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From the President



Richard Ward

WITH almost all bridge clubs closed and congresses cancelled at present it is timely for us to plan ahead for the post-coronavirus era and to envisage what our members would prefer when they return. To do that, a good starting point is to list some of the reasons why people who take up the game quickly discover that they have a life-long obsession with it.

Socialisation: Meeting people with common interests and spending time enjoyably is the single most frequently mentioned reward from playing bridge.

Mental challenge and exercise: 'Many games provide fun, but bridge grips you. It exercises your mind. Our mind can rust you know, but bridge prevents the rust from forming.' Omar Sharif

Just as muscles will atrophy when not used regularly, so will brain power deteriorate when not maintained with stimulation.

Teamwork: What distinguishes

bridge from the many other games combining luck and skill. Part of the answer is teamwork. Complete bridge players are forever helping their partners and receiving information in return.

Variety: 'Bridge presents all the challenges that we know of. It is a human game, yet it is an intellectual game. If I sit down to play, I am likely to run into some sort of situation that I've never seen before.' Edgar Kaplan

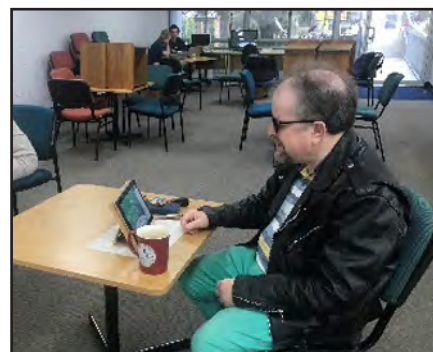
Universality: 'No matter where I go, I can always make new friends at the bridge table.' Martina Navratilova

One common thread running through all of these is the importance to many of us of the regular social interactions that bridge clubs provide. However, there may be a culture shift on the way regarding the use of playing cards, bidding pads and BridgeMates. Many have joined Bridge Base Online and are playing ABF, club-based or casual games during the pandemic. But we are all looking forward to face-to-face bridge as soon as possible. It has been possible for clubs to embrace online bridge and perhaps there will be some who would like to continue online but to do so when actually at the club.

A third possibility, SmartBridge, has recently been created by Greg Murray who plays at the Coolumb Bridge Club. It requires the use of a set of very basic tablet computers

(similar but less sophisticated than iPads), four per table which, rather than connecting through the internet, make use of a local area network operating through the club computer. They have been using SmartBridge to play three small sessions each week for the past month. SmartBridge is compatible with the popular scoring program 'Compscore 2' and so it is a simple matter to produce hard copy hand records and to post results to the club website. This is a work-in-progress and has the potential to become increasingly user-friendly as program upgrades are implemented. Contact greg@smartbridge.com.au for more information.

SmartBridge demonstration session:



Charles Page



Richard Wallis and Greg Murray

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The 2020 Australian Online Youth Tournament saw the Queensland Youth Team (William Han, Ellen Visscher, Paddy Taylor, Ben Leung, Sebastian Langdon Macmillan, Darren Brake and Andrew Gosney [NPC]) finishing at the top of the leader board after the 2-round-robin qualifying rounds: QLD 98; SA 92; VIC 78; NSW 76; ACT 56. This was an outstanding result from a talented group of players. The finals comprised 4 x 12-board matches. SA won the first set by 28 imps, but QLD regained the lead at the halfway mark. Thereafter it all went SA's way and they ended up comfortable winners 162-110. Congratulations to all players who played in good spirits and with a high level sportsmanship throughout.

The Barrier Reef Congress schedule is now: 2021 Mackay; 2022 Townsville; 2023 Cairns; 2024 Yeppoon. The 2021 entry form is on the QBA website.

Congratulations to Jan Peach, QBA Director Accreditation, who has been promoted to National Director Level 1, the highest ranked director in Queensland. This was in recognition of her outstanding support of our directors including: creating and maintaining the Qld Online Proficiency Test; preparing directors for their club and congress exams, then writing, marking and assessing all applicants; providing workshops across the state and editor of the Australian Bridge Directors Association Newsletter.

Thanks to:

- Richard Wallis who stepped down as President of the QBA after serving in this position 1984-1985 and then 2017-2020. He continues to be one of Queensland's top players with a plethora of bridge titles to his name. He is also a prolific author of bridge articles and congress reports who, over the decades, has provided much very welcome copy for the QBA Bulletin. Richard has always given generously of his time to bridge in Queensland and will be missed from the Management Committee.
- The committee of the Mackay Bridge Club which has been willing to share all of its

documentation to allow their club to re-open within the Covid-19 restrictions currently in place. These have all been posted to the QBA website.

- All clubs who have assisted QBA Manager, Kim Ellaway, with the development of the 2021 Calendar – now on the website.
- Neville Francis who has stepped down after decades of service as Chair of the Appeals Committee and a member of the Tournament Committee. He and Richard Wallis have been replaced by Julie Jeffries and Charles Page.
- The Barrier Reef Congress committee at Yeppoon which was faced with cancellation of the event and all that was then entailed in refunding thousands of dollars of entry fees – accomplished promptly and with a minimum of fuss.
- Thanks to everybody associated with introducing local Bridge Base Online tournaments into clubs, especially Charles Page, Paul Brake, Val Roland and all local club organisers. ■

Warwick Daily News



Neil Bonnell

500,000 words later – the end of the road?

ON June 8 1985, the first set of bridge notes appeared in the *Warwick Daily News*. It proudly announced that at the first official game, six tables were in play at the Warwick Band Centre. Details of the place-getters were added. It was not long before the *Hand of the Week* feature was added and continued with a stutter or two along the way for 35 years until Covid-19 struck. The *Daily News* was then offered a weekly hand from the club's archives, but this offer was not taken up.

Now that the print edition of the *Daily News* has been abandoned in favour of a digital version, it is not clear whether the notes will again be printed when play resumes.

By and large, successive editors have appreciated the value of the bridge notes to their paper, although from time to time we have had to remind them that there is one acceptable way to present bridge notes, and printing the hands side by side is not one of them. The main writer has been Neil Bonnell, but when the Bonnells were away from Warwick from 1995-97 John Rose and Neville Francis filled in very ably. Later on John Marley was an entertaining guest columnist.

Here are some hands from the early days. The first comes from a country congress.

Bridge with Aunt Agatha

Dir W	♠ 93
Vul None	♥ Q1082
	♦ Q8763
	♣ J7
♠ QJ2	♠ A1085
♥ AK73	♥ J9
♦ K954	♦ A10
♣ 43	♣ 109852
	♠ K764
	♥ 654
	♦ J2
	♣ AKQ6

W	N	E	S
1D	P	1S	P
1NT	All pass		

Still smarting from failing to bid a makeable 3NT on the previous hand, EW remained conservative on this one. After North led the two of hearts, declarer called for dummy's jack, which held. Given a tempo by the lead, declarer decided to rely on the generosity of the defenders and continued with the club ten. How many Souths would have played small and allowed partner's jack to win and therefore create four tricks in the suit? This South was not one of that select band and flew with the queen. In the twinkling of an eyelid South tabled the king and not even the crash of partner's jack could stop the onrush of the ace, leaving dummy's modest 9-8 as winners on

table. The heart switch was then too late. Declarer won with the ace, took the losing finesse in spades and claimed nine tricks. South's admiring glance showed her appreciation of the play, but then she leaned forward and murmured, "You do underbid a lot, don't you?"

