



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

Well, here we are again, almost Christmas. Great to celebrate, but can be a financial pain if we are not careful. Still being with family and watching the kids open their presents makes it all worth while.

I believe that the BBQ Jennifer gave for the Beginners in October was a great success. (Sadly I missed it)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Beginners for giving both Jennifer and myself a "thank you" present for being their teachers from February till September/November (it's nice to be appreciated)

Just a reminder that the Club will be closed for the xmas break from Wednesday 23rd December and will resume on Monday 28th December. (that works very well as only the Thursday am & pm bridge is included in that time span).

When you receive your 2016 Handbook you will notice that there are a couple of manual amendments. Being, the Wide Bay Zone Calendar (page 4) and September & November Calenders. These are due to there being changes made to these dates but no notification supplied. If Kay hadn't double checked the dates on an e-mail that was received on the 21st November, then we would have been none the wiser.



As you will all have worked out. The road outside the Bridge Club is closed off. This will be the case till the end of January 2016. Luckily we can still get into the Car Park by the bottom end of the Park and on to the grass.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Re BIRTHDAY BOOK

Birthdays in DECEMBER

Joy Anderson
Marilyn Virtue
Ross Plowman
Peter Coppin

And in JANUARY

we have:

Leonora Thorne
Margaret Mangold
Bevan Anderson
Steph Richardson



Hi everyone

“Thunderstorms, unbearable heat and can’t find a parking spot at Coles or entry? Must be Christmas! Yes, the Festive Season is upon us and 2015 is coming to a close. It’s time to remember our friends and family and make time to enjoy being with them. Enjoy the gift giving, all the festive food and lots of Christmas cheer. World peace is at the top of my wish list. In a time when the world seems to be in such turmoil and many are experiencing extreme hardships, take a moment to be grateful for where you are in the world and send positive thoughts and energy to those less fortunate than us. On behalf of the Committee, I extend heartfelt wishes for a happy Christmas to you and yours and may 2016 be an incredible and prosperous year for all of us.

Thanks
Kelly Chapman
Vice President.

Results of recent events



Rhoda Clifford (2 Tuesdays - 13 & 20 October)

RESULTS WITH HANDICAP ONLY

Won by Cathy Reed & Peter Coppin

2nd - Margaret Mangold & Kelly Chapman

3rd - Shirley Bishop & Sue Schierning.

ARMISTICE PAIRS (Thursday 12th November)

1st Alan Malby & Diane Malby (Noosa Pair)

2nd Chris Lucas & Sue Schierning.

3rd Jean Graham & Joy Anderson.

QLD WIDE PAIRS (24th November)

North / South winners were Jennifer Hollingworth & Carolann Verity

2nd - Cathy Reed & Jeanette Roughley

3rd - Bette Geary & Nannette Jones

East / West winners were Peter Coppin and Kathi Vince

2nd - Sue Schierning & Chris Lucas

3rd - Ron Organ & Trevor Simpson

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CHRISTMAS PAIRS (Tuesday 1st December)

1st - Sue Schierning & Chris Lucas

2nd - Cathy Reed & Kevin Feeney

3rd - Carolann Verity & Jennifer Hollingworth

And that's all for this year.

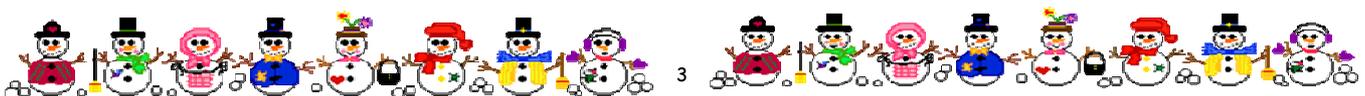
I think the Directors deserve a big "thank you" for their great work in running every session during the year.

MORNING/AFTERNOON TEA

Contributed by a member)

Morning and afternoon tea is provided for members at no extra charge.

A cuppa and two biscuits would seem to be a reasonable refreshment for all and most members abide by this. Some members however, seem to think a handful of biscuits is more appropriate. And yet other members seem to think it's 'all day' refreshments rather than confined to the set breaks. Perhaps those members could use a little restraint?



