



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi all



Just a few words of thanks.

This is about the men who stay behind at night to make sure the directors (that's me on a Monday night) are not left here alone at the end of bridge. Some even wait till my car has started and moving before they leave. I appreciate this and I am sure that Kaylene does also on Thursday evenings. One night a few years ago everyone went home and my car had a flat battery. I had to go back into the Bridge Club and ring my husband who then had to drive the 10 Ks in to fix my car. So I really do appreciate the guys (You know who you are) that stay behind to make sure all is well.

I came across this old saying the other day.

"If you can't say anything nice about someone then don't say anything at all".



And I thought that this could apply as much today as it did when we were young. Maybe we should try our best to be a nice person and laugh, smile and joke with our friends and if anyone disagrees then perhaps they should think about the above saying.

I hear that some of the committee members have cleaned out the second storage shed. With only one trip to the tip. When it comes time for the congress it is great to have room to move and know where everything is.

The Congress is progressing well with 16 teams on the list. I think there are a couple more to go up. We usually have 24 Teams so there is still time for you to organise a team and enter. The list for donations of food/money or time in the Kitchen is being circulated. So if you have missed this, please ask Jennifer. Your time or donation are as usual, greatly appreciated.

BIRTHDAY BOOK

Birthdays in OCTOBER

Ron Organ
John Roughley
Des Horrox
Lester Pettit
Bill Thorne
Shirley Bishop
Peter Thorogood

and in NOVEMBER we have:

Rennie Pettit
Ross Muirhead
Kaylene Lingard
Merv. Rettke

Please Note:

Unconfirmed
Committee meeting
minutes will be
placed on the cork
board as soon as
they are available
after the meetings.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Welcome to Spring - warmer weather and the Bridge Club's Annual General Meeting! The AGM went well and the following members were elected to the Committee:

President - Peter Coppin

Vice President - Kelly Chapman

Secretary - Kaylene Lingard

Treasurer - Trevor Simpson

Committee Members: Kay Kerr, Rennie Pettit, Sue Schierning, Jeff Streat, Jack Wright.

Jack is new to the Committee and Kathi Vince stood down. We thank Kathi for her service and welcome Jack to the committee.

At the September committee meeting the following appointments were made:-

Maintenance - Jeff Streat

Gardening - George Konyi and Alwyn/Bette Geary

Partnership coordinator - Rennie Pettit

Providore - Rennie Pettit

Member Care - Rennie Pettit

Ethics Committee - Dean Hollingworth, Adele Harington and Bevan Anderson.

Library - Joy Anderson

Web & Publicity - Kay Kerr

Congresses - Kay Kerr & Jennifer Hollingworth

Rennie and Jack will also commence planning of the Christmas Party which will be upon us before we know it!

The honour boards will soon be updated with the winners' names of the 2016 championships.

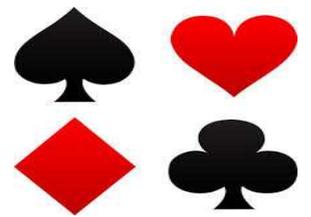
Good luck to everyone in the upcoming Rhoda Clifford and our October Teams Congress.

Happy Bridging!

Kelly Chapman

Vice-President





Results of recent events

August 14 - WBZ Teams Play offs that were played in Maryborough.

Jeanette Roughley, Peter C, Jennifer Hollingworth & Carolann Verity came in 3rd. This allowed them to go into the finals That was played in Toowong on the 27 & 28th August. Where they came 7th in the "B" section and 20th overall.

Well done guys

18th August - MUSTER PAIRS.

This was won by Kay Kerr & Nannette Jones

2nd - Yve Welch & Margaret Bazzan

3rd - Peter Coppin & Rennie Pettit

21st August - HERVEY BAY NOVICE PAIRS.

Ruth Greentree & Lesley Wilson came in 4th .

28TH August - NOOSA NOVICE PAIRS

Kaylene Lingard & Lesley Wilson come in 10th in the "A" section and 14th overall.

Judith Malcolm & Jack Wright came in 8th in the "B" section and 30th overall.

15th September - SPRING PAIRS.

1st was Jane Lennox & Peter Krause (Well done to these two)

2nd - Ross Muirhead & Sue Schierning

3rd - Jennifer & Dean Hollingworth

COMING EVENTS

2nd October - INTER CLUB TEAMS PLAY OFF (all day)

11th & 18th October - RHODA CLIFFORD EVENT (2 Weeks)

10th November - ARMISTICE PAIRS (Red point)

13th November - INTER CLUB TEAMS FINAL in Maryborough.



I thought I would drop in a few hints of play. Taken from the Beginners Lessons.

DOUBLES - There are 2 kinds of these.