And a Happy Christmas to you too.

Twenty-point grand slams are rare, but this one enlivened the 1988 festivities at the Warwick Bridge Club. No one has admitted to setting this hand - yet.

Dlr S	♠ AJ73
Vul Both	♥ —
	♦ AJ
	♣ J987543
♠ —	♠ 95
♥ AKQJ108654	♥ 92
♦ 2	♦ KQ108543
♣ K106	♣ Q2
	♠ KQ108642
	♥ 73
	♦ 976
	♣ A

W	N	E	S
4H	5H	P	3S
6H	7S	All pass	6C

North's cue-bid of 5H showed spade support and first round control of hearts. East had had enough, as there were already too many points in the pack. South obediently showed first round control in clubs, but West had not yet given up. Over West's 6H, North could have settled for 6S, but must have decided that this was the last chance to make a grand slam that year and continued to 7S.

West might have deduced that East held diamonds, but led the ace of hearts which was predictably ruffed in dummy. A small club was led to the ace and another heart was ruffed in dummy. Because of the helpful distribution, declarer was now in control. The clubs could be ruffed good, the remaining trump drawn and four good clubs enjoyed, with the ace of diamonds intact as an entry to dummy. 2210 points was a generous reward for a risky bid. Next best for NS was 200 when EW failed in 6H. In matchpoint scoring, however, the

grand slam bidder scored only one more point than the pair defending against 6H. No doubt 7S was a lot more fun to play.

Anklebiting at the Flats

When played in a Footrot Flats teams match in their knockout competition, this board gave Wal and his team a lucky break.

Dlr W	♠ Q2
Vul NS	♥ AK10732
	♦ 53
	♣ Q92
♠ 963	♠ J65
♥ Q	♥ 864
♦ KQ104	♦ J98762
♣ AKJ103	♣ 8
	♠ AK1074
	♥ J95
	♦ A
	♣ 7654

W	N	E	S
Wal	Spit	Cheeky	Pop
	Murphy	Hobson	Murphy
1C	1H	P	1S
2D	2H	3D	3NT
P	4H	5D	All pass

Cheeky Hobson's initial pass was mainly due to the fact that she was still sorting her cards. When it was her next turn to bid, Wal had shown his diamond suit. Cheeky wasn't sure what Wal had meant when earlier he had told her that she wasn't vulnerable, but she saw that bidding diamonds was her best chance of reminding Wal what she wanted to wear on her left hand. As North and South stubbornly argued about their suits, Cheeky persisted with diamonds, rubbing the ring finger on her left hand as she did so.

When Spit led his ace of hearts in the modern manner Wal shuddered at the sight of three spade losers in dummy. Wal's play of the queen of hearts didn't fool Spit Murphy. He had never trusted Wal and wasn't going to start now. The king of hearts which followed was duly ruffed by Wal, who muttered that he never false-carded anyway.

At this stage Dog, who had seen Cooch make 4H at the other table, returned. He had watched enough bridge to know that if Wal immediately played a trump, Pop

Murphy would win the ace and cash his spade winners. As Wal's fingers closed around the king of diamonds, Dog nipped him sharply on the ankle. A moments' thought showed Wal a better line of play, so he continued with two top clubs, both North and South following with a spade pitched from dummy. Now came the three of clubs, catching Spit's queen and ruffed in dummy. A heart ruff brought Wal back into hand and out came the jack of clubs. Spit, who hated being over-ruffed, discarded a heart and a second spade loser had disappeared. By the time South was able to ruff the fifth club with the ace of diamonds, Cheeky's spade losers had melted away and the defenders had taken just their two aces. Spit explained that he was about to ruff Wal's clubs when he felt a nip on his ankle and changed his mind.

When the same hand was played at the Warwick Bridge Club early in 1989, 5D made once and failed once. 4H North, making, was common and one glorious sacrifice in 6C doubled by West cost 1700 points – and there wasn't a dog in sight.

One more for luck

Two Warwick Bridge Club reports found their way into *The Australian*, first by favour of George Havas and then by Paul Marston. George's piece is probably of greater general interest. It is reprinted below.

In a warm-up for the interstate teams championships the Queensland Open and Women's teams played a demonstration match in Warwick last weekend (9th July, 1988). The deals were selected from recent events in the Warwick club and were picked because of their interest.

This led to a high-scoring match in which the Women (Margie Drake, Jenny Ling, Lindy Vincent, Lyn Carter, Pam Francis and Enid Busch) outscored the Open (Bill Hunt, Jim Wallis, Kevin Hume, Paul Lavings, Brian Blyth and Richard Ward) by nine IMPs over 30 boards.

Slam level hands are of critical importance in teams events. Being on the right side of these hands is often the key to victory. Try to bid the East-West cards of this deal. Dealer

Dlr E	♠ J543	♠ AQ
	♥ QJ32	♥ A
	♦ 1083	♦ AQ62
	♣ 98	♣ AK10743
♠ K109		
♥ K986		
♦ K954		
♣ J5		
	♠ 8762	
	♥ 10754	
	♦ J7	
	♣ Q62	

East, no opposition bidding.

Three small slams (six clubs, six diamonds and six no-trumps) are cold on all but the wildest distributions and succeed easily here. The corresponding grand slams have play, but only one, the best, makes on this layout.

Seven diamonds, about a 50% chance, makes easily while both seven clubs and seven no-trumps (each about 30% chances) fail.

How would you have fared?

The deal was a problem for both teams. The Women bid to seven clubs without really considering any other brand. The Open were in seven diamonds for a while before removing to seven no-trumps. No swing.

Some people say that you should never bid a grand slam unless you can count all 13 tricks. That approach here would have gained either team more than the winning margin.

Note: What George didn't mention (he may not have known) is that at each table, East signed off in a small slam but, perhaps because of the pressure of the occasion, West tried to improve the result and bid one more. One West explained that, "Partner didn't know how strong I was." Paul Lavings did best by finding 7D (which would have taken care of the troublesome queen of clubs) and choosing to play there, only to see partner remove the contract to a losing spot. Even Paul's equable nature must have been sorely tested. Therese Tully, not mentioned by George, provided an entertaining commentary. Following this form of training, the Open team was successful in the ANC.

When normal play resumes at the

Warwick Bridge Club, *Hand of the Week* will continue to appear on our website, which can be reached through the QBA site. ■

Teachers' Corner



Joan Butts

RUNNING Zoom teaching sessions, both as a private teacher, and for ABF accreditation is an interesting ongoing exercise, and may be here to stay.

