



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

Almost Xmas, what starts off as "in the future" suddenly is almost here. But it is the best time of the year, when we get to see all the family and catch up on all the news (and eat and drink too much).

I have waited a bit longer to produce this letter as I thought I would include the outcome of the Xmas Party... It was held at Kingston House for the 3rd year. Last year they included us at short notice after we mixed up the dates. (the previous years have been a great success) This year was no exception, as I'm sure that all who attended agree. Great entertainment also.

Well, our October Congress progressed successfully with only a few hiccups. I'm sure that the Congress was enjoyed by all and that the problems experienced this year will be fixed in time for the April Congress next year.

I see that the Committee has wisely reversed their decision to do away with the provided lunches at our coming Congresses. Good for them. It looks like we are the only Club, (to my knowledge) that has increased the application fees.



Lets hope that Margaret Bazzan will be back with us in the near future, when she has fully recovered from her hip operation. Holidaying in Eden, as we speak.

Pam Kuneman has decided to give up playing Bridge at Gympie.

Pam has been a member of the Gympie Bridge Club since 1982/3 when she teamed up with Lyn Burls and they have played together ever since.

That could almost be a record for the longest partnership. Pam and her husband (Kim) had a property in Wolvi for a lot of years till ill health forced them to purchase a unit in a Retirement Village on the Sunshine Coast. Pam has been travelling up to play with Lyn on a Tuesday ever since she moved. Pam is a lovely person and she will be missed at the club. Lyn Burls has informed me that her phone no is now 5486 7160 (too late to be included in the new years Handbook.) So please amend your copy when you can.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BIRTHDAY BOOK

Birthdays in

December

are:

Joy Anderson
Marilyn Virtue
John Westerlo
Ross Plowman

And in

January are:

Leonora Thorne
Margaret Mangold
Bevan Anderson

CONFUCIUS

SAY:

Respect is
something that
must be
earned, not
demanded
(no matter
how loudly you
yell)

Two events have passed since the last report, they being, the October Congress and the Melbourne Cup. It was pleasing to see the committee & members band together to make these events to be of a high standard.

The October Congress gave us a number of problems. One being that we are being robbed of players by the Paul Lavings week in Noosa, which saw us reduced to only 22 tables. Another problem was Noosa, who normally deal the cards for the Congress, did not have enough cards for us as well. This necessitated us having to use our own cards.

Twelve sets were required leaving us with only 3 boxes to use at the club. Yet another problem we had was that we over catered for the event. Quite a few people did not see their magnificent cooking efforts make it out of the fridge.

This was despite the efforts of Lester and Don who were laying fantastic tables of sweet & savoyes at every break in play. (we had enough for two days). I can only apologize to those who were disappointed. Next October we shall be more careful with the amount of food & please do not be discouraged, we are going to need your efforts come the April Congress. I must thank everybody who helped out with the congress, it would take too long to name all who did but I must particularly thank our convener, Jennifer Hollingworth who did a great job under difficult circumstances. Lester and Rennie Pettit who stepped in to buy the provisions, Lester & Don all day in the kitchen and last but not least Shelley Gould doing the most thankless task of all, the caddying.

The Melbourne Cup was another great day. It was fantastic to see the effort that everybody, yes, men included, went to dress up. Well done to Rennie once again for organising the prizes & champagne for the club and all the others who contributed to a great fun day. The committee along with our teachers are working on recruitment notices for next year. We will not be doing a mail drop this year but rather advertising in the Gympie Times & putting up notices around the town. Lessons will commence on 11th Feb & so if you have any beginners in mind please pass this information on to them. Our teachers have made themselves available for lessons on Saturday morning if there is sufficient interest.

This is about all I have for you at the moment, I hope you have a happy & safe Christmas not to mention a happy New Year.

Till next year

W.P Thorne

Results of recent events

The Rhoda Clifford (2 week event)

Was won by Ron & Trevor

2nd - Jennifer & Carolann

3rd - Nev & Adele



Intercity Play off's sent 2 teams to Maryborough for the Finals.

"A" Section were Kay & Fran with Margaret B & Sue then Jeanette in the finals.

"B" Section were Steven & Kelly with Ross P & Kaylene.

The A's came 2nd and the B's 3rd, with the overall result putting Gympie into 3rd Place.

Armistice Pairs (Thursday pm) was won by Jeanette & Rennie
2nd - Kay & Kelly 3rd - Lester & Merv.

Qld Wide Pairs.. Well, we didn't win (ha ha) but here are the results for Gympie. North South first

Jennifer & Carolann - 41st, Bevan & Ruth - 59th, Ron & Trevor - 82nd, Jeanette & Cathy - 86, George & Arlette - 118, Rennie & Margaret M - 210, Fran & Kelly - 266, Joe & Judith - 288.