You cannot double your partner's bid.

TAKEOUT DOUBLE.

A takeout double is a double of a SUIT, bid at the One or Two level when Partner has not bid. A takeout double is essentially a shape bid showing:

- A. Shortage in the enemy suit
- B. Support for the unbid suits
- C. 12 points or stronger.

Partner of the doubler is required to bid, but this obligation is removed if opponent bids.

RESPONSES TO A TAKEOUT DOUBLE.

With no intervening bid

A Suit bid

A. (1) = 0—9 pts Bid best suit but prefer a 4 card major to a longer minor.

(2) = 10 -12 points. Jump bid suit. Encouraging but not forcing.

B. No Trump

B (1) 1 NT = 7—10 points, stopper in enemy suit

(2) 2 NT = 11—12 points, stopper in enemy suit

(3) 3 NT = 13+ points, Double stopper

After an intervening bid.

a - 0—5 pts = Pass

b - 5—9 Bid suit at cheapest level if you have something to show.

c - 10—12 Jump bid suit

DOUBLE OF A PREEMPTIVE BID IS FOR TAKEOUT

NEGATIVE DOUBLE

You will find that opponents will make a nuisance of themselves by overcalling after your partner has opened. If you have less than 10 pts, it may make it difficult for you to introduce a new suit at the one level. (a bid of a new suit at the two level shows 10+ points and 5 cards) The negative double is the weapon we use. It is a take out double that shows 6+ pts and is only used if there is an intervening bid.

E.g 1 Club 1 Diamond X (Promises 2 x 4 cards in the Major suits)
1 Heart 1 Spade X (Promises both minors minimum 4 cards.)
1 D 1 Spade X (Promises 4 each in the other unbid suits)

WHY TEACHERS DRINK

These questions were set in an exam last year.

These are genuine answers from 16 year olds. (Heaven help us).

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections

A Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q. What are steroids

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs

Q. What happens to your body as you age

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery
(So true)

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A. Premature death.

Q. What is artificial insemination

A. What the farmer does to the bull instead of the cow

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour

A. Keep it in the cow (Simple, but brilliant)

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie

Q. What is the most common form of birth control

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor (Julius Seizure)

Q. What is a terminal illness

A. When you are sick at the airport

Q. What does the word "benign" mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Q. What is a turbine?

A. Something an Arab wears on his head. Once an Arab boy reaches puberty, he removes his nappy and wraps it around his head.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The topic for this newsletter is 'Unauthorised Information'. We can get unauthorised information from our partners in many ways. One of the most common is in the way we make our bids. It is important to be totally impassive when considering and making a bid. No moans, groans, sighing, shaking of head etc. It is also a good idea to leave the pencil on the table until you are ready to make your bid. Hovering over the bidding sheet and making a few false starts is also giving information. This information, whilst 'unauthorised' for your partner is authorised for the opposition who may take full advantage of it. During the bidding, we must not draw circles on the table indicating to our partner that our bid should be alerted. Also we must not show any emotion if our partner mistakenly alerts a bid or gives the wrong explanation of a conventional bid. See below for more on mistaken bids and explanations. We must also refrain from making any comments or gestures when our partner makes the opening lead. I actually heard a player comment 'good lead' when his partner led and dummy had not yet been exposed. During play, we must not show any pleasure or displeasure in what our partner has played or led. **Think poker face!**

Hesitating is another way in which UI can be given and received. There is nothing wrong, illegal or unethical about taking a long time to bid. Some bids require a great deal of thought. There is nothing wrong with receiving UI from your partner's hesitation. The legal and ethical issue only comes up if you appear to use the UI to your advantage e.g. bidding on after partner has clearly thought about doing so and decided to pass. Still not illegal but your hand would need to clearly warrant bidding on in its own right.

Other UI comes from mistaken bids or explanations of bids. E.g. you have made a bid which you intend as natural but partner alerts it. You suddenly remember that in your system it is a conventional bid but you must ignore the fact that he alerted and you may not ethically rescue him from any further calls he may make. It's a very difficult area for both players and Directors. If your partner has failed to alert or given a mistaken explanation of your system, you may not do anything to correct this while the auction continues. If you become declarer or dummy you should call the Director and volunteer a correction of the explanation before the opposition leads. If you become a defender, call the Director when play ends.

If you make a bid that your partner alerts and gives a correct explanation of that bid to the opposition, even if your hand does not fulfil that explanation you must not correct the explanation immediately and there is no responsibility to do so subsequently. The opposition only have the right to a correct explanation of the agreement; they have no claim to an accurate description of the hands.

As always, call the Director for clarification.

Till next time

Kay



Enjoy your bridge

Fran

