

GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Hello fellow bridge club members,
It seems ages since the last newsletter was distributed, and here we are, with a new committee now in place after our annual general meeting on Tuesday, 4th September.



Congratulations to our new president, and here's the team for the year.

President: Nev Harington.

Vice president: Bevan Anderson.

Secretary: Kaylene Lingard.

Treasurer: Kay Kerr.

Committee: Ross Chapman, Jenz Davidson, Ruth Greentree, Rennie Pettit, Trevor Simpson.

ABF Masterpoints secretary: Kaylene Lingard.

Ethics committee: Bevan Anderson, Adele Harington and Dean Hollingworth.

Other committee positions, such as provedore, will be made at the next committee meeting.

In other news from the meeting, outgoing president Kelly Chapman spoke of her year in the top seat, thanking everyone who helped in what was a year of big ticket items such as new air conditioning units installed, the inside completely repainted,

outside maintenance and gardens done.

Thank you Kelly for all your hard work and for leaving the presidency – and club – in such good shape.

In general news, this year's novice bridge players have started making an impact at the tables, with most having now taken the plunge and played at sessions. The new system which Jennifer introduced this year seems to be a success as most have also had some great results, with firsts, seconds, thirds etc – and of course, several firsts at the wrong end! Hats off to Jennifer for her tireless efforts in teaching through the years. Also, thank you Fran for stepping in to teach while Jennifer was away.

But do remember folks, these people are novice players, and a little "help" goes a long way.

It's hard enough remembering points, conventions, openings, responding, etc, etc, so keep the comments low key and just allow them to enjoy their game. We've all been beginners at some stage and the more welcoming we are, the more likely they are to stay and boost our numbers.

We've come full circle with our guest columnist this edition being Jennifer Hollingworth; we have our last director's column from Kay Kerr (Jennifer is now stepping into the breach); Kevin Feeney and Peter Busch columns, our president's column and last but not least, a small article on our newest honorary life member, Kay.



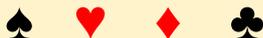
Are you on a sit-out?

If so, then please, help with the clean up. If you're using the dishwasher, instructions are taped to the cover, so if you don't know how to use it, read them first, before using it. Thank you one and all for helping with the smooth running of our club.

Good bridging everyone, JENZ

BEDTIME STORY

A bridge tragic explained to his regular partner how he planned to improve his game. "Every night when I go to bed, I'm going to take time out to think about the mistakes I made that day at the bridge table," he said. "Gee," his partner said, "how will you ever get any sleep?"



OUR BIRTHDAYS

IN SEPTEMBER

- 2: Jeanette Roughley
- 12: Nev Harington
- 18: Dana Wildey

AND OCTOBER

- 6: Ron Organ
- 8: John Roughley
- 25: Lester Pettit
- 27: Bill Thorne
- 27: Cathy Maertens
- 30: Shirley Bishop
- 31: Peter Thorogood

AND NOVEMBER

- 15: Rennie Pettit
- 23: Kaylene Lingard
- 25: Merv Rettke
- 28: Sherida Keenan

President's report

Spring edition

A new management committee was elected at the recent AGM with myself as president, Bevan as vice-president, Kaylene as secretary, Kay as treasurer, together with Trevor, Ruth, Jenz, Rennie and Ross Chapman. I feel confident that this team will serve the bridge club well.

Kelly decided to stand-down as president because of health concerns. The club recognises all that was achieved by her and her committee last year — not only successful bridge events but the upgrading of the clubhouse and air-conditioning. We hope that she experiences improved health.

The highlight of the AGM was to elevate Kay Kerr into the ranks of honorary life membership. Her record of service to our bridge club is outstanding and I welcome her as incoming treasurer, and as zone delegate together with Kaylene.

Having taken over the reins quite unexpectedly, I have no special objective other than to "keep the ship on steady course". As stated at the AGM, I consider it important that members are PROUD to be club members, that they have a sense of INCLUSION in club affairs, and that they feel WELCOME at the bridge table.

To this end, I will expect Directors to have ZERO tolerance for INTIMIDATION and that their decisions are RESPECTED. Bridge is meant to be ENJOYED . . . and so I expect seasoned players to be considerate of novices and newcomers. Realise that a bit of BANTER at the bridge table can be engaging. Let's hope we have a good year ahead.

Nev Harington

CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year's do is tentatively being held at the bridge club. The past committee took on board survey results and as the majority voted for a club-do, they have opted for Saturday, 1 December, from 12.30pm. (Roast dinner with all the trimmings from 1pm.)

It's all yet to be finalised by the new committee, but you can get your name/s down now with our treasurer, Kay.

Kevin's Korner . . .

