

GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Hello fellow bridge club members,

- The club recently lost a long-time member, Jean Graham.

Jean Lylie Graham, nee Morrison, was born in Monto, Queensland, on 22 July, 1932. She died at home in Gympie, just one week after celebrating her 89th birthday, on 28 July, 2021.

Jean's father and mother, Archie and Lylie Morrison, were instrumental in forming the Gympie Bridge Club. The family was posted to Gympie during WWII, when Archie was with the Australian Army's Light Horse Brigade. They stayed after it disbanded, with Archie finding employment in the railways - teaching bridge to his rail buddies and going on to form the local club.

Jean was about eight years old when the family settled in Gympie and later, she worked in a local department store. After she married Jack, the couple owned and operated an Ampol service station where the local IGA is now sited. The garage had several name changes through the years, with the 'City Service Centre' leased out in its final years. "They owned it for more than 30 years," daughter Jackie said. "And every flood they would have to dry it out again."

The couple had six children, with three still living in Gympie. "We would be at the service station after school, waiting for Mum to take us home. She often wasn't there and we'd go and search for her in town — and we'd hear her laugh before we saw her," Jackie said.

Jean loved her bridge and talked fondly of her years in the club. "She really, really, missed playing and kept saying she would return to it, but ill health prevented that."



Jean had other interests too. When Jack got sick and was receiving palliative care, she became a volunteer at Little Haven, selling raffle tickets to raise funds. "She was their best seller as she knew so many people."

Jean and Jack were married more than 50 years. During their marriage, the couple loved cruising, and after Jack died in 2003, Jean continued to take cruises, until ill health ended that favourite pas-

time. An annual activity she also loved was heading out to Inskip Point on New Year's Day, to see son-in-law Neil, who played drums in a band.

"Mum had a full, wonderful life," Jackie said. "She loved people of all ages and was always up for a laugh."

- The club has a new president and management committee, elected at the AGM on Tuesday, 7 September. The full list of successful nominees are listed inside.
- Our guest columnist **Joan Butts**, goes back to basics again with another "Refresher" lesson. Her bridge advice is aimed at learners and novice players and is helpful for experienced player too. More information and examples are available on her website, or through the ABF website.
- In our Director's Digest, **Jennifer Hollingworth** has further examples on what players should NOT do at their table while waiting for a director.
- There is continued debate over bridge days. Hopefully, it will be resolved soon and members will be told the results of a recent survey after our next management committee meeting in October.

Good bridging ... JENZ

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You will find the latest newsletter
online at

www.gympiebridgeclub.com
under the *Newsletter* icon.

Please, ensure you're seated at
your table, with table fees in the
cash bag, 15 minutes before play
starts.

Directors work out table movements
based on how many pairs are playing,
so it's vital everyone is seated and
ready for play so each session
begins — and ends — on time.

OUR BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 1: Phillip Waugh
- 2: Jeanette Roughley
- 12: Nev Harington
- 23: Muriel Meyer

AND OCTOBER

- 4: Peta Sharp
- 6: Ron Organ
- 23: Brendan Sharp
- 25: Lester Pettit
- 27: Bill Thorne
- 27: Cathy Maertens
- 30: Shirley Bishop

AND NOVEMBER

- 15: Rennie Pettit
- 23: Kaylene Lingard

President's report

Spring edition

Fellow bridge club members, it is a pleasure to deliver my last report as president to you.

Although normality is slowly returning to the world of bridge, governmental responses to the Covid-19 virus have caused much disruption to our annual program. Again we had to cancel our Teams event last October as well as our Pairs and Teams Congress in April. We have also had to postpone our reciprocal Invitation Day with Coolum Club to Wednesday, 27 October. Let's hope that our Teams Congress on Sunday 17 October proceeds okay. Our regular club play has suffered little disruption however, and your management committee and other activities have been business as usual. A spirit of co-operation and goodwill has characterised these functions of our club, especially amongst the senior executive of which there has been no change during the past three years.