One of the biggest positives is the amazing fact that your audience can come from anywhere! No longer is one restricted to a club or region and, as such, the interaction is fascinating.

The ABF Zoom teacher training sessions have, in the same "room", teachers from all states NSW, Victoria, Queensland, ACT, Tasmania, SA and WA, and this offers a unique opportunity to compare teaching views and bidding ideas.

Hats off to the teachers who've kept bridge education alive online during the past four months. They send me some great stories of their "adventures", eg Bernadette Dwyer from Sunnybank writes:

"I was thrilled yesterday when one of my ladies was so determined not to miss her Friday lesson (we have lessons every afternoon) that she was sitting in the car with her phone. She and her husband had gone

down to the coast to her son who is their dentist, and while her husband was in the dentist's chair, she was sitting outside in the car joining us for her lesson. Even when her husband was finished and started driving home she stayed on the phone. That made me feel so good as a teacher. I must be doing something right!"

Later she sent this one:

"I did one better than my student who was in the car online for her lesson.

Last Sunday I had arranged to play in a tournament but I had to go to my great grand-daughter's birthday party at a park. Days had been mixed up. So I went to the park and played in the tournament online while attending the party. I had to social distance anyway. And we did well in the tournament too!"

You certainly couldn't have done this before!

The other opportunity we have now is to observe many more players online than before. This, combined with the large numbers of online tournaments gives an insight into how people are playing. There are so many results to compare.

I watched some very experienced women dealing poorly with this hand in an online teams match, and it fired me up to offer a Zoom Continuing Professional Development Day for teachers on "How to Teach and Play Slams". See the ABF Education page for dates of Zoom teacher training sessions, which we are limiting to twenty people per four hour session. These are free, totally supported by the ABF.

What do you open vul, in second seat, with:

♠ AKQ1085 ♥ A ♦ AK865 ♣ 3



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Normal service will be resumed some time. Please check the website for details of current play sessions

Play Sessions	Monday	9.30 am	Duplicate
	Tuesday	9.30 am	Duplicate
		7.15 pm	Duplicate & S'vised
	Wednesday	9.30 am	Duplicate
	Thursday	9.30 am	Supervised
	Friday	10.00 am	Duplicate (Mini Lesson at 9.45 am)
	Saturday	1.00 pm	Duplicate

Assuming you open 2♣, the bidding will go P 2♦ P 2♠ P 3♥ P to you: what do you choose for your next bid?

At the table I watched, this hand chose to open 1♠, and remarkably, over partner's 1NT response, bid 2♦ which was *passed out!*

At the other table, they were playing Precision, and South opened 1♠, and after a short (too short) series of exchanges, decided to leap to 6♠!

This of course failed, so the table which hadn't even reached game, won a few IMPs!

Here are the four hands.

Dir E	♠ J		
Vul NS	♥ KJ963		
	♦ 972		
	♣ 8742		
♠ 632		♠ 974	
♥ Q875		♥ 1042	
♦ QJ		♦ 1043	
♣ AKQ5		♣ J1096	
	♠ AKQ1085		
	♥ A		
	♦ AK865		
	♣ 3		

W	N	E	S
P	2D	P	2C
P	3H	P	2S
P	5D	All pass	4D

IBPA Column Service

Dir E	♠ Q943		
Vul Both	♥ K932		
	♦ A4		
	♣ AQ6		
♠ —		♠ 87	
♥ J86		♥ AQ1075	
♦ KJ8753		♦ Q92	
♣ 10975		♣ KJ2	
	♠ AKJ10652		
	♥ 4		
	♦ 106		
	♣ 843		

W	N	E	S
P	4S	1H	3S
		All pass	

After a straightforward auction, West led the six of hearts. Declarer was a

bit surprised that North had not bid three notrump; however, that could have been a bad move if South had held a minor-suit king instead of the ace of spades.

Declarer's first step was to cover the six of hearts with dummy's nine, to prevent East from ducking and leaving West on lead to shift to a club. East won the nine of hearts with the queen and found the excellent return of the queen of diamonds, guarding against declarer having the king-ten-eight or king-ten-nine, which declarer took with dummy's ace. Declarer expected East to have the king of clubs; consequently, he saw that his best shot would be to endplay East with the fourth round of hearts, forcing him to lead a club into dummy's tenace or concede a ruff-and-discard.

In order to bring this to fruition, declarer realised that he had to stop West from gaining the lead in diamonds. As a result, he played dummy's king of hearts at trick three and discarded his remaining diamond from hand when East played the ace on the king. East could see that returning a red suit would assist declarer and so exited with a trump. Declarer played the five of trumps from hand and won the trick with dummy's nine in order to ruff a heart in hand with the ace of trumps. Next, declarer led the ten of trumps to dummy's queen and ruffed dummy's remaining diamond with his king of trumps. All that remained was to lead the carefully preserved two of trumps to dummy's three to reach dummy for the last time.

Declarer then executed the final step of his plan: he led dummy's fourth heart and let East win the trick by discarding a club from his hand. East had two unappetising options: he could return a club into the ace-queen or give declarer a ruff-and-discard. Either way, declarer would make ten tricks.

See next column.

The auction had a small technical point for this pair: the jump to three notrump promised four spades, whereas a simple raise to three spades would have shown three of the suit, both responses being positive and encouraging. South

Dir S	♠ A843		
Vul EW	♥ J75		
	♦ 1072		
	♣ Q62		
♠ 72		♠ 6	
♥ 1092		♥ 8643	
♦ KJ5		♦ 9864	
♣ J9743		♣ K1085	
	♠ KQJ1095		
	♥ AKQ		
	♦ AQ3		
	♣ A		

W	N	E	S
P	2D	P	2C
P	3NT	P	2S
P	5D	P	4NT
P	6S	All pass	5NT

checked for key cards and, on finding one, asked, with five notrump, for North to bid any suit in which he held the king.

West led the ten of hearts against six spades. This was taken in hand by declarer with his queen. Declarer counted eleven tricks, with a twelfth seemingly dependent on East holding the king of diamonds. Never one to rely on a simple finesse when there were other possibilities, declarer cashed the ace of clubs at trick two, then led the king of spades to dummy's ace. Declarer continued by ruffing dummy's six of clubs with his nine of trumps. Then he cashed the queen of trumps and the ace-king of hearts before leading his five of trumps to dummy's eight. Declarer's next move was to call for dummy's queen of clubs.

If East had followed with a low club declarer's plan was to throw the three of diamonds from his hand. If West took the trick with the king of clubs he would be endplayed, forced to lead a diamond or concede a ruff-sluff – giving declarer his twelfth trick.

Alas for declarer, East played the king of clubs on the queen. Declarer found a neat counter-measure by ruffing in hand and leading a low diamond. This would have guaranteed a second diamond trick (or gained a ruff-and-discard) either if West had started with the jack of diamonds or East with the king of

diamonds. As the cards lay, West had to play his jack of diamonds and the resulting endplay made sure that declarer had his twelfth trick.