The cross ruff

Dealer: West

Vul: All

♠ AJT3	♠ 6
♥ AJ642	♥ 53
♦ 4	♦ KT952
♣ K87	♣ QT952
♠ 7542	♠ KQ98
♥ KQT98	♥ 7
♦ Q3	♦ AJ876
♣ J6	♣ A43

Contract: 6♠ by South.

Lead: ♥K

In a different column, I told you how important it was to draw trumps first. In this column, I'm going to have to say "it ain't necessarily so". With the singletons in the North and South hands, the set-up is ideal for the technique known as a cross ruff. You can take eight trump tricks if you take them all separately. Add in the four winners in the side suits and you have 12 tricks.

So you win the ♥A, cash the ♣A and ♣K, and the ♦A, then proceed to ruff diamonds and hearts alternatively until you have your 12 tricks. You NEVER draw trumps.

West could have defeated the contract by leading a trump. That would have been a bit rough and would have made you a little cross!

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Kevin Feeney



It's on the cards



Winners during the past three months, include:

- The **Pro Am** green pointer on Monday, 18 June, was won by Margaret Bazzan and Arlette Cook.
- The **GNOT final** was held in Maryborough on Sunday, 1 July, with Jeanette Roughley, Carolann Verity, Ian Manly and Rennie Pettit third.
- Our red point, club **teams championship**, held on Sunday, 15th July, was won by Team Harington (Nev and Adele Harington, Ed and Jan Beckett).
- Our red point **President's Trophy**, held over the last two Thursday nights in July, was won by Ian Manly and Sue Schierning.
- The ever popular red points **Muster Pairs**, held Thursday morning, 30th August, was won by Jeanette Roughley and Ian Manly.
- A Sunday session on 2nd September, celebrated Jeanette Roughley's 80th birthday, and raised over \$600 (final figures not yet in) for a Rotary and Channel 9 **Drought Relief Appeal**. An awesome effort from everyone who donated.
- The 2018 **Australia-wide Open Pairs Comp**, with some results still to come in, shows Jeanette

Roughley and Cathy Reed in 35th place.

Congratulations to you all.

Still to come this month • The red point **Spring Pairs** is on Thursday night (13th). • **Sunshine Coast Graded Matchpoints Pairs** is on Sunday, 16th. • Maryborough hosts the **Wide Bay Zone Open Pairs Trials** on Sunday 23 September.

Coming up in October • The red point **Rhoda Clifford Nett Competition**, is on two Tuesdays — 9th and 16th. • The **Gympie Teams Congress** is on the Sunday in between — 14th. • The **Noosa Novice Pairs** is on Wednesday, 17th.

Coming up in November • Hervey Bay holds its **Imps Pairs and Teams** on Sunday 4th. • The following Sunday, (11th) the **QBA Novice Pairs Finals** are on the Sunshine Coast. • Our red point **Last Chance Pairs** is on Thursday 15th. • **Noosa Pairs and Teams Congress** is on Saturday and Sunday, 17th and 18th, followed by • the **Qld Wide Pairs** on Tuesday 20th.

• **December's Christmas Dinner** is tentatively Saturday, 1st December, from 1pm, at the club. It's a roast with all the trimmings — cost to be decided by the new committee. More later.



Director's Digest



Know your bridge laws

Can't remember your system while bidding? Well that's just too bad because you must not, under any circumstances, consult your own system card to help. Law 40B2 (b) states:

"Unless the Regulating Authority provides otherwise, a player may not consult his own system card between the commencement of the auction period and the end of play, except players of the declaring side (only) may consult their own system card during the Clarification Period.

(The Clarification Period is the interval between the end of the auction and the end of the auction period. The auction period ends when subsequent to the end of the auction, the opening lead is faced.)

An infringement of this law could result in a penalty for the offender.

Have you as Declarer ever made an error when calling for a card from Dummy? If it happens, all is not necessarily

lost. Law 45C4(b) says:

"Declarer may correct an unintended designation of a card from dummy until he next plays a card from either his own hand or from dummy. A change of designation may be allowed after a slip of the tongue, but not after a loss of concentration or a reconsideration of an action. If an opponent has, in turn, played a card that was legal before the change in designation, that opponent may withdraw the card so played, return it to his hand and substitute another (see Laws 47D and 16C1).

If this happens to you, call the Director. You might get lucky! (To all the females reading this, I point out that I am quoting directly from the Law Book, so don't blame me for all the male pronouns.)

This is my last digest, with Jennifer Hollingworth in the director's chair for the next edition.

Happy bridging, KAY

Life membership bestowed

Kay Kerr is the newest life member of the Contract Bridge Club, elected unanimously at our September annual general meeting. Her contributions to our club have been -- and continue to be -- outstanding.