E/W Sue & Chris - 15, (Congratulations) Peter & Shirley - 75, Nev & Adele - 129, Mary & Angela - 170, Jean & Bev - 181, Kaylene & Bill B - 191, Joy & Des - 221, Peter & Diana Thorogood - 251, Lesley & Tertia - 285.



Please note that the Bridge Club will be open on Tuesday the 23rd of December and then will not be open till the Monday evening the 29th December.



OPEN DAY

We will be conducting an "OPEN DAY" for new members and prospective beginners early next year.

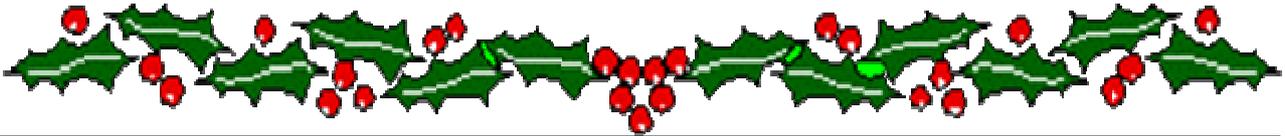
So, please keep Sunday the 11th of January 2015 free as we will need about 7 or 8 tables of players to be available to fill the club room. We are asking for members to bring along (from 3pm) on that day, anyone who they think could be interested in learning to play, for a "look see" and an introduction, by Jennifer into the game of Bridge. We will be promoting and advertising this early in January. You will get to play from 1pm to 3pm seriously then from 3pm onwards just playing for fun so that we can take the visitors around to get the feel of the Club. And we will provide nibbles and a glass of wine/orange juice from 4.30 onwards. Jennifer & Fran will be available to answer any questions the visitors may have.

We are in need of new members. So your help in this endeavour would be really great.

We will be reminding you about this early next year.

Lessons will be starting, Feb 11 & 14, please let any one you think could be interested know these dates.





Check this one out. Can you get the Contract.

This was supplied by George/Maureen.

Dealer is South in the contract of 6 Hearts.

Opening lead from West is the 8 spades.

North

S A72
H 9
D AK87532
C J2

West

S 8
H 842
D QJ10
C A98765

East

S KQJ106
H 653
D 964
C 103

South

S 9543
H AKQJ107
D -
C KQ4

And as for the Answer. This is quite tricky but can be done..

Spade 8 lead from west, taken with the Spade Ace from dummy throwing the 3 from your hand. Lead Diamond Ace from dummy, you throw Spade 4. Lead a small diamond, you trump. Draw trumps from your hand (3 rounds) discarding Spade 7 and Spade 2 and Diamond 3 from dummy. Lead Club King from your hand. West takes with Ace. Whatever West now leads, declarer can take in dummy with the Diamond King or Club Jack. The Diamonds in Dummy are now top cards. Play one and discard from your hand the final spade. Lead the Jack of clubs to your 4 then another diamond which you trump. And play the queen of clubs and the last trump. However, if West doesn't take the Club Ace straight away, you have a problem.



DIRECTORS CORNER

I'm sure everyone has noticed by now, that the previous scores are back on the Bridgemates. We have kept the percentages which shows you percentage for the board just played. You will not see your score for this board in the previous scores. I hope everyone is happy with that.

Unfortunately, I still hear a lot of players giving other players unsolicited 'lessons' at the tables. Remember, your way may not be their way. In many instances there is no right or wrong way and it just comes down to the agreement and understanding between partners. Please desist from trying to impose your views and systems on others.

Law 20 F.5(a): What to do when your partner has given a mistaken explanation of the bidding?

You must not correct the error during the auction nor may you indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made. This includes failure to alert or announce.

You must call the Director and inform your opponents that, in your opinion, your partner's explanation was incorrect but only at your first legal opportunity, which is:

- (i) for a defender, at the end of the play.
- (ii) for declarer or dummy, after the final pass of the auction.

The Director may take the appropriate action if it appears that a player has based an action on misinformation given by an opponent.

And whilst we're on the subject: When giving an explanation of an alerted bid please remember it must be a **full** explanation, giving length of suit, point count, etc. etc. as appropriate. It is not enough to say "Michaels", "weak" or "strong". If, as the enquirer, you feel you have not received a full and satisfactory explanation, please request the player to expand. This is much better than feeling aggrieved at the end of play and expecting some redress for not receiving all of the information regarding the bid.

That's it for this year. Merry Christmas to everyone. Kay

*Well that's another year gone, I hope you are still enjoying the newsletter as much I am, in writing it. Now "on line" also. See our Web site.....So till 2015 I wish you all a merry xmas .
Fran*