Bevan Anderson has been a great off-sider for me, being always there to discuss matters in a logical and confidential manner, and to step in for me when necessary. I thank him for his support to me personally and for his practical service to our club generally.

Kaylene Lingard has been a most conscientious secretary and has done much to improve the record-keeping for our club. Our thanks are due for all the varied work she has performed, especially dealing with changing Covid-19 decrees, keeping track of our master points and performing director duties. Kay Kerr is most diligent at almost any task, and in recent years has been our treasurer, as well as zone representative, congress convenor and club director. Thank you Kay for your excellent work. It is to the club's benefit that both Kaylene and Kay are continuing in their respective roles.

Ross Chapman has been of great assistance to the committee, having been instrumental in compiling a flood emergency plan and more recently in preparing a submission dealing with retaining members and encouraging beginners. The committee basically adopted Ross's suggestions, which included a free Sunday sausage sizzle lunch followed by "social" bridge to make new members feel more welcome. The event proved popular all-round.

Jennifer Hollingworth is an accomplished bridge player, bridge teacher and bridge director. All new members comment on how helpful and approachable she is. Also, the concept of mentoring beginners has been well received. Dean and Jennifer initiated the tree-planting project within our grounds. Our club appreciates the help and service from both of them.

Jenz Davidson produces our quarterly newsletter where she displays her journalistic abilities. Jenz also assists Jennifer with teaching bridge and it heartens me that Jenz has returned to the committee after resigning due to an unfortunate encounter at a meeting.

Directors are an essential component of any bridge club and our thanks are due to Trevor, Kelly, Jennifer, Kay and Kaylene for their untiring service. Thanks also to the small group who routinely attend to the dealing of boards, to our provedores Arlette, Kathy and Rennie, our librarian Lee and those who help with general maintenance.

In conclusion, may I express my opinion that we have a great club with wonderful people.

I consider it a privilege to have served as your president for the past three years. I wish the incoming president and committee every success and enjoyment, and may our club prosper.

Nev Harington
AGM - 7 September 2021

Consider this . . .

Just two boards this edition, from our session on Tuesday, 31 August.

Board 6, Tuesday, 31 August. No one bid a 6NT slam, however most bid 3NT, making 10, 11 or 12 tricks.

		North	Dir: E
		♠AKJ	Vul: E-W
		♥QT9	
		♦K7	
		♣Q8543	
West	East		
♠Q963	♠T8742		
♥6	♥AJ753		
♦Q63	♦42		
♣KJ962	♣T		
		South	
		♠5	
		♥K842	
		♦AJT985	
		♣A7	

North	East	South	West
2D ¹	P	1D	P
3C ³	P	2H ²	P
4NT ⁵	etc*	3D ⁴	P

¹ Many partnerships now use this bid to show opening values when replying to Opener's bid. It must be alerted.

² Partner knows you have at least 4 diamonds, so now show you also have 4 hearts. You can rebid diamonds later.

³ North bids their 5-card club suit.

⁴ South, wary of NT with a singleton spade, rebids diamonds.

⁵ North has good spade cover and will either sign off in 3NT or ace ask. *The small slam is difficult as it relies on finesses and discarding losers, but it is possible. You work it out!

Board 17, Tuesday, 31 August. 4S was popular and some bid 6S. But only one pair bid 6S and made 13.

		North	Dir: N
		♠AKT542	Vul: Nil
		♥K95	
		♦6	
		♣AJT	
West	East		
♠9	♠J7		
♥AQJT64	♥873		
♦2	♦KJT987		
♣Q8432	♣65		
		South	
		♠Q863	
		♥2	
		♦AQ543	
		♣K97	

North	East	South	West
1S	P	4C ¹	P
4S ²	P	5C	P
5S	P	6S	All pass

¹ With 4-card spade support, 11HCP plus shortage points, South can immediately ace ask, knowing the partnership will end up in spades.

² When partner shows two aces and two kings, South knows only one ace is missing so bids 6S. (Although with a king also missing, would you take that chance?)

Thank you Jeanette for the bidding advice!