As you are aware we lost Marc Dower in October.

He was born in June 1925 to Cornelius & Mary Dower of Sandy Creek. He was the youngest of 10 Children, was educated at the local state school and then at the Christian Brothers College in Gympie. He worked in the Qld Treasury as a clerk before following four of his brothers into the armed services in 1943. He became an air gunner in Europe, was almost killed in a plane crash, met his wife to be, and participated as a tail gunner in a Lancaster, in one of the last bombing raids of the war, on the 25th April 1945. He returned to Australia and shortly after, convinced Peg to come out. They married, and settled down to run the farm with his two brothers, Con & Alo.

They had 3 children, Chris in 1954 and the twins, Angela & Geoffrey, in 1958. Both Peg and Marc were active in their local community with the CWA, Forum, Lions, Probus, Fruitgrowers & the RSL, to name a few. In 1980 they sold the farm and moved into Gympie, where Marc took up selling real estate and became a local councillor. Peg introduced Marc to bridge, and they enjoyed many a great time at the Gympie Bridge Club. In 2007, Peg passed away, but Marc continued to lead a busy life with bowls, bridge and snooker. In late 2014 Marc moved into Corinda Age Care Home where due to failing health he passed away in late 2015.

This information was provided by his son, Chris

INTERNET WOES

For those of you who are wondering what's been going on with the internet and I'm guessing that's everyone, here goes:

Thurs 29th Oct - Arrived at bridge to find no internet. An examination of the modem revealed it had died. After 30 mins on the 'phone to our provider IF Telecom, they said they would forward us a new modem which we would receive in 3-5 working days.

Thurs 5th Nov - Not having received modem, rang IF Telecom again and was told we would have said modem by the following Wednesday (11th).

Thurs 12th Nov - Still no modem. In the afternoon, spent 1hr 15 mins hanging on to the 'phone but never got to speak to anyone, despite being told how important my call was to them.

Fri morning 13th Nov - Ditto.

Fri afternoon 13th - Went to Telstra (Big pond) to see what plans would suit us. 'Phoned Peter and suggested we change providers. Peter agreed and told me to go ahead.

Mon 16th Nov - Went to Telstra and made necessary arrangements. Was told connection would take approx. 10 working days. (Why so long? - I don't know.)

Thurs 19th or Fri 20th Nov (can't remember which) - 'Phoned IF Telecom (yes I did get through) to cancel account to be told that they had sent a modem but it had been returned to them.

Thurs 26th Nov - Telstra 'phoned and advised our connection day would be 2nd December.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the nightmare will be over.

Kay

QUEENSLAND WIDE PAIRS RESULTS

These results are after 41 clubs have put their results in (I see that there is one more Club to add theirs)

NORTH SOUTH - 349 places in total

Cathy Reed & Jeanette Roughley came in number 32.

Carolann Verity & Jennifer Hollingworth came in 43.

Bette Geary & Nannette Jones were 73

Jean Graham & Jeffery Streat were 96

Kelly Chapman & Fran McDonald were 170

Bevan Anderson & Ruth Greentree were 176

Joy Anderson & Rennie Pettit were 250

John Roughley & David Connors were 313

Tim Wilson & Margaret Mangold were 326

Bill Bishop & Kaylene Lingard were 344

EAST WEST - 353 places in total

Sue Schierning & Chris Lucas came in 34

Lesley Wilson & Tertia Brink were 39

Peter Coppin & Kathi Vince were 51

Ron Organ & Trevor Simpson were 69

Margaret Bazzan & Shirley Bishop were 113

Arlette Cook & Cathy Maertens were 119

George Konyi & Bill Thorne were 136

Wendy Banham & Mary Boyd were 280

Beverley Eaton & Jean Harm were 285

Jack Wright & Helen Morrissey were 287

Judith Malcolm & Joe Edmonds were 327

Congratulations to everyone this is a very good result.

Results Sheets (all 11 Pages) are on the Notice board should you wish to look.

70%er's and over for the last 12 Months.