Note that, instead of relying on the diamond finesse alone, declarer came up with a plan that would succeed if West had either the king of clubs or the jack of diamonds, and also when the king of diamonds was onside.

Dlr E	♠ J1032
Vul Both	♥ 7642
	♦ 76
	♣ A83
♠ 6	♠ K98
♥ QJ9853	♥ 10
♦ J8	♦ AKQ1093
♣ 9542	♣ QJ10
	♠ AQ754
	♥ AK
	♦ 542
	♣ K76

W	N	E	S
P	2S	1D	1S
P	4S	3D	3H
		All pass	

At one table in a team game, South jumped insouciantly to game over the simple raise. In the other, South took a more thoughtful line in the auction and, as we shall see, in the play.

The defenders at both tables began with three rounds of diamonds, with West ruffing the third round with his six of trumps.

The first declarer overruffed the six with dummy's ten and then led a low spade to his queen. When West discarded a heart, declarer had to lose a trump and a club for down one.

The second declarer expected East to have the king of spades. As declarer had a sure club loser, declarer thought it better to lose the club now and discarded the three of clubs from the table. West recovered from his surprise at winning the trick and exited with the queen of hearts. Declarer took this with his king of hearts and crossed to dummy with a low club to the ace. Next, he led the jack of trumps from dummy and, when East played low, declarer played low from hand.

A low trump to the nine and queen was followed by the ace of spades to draw East's last trump. All that remained was for declarer to cash the king of clubs and ruff a club for his tenth trick.

Dlr W	♠ Q10652
Vul NS	♥ A764
	♦ 10953
	♣ —
♠ —	♠ A43
♥ Q105	♥ KJ82
♦ AKJ74	♦ Q82
♣ KJ542	♣ Q86
	♠ KJ987
	♥ 93
	♦ 6
	♣ A10973

W	N	E	S
1D	P	1H	1S
X	4S	X	All pass

West's double was in the modern style, showing three-card heart support. East's double asked partner to do something intelligent. As it looked to West that his side likely had the non-spade suits well covered, he passed – which was a good decision up to a point, as five of either minor would have failed by at least two tricks.

Despite making a good decision in the auction, West made a not-so-good one by leading the king of diamonds to ask for count in the suit. East indicated an odd number of diamonds, probably three, and so West shifted to a low heart at trick two.

Declarer took this with the ace and deduced from the heart shift that West did not have a trump in his hand – otherwise, it was the obvious shift with such a dummy on display. Declarer saw that the contract would fail if East gained the lead and played the ace and another trump. So, declarer won the second trick with the ace of hearts and then led the ten of diamonds, intending to throw his remaining heart if East followed low. When East carefully played the queen of diamonds, declarer won the trick by ruffing in hand. After cashing the ace of clubs and ruffing a club, declarer called for dummy's nine of diamonds. When East could not cover, declarer threw the nine of hearts from hand – mission accomplished!

West won the diamond and tried a forlorn queen of hearts. Declarer ruffed, then trumped a club in dummy, a heart in hand and another club in dummy. East over-ruffed and returned a trump, but to no avail. Declarer made eight trumps on a crossruff and the round-suit aces, for a total of ten tricks.

Of note is that declarer would have failed if West had led a heart, a low diamond or one of his club honours. After any of these starts, East would have been able to win a trick and play the ace and another trump, thereby holding declarer to nine tricks. ■

Mackay

The Covid-19 Octopus and the Barrier Reef Congress

The Covid-19 Octopus has spread its tentacles far and wide and is now all too familiar to us. Its extensive tentacles forced the cancellation of the 2020 Barrier Reef Congress scheduled for Yeppoon. Mackay now becomes the host for the 2021 congress.

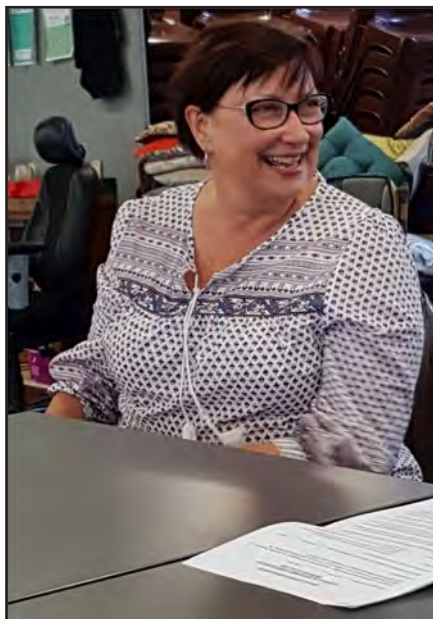
The Mackay Contract Bridge Club is run by optimists! They assume that by May next year the Octopus' tentacles will have no hold over a gathering of a large number of closely spaced bridge players. Planning for the milestone 25th Barrier Reef Congress is in full swing and proceeding smoothly. The happy face of our convenor, Janet Hansen, tells the story as she presented a progress report to the Mackay Club's Management Committee. Janet plans to mark the congress with a few surprises in recognition of the hard work contributed by Cairns, Townsville, Yeppoon and our own Mackay club over the years. She is so optimistic that the entry form for the congress is now available on the QBA web site

Starting sometime in the 1980s, a North Queensland Congress was held each year. Jan Randall from Rockhampton Bridge Club recalls that in 1993, when the congress was held in Mackay, Eric Parsons, then President of the Mackay club, chaired a semi-formal meeting

of officials and participants. That meeting led to a move to elevate the North Queensland Congress to an ABF National Tournament. Over the following years, that elevation was approved along with a name change to the Barrier Reef Congress. The first such congress was held in Townsville in 1993. Mackay is honoured to be hosting the 25th Barrier Reef - Covid-19 permitting.

The Barrier Reef Congress has been run on rotation by the Cairns, Townsville and Mackay Clubs since inception, with the Yeppoon Club being included from 2017. This is one of two Queensland Gold Point ABF events, and the premier congress in Central/Northern Queensland.

Nomination forms are available on the QBA website. Keep an eye out for updates but most importantly, be part of the silver anniversary BRC. We look forward to welcoming a full house to Mackay from the April 30 - May 3 2021 for a long weekend of bridge at an historic Barrier Reef Congress.



Janet Hansen

Australian Online Youth Tournament

Capitalizing on your opponents' mistakes

DURING our very first match of the tournament, Ben Leung was put into a tough spot.

