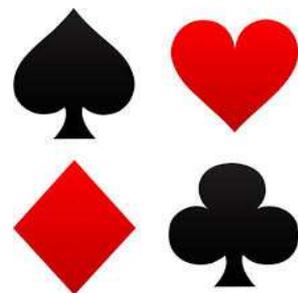
Pete



Q. What did the big furry hat say to the warm woolly scarf?

A. You hang around while I go on ahead

Results of recent events



GYMPIE CONGRESS

I'm sure you are all aware of the result but I will include them anyway. Pairs

"A" Section Peter Coppin & Jeanette Roughley = 6th

"B" Section Ross Muirhead & Sue Schierning = 2nd

"C" Section Trevor Simpson & Steve Verity = 1st

Teams "A" Section Peter Coppin, Jeanette, Jennifer & Carolann = 9th

"B" Section Kelly Chapman, Rennie Pettit, Steve Verity & Trevor Simpson = 1st

Congratulation to the above and to all the players who participated.

TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday 15th May, Red Point

1st— Coppin Team (Peter, Ross, Sue & Chris)

2nd— Harington Team (Nev & Adele, Jan & Ed Becket)

3rd- Bazzan Team (Margaret, Shirley, Ruth & Yve)

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS (over 2 weeks)

Monday 16th & 23rd May. Red Point.

Week 1 1st - Shelly Gauld & Ron Organ
 2nd - Adele & Nev Harington
 3rd - Bill Thorne & Trevor Simpson

Week 2 1st - Peter Coppin & Ross Muirhead
 2nd - Ruth Greentree & Trevor Simpson
 3rd - Bette Geary & Sue Schierning

OVERALL WINNERS WERE: (DRUM ROLL)

1st - Ross Muirhead
2nd - Susan Schierning
3rd - Trevor Simpson
4th - Ruth Greentree
5th - Margaret Bazzan

COMING EVENTS ARE.

GNOT Semi Finals will be held in Maryborough on Saturday 11th & Sunday 12 June.

Our representatives will be: Team 1 - Jeanette Roughley, Peter Coppin, Carolann Verity, Jennifer Hollingworth, & Sue Schierning.

Team 2 - Margaret Bazzan, Diana Thorogood, Rennie Pettit & Shirley Bishop.

PRESIDENTS TROPHY (over 2 Weeks) 23 & 30 June will be held Thursday PMs

GNOT FINAL Maryborough SUNDAY 3rd July.

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



History and Forms of the Game:

A number of card games similar to whist can be traced all the way back to the early 16th century. They were all trick-taking games with a variety of minor variations. Whist became the dominant form, and enjoyed a loyal following for centuries.

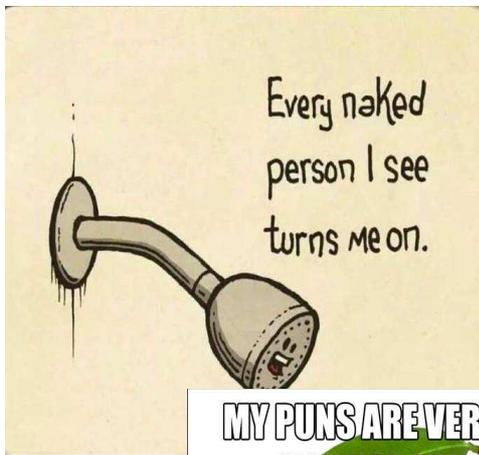
The first game known as bridge was created by the twin innovations of exposing one hand during play and allowing the dealer to choose a trump suit. (According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word bridge is the English pronunciation of biritch, an older name of the game of unknown Middle Eastern origin; the oldest known rule book, from 1886, calls it "Biritch, or Russian Whist". The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, reports speculation that the word may come from a Turkish term bir-üç, or "one-three", supposedly referring to the one exposed and three concealed hands.) This game, known today by the retronyms bridge-whist and straight bridge, became popular in the United States and the UK in the 1890s. In 1904, the practice caught hold of using an auction phase to determine which player would designate the trump suit and have the privilege of playing with his partner's hand exposed. This variation was known as auction bridge.

The modern game of contract bridge was the result of innovations to auction bridge made by Harold Stirling Vanderbilt and others. Vanderbilt wrote down his rules in 1925, and within a few years contract bridge had become the dominant form of the game. It has supplanted all other forms of the game, including auction bridge, so that "bridge" is now synonymous with "contract bridge".