Kay's passion for the game began with her mother in law, Mollie Kerr, who was "a good bridge player" and kept suggesting Kay learn. "She was always talking about it." Eventually, Kay took the plunge, with lessons from our club founder, Rhoda Clifford. "There were quite a few of us younger woman at those lessons," Kay said. Each player had a total of just six lessons, before being "thrown to the wolves". "There was no such thing as supervised play."

Kay officially joined the bridge club in 1977 and about two years later, the husbands of those women took lessons too. "Just a couple of men, including my husband Michael, carried on -- but all the women did."

Kay's first major leap into a management role was helping get club incorporation, which was ratified at the February, 1987 meeting. "Because Michael was a lawyer, we were able to arrange it," she said.

After a brief stint as secretary in 2003, Kay was the club president from 2009 until 2012. During her tenure, Kay was responsible for many items we now take for granted, including one large grant used to purchase BridgeMates, a dealing machine and a computer.

Our popular April congress has been run smoothly every

year since 2009, thanks to Kay's organisational skills and tireless energy. Kay has been our Wide Bay Zone delegate for the past seven years, and a pet project for some years now has been our bridge website, which features not only session results but also our newsletter; photos of club events and special occasions plus many other items of interest and information.

Kay has been a committee member since 2008, but stepped away from the role last year. But she didn't step far, as she was part of this year's golden jubilee sub-committee. Her hard work ensured the club obtained a special licence to sell jubilee wine at our celebration session on Sunday, 27 May this year. At our recent AGM, Kay again stepped up to the plate, being elected treasurer for the year. As always, her experience and expertise will be invaluable to the committee.

Qualifying as a director was another step forward for Kay in 2012 and for the past two years, she has been a part of the dealing team, helping deliver fresh boards to sessions at the club and congresses.

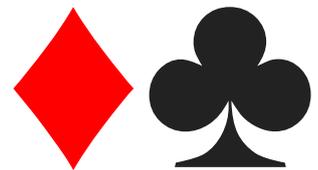
"I like things to be organised," she said. "I like structure and running things as they should be run, so if there's anything I can do to help promote that order, I'm happy to do so."

In her spare time, Kay enjoys gardening, reading, travel, and time spent with her two boys and six grandchildren. Congratulations Kay, on well-deserved recognition of your invaluable work through the years for the Gympie Contract Bridge Club.



Busch's Blog

Gambling 3NT



Some partnerships play a gambling 3NT opening bid, promising a 7+ card running minor and nothing else. On a good day, partner will contribute a couple of tricks and there's your 9 tricks. But, if the opponents double it, you run to your minor.

At a Noosa Teams Congress, there was a classic gambling 3NT opening by South in third seat. At just two tables in this 26-table event, the bidding was opened that way and the West players must have passed smoothly, happy to pick up a +600 — good value in teams when you're not vulnerable.

At these two tables, they made 0 tricks at one table and 1 trick at the other. I suspect the N/S pairs at both those tables would have felt sick for the remainder of that match, worrying how disastrous that board would be when they scored up. Imagine their relief when they returned to their home tables, and found that the same thing had happened at their team mates table too — just two occurrences of this sequence and the same teams were at both tables.

Abridged, from the blog of Peter Busch
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Dealer: North

Vul: N/S

♠ QJ85	♠ K6
♥ Q754	♥ KT986
♦ T92	♦ 43
♣ 92	♣ A875
♠ AT74	♠ 932
♥ A2	♥ J3
♦ 6	♦ AKQJ875
♣ KQT643	♣ J

The frequencies for the board were:

Contract	Result	Score	Frequency
3♠ by EW	-1	50	1
3♦ by NS	-1	-100	3
3♥ by EW	=	-140	2
4♣ by EW	+2	-170	3
4♠ by EW	+3	-190	1
4♦ by NS	-2	-200	2
5♣ by EW	=	-400	1
4♥ by EW	=	-420	1
5♠ by EW	+1	-420	9
4♦X by NS	-2	-500	1
3NT by NS	-8	-800	1
3NT by NS	-9	-900	1

Got a suggestion? Got a gripe?

Then please, tell someone on the bridge club committee. We now have a new committee for the year, so make your comments known to them, either verbally, or through the suggestion box.

If it's a gripe, don't grizzle to your husband or wife, partner or friend — tell a committee member and if it's a suggestion, write it down and "post" it in our suggestion box. You can sign your name or remain anonymous, just make sure your committee is aware of it.

Do you have any suggestions which could help boost numbers on Monday or Thursday evening



The suggestion box is on the bookcase by the office.

sessions? Then tell the committee via the suggestion box. It is worth noting that when a concern or suggestion is written down and "posted" in the suggestion box, it will be tabled at the next committee meeting, which can be a better way of getting your point across.