Dir N	♠ J863
Vul NS	♥ AQJ65
	♦ Q3
	♣ 95
♠ K4	♠ AQ52
♥ K732	♥ 104
♦ AJ10542	♦ 96
♣ 2	♣ K10643
	♠ 1097
	♥ 98
	♦ K87
	♣ AQJ87

W	N	E	S
	1H	P	1NT
P	2C	P	2D
P	2H	P	3C
All pass			

Ben was put in an unwinnable position, with a 5-1 break against him. The ♦9 lead went to the 7-2-Q. Ben started drawing trumps, winning



Andrew Gosney

the finesse and returning with a heart finesse, also working. Upon a second finesse of the clubs, Ben heard the bad news, when it went 9-10-Q-♦4.

After taking another heart finesse this was the position.

J863	
A65	
3	
—	
K4	AQ52
K7	—
AJ105	6
—	K64
1097	
—	
K8	
A87	

Ben now played the ♥A, and East discarded a diamond. This is where Ben's fate changed.

By discarding the diamond, East set himself up for a lethal endplay, which Ben ended up finding. Ben only needed three more tricks, and East couldn't stop Ben winning three clubs on a heart continuation. Whether or not East trumps the ♥6, Ben simply trumps it (overtrumps if necessary) and just plays side suits until he is left with the A8 over the K6.

East chose to trump the ♥6, Ben overtook the ♣4 with the ♣7, and exited the ♦K, sealing East's fate.

QLD gained 6 IMPs on this board, which was the first swing in a match that resulted in a 57-10 win for the team.

■ Andrew Gosney



William Han, Ben Leung, Andrew Gosney (npc), Paddy Taylor, Ellen Vischer, and Sebastian Langdon-Macmillan. Missing Darren Brake

Rockhampton

ON Thursday, May 14, 2020 the Rocky Bridge Club celebrated its 50th birthday. The first meeting to form the contract bridge club was held on Thursday May 14 1970. Thirteen people attended the founding meeting at the Commercial Hotel (later the Heritage Tavern). Bill Brownlee (at the time proprietor of Brownlee Chemist in East Street and Emu Park) was elected first president of the new club. There are three surviving founding members; John Lanham, Bram Gibson and Margaret Manson.

The club was fortunate to have its major celebration, a weekend of bridge and gala dinner on March 14 and 15, before the pandemic, and was attended by QBA Manager, Kim Ellaway and her husband Ray, Rockhampton Regional Council Mayor, Margaret Strelow and her husband Darryl.

We were honored to have these people assist with presentations to:

Life members, Silver Grand Masters—Dr Malcolm Allan and Ron Lorraway, Grand Masters, Jan Dooner and John Lanham (foundation member), and gifts presented to two of three surviving foundation members of our wonderful club, Margaret Manson, Inaugural Secretary and John Lanham, Inaugural Publicity Officer.

Members were planning a wine and cheese evening to coincide with the actual birthday on Thursday; however Covid-19 changed those plans.

Members could not play bridge in the physical club, so a virtual club for Yeppoon and Rockhampton members was set up using the Bridge Base Online platform. Players were able to link into the game via their computers/tablets and iPhones from their homes. A few hours of solid bridge play was enjoyed with players clicking on cards with their cursor, being swept via space to the next table, chatting via typed message rather than holding actual cards, verbally greeting their opponents and getting up and physically moving.

Players from all age groups, embraced the opportunity, after weeks of no bridge games, to play a session of bridge using this 21st century technology.

John Lanham, who turns 85 in September, proved there are no age-related issues when learning to use modern gadgets. Who would have thought 50 years ago when he was involved in starting the club that he would be competing by playing his favourite game on a computer? John, playing with his daughter Donna Smith, won their section. However, the overall winners were Ellen Duggan and Malcolm Saunders with second place being Denise O'Regan and Cristel Philp. The winners received a monetary prize of BB\$'s donated

by Charles Page, Director of Moore Stephens Qld & Northern NSW.

Ours really is a lucky club. Our committee member, valued Director, and Club Teacher, Jan Randall has put so much effort into getting our club playing on BBO. Along with Dr Malcolm Allan and Don Cameron, these three have helped members access and set up BBO.

It really is great to be part of a club with such devoted members. I hope all clubs in Australia are as lucky as us to have a member like Jan Randall, and other club members devoted to keeping bridge alive in "little old Rocky" as Jan calls us.

■ Jan Randall and Donna Smith



Chris Callard



Ellen Duggan



Kate and Peter Hielscher

Hervey Bay

Hervey Bay received a grant of \$3,904.00 from the Fraser Coast Council to put towards the cost of a dealing machine.



Sunshine Coast Bridge Club

The club has re-opened - partially at least - with sessions on Monday afternoons and Wednesday and Friday mornings. We will be following our Covid-19 Safe Plan.



Trevor Fletcher, Cheryl Hensel, Kerry Hiscocks and Dale Wells

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Directors' Corner



Jan
Peach

THE recent QBA Club Director exam exposed some misunderstandings that I suspect are widespread.

The "auction" and the "auction period" are different. While the auction starts when the first call is made, the auction period for a side commences before that, when either partner withdraws his cards from the board. The auction period extends beyond the end of the auction, until either defender faces an opening lead. Should a board be passed in, the auction period ends when all four hands have been returned to the board.

There are many laws where the distinction between these two terms is important. Just three examples of when the director may need to act during the auction period are:

- **Law 25A5** when an unintended call has been made and the auction ends before partner has a turn.
- **Law 17D3** when a call has been followed by three passes and one of those passes was out of rotation so denying a player of his right to call.
- **Law 21B1(a)** when a call may have been based on misinformation.

Law 24 on the other hand applies during the auction and this is the law causing problems. It does not apply before the auction starts. The WBF Laws Committee has clarified that **Law 24** is applied during the Clarification Period, the time after the final pass and before either defender faces an opening lead, because there is a presumed declarer. If a player drops a card face up before the auction starts or if there is a boxed card, the director applies **Law 16D**. The director strives to obtain a result on the board and, in the most likely case of having the

board played, the sighted card goes back into hand. It does not sit face up on the table though unauthorised information remains.

A call that has been withdrawn is not part of the legal auction. Say a natural 1H has been withdrawn by an offender as part of the rectification for an infraction. The offender does not show hearts during the legal auction and becomes a defender. Forbidding a heart lead is one of the options available to declarer when the offender's partner is first on lead. Declarer may forbid the lead of any one suit not specified by the offender in the legal auction. **Law 26B**.

With rectifications that involve the possibility of a comparable call, there is no requirement that a comparable call must be made. How could that be so when often there will be no comparable call available in the system? The requirement will be that a legal call be made. There may be consequences should a non-comparable call be chosen. Partner may be required to pass at his next turn or for the rest of the auction.

When a claim is contested, there is no automatic transfer of one trick just because the opponents have a trump and no mention was made of it in the claim statement. There has to be a normal, careless, inferior but not irrational way for that trump to win a trick.

All the dot points of **Law 70C** must be met. When a trump remains in one of the opponents' hands, the

director shall award a trick or tricks to the opponents if:

- claimer made no statement about that trump; and
- it is at all likely that claimer at the time of his claim was unaware that a trump remained in an opponent's hand; and
- a trick could be lost to that trump by any normal play.

