



CAIRNS BRIDGE CLUB CAPERS

June, 2024

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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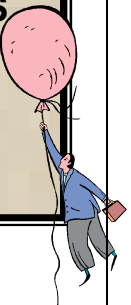
Julie Duncan

Zonal Delegates

Jan Cluff & Michael Byrne

MASTERPOINT PROMOTIONS

Andy Mathieson	Life Master
Karin Iovannella	Regional Master
Elaine Dickson	Regional Master



Patrick Jourdain, a famous bridge player/teacher from Wales is called over to a table at one of his classes where a hand has just passed out, but 4th hand had 17 high card points. "So why did you pass? asks Patrick. "Because you told us after three passes the bidding is over, so I had to pass.



President's Corner

Welcome everyone to the June newsletter.

As you are aware, the club has been encouraging members to bring in empty bottles and cans. Initially when we started, it was soda and beer cans plus beer bottles. From November last year the range was expanded to include wine and liquor bottles; even though they do not have the 10c imprint.

This initiative was started by Jane Gryg and to date we have collected more than 6000 bottles. We have decided to use the collected funds to subsidise Nation Wide Pairs. This saves members from having to go to handbags and cars to find that extra dollar. So please continue to drink and bring in your empties; if you have not done so in the past, please consider being part of this initiative.

Thanks Jane for launching this great idea and taking all the empties to the recycling depot. If any member wishes to assist Jane, please contact her.

As you are aware, since signing our new lease we have been busy improving the club with the kitchen upgrade and internal and external painting. Last week we finalised the connection of our new solar panels and new switch box. This has now been completed and thus we should get a rebate instead of paying for electricity.

As per last month's newsletter - a timely reminder about our congresses coming up:

1. Novice Pairs Congress on Friday 14th June. In Clubhouse. Director Rick Gryg.
2. Show Day Congress 19th – 20th July. In Clubhouse. Director Rebecca Delaney
3. Cassowary Coast Congress 9th August – 11th August. Mission Beach Resort. Director Julie Jeffries
4. Tropical Spring Congress 16th-18th October. International Club at Atherton. Director Julie Jeffries.

Information about all of the above is available from the club and entry to all are via myABF. If you have an issue with entering, please contact Cheryl Parks on 0407 770 114 or myself on 0414 430 145.

Also, please note the monthly Saturday afternoon Swiss Pairs events are now on myABF. As the written lists have caused problems with duplicate names or people not showing up, all entries will now be on myABF to help with some of that confusion. So the next Swiss Pairs is on Saturday, 15th June – so please jump on myABF to sign up.

On Sunday 30th June we will be holding our past-members morning tea at the club commencing at 10.30am. The morning is open to every member; especially if you would like to catch up with past members. Please let Anna O'Brien know on 0412 394 490, just for catering purposes.

On Saturday 24th August is our AGM and all positions become vacant. Please consider volunteering for a position as new blood to the committee brings current ideas and helps the club expand. If you do not want a committee role, there are plenty of other tasks around the club that need doing.

Congratulations to all the members that competed in Australia Wide Novice Pairs. It is strange how percentages change when local results (9 tables) are entered into the national pool (550 tables). As an example: Wayne and Maureen Lyons who finished first east/west with 61.6% in the club have increased to 65.8% in the national pool. The members who finished first as north/south in the club are now actually second in the national pool – their percentage went from 61.1% to 57.1%. Interesting results but well done everyone – you did Cairns proud.

This is also a timely reminder that Covid19 is still regularly active within our community. If you do not feel well in any way, please do not attend the club. Happy bridging.

William van Bakel



Clubhouse Session times

Monday afternoon	- 1:30pm
<i>(Standby available for Mondays)</i>	
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.

NWP will NO LONGER cost an extra \$1.

