



CAIRNS BRIDGE CLUB CAPERS

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President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

I am starting this newsletter by reminding members that Ron Klinger will be conducting a workshop on Tuesday 28th November at 1.30pm. The topic will be on opening leads and the cost is \$20.00. For those members who do not know anything about Ron please see below. (thanks to Wikipedia) We have around a dozen of his books in the library.

Ron Klinger is an Australian contract bridge player and a leading English-language bridge writer, the author of more than 70 books on the game. He is an Australian Grand Master and a World Bridge Federation International Master.

He was editor of Australian Bridge for thirteen years starting in 1972. He was also the bridge columnist for the Australian Women's Weekly and later, The Daily Telegraph and The Weekend Australian. He currently writes a weekly bridge column for the Sydney Morning Herald and a weekly column for The Sun-Herald. He is also a regular contributor to 'Australian Bridge' magazine and Britain's 'Bridge Magazine' and is the author of over 70 books on bridge. His book, Guide to Better Card Play won the American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Best Book of the Year Award in 1991.[2] Right Through The Pack Again won the 2010 International Bridge Press Association Book of the Year Award. Klinger has played for Australia in the World Teams Championships in 1976, 1978, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1993, 2000, and each year from 2003 to 2016. He won the Pacific-Asian Open Teams in 1970, the Pacific-Asia Seniors Teams in 2006 and has won the Pacific Asian Open Pairs twice. In the 1976 World Open Teams Olympiad, he won the Bols Brilliancy Prize for best play.

Congratulations to all those members who played in the Australia-Wide Restricted Pairs – well done everyone. I always find it interesting how finishing positions change when combined with all other results Australia wide. It is possible to go from 3rd position NS in the club results to 1st NS after all results have been combined. Of course, the same can happen with Nation Wide Pairs.

The club will be holding another Seniors Morning Tea on Sunday 26th November starting at 10am. On this morning, older/previous club members attend for a chat and to reminisce about the old days. It is usually a great morning. Anyone is welcome to attend; just let Anna O'Brien know as she is coordinating.

Over the next few months, some work will be done in our kitchen area. Our hot water system is on its last legs and needs to be replaced; the cold-water system has also decided it has had enough. We are in the process of getting quotes for replacement. We are keen for members to be able to get hot water in two positions. This project has a budget of \$7,000.

The vacant block next door is still awaiting final building approval. I understand the building cost is going to be around \$1.2 million dollars. The club lease has gone to the land minister in Brisbane for signing and we should know the outcome in the next few weeks.

At our last meeting, Simon Wood, President of the Cairns Gem Club attended the meeting to discuss their current issues and plans. Simon is keen for both our clubs to meet on a social occasion. Thus, we will organise a joint BBQ on a Saturday morning. This will also give our members an opportunity to explore the facilities at the Gem Club. Evidently, Gem Club members are keen to look inside our

clubhouse. The Gem Club has around 70 members.

As members would know, insurance in FNQ is becoming very expensive. When we renewed last year, no insurer would cover us for flood damage. This year one insurer has agreed to flood cover at an additional cost of around \$3,000. Both committees decided not to proceed with flood cover.

Thanks to Yvonne Pearson who has been sewing the corners on our tablecloths.

Our Christmas Function is fast approaching and if you have not done so yet, please put your name on the list in the clubhouse if you wish to attend. We are limiting attendance to 120 members, so get in quick. The day will start with a savoury lunch with a glass of wine or punch. Bridge play will be organised by Lesley Fraser and Rick Gryg and at around 4pm there will be sweets and a presentation.

My condolences to the Hutchinson family on their sad loss.

Happy bridging

William van Bakel



SENIORS MORNING TEA

Sunday, 26th November AT 10am

This is a special morning tea for older or past club members to get together. However, it is open to everyone.

If you would like to attend, please let Anna O'Brien know – for catering purposes.

