



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

Well, our April Congress has come and gone. It was a huge success. Kay again did a great job. There is a lot of work involved in organising a congress and we are lucky we have two people (Kay in April and Jennifer in October) who are so capable of handling this job.

We have been very fortunate with our Beginners this year. Quite a few of them have joined already. I have listed them below with their phone Numbers.

Again we ask that the experienced players be kind and not try to intimidate them. Also, it is requested that you do not double them for penalties as this is just plain nasty. Remember when you were a beginner (if you can). Also unless they ask for your opinion, please do not tell them what they should have done or try to introduce new systems that are over their heads at the moment. They are following the beginners format and do not need to be confused with our advanced systems. I know it slows the play down, but they will get faster shortly. And we don't want to lose them. So patience is the word of the day.

Greg Dewar - 5485 3648, Jay Kent - 0419 537 039,

Dana Wildey - 5482 2494 (?) Brian Brink - 5481 1182

Anthea Stevenson - 5486 8171 (not beginners, but new members) Peter Krause doesn't have a phone,

Jeff Streat- 5483 5348 Val Jerram - 0418 314 854

Terri Silcox - 0435 763 446, Jen & Jack Wright - 5488 4136,

Jenz Davidson - 0458 250 252, Robert Fothergill Associate Member
0455 990 009

Please, put these numbers into your hand book for future reference.

BIRTHDAY BOOK

Birthdays in JUNE:

Lee Lewis
Adel Harington
Dean Hollingworth
Jennifer Hollingworth
Mary Boyd
Cathy Reed
Ross Chapman
Nannette Jones

And in JULY we have:

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The congress was a great success and it was with great joy that I observed the number of members who turned up to help set up the room and assisted with the running of the congress.

Thanks to all those who provided the mountain of food, which gives our congress the special touch that is so appreciated by the participants.

A Special Report on the Congress appears within the Newsletter. This was supplied by Kay and I must take this opportunity to thank her for running the Congress and hope that she continues to do so for several years to come.

I have only heard good comments about the new toilets. Our new committee members, Cathi Vince and Trevor Simpson, did all the liaising with the plumbers to gather the quotes. I should thank Trevor who gave up a whole day to be on site while the installation was taking place.

The Teams competition had 7 Teams taking part. I understand that the scoring for this event will be done manually to produce scores for individual wins and in the near future we will obtain the knowledge or the program for the Bridgemate to do this automatically.

That's about all I have to say at the moment, as all is quiet on the committee front. But in closing I must wish good health and a speedy recovery to Peter Coppin and Arlette Cook.

W.P. Thorne

President



Results of recent events

April 18-19 was our Congress.

We had Ross Muirhead & Sue Schierning coming in 4th in the "B" section of the Pairs, and Trevor Simpson & Steve Verity gaining 3rd place in the "C" section. While in the Teams we had Jennifer, Carolann, Peter C and Rennie winning the "B" Section. Congratulations to not only these winners but to all the members who participated in the congress.

May 17th was the Teams Championship.

1st was the "Feeney Team" (Kevin & Pat Feeney, Cathy Reed & Jeanette) 2nd the "Wilson Team" (Lesley, Kaylene Lingard, Kathi Vince & Lester Pettit) 3rd the "Chapman Team" (Kelly, Rennie Pettit, Diana Thorogood & Kay Kerr.)

Congratulations to all of the above.

COMING EVENTS

Singles Championships Monday 15 & 22nd June.

This requires you to have a different partner for each night.

GNOT SEMI FINALS 20 & 21st then the Finals on the 28th. All in Maryborough. We have 2 Teams going to the Semi Finals (and of course onto the finals)

We wish them well.

July 16 & 23 Thursday pm - Presidents Trophy

Don't forget to put your name on the sheets provided.

Congress Report - April 18/19 2015

It was nice to see our Clubhouse full once again for our Congress. We had our capacity of 24 tables for both Pairs and Teams. The increase in nomination fees clearly did not impact on our numbers and I heard no comments at all in regard to the increase. The standard of players was very high with approximately 18 Grand Masters taking part, including 2 Silver Grand and 1 Gold Grand. I think it speaks well of our reputation that players of this calibre attend our Congress. As usual, there were three divisions in the Pairs and two divisions in the Teams. This seems to be a very satisfactory formula.