- (12) Thurs 13th June
- (13) Thurs 4th July
- (14) Thurs 18th July
- (15) Sat 3rd August
- (16) Thurs 15 August
- (17) Thurs 5th September
- (18) Thurs 19th September
- (19) Thurs 3rd October
- (20) Thurs 17th October

FRIDAY FORUM

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

7th June: Double Double

SUPERVISED PLAY

**Every Wednesday morning
10:30am to 12:30pm**

No partner is necessary. Come along to gain some practice and have the chance to ask questions to experienced players about anything you are unsure of.

TEAMS

Thursday, 9th July

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES IN THE BOOK

CLUB LADDER

To stay in the competition, you need to have at least 4 different partners out of the 6 sessions.

1. 20th January
2. 2nd March
3. 25th May
4. **6th July**
5. 21st September
6. 9th November



Full results are on the board at the clubhouse

SWISS PAIRS

New Monthly Event

NEXT: Saturday, 15th June

Also: 13th July
24th August
14th September
12th October
16th November

ENTRIES NOW ON myABF

CAIRNS NOVICE PAIRS CONGRESS

Matchpoint Pairs

RED POINTS

Friday, 14th June

@ 9:30am & 1:30pm

Must play in both

Both players must have less than
100mps

Entry via MyABF



ZONAL PAIRS CAIRNS

RED POINTS

Sunday, 23rd June @ 9am & 1pm

Entry forms at clubhouse

& on the front page of the club website

*To enter, you must be willing to represent the
Far Northern Zone in Brisbane in October.*

***The winning pair will receive a \$800 subsidy
to represent the Far Northern Zone at the
QBA Festival of Bridge in Brisbane on 12-
14 October, 2024.***

RESULTS FOR LAST MONTH

PAT SHEDDEN PAIRS

RED POINTS

Saturday, 29th June @ 1:30pm only
Pat Shedden was responsible for teaching many of the foundation club members how to play bridge. This event is played each year in her honour.



MOTHERS DAY PAIRS

Saturday, 11th May
 N/S Lesley Fraser & Rebecca Delaney
 E/W Ian Argent & Jan Argent



SWISS PAIRS

Saturday 18th May
 1. Gidi Azar & William van Bakel
 2. Lesley Fraser & Rebecca Delaney
 3. Andy Mathieson & Dave Mathieson

GNOT QUALIFYING HEAT 2 CAIRNS

Sunday, 19th May
 1. Tony Lusk; Peerapan Maslen;
 Sandy Long & William van Bakel
 2. Joan Campbell; Jenny Crawl;
 Liz Litzow & Danny Bowden
 3. Pat Bruce; Helen Rial;
 Heather Thomas & Peggy Ladner

Nationwide Pairs Event (9)

Thursday 2nd May - **NO RESULTS**

Nationwide Pairs Event (10)

Thursday, 16th May – 362 Pairs registered

Rank	Pair	%	Red Pts
14	Long, Ladner	63.913	0.385
25	Azar, van Bakel	61.751	0.300
62	Clarke, Lyons	57.390	0.300
74	Lusk, Anderson	56.570	0.200
75	Frost, van Basel	56.557	0.200
79	Firth, Firth	56.442	0.200
114	Litzow, Pollock	53.517	0.200
118	Gryg, van Kruistum	53.325	0.200
131	Brooker, Tierney	52.237	0.100
151	Argent, Argent	51.423	0.100
157	Van Kruistum, Wurzel	50.980	0.100
178	Winkworth, Mathieson	50.079	0.100
196	Campbell, Sutherland	48.978	0.000
201	McMahon, Ryan	48.797	0.000
231	Stevenson, de Rooy	47.169	0.000
232	Gryg, Pressley	47.151	0.000
251	Thomas, Horseman	46.122	0.000
256	Card, Bruce	45.707	0.000
273	Gilbert, O'Brien	44.501	0.000
278	Chapman, Knight	43.920	0.000
289	Zoia, O'Gorman	43.517	0.000
296	Scully, Dempster	42.997	0.000
301	Rossiter, Dickson	42.830	0.000
355	Kik, Kik-Kemp	35.359	0.000

FURTHER AFIELD

GNOT QUALIFYING HEAT MALANDA

GOLD POINTS – 2 Sessions

Monday, 17th June
 @ 9am & 1pm
 Put your names on the list.