Excluding the last Month when the results have not been updated.

Kay Kerr & Fran McDonald	-	29 December 2014	= 70.8 %
Carolann Verity & Jennifer Hollingworth	-	9 Dec 2014	= 72.%
Nannette Jones & Bette Geary	-	11 January 2015	= 75.%
Nev & Adele Harington	-	3 March 15	= 71.6%
Tertia Brink & Lesley Wilson	-	23 June 2015	= 75.%
Terri Silcox & Ross Plowman	-	17 June 2015	= 75.%
Sue Schierning & Nev Harington	-	25 June 15	= 71.7%
Sue Schierning & Ross Muirhead	-	14 June 15	= 71.%
Sue Schierning & Ross Muirhead	-	9 August 15	= 71.7%
Sue Schierning & Ross Muirhead	-	26 August 15	= 71.3%
Trevor Simpson & Peter Krause	-	24 September 15	= 71.5%
Sue Schierning & Chris Lucas	-	17 September 15	= 70.5%
Ross Muirhead & Peter Coppin	-	13 September 15	= 72.2%
Cathy Reed & Peter Coppin	-	20 October 15	= 75.4%
Cathy Reed & Jeanette Roughley	-	27 October 15	= 72.4%



THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

1. You believe in Santa Clause.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus. Ho Ho Ho

CHRISTMAS RUM CAKE

- 1 Tablespoon Sugar
- 1 or 2 Quarts of Rum
- 1 cup Dried Fruit
- 1 Tablespoon Brown Sugar
- 1 Tablespoon Soda
- 1 cup Butter
- 2 Large Eggs
- 1 cup Baking Powder
- 3 Juiced Lemons
- 1 Cup of Nuts



Before starting, sample rum to check quality. Good, isn't it?"

Now proceed.

Select large mixing bowl, measuring cup etc.

Check rum again. It must be just right. To be sure rum is of proper quality, pour one level cup of rum into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat.

With electric mixer, beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl.

Add 1 seaspoon of thusar and beat again.

Meanwhile, make sure rum is still alrighty. Try another cup. Open second quart if necessary.

Add leggs, 2 cups of fried druit and beat til hight. If druit get struck in beaters, pry lose with drescriber.

Sample rum again, check for tonscisticity.

Next sift 3 cups pepper or salt (really dosen't matter)

Sample rum

Sift 1/2 pint lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 bablespoon of brown sugar or whatever colour you can find. Wix mell.

Grease oven. Turn cake pan to 350 gredees. Pour mess into boven and ake.

Check rum again and crawl into ged.

AND HALPIE HOLIGLAZE TWO YO'ALL





DIRECTORS' CORNER

I wrote at some length about alerts a couple of newsletters ago but just lately I have noticed an incredible number of people forgetting to alert Transfers. Can we all just try to remember to do this please. I know we all think it's obvious but Transfers must be alerted. Another one frequently missed is 2 Diamonds after a 2 Club opening. Again, we may think it's obvious but it must be alerted.

A word for the Dummy: Once Dummy has arranged his/her cards on the table, they must not be rearranged. (For example, to fill up a gap left by an expired suit.) So be sure to leave plenty of room near the edge of the table to place the quitted tricks. I personally find it quite irritating and distracting when Dummy is continually fiddling with the cards.

An area where there has been some confusion is Revokes. The Law book runs to about three pages on revokes but briefly:

Law 62A says that a Revoke must be corrected if the offender becomes aware of the revoke before it becomes established.

To explain when the revoke has become established I quote **Law 63A**:

A revoke becomes established:

1. when the offender or his partner leads or plays to the following trick (any such play, legal or illegal, establishes the revoke).
2. when the offender or his partner names or otherwise designates a card to be played to the following trick.
3. when a member of the offending side makes or agrees to a claim or concession of tricks orally or by facing his hand or in any other way.

It is not always necessary to call the Director when the revoke is first noticed; rather, it is better to wait until the hand is completed.

However; if in any doubt, by all means call the Director.

Til next time.

Kay

That's all folks.

Fran

Remember it's only a game, after all.