2021/22 management committee

Elected at the AGM held Tuesday, 7 September, 2021

President: Keith Johnson

Vice president: Kelly Chapman

Secretary: Kaylene Lingard

Treasurer: Kay Kerr

Committee: Jenz Davidson, Glenys Gissel, Fran McDonald, Rudy Meyer, Susan Schierning

— Other appointments —

— Yet to be confirmed, at the October committee meeting —

ABF Masterpoints: Kaylene Lingard

Ethics committee: Bevan Anderson, Adele Harington, Dean Hollingworth

Teaching: Jennifer Hollingworth, Jenz Davidson

Library: Lee Lewis

Member care: Kathi Vince

Newsletter: Jenz Davidson

Partnership co-ordinator: Rennie Pettit

Web and publicity: Kay Kerr

Wide Bay Zone delegates: Kaylene Lingard, Jennifer Hollingworth

Provadores: Arlette Cook, Rennie Pettit, Kathi Vince

Maintenance: Jeff Streat, Rudy Meyer

Can you help?

The management committee is looking for a tradie who would be prepared to give a quote on replacing/renewing our garden retaining walls. If you know of someone who you think would be suitable, please tell Ross Chapman, Nev Harington or secretary Kaylene Lingard.

Thank you

School of Bridge — Joan Butts

A "Refresher" of the Basics — part 3

Defender's role

Defenders aim to give each other as much information as possible during the play and also to maintain communication with each other's hands. They try to take tricks to which they are entitled, but also try to deprive declarer of all the tricks they are entitled to. The opening lead gives defenders an advantage, but the disadvantage is not seeing dummy until they've made that lead.

Defenders develop tricks the same way declarer does, but it doesn't always look the same as defenders can't see each other's cards. Promotion, length, finesse, using the trump suit and discarding losers on winners are the same techniques declarer uses.

• **Promotion:** In NTs, when a defender holds KQJxx, the correct card lead is *top of a sequence* — the king. A sequence may be broken, eg KQT, or be only two honours, eg KQxxx. This is done to promote their middle cards into winners. For promotion to work, you must lose the lead to turn those middle cards into winners later.

• **Length:** In NTs, when you lead a low card from a long suit without a sequence, you're trying to establish long suit tricks. Fourth highest, from the top down, is the most popular strategy. You expect declarer to win an early trick or two, and you hope to win long suit tricks later, when declarer has none left. For it to work, you must regain the lead later, eg: A7532 - lead the fourth highest, the three.

• **Finesse:** Defenders also try to take finesses, when someone leads an A from AKJxx, for example. They need to know where the queen is and when it's not in dummy, it must be in declarer's hand or partner has it. It's not a good idea to play

the next winner until you receive a signal from partner to tell you they either have or don't have the Q. If they don't, lead another suit and keep your KJ sitting over declarer's Q.

• **Using trumps:** If defender leads, for example, the AK of their long suit and partner shows them, by the cards they play, they have a doubleton, then a third card will allow partner to ruff, assuming declarer still has a card in that suit too.

• **Discarding losers on winners:** With a different number of cards between the two hands, eg AK5 in your hand and Q3 in partners, there's no need to trump so you could throw a loser in another suit. If you can't afford to draw trumps before discarding losers, then you must discard losers immediately, even if it risks the opponents trumping you. Taking your winner in the shorter holding first may help you reach the long hand to discard losers.

Finally, there is no substitute for using your own logic in the defence. Carefully looking at what's in dummy, and noting the way declarer is playing their suits will reveal a lot about what's in their hand.



♠QJT95
♥32
♦A65
♣QT3

Vul: Nil

♠A83
♥JT976
♦A86
♣74

Vul N/S

♠A83
♥AQT
♦QT4
♣AJ87

♠764
♥KJ9
♦KJ987
♣K2

♠K2
♥87654
♦32
♣9654

♠62
♥Q82
♦KT4
♣KJT83

♠QJ9
♥A53
♦QJ97
♣AQ2

♠KT754
♥K4
♦532
♣965

West	North	East	You
	P	P	P
1NT	P	3NT	All
Pass			

Partner leads the SQ, top of their spade sequence. You need to unblock by playing your SK. Always show a doubleton honour to partner. If you play the S2, and it's won with the ace by declarer.