INTERCLUB MALANDA

RED POINTS

Monday, 1st July
 2 sessions **8:30am** for 9am start
Write your name in the book.

GNOT REGIONAL FINAL MALANDA

GOLD POINTS – 2 Sessions

Sunday, 28th July
 @ 9am & 1pm
 Put your names on the list.



Can I Change my Call?

By Gidi Azar

Definitions

- A bid is a number (1 to 7) and a denomination (C, D, H, S or NT), e.g. 1C or 6H.
- A call is a bid or a pass, a double, or a redouble.

We often mix these terms, for example we refer to pass as a bid. This is OK, as we know what it means.

Incomplete Bid

As defined above, a bid must have (1) a number and (2) a denomination. So if you write 2 on the bidding pad, it is NOT a bid. You can change it to 1S, or anything else including a pass.

While (marginally) legal, it is bad etiquette and can be annoying. You should decide your call/bid before your pencil touches the bidding pad. It may also be unauthorised information and limit your partner's options.

Can I change my call/ bid?

The law allows you to change an unintended call under some conditions. This can be done before your partner makes a call. It doesn't matter if your LH opponent called, as long as your partner hasn't. When you notice that you made an unintended call and you want to change it, call the director, **BEFORE YOUR PARTNER HAS CALLED.**

The law allows a change of unintended call if it's because of mechanical error or a slip of the tongue, but not because of lack of concentration.

If the director judges that the call was a result of lack of concentration, they will not allow a change. With bidding pads there are no mechanical errors or slips of the tongue, but the director will need to decide if the reason for the unintended call is similar to one of these reasons.

If the director asks you for the reason of the unintended call, never say: "I lost my concentration". You need to convince the director that the mistake is entirely one of your fingers, not your brain!

Example: You open 1NT and your P bids 2D, transfer to H. You have a good hand and you take some time to ponder if you should bid 3H (game invitation or super-accept). You then decide to stay at the 2 level, and inadvertently pass. You immediately realise the mistake and call the director, saying that you intended to bid 2H. The director would most likely judge that the unintended pass was because of lack of concentration and would not allow a change. Calling the director, and the subsequent discussion, are unauthorised information to your partner.

Change after Misinformation

You may change your call if the opponents gave the wrong explanation or failed to alert, provided your partner hasn't called.

Example: You are West, and you have a 6-card diamond suit. North, the dealer, opens 1NT and your partner bids 2C. You plan to bid 2D if South passes, but South bids 2D. It is unclear if the opponents play transfers after interference, and the 2D bid by South is not alerted. You pass, hoping to defend a diamond contract. After you passed, North says: "oops" and alerts South's 2D bid, explaining that it's transfer to H. You should call the director, who will allow you to cancel your pass and replace it with, say, a double, or 3D, depending on your system.



Jane and Melissa ... 2nd in the BRC Mackay Restricted section (posted by Rick Gryg 7-5-24)

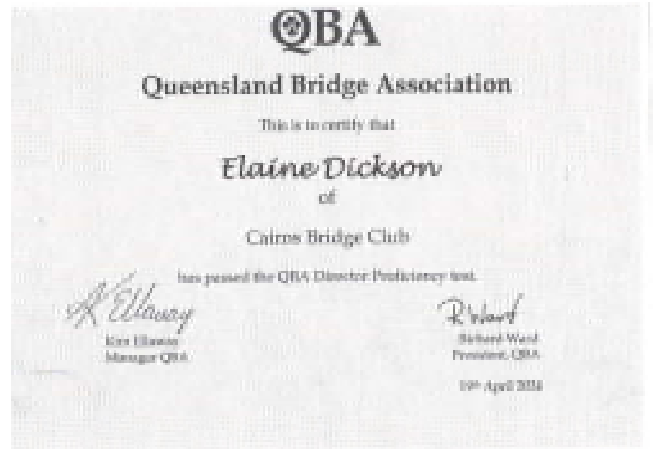


Not to be outdone by Melissa and Jane, Lesley and Rick's achievement was HUGE...\$15 each for 3rd place in the walk-ins.... thinking of going professional soon. (posted by Rick Gryg 7-5-24)