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LESSON WITH RON KLINGER



Tuesday, 28th November

@ 1:30pm

Cost: \$20

(Cash only on the day –
no EFTPOS)

Topic: Opening Leads

Ron Klinger is one of the most published and accomplished bridge players / writers / teachers in Australia. Come and spend an afternoon learning from one of Australia's best!

If you would like to attend, please put your name on the list at the West entrance.

AND NOW FOR A FEW WORDS FROM RON KLINGER'S BOOK, "THE BRIDGE PLAYER WHO LAUGHED"

When the play had reached the final four tricks, the end position looked like this:

Dummy: ♠AK3 ♥10 ♦--- ♣---

Declarer: ♠J105 ♥--- ♦6 ♣---

Declarer was on lead and knew that dummy's 10 of hearts was the last heart and that there was only one diamond missing, but was that missing diamond the 7 or the 5? He had failed to keep an eye out for the 7 of diamonds in the earlier play and could not tell. Consequently, he took the spade finesse which lost to the queen, but the remaining tricks were his.

Partner was unable to maintain silence: 'The 6 of diamonds was good and you had the rest of the tricks. Why did you take the spade finesse?'

Declarer: 'I obviously had to take the percentage play.'

Partner: 'Percentage play? The finesse was only 50%.'

Declarer: 'True, but my memory is only 30-70.'

Clubhouse Session times

Monday afternoon - 1:30pm
(a standby is available for every Monday session)
Tuesday morning - 9:30am
*Wednesday afternoon - 1:30pm
Wednesday evening - 7:15pm
Thursday afternoon - 1:30pm
**Friday afternoon - 1:30pm
Saturday afternoon - 1:30pm

*over 50 points only play with a partner under 50 points.

**Players with between 50 & 400 points must have a partner with fewer than 50 points. Players with more than 400 points must partner someone with fewer than 10 points.

COMING CAIRNS EVENTS

NATIONWIDE PAIRS

Red points online & Green points in the club.

Saturday, 4th November (21)
Saturday, 18th November (22)
Saturday, 2nd December (23)
Saturday, 16th December (24)

CLUB LADDER

There is just one more chance to get a place in the Club Ladder this year. You need to have at least 4 different partners out of the 6 to stay in the competition. If you don't qualify for the Club Ladder at this late stage of the year, no problem – you still have a chance to score some **RED POINTS** on the day.

2023 dates are:

1. 21st January
2. 4th March
3. 27th May
4. 8th July
5. 30th September
6. 11th November



FRIDAY FORUM

**1st Friday of the month @ 12:45pm
with Sandy Long**

10th Nov: The Amazing Moysian
(NB: Nov will be on the 2nd Friday)

TEAMS

Thursday, 14th December
PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES IN THE BOOK

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, 7th November
Come and join in the cup festivities after the bridge session.
Get a ticket in the sweep & bring along a plate of food to share at lunch - then stay to watch the race.

Please write your name on the event list & state if you are bringing a savoury or sweet.



CLUB NOVICE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, 5th November
RED POINT EVENT

2 Session event @ 9:30am & 1:30pm
Overall winners get their names up in **gold paint** on the championship board!!

*Please write your name on the list in the folder
Deadline is Sat 4th Nov – but be aware, the last pair nominated will be dropped if there is an uneven number.*

Free event for all club members!



CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, 19th November
RED POINT EVENT

2 Session event @ 9:30am & 1:30pm
Nominate in the Club Event Book
for your chance to get your name in **gold**.

Free event for all club members!



CLUB MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, 25th November
RED POINT EVENT

1 Session event @ 1:30pm
This is our first mixed pairs event & your chance to get your name on our newest Honour Board.
Find your partner now

Free event for all club members!





CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, 9th December

12:30pm – Lunch with a glass of wine or punch

1:30pm – Bridge play organized by
Lesley Fraser & Rick Gryg

4pm - Sweets and presentation

Limited to 120 people

Please put your name on the list at the West
Entrance if you wish to attend

BOXING DAY PAIRS

Tuesday, 26th December

RED POINT EVENT

1 Session @ 1:30pm



FURTHER AFIELD

COMBINED CLUBS ATHERTON

RED POINTS

Saturday, 2nd December

2 sessions **8:30am** for 9am start

*Come & enjoy the fine hospitality of the
Tablelands club*

Please put your name on the list

2023 GOLD COAST

**62nd International
Bridge Congress**

GOLD POINTS



18th – 23rd February, 2024

Venue: The Gold Coast Convention &
Exhibition Centre, Broadbeach

Go onto MYABF to enter.