The days should be gone when a contestant is given multiple awards of 'average plus' in situations such as no substitute being available when a player becomes ill. **Law 12C2(d)** gives the regulating authority power to have regulations different from **Law 12C2(a)** for multiple board losses. Should club rules be silent yet default to the QBA Regulations, the director goes to **Section C Page 17** and uses the table found there. Suppose the opponent cannot get a score on four boards during a matchpoint pairs event, 55% is awarded on each of the four boards. The pair unable to play receives 40% or a lesser figure should the pair have been averaging less than 40% on the boards played. ■

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Trials in the Tropics or Darwin Dreaming

Lindy Vincent

THIS year, playing in the 1995 Australian Team Trials, my partner Greer Tucker and I battled through seven days of tough (and rough) bridge only to finish a rather chastened ninth. Experience and age have taught me to be philosophical about bridge however, and I know there is wisdom to be gleaned from even the meanest beatings that the cards, the datums and the opponents may combine to dish out. Hence, these are the three profound truths (PTs) I have salvaged from the still smoking wreckage, and willingly pass on to you in the hope that you may benefit from our misfortunes.

PT No 1

A surprising number of bridge players are much more interested in winning the post mortem than the tournament. It is always a pleasure to play these people as they are happy to give away many imps in the interests of proving that they are better players than their partners. The ones you have to watch are the pairs who are supportive of each other, praise partner's good moves and understand the bad ones. Greer and I found to our cost that you can think you have a match won, but a determined pair who are working together can rake it all back and more, on the final boards.

PT No 2

The Law of Total Tricks may not work all the time, but devotees of the Law certainly have the percentages on their side. We picked up most of our imps either by Greer bidding and making an impossible 3NT or by following the Law. You will have to see Greer about her 3NT fetish as I usually found it too scary to watch, but here are a few examples of the Law in action.

West's 2H showed a red 2-suiter and the bidding, proceeded at a spanking pace to 4S. At this point, West committed two errors; she bid her hand again instead of

		Greer					
Dir S	♠ K975						
Vul Nil	♥ AQT3						
	♦ A76						
	♣ A2						
♠ 3			♠ AJ				
♥ KJ765		<table border="1"><tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	E	W	S	♥ 9842
N	E						
W	S						
♦ KQT542			♦ 3				
♣ T		Lindy	♣ KQ9863				
		♠ QT8642					
		♥ —					
		♦ J98					
		♣ J754					

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	—
2H	2NT	4H	4S
5H	X	All Pass	

leaving the decision to partner, and she forgot the Law. Larry Cowen in his book 'To Bid or Not to Bid' devotes a chapter to being pushed to the 5 level in a major. The Law generally advises against it as there are not enough trumps. In this case West might count each side for 9 trumps which is 18 total tricks which means that if we can make 4S, they will be at least 3 off in 5H. On the actual layout, she went for 800 and 10 imps to us.

		Greer					
Dlr S		♠ J95					
Vul Nil		♥ AKJ6					
		♦ K5					
		♣ Q874					
♠ AT87642			♠ K				
♥ 953		<table border="1"><tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	E	W	S	♥ 74
N	E						
W	S						
♦ Q83			♦ J9742				
♣ —		Lindy	♣ AK963				
		♠ Q3					
		♥ QT82					
		♦ AT6					
		♣ JT52					

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	—
3S	X	All Pass	

My penalty pass as South may seem a bit scary but the Law makes it a straightforward decision. We probably have 8 trumps, as do they which makes 16 total tricks. It follows that if we can make 4H they are going for a ride in 3S. West duly made only 7 tricks; 4H doesn't make so we picked up 8 imps. Thank you Larry.

PT No 3

Winter is not supposed to be run at 33 degrees Centigrade. Some of us held out longer than others but there is no doubt that by the final day of the trials, everybody was more or less troppo. We were playing the leaders in Stage 3 and were up 20 imps having bid a grand slam (cold), a small slam (needed the odd finesse) and an impossible vulnerable 3NT (played by Greer naturally). While partner performed her miracles, I was whiling away the time watching two blowies crawl up the wall and wondering which would win. Northern Territory blowies are very competitive. So you may imagine my state of mind when Board 4 came along and I found myself in 4S.

		Greer	
Dir W		♠	Q843
Vul All		♥	A852
		♦	QT95
		♣	7
♠ J2			♠ T5
♥ 7			♥ KJ943
♦ J842			♦ K763
♣ A96542			♣ KQ
			Lindy
			♠ AK976
			♥ QT6
			♦ A
			♣ JT83

The lead was the H 7 which I knew was a singleton because East had opened the bidding with 1H. For 10 tricks, you need 5 spades, 2 hearts, a diamond and 2 club ruffs, so trumps have to break 2-2. If trumps are not drawn immediately, East can win the club lead, cash the heart king, give partner a ruff and there is still a club to lose. So, being a great advocate of placing the cards where I need them to

be, did I follow my own advice, draw trumps in two rounds and score up +620? Certainly not! That was 12 imps away, and all because of the weather...

As the week wore on, the cards went troppo as well as the players. Look at this monster.

Dir S	♠ A754
Vul All	—
	♥ QJ942
	♣ Q974
♠ KQ986	—
♥ 8	—
♦ —	—
♣ AKJT852	—
	♠ AKT97643
	♥ AK875
	♦ —
	♣ JT32
	♥ QJ52
	♦ T63
	♣ 63

The last making spot seems to be 5C and some cautious souls played there for a big pick-up as the average was -270 to NS. Tucker/Vincent, always keen to maintain their image as Real Women, bid freely to 6H which, even on the favourable club lead, was doomed to be one off. We have nothing but scorn for the wimps in 5C.

The bidding on the next board was amusing.

Dir W	♠ K3
Vul Nil	—
	♥ A
	♦ AKJ98652
Lindy	♣ J6
♠ QJ65	♠ 872
♥ K96	♥ 83
♦ —	♦ Q743
♣ QT9542	♣ AK87
	♠ AT94
	♥ QJT7542
	♦ T
	♣ 3

Ever sat through one of those endless bidding sequences as the opposition toil excruciatingly slowly to a slam? I generally take the opportunity to doze off only to discover that partner is on lead against 6NT and I, holding AK of diamonds, have missed the chance to double a conventional bid as a lead direct. The slam rolls in.

So on this hand I try to remain alert and, unfortunately for the Tucker/Vincent juggernaut, was ready for their 5D response to Blackwood. With a suitably dramatic flourish I doubled, (well I thought they were going to play in hearts), but my self-satisfaction soon turned to horror as North passed 5DX back to South. In my imagination I could hear the opening remarks of the post mortem, as partner com-

menced her lecture on 'Why does Lindy have to be such a Smarty', but I was saved as South shared my delusion about the contract being hearts. They eventually reached 6D which partner was happy to double.

So there you are. Don't worry about the crocodiles you may meet in the Northern Territory. They are not nearly as ferocious as the bridge players.