Great team effort. (posted by Rick Gryg 16-5-24)

CONGRATULATIONS To ELAINE DICKSON



Elaine passed her QBA Director Proficiency test in April. Good luck with the official Director's exam coming up this month! It's so great to get more Directors in the club.

June Birthdays

Annie Sutherland	Bev Hayhurst
Bruce Frost	Carol Dennis
Heather Thomas	Jan Firth
Julia Mockel	Liz Agius
Lorraine Zoia	Michael Byrne
Rosemary Ward	Ruth Bartlett
Vera Leipold	William van Bakel

BEGINNERS CORNER

Below is a tip from "Bridge Secrets" by Julian Pottage:

New Suit is Forcing

If partner opens in one suit and you respond in another, this is a forcing bid. In other words, you expect partner to bid again. The only exceptions are if the next player overcalls, giving you another chance to bid, or if you have previously passed. A change of suit is forcing so that you and your partner have the chance to exchange information about your hands.

Hand 1

♠ Q1093

♥ K3

♦ AKJ2

♣ 654

Hand 2

♠ AJ93

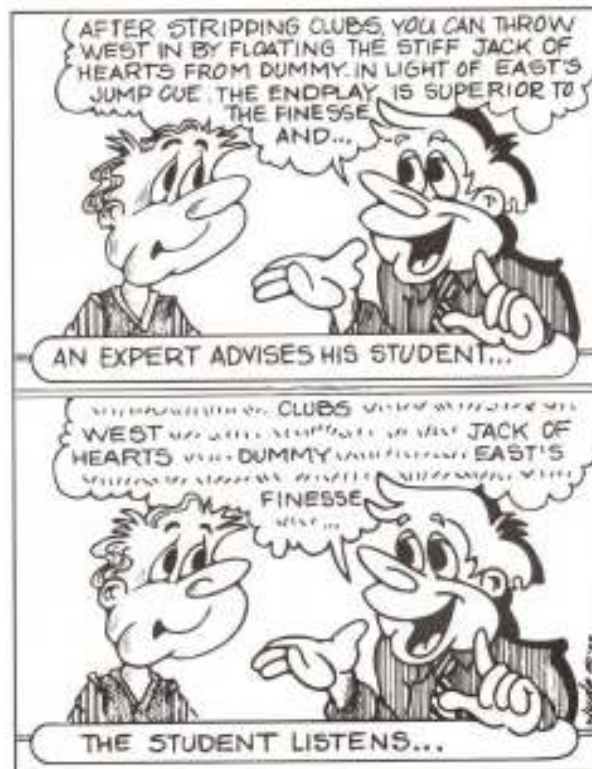
♥ 6

♦ AKJ72

♣ 65

If partner opens 1♥, you respond 1♠ with Hand 1. You do not want to have to guess that 3NT is the best contract. Depending upon partner's shape and values, you might belong in 4♠, 3NT, 4♥, 5♦ or even a slam. By bidding a simple 1♠ on the first round, you have time to find out.

If partner opens 1♥, you respond 2♦ with Hand 2. You can afford to bid your longest suit first because you have the strength to reverse into 2♠ on the second round. This will describe your hand nicely, four spades, a longer diamond suit and opening values (or close thereto). There is no way you could describe the hand in a single bid.



(From "Go Ahead, Laugh!" by Jude Goodwin)



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