RESULTS FOR LAST MONTH

CLUB LADDER

Results so far...

**After 5 sessions, the top 3 players
according to total scores are:**

1. Terry Conlan 274.03
2. Klarika Tortely 270.86
3. Andy Mathieson 263.24

BUT according to average score:

1. Rick Gryg 59.65%
2. Jenny Crawl 59.21%
3. William van Bakel 57.54%

***The winner will be determined after the
final 6th session and only the top 4 scores
for each player will be counted.***



SWINGING TEAMS

Saturdays, 7th & 14th October

1. Rebecca Delaney, Peerapan Maslen,
Lesley Fraser & William van Bakel
2. Kay Anderson, Julie Knobel,
Mary Horseman & Lorraine Zoia
3. Simon van Kruistum, Cobie van Kruistum,
Terry Conlan & Terry Driver

THURSDAY PAIRS

Thursdays 12th & 19th October

1. Tony Lusk & Kay Anderson
2. Liz Litzow & Lois Pollock
3. Heather Thomas & Helen Rial

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, 29th October

1. Michael Byrne, William van Bakel,
Tony Lusk & Sandy Long
2. Elizabeth Litzow, Lois Pollock,
Peggy Ladner & Patricia Bruce
3. Jan Cluff, Neil Waters,
Josephina Burrie & Gidi Azar

Nationwide Pairs Event (19)

Thursday 5th October – 297 Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
13	Flanagan, Tierney	63.000	0.417
31	Horseman, Zoia	59.069	0.300
40	Clarke, Lyons	57.828	0.300
60	Gilbert, van Kruistum	56.290	0.300
72	Gryg, Pollock	55.116	0.200
99	Firth, Firth	53.584	0.200
115	Fraser, van Bakel	52.260	0.100
131	Driver, Ryan	51.419	0.100
150	Van Basel, O'Brien	50.556	0.000
153	Litzow, Rial	50.448	0.000
180	Campbell, Tortely	48.244	0.000
181	Card, Bruce	48.238	0.000
194	Dickson, Jones	46.912	0.000
206	Chapman, Turner	46.156	0.000
207	Jansen, Mathieson	46.136	0.000
233	Conlan, Hubbard	44.168	0.000
244	Wurzel, Frost	42.949	0.000
268	Dempster, Howard	39.491	0.000
272	Rossiter, O'Gorman	38.613	0.000

Nationwide Pairs Event (20)

Saturday, 21st October – 372 Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
38	Van Kruistum, Maslen	59.473	0.300
42	Fraser, Delaney	59.125	0.300
69	Lusk, Long	57.508	0.300
100	Litzow, Ladner	55.362	0.200
102	Bruce, Tierney	55.194	0.200
109	Knobel, Cluff	55.056	0.200
120	Tortely, Trigg	54.411	0.200
137	Campbell, Crawl	53.119	0.100
156	McCarthy, Flanagan	52.128	0.100
159	Gryg, Gryg	51.896	0.100
202	Mathieson, van Kruistum	49.083	0.000
229	Rial Dennis	46.996	0.000
236	Firth, Firth	46.640	0.000
247	O'Reilly, Winkworth	46.019	0.000
283	Waters, Morison	44.572	0.000
294	Thiessen, Conlan	43.649	0.000
318	McMahon, Zoia	41.293	0.000
336	Frost, O'Gorman	39.661	0.000
342	Bell, Peters	39.287	0.000