Results:

- 1 L. Richards S. Collins
- 2 P. Evans J. Faranda
- 3 M. Burke L. Beech



Open Team Trials

Khokan Bagchi

THE 1995 ANC was held at the Hotel Darwin. Both fields in the Australian Team Trials attracted record numbers - 50 pairs in Stage One of the Open and 34 pairs in Stage One of the Women's. The atmosphere of this event was such that everyone thought that this was the best ANC ever. Tim Haulbrick and his associates must be congratulated for their excellent organisational skills. The venue, I suspect, brought many players out of the woodwork who have been absent for some time. These included Stephen Burgess, Ron Klinger, Paul Lavings and Paul Marston. It was great to see these players participate in the Trials again. The Queensland contingent consisted of David Appleton playing with Matthew McManus and Khokan Bagchi playing with Peter Newman. Appleton-McManus easily qualified for Stage Two before narrowly missing out on Stage Three. Now for the bridge.

Dir N	♠ KJ
Vul NS	—
	♥ AKQJ
	♦ T8765
	♣ 85
♠ T72	♠ 6543
♥ 9876	♥ 54
♦ K32	♦ J9
♣ A92	♣ KQJ87
	♠ AQ98
	♥ T32
	♦ AQ4
	♣ T43

Appleton-McManus scored a great coup on the hand above, when they managed to relay their way to 4S! The favourable spade position meant that this was the

only making game and this was a huge pick-up for NS.

Stage One produced few surprises, with nearly all the favoured pairs getting through. Peter Newman found a great opening lead on the hand below:

Dir N	♠ AQ3
Vul All	—
	♥ AJ983
	♦ T54
	♣ 82
♠ 54	♠ 876
♥ KT	♥ 54
♦ AK987	♦ QJ32
♣ AQ54	♣ KT97
	♠ KJT92
	♥ Q762
	♦ 2
	♣ J86

W	N	E	S
—	2H ¹	P	3H ²
3NT	All Pass		

¹ 8-11 points, 5 or 6 hearts

² Preemptive

Peter reasoned well to lead the SA, after which the defence took the first ten tricks.

The following deal from Stage Two had many of the players guessing. In the match between Cooper-Christie and Newman-Bagchi, the following auction occurred.

Dir E	♠ 8643
Vul Nil	—
	♥ J76
	♦ QJT6
	♣ QJ
♠ A975	♠ KQJT2
♥ 843	♥ 2
♦ AK92	♦ 87543
♣ T9	♣ 65
	♠ —
	♥ AKQT95
	♦ —
	♣ AK87432

W	N	E	S
—	—	1H ¹	X ²
P	1S ³	2S	3S
4S	P	P	6C
P	P	6S	P
P	7C ⁴	P	P
X ⁵	P	P	P ⁶

¹ 0-7 points

² 16+ points

³ 0-7 points

⁴ The QJ of clubs must be worth something opposite an invitation

⁵ Enough is enough

⁶ Content

Newman as South did well not to bid a grand slam early, something other players did, as the final contract would not have been doubled. East's sacrifice, on the above auction seems ill-advised, as it allowed NS to investigate grand slam options. This was worth 10 imps to NS.

Stage Three was a hotly contested affair early on, with Marston-Zozakos leading the early charge. Newman-Bagchi took the lead midway through the event and managed to stay ahead thereafter. The following deal produced a big pickup for Newman-Bagchi when they met Hunt-Hoffman:

Dlr S	♠ J976		
Vul All	♥ AJT54		
	♦ KJ3		
	♣ A		
♠ KQ42		♠ T53	
♥ KQ2		♥ 76	
♦ —		♦ T942	
♣ QT8765		♣ KJ94	
	♠ A5		
	♥ 983		
	♦ AQ8765		
	♣ 32		

W	N	E	S
Hunt	Newman	Hoffman	Bagchi
—	—	—	P
2C	X	5C	5D
All Pass			

Hoffman found the great pressure bid of 5C, which forced Bagchi to bid 5D. Jon Hunt kicked off with the C7, after which Bagchi played the DK, The 4-0 trump break complicated matters such that Bagchi was forced to draw four rounds of trumps and lead a heart, ducking when West played the HK, EW could now only cash their club trick, because of the favourable heart layout.

When Newman-Bagchi met Marston-Kozakos in the ninth round, the former had a small lead against the latter and both pairs were keen to do well. Newman-Bagchi, however, had most of the luck and managed to win the match. The following deal (surprisingly) was a big pickup to Newman-Bagchi in this match:

North	South
Newman	Bagchi
♠ AK	♠ T3
♥ T32	♥ AKQJ96
♦ AQT54	♦ KJ32
♣ AK5	♣ 9

Bidding:

1D	2D! ¹
3NT	7H! ²
7NT	

¹ Ostensibly 6 - 9 points with diamond support — Bagchi was somewhat peeved when Newman had produced a doubleton king lead on the previous board which meant that Marston eventually played a suit of AT54 opposite Q862 for no losers when Bagchi tried to cash the jack. Other players, curiously also produced this lead and subsequent defence on that particular board, so it was not too costly anyway.

² 4NT may have been misconstrued and thirteen tricks seemed likely if no ace was outstanding.

Soon afterwards...

North	South
Newman	Bagchi
♠ Q97643	♠ AJ
♥ A876	♥ J5
♦ 8	♦ AT9765
♣ 54	♣ AK3

Bidding:

P	1D
1S	2C
2S	4S

Bagchi had a tough rebid problem over 1S. 2NT seems weird with no heart stopper and 3D looked awful with such poor diamonds so the 2C rebid was chosen. South's sharp cards meant that he had to bid over 2S. On a club lead, setting up the diamonds was no longer a viable proposition, so Newman ruffed a heart in dummy, finding a (very) favourable layout and managed to pick the spades (doubleton 10) to make eleven tricks. ■

Results:

- 1 K. Bagchi P. Newman
- 2 P. Marston G. Kozakos
- 3 C. Cooper H. Christie



Open Pairs and Teams

Mike Robson

FOR someone who was in Hobart for last year's ANC, this year's venue had much to offer, not the least of which was the superb weather and the warm hospitality of the Territorians. The playing conditions were less than perfect, but it was their first effort so everyone was very forgiving, and for the most part a warm camaraderie prevailed.

Kokhan and Peter Newman and Pauline and Jay did well in the Trials and we wish them well in their quest for international honours.

Our week started with the National Open Pairs and the following hand caused great amusement at the time.

West	East
Mike	Betty
♠ A963	♠ KQ5
♥ T842	♥ KQJ3
♦ T	♦ AK983
♣ AKQ7	♣ T

Bidding:

—	1C ¹
3C ²	3D ³
3S ⁴	4NT ⁵
5H ⁶	7H

¹ Precision 16+ hcp

² 4,4,4,1 shape

³ Controls?