Once again, Peter Busch was our Director and as always, everything went like clockwork. Peter is a very efficient and courteous Director and I hope will direct our Congresses for many years to come. Shelly Gauld again stepped up to be caddy for the weekend. Shelly is an excellent caddy and the job is hers for as long as she wants it. I'm sure she helps to make Peter's job just that bit easier. The total of the entry fees was \$6,720 and we received sponsorship of \$500 from Auswide. The raffles netted just over \$400. Total prize money awarded, including wine prizes, was \$2,252. Even with the increase in nomination fees, we were able to keep the prizes awarded the same as last year and still be within the requirement of one third of nomination fees being available for prizes. The event made a small profit of just under \$1,000 after expenses.

The move to providing pizzas after play proved quite popular, though it was disappointing to be let down by the provider on the Sunday, in spite of them appearing to be in full knowledge on the Saturday. If we continue with the pizzas, we must remember to give a reminder to the pizza shop. The kitchen was in the very capable hands of Tim and Leone Wilson and everything ran very smoothly. I'm hoping Tim and Leone will put their hands up next time for a repeat performance. All of the members who helped in any way deserve a big 'thank you'; the people helping to set up on the Friday, the wonderful cooks who provided such delicious goodies, the helpers in the kitchen and the great army of helpers who restored the Club house to its normal condition after play on Sunday. It's wonderful what a team effort can achieve. It is part of our responsibilities in running a Congress that we have 'stand by' players and thanks also go to those who made themselves available. We did not have to call on any but it was comforting to know they were there if we needed them.

Whilst out of town players took away the majority of prizes, it was good to see some of our members amongst the prize recipients. Trevor and Steve gained 3rd in the C Section Pairs, whilst Peter, Jennifer, Carolann and Rennie were placed 1st in the B Section Teams. Congratulations to all.



Funny Tombstones From Long Ago...

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York

Born 1093 Died 1942

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

In Thrumont, Maryland

Here lies an atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

In a cemetery in England

Remember man, as you walk by, as you are now, so once was I.

As I am now, so shall you be. Remember this and follow me.

To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone.

To follow you I'll not consent, until I know which way you went.

In Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Here lies Johnny Yeast,

Pardon him for not rising.

A lawyer's epitaph in England.

Sir John Strange

Here lies a honest lawyer, and that is Strange.

John Penny's epitaph in Wimborne England.

Reader, if cash thou art in want of any, dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny.

In Silver City Nevada

Here lays "THE KID, we planted him raw. He was quick on the trigger, but slow on the draw.

London England Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid but died an old Mann Dec 8 1767.



KAY'S DIRECTORS' CORNER

In the last couple of weeks, we seem to have had a spate of Averages having to be awarded because time has run out, in some cases, only by a few seconds. Here are a few tips to avoid time wasting:

When the Director calls "move", move quickly to the next table.

On arrival at the next table, by all means greet your opponents but at the same time, be taking your cards out of the board.

Count and arrange your cards as quickly as possible.

Try to bid as quickly as possible. Some hands require more thought but generally there are only a couple of options.

Once bidding has finished, if you are on lead, be ready to lead promptly.

If you are in charge of the Bridgmate:

If you are Dummy – put Dummy down before entering data in the Bridgmate and similarly;

If you are on lead – lead before entering data in the Bridgmate

If you are Declarer – call for Dummy's cards without Dummy having to ask you which card you want

After the play of the hand, restrict any post mortem and/or studying the Bridgmate. It is the responsibility of everyone at the table to ensure that bidding does not commence after the warning bell. To do so is quite a selfish act and invariably results in two tables being held up at the end of the round. The Director will never grant you leave to commence bidding after the warning bell has gone, so please just call for an Average. Remember an Average is NOT the same as a Pass and must be entered into the Bridgmate by the Director.

System Cards: It is Club policy that all partnerships should have at least one System Card (preferably two) at all sessions. The Card must reflect the system that both partners are playing. If you have a new regular partner, please discuss the system and ensure you have a card that reflects the system you are both playing. Of course, at Red Point events, both partners **must** have identical system cards with both their names on each card. If you require a System Card, please ask the Director who will print out a blank one for you.

Good Bridge, Kay.

Well folks that's all for this newsletter.

Cheers Fran