AUSTRALIA WIDE RESTRICTED PAIRS

Friday, 27th October

Rank	Pair	National		Local	
		Position	Score	Position	Score
1	Carol Dennis & Barbara Howard	130	57.5	3	57.7
2	Mike Manthey & Jan Cluff	133	57.4	2	59.7
3	Annemarie Stevenson & Brian Tierney	138	57.1	6	55.9
4	Deb Morison & Lyn Dempster	140	57.1	1	60.5
5	Neil Waters & Bridget Findley	157	56.6	4	56.4
6	Jane Gryg & Melissa Pressley	216	54.9	5	56.0
7	Doris Roberts & Lyn Mason	233	54.3	8	55.3
8	Mark Conlan & Sandrine Manning	276	53.4	7	55.6
9	Phil Dempster & Bev Cooke	288	53.0	15	51.2
10	Angela Hartigan & Cristina Harris	317	52.5	17	50.7
11	Jim Gilbert & Ann Kerr	322	52.4	14	51.2
12	Elaine Dickson & Jonathan Jones	325	52.3	9	55.0
13	Graham Real & Ron Bastow	328	52.3	11	52.9
14	Robyn Boase & Sarah Mainwood	332	52.2	16	51.0
15	Kevin Ranger & Adrienne Hicks	366	51.6	10	53.3
16	Anna O'Brien & Sue Barnard	379	51.4	13	51.5
17	Yvonne Pearson & Therese Baty	389	51.0	12	51.7
18	Bernie Mason & Ruth Halpin	452	49.8	18	49.7
19	Lale Jones & Joan Norrie	482	49.2	20	48.8
20	Ann Smith & Derek Hornsey	516	48.5	21	48.6
21	Mark Firth & Jan Firth	519	48.4	19	49.3
22	Lyn Kerr & Dianne Lord	542	47.8	22	46.3
23	Alan Kelly & Rhonda Kelly	607	46.5	25	45.0
24	Vera Leipold & Irene Tenni	655	45.4	23	45.3
25	Raylene Price & Don O'Brien	666	45.0	24	45.6
26	Wayne Lyons & Maureen Lyons	743	42.7	26	41.7
27	Rewa Real & Rae Russell	766	41.8	27	40.8
28	Rosemary Ward & Kathy Nykamp	775	41.2	28	38.5
29	Patricia Mallon & Julie Brooker	812	39.2	30	37.7
30	Lena Maunder & Denise Maroney	830	37.8	29	37.8

This is a provisional result as of 2-11-23 – see the following website for more details:
https://www.australianbridge.com/AWP_results.php?club=4-590

Vale Lucy Hutchinson



Lucy's story is a tale of personal courage, determination, love, and compassion – and it began when she was struck down with polio at the age of 10. She was kept alive in an iron lung, being paralysed and unable to do anything for herself. After about two years, she recovered, but had post-polio syndrome afterwards, keeping herself going as well as she could.

I first met Lucy and Allen in 1976, when they returned from Brunei and were living at Aloomba. They have two children, Benjamin and Georgina. They lived in the area for 27 years, before moving to Stratford. The Stratford house was a renovator's delight, with the renovation directed by Lucy and Allen often providing the muscle. It is now a very beautiful and comfortable home.

Lucy became very active as a trainer in aerobics. In the early days, she would ride her bicycle to Gordonvale and Edmonton to hold aerobics sessions. She was the first to hold water aerobics sessions in Cairns. The Queensland Government appointed Lucy as an Aerobics and Keep Fit Instructor to teach prospective Aerobics instructors in the 80's. Lucy also taught Tai Chi and the Steady Steps program to seniors and helped restore the lives of others affected by accidents, stroke and serious illness. Lucy was also instrumental in helping and mentoring youth with a variety of issues including their individual life journey. For this, Lucy was nominated in the Community Spirit and Courage categories of the Pride of Australia Medal.

Lucy was very involved with the formation of the Cairns group of the Make-A-Wish foundation in 1990, together with Bob Fowler and Heather Dutton. Fundraising was essential to keep Make-A-Wish viable. They received a lot of support from Cairns businesses and held a Gala Ball three years in a row. She had been a volunteer for 25 years.