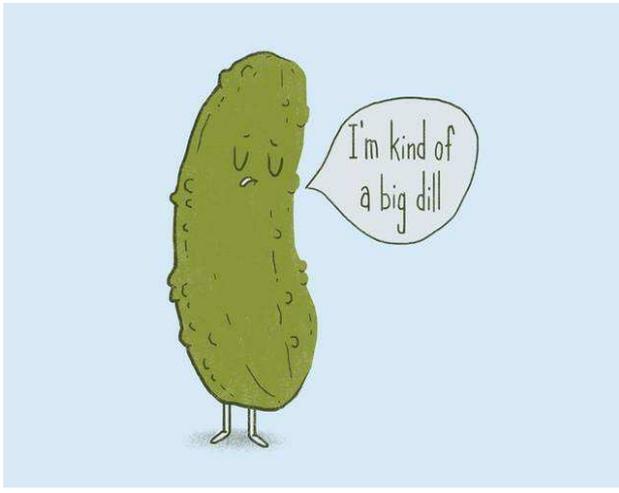
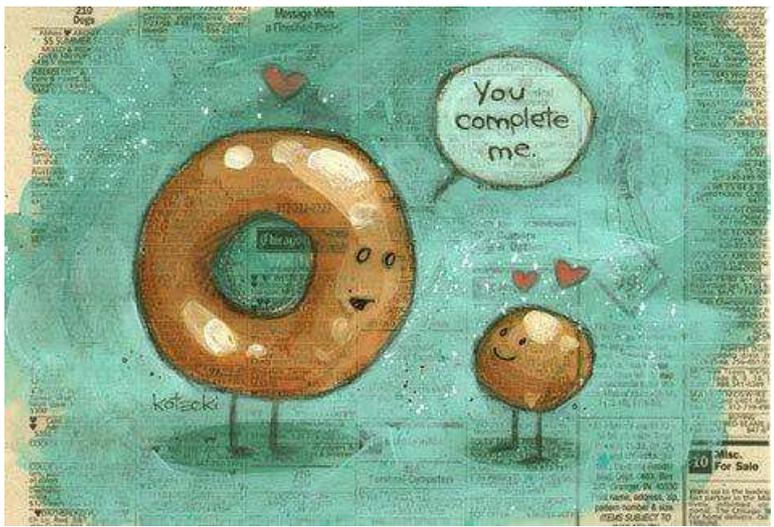
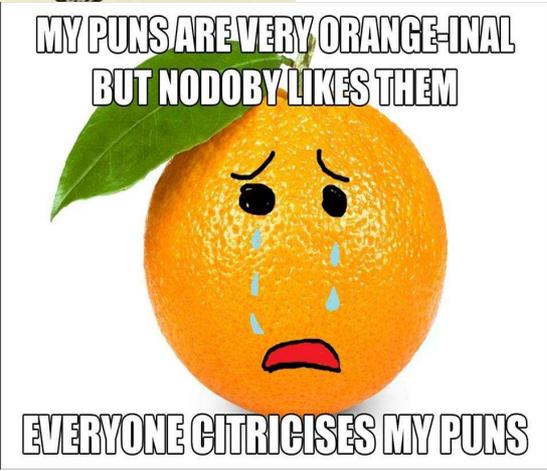
The basic form of contract bridge retains from its predecessor games, all the way back to whist, the fact that four players compete, two against two, until one side has won two games. The resulting unit is called a rubber and hence this form of play is commonly known by the retronym "rubber bridge". For those who dislike its indefinite duration, there is also a variant called four-deal bridge or Chicago.

In duplicate bridge, on the other hand, eight or more players compete at a time (most often in pairs, sometimes in teams of four or as individuals), normally playing a pre-set number of deals. In duplicate, the same deals are played more than once, and players win by outscoring their competitors with the same cards. This is implemented by placing the played cards in a container with four compartments, called a board, and passing it on to the next table. Computer-dealt hands may be used, allowing the same deal to be played at many tables, even at multiple locations.

While there is no reliable data on the number of people who play rubber bridge at home, it is generally accepted that most serious players play duplicate. It is the only form of the game at bridge tournaments and the usual form at bridge clubs. In recent years, duplicate bridge on the Internet has also become significant. Individuals can join a game from their home (or workplace!) and need not even be in the same country as their partner or opponents.



Hardcore



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Questions: It is legal but inappropriate to ask questions about opponents bidding if you do not intend to bid. It is bad strategy and bad form if you don't need that information for your call. It can also give your partner (and opponents) information about your hand. Best to wait until the auction is over to question the bidding.

Late arrivals: A reminder to players that they are required to be at the Club 15 minutes prior to the start of play. Directors are constantly frustrated by late arrivals especially for a busy session such as Tuesday afternoons. Sometimes the movements have to be completely re-hashed because of late arrivals. If you know you are going to be late, please 'phone the club to advise, so the Director and your partner are not left wondering.

Noise: We are a friendly club and we do love to talk with each other but at times the noise level is deafening. By all means talk but try to keep your voices down, especially when there are tables still playing. It's very distracting if you're trying to play a hand with the rabble going on. And please comply when the Director asks you to be quiet. They don't usually ask for quiet until it just becomes too much.

Direct from the latest ABDA Bulletin:

- Q. South is Dealer however East opens 1♣. A few seconds later South bids 1♥. South calls the Director and says he thought he was opening the auction and hadn't even seen the 1♣ bid.
- R. A. South is not automatically deemed to have accepted East's call out of rotation and under Law 28B South is entitled to retain his right to make the opening bid. If that is what South wants to do, East's 1♣ is cancelled. There is no further rectification though the 1♣ bid remains unauthorised information to West.

Till next time

Kay

I hope you have enjoyed this Newsletter. Please give me any "tit bits" that you think could be shared in future ones.

Till next time. Cheers, Fran