When partner wins with DA, they can now take the rest of their spade winners, defeating the contract. Score: 50.

West	North	East	You
		1NT	P
P	3NT	All	Pass

You lead S5, your 4th highest. Partner wins the SA, and returns the S8.

But, if you play SK and return a third spade, declarer will probably win it. So duck this, hoping partner can win a trick later and has kept a spade to lead back to you. Later, they win DA and do lead their last spade and you're able to defeat the contract. Score: 50.



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Director's Digest



What NOT to do while waiting for the director — part 3

This edition, we conclude the Australian Bridge Directors' Association's advice on what NOT to do while waiting for the director to arrive at your table. We've covered insufficient bids, a contested claim, memory loss over partner's unusual bid, revokes and slow play. Finally, how directors settle a dispute.

6. There is a "dispute"

The dispute may arise because: a player's hand didn't match the explanation given; a player called for one card and another player believed they said something else; someone doesn't like the call a player made after their partner's hesitation — bridge players can think up any number of reasons to engage in "competitive banter". If there is a dispute which requires mediation, call the director and leave it at that.

There is seldom anything more frustrating and difficult for the director than to arrive at a table where the players are squabbling. Then, when the director tries to find out what the problem is, the players just continue arguing with each other. Can you blame the director just wanting to walk away thinking the players didn't really want her/him?



People play duplicate bridge to compete and challenge themselves, however, their prime motive is to have fun. Each player is responsible for promoting the enjoyment of others, which can be summarized as "be nice". But humans are more conditioned to recognize bad behaviour than good behaviour, so a Zero Tolerance Policy is in place.

It states, that if you engage in behaviour that inhibits the enjoyment of others, you are to be penalised.

If any player behaves in an unacceptable manner, the Director should be called immediately. Annoying behaviour, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with your enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited.

Everyone is harmed if you feel abused or intimidated to the point of not wanting to play at the club again. Clubs want to eradicate unacceptable behaviour, so talk to the Director and make your discomfort known.

— Abridged

Good bridging — Jennifer



It's on the cards



• **Last Sunday of the Month** bridge has now been cancelled several times which is a shame as it's known for its relaxed atmosphere and friendly get together after each session ends.

The next Sunday sessions covered by this newsletter will be on: Sunday 26 September, and 31 October and 28 November.

— Congratulations to all our winners below —

- The winners of our two-session, red-point **Teams Championship** were Jennifer Hollingworth, Carolann Verity, Jeanette Roughley and Peter Coppin.
- The **President's Trophy** was won by Keith Johnson and Jennifer Hollingworth. Jeff Streat and Gavin Trease were second and Dean Hollingworth and Rennie Pettit were third.
- The **Wide Bay Zone GNOT semi finals**, were on Saturday, 31 July, and Sunday, 1 August, and held in Maryborough, Coming home with a creditable third were Jeanette Roughley, Peter Coppin, Carolann Verity, Jennifer Hollingworth and Des Ward.

— Upcoming events —

- The two-session **Rhoda Clifford Nett** competition is a red-pointer being held this year on Tuesday, 5 October and the following Tuesday, 12 October.
- The **Gympie Teams Congress** will be on Sunday, 17 October. There is no restrictions on numbers, so get set for a full day of wonderful, competitive bridge.
- Further afield, if you're a member of the Noosa club, you could compete in the **Noosa Novice Swiss Pairs** on Wednesday, 20 October.
- It's 'aloha' time with the red-point **Hawaiian Pairs** on Tuesday 10 November. Get that lei out and your best Hawaiian shirt for this session.
- The **Queensland Wide Pairs** is being held on Tuesday, 23 November.
- As usual, if anyone is considering venturing out to other areas for any bridge games, please check before you go as some events are still being postponed or cancelled due to Covid restrictions.