Lucy was born with a genetic condition that would one day require a kidney transplant. She was fortunate to have had a transplant in 2016 and cherished this remarkable gift, which gave her a new lease on life. Lucy never let her medical problems get in the way of enjoying life and helping others.

Lucy joined the Bridge Club in 2006. She was a very popular person. She was always positive, never judgemental, listened to other people's problems, and gave good advice.

I was very fortunate to have had her for a bridge partner.

Bruce Frost



Tell, Don't Ask

Author: Larry Cohen

Date of publish: 03/02/2002

Level: Intermediate

Silence is golden. Here are 3 situations to examine. If you are on the "wrong" side of these, here is your big chance to change your ways.

The sign of an inexperienced player is the frivolous asking for explanations. If your opponents alert, that doesn't mean you have to do anything. After the auction is over, ask away. But, while the bidding is still underway, don't ask unless the information is vital to you.

On many auctions, you and your partner are passing throughout. Your opponents are on their way to game, maybe slam. They are alerting away. Why ask? All you accomplish by asking is to help them. They get to explain their bids, thereby clarifying matters for their partners. Too often, I've seen situations such as:

OPENER	RESPONDER
1♠	2♦
2NT	4♣*

Four clubs is alerted by the opponents. You are next to bid, and you hold:

♠QJ32 ♥542 ♦Q64 ♣952

Why should you possibly care what four clubs means? Just sit there and ignore the alert. If you ask, the opponents will verbalize (thereby helping to avoid misunderstanding) if it is Gerber, a Splinter, Natural, or something else. Wait until the auction is over. At that point, you can get all the explanations you wish.

Why do people ask when they don't care? Maybe to show off that they are paying attention? Maybe to look sophisticated. Just the opposite. It is the sure sign of inexperience to ask questions when there is no need to.

If you are on the other side of the equation (you and your partner are doing the alerting), then you are required to explain. Only if you are asked, tell.

Another pet peeve of mine (and another sure sign of inexperience) is as follows:

YOU	OPPONENT	PARTNER	OPPONENT
2♥	Double	Pass	3♥
Double!			

You open a preempt, and later the opponents cue-bid your suit. This is a good time for the "silence is golden" principle. Too often, people foolishly double these cue-bids. Sometimes they even laugh and ask if it is their lead. Such doubles can only help the opponents. Trust me, they aren't playing in three hearts doubled. By doubling, you give them flexibility. They

can pass the double back around to their partner. They can redouble to show a control. You give them all sorts of options they didn't have if you had just sat there and passed three hearts. Your partner knows you have hearts--why double?

Lastly, here's one I've seen many times before. Dealer opens 1♦. The next player is sitting there with:

♠K32 ♥A2 ♦AQ108752 ♣2

Wow! What a strange hand to hold when RHO opens 1♦. Any experienced player would pass in tempo. What else can you do? Presumably 2♦ would be a Michaels bid for the majors, and 3♦ would be preemptive. So, you pass and await developments (if you overcall in diamonds on the next round, it will be natural).

What do the inexperienced players do? They ask, "What does 1♦ show?" Or, "How many diamonds does 1♦ promise?" Or, they sit there with an amused grin on their faces. These players obviously shouldn't try Poker, but they also need to recognize the situation so that next time they play bridge, they can pass smoothly without giving away the show.

Make sure you are aware of the 3 situations described here, so that you can be thought of as an expert. Or, at least, you won't be thought of as a neophyte. I am reminded of the famous quote: **"Better to keep your mouth closed and be thought a fool than to open it and remove all doubt"**

(From: www.larryco.com)

November Birthdays

Allen Ruderman	Frances Winkworth
Helen Rial	Janice Spurrier
Jennifer Kembrey	Jonathan Silberberg
Judith Ellis	Lyn Dempster
Marjan Kik-Kemp	Natalie Pullman
Rae Russell	Shellee Chapman
Simon van Kruistum	Steve McKean



(From 'Go Ahead, Laugh' by Jude Goodwin)



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