⁴ 5 controls (obviously 2 aces and a king)

⁵ Simple Blackwood in case I had got it wrong

⁶ 2 aces

Dummy went down and by the time I had worked out what a good contract it was, David Hoffman on my right was giggling and eventually I saw the joke. As he put it, it was a good grand slam except the ace of trumps was offside. I am sure Seres would have made it.

The event was won by a seventy year old called Tim Seres who was still looking for a partner until late the night before, but found Stephen Burgess in the same predicament. Obviously they must have worked hard on their system.

Monday was the start of the teams and we met NSW (far and away the strongest team) in the first match and were soundly beaten. This board was their biggest swing:

Dlr S	Tully		
Vul EW	♠ KJT2		
	♥ J642		
	♦ J95		
Delmonte	♣ AJ	Kanetkar	
♠ 65		♠ AQ	
♥ A93		♥ 7	
♦ AKT42		♦ Q8763	
♣ T42		♣ Q8753	
	♠ 98742		
	♥ KQT85		
	♦ —		
	♣ K96		

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	P
1D	P	2C	X
P	2S	4D	4S
5D	X	P	5S
All pass			

North's double of 5D was after some thought so after 5S duly went one off NSW called the director about the slow double. He ruled 750 to EW for 5DX making and the appeals committee agreed with his decision. In the other room we doubled the opponents in 4S which duly made creating a swing of 1340 (16 imps).

Our next match was against WA and the forcing pass. Fortunately Kent and Slobom had worked hard on a defence against this system and demolished Christie and Cooper in the first 6 boards making at least 2 doubled contracts, one of which was doubled into game with an overtrick. They were, of course, ably supported by Tully and Butts, but there is no doubt the defensive bidding of Michael and Rob had a large bearing on the result of this match. With small losses to ACT and SA we ended a disappointing day on minus 19.

The next day the team started on a 7 match winning streak and left us third with our next match against SA lying second. This was a must win match but sadly we were soundly beaten and our chance of making the final disappeared.

This was Bagchi in action against Tasmania.

Dir S	♠ Q7632		
Vul Nil	♥ 76		
	♦ 52		
	♣ AKQ6		
♠ K5		♠ AJ984	
♥ AT85		♥ KQ	
♦ AKT9874		♦ 63	
♣ —		♣ JT54	
	♠ T		
	♥ J9432		
	♦ QJ		
	♣ 98732		

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	2H
3D	3H	3S	P
6D	All Pass		

South's 2H was a multi bid showing a variety of hands but demonstrated the barrage bidding you frequently have to overcome at this level of bridge. Of course if 3H had been doubled North would have retreated to 4C. With the diamonds breaking and the spade finesse succeeding Kokhan made all 13 tricks.

In the final, NSW easily accounted for SA helped by Cummings' fine play on this board (see next column).

Declarer won the spade lead and ran the H8. Next came the AK of diamonds discarding a spade from dummy and declarer continued with the CJ which was finessed to the king.

A spade was taken by West who continued spades (best), H9, HJ and HK. Declarer now played the CQ, club ruff, diamond ruff and 10 tricks could not be stopped.

In the other room the contract was also 4HX and the play followed the same lines

Dir N	♠ A42		
Vul EW	♥ QT98		
	♦ 2		
Middleton	♣ AQ986	Smolanko	
♠ KQJ876		♠ T3	
♥ 4		♥ AJ53	
♦ Q974		♦ T65	
♣ 54		♣ KT32	
	♠ 75		
	♥ K762		
	♦ AKJ83		
	♣ J7		

W	N	E	S
—	1C	P	1D
1S	P	P	2H
P	4H	X	All Pass

until trick 4 when for some inexplicable reason declarer did not cash the second diamond. When East got in after the club finesse, he was able to play a spade to West and discard a diamond on the third spade, and now there was no way home.

The Victory Dinner was held alfresco on the lawns of the hotel (try doing that in Tassie in the middle of winter), and was a fitting finale to a splendid week.

Results:

Open Pairs

- 1 T. Seres S. Burgess
- 2 M. Courtney R. Richman
- 3 I. McCance R. Van Riel

Women's Pairs

- 1 L. Kalmin E. Urbach
- 2 J. Fox J. Thompson
- 3 P. Palmer V. Mitchell

Mixed Pairs

- 1 P. Gill M. Robb
- 2 M. & J. Kent

Teams	Open	Women
1 NSW	WA	
2 SA	QLD	



Seniors

Bill Hunt

A GREAT tournament where the Qld Seniors competed for the first time and did not disgrace themselves at all. After leading for a short period in the 1st round robin, we finished 4th.

We were somewhat outgunned by the two finalists NSW and VIC who had both been around the traps for a long time and are used to long matches and tough opposition, but with the other states we were on

par and had the pleasure of beating the host state, NT, by the maximum both times during the two round robins. The Qld Seniors team was as follows:

Bill Hunt - Rosemary Atherton
Kathy Prime - Mary Rylands
Marcia Hobbs - Pam Waldrum

Here are some of the hands where they starred.

Dir S	♠ —		
Vul EW	♥ A7532		
	♦ K643		
	♣ JT63		
♠ QT98542		♠ AKJ76	
♥ Q4		♥ 98	
♦ J5		♦ T982	
♣ Q9		♣ 85	
	♠ 3		
	♥ KJT6		
	♦ AQ7		
	♣ AK742		

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	1C
2S	3H	4S	6H
All Pass			

After Rosemary had opened the bidding with 1C, she would not have dreamt that her second bid would be 6H, but an excellent bid just the same. Yes, I was a little light for the 3H bid but did have a void and 4-card support for partner's suit, plus I hate to pass if I have something to say. This meant 13 imps to the goodies.

When Rosemary and I met the ACT for the 2nd time we were playing against Val Mitchell and Phyllis Palmer. It was getting late into this round robin and our bidding science was starting to weaken, so it was best to bid what you thought you might make. (Saves on Panadol)

Dir S	♠ AT3		
	♥ QJ64		
	♦ K2		
	♣ AQ42		
♠ 6		♠ Q82	
♥ K9532		♥ AT87	
♦ Q76		♦ J43	
♣ JT98		♣ 653	
	♠ KJ9754		
	♥ —		
	♦ AT985		
	♣ K7		

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	1S'
—	2NT ²	—	6S
All Pass			

¹ I have an opening bid (I think)

² 13-16 hcp with at least three to a top honour in spades and a flat hand.

I did not know what to do, so I had a shot at what I thought we might make. Rosemary took a while before passing as her hand was really worth a lot more than she had promised, but in the end did pass hoping that partner knows what he is doing. Yes, one of the opponents had queen to three spades so making 6S was plus 13 imps.

In the other room George Jesner and Len Dixon found out too much about each others hands and signed off in 5S. Too much knowledge is a dangerous thing.

Now for a bit of luck which is often needed. Playing against WA, Rosemary and I had an uncontested auction to reach 6 clubs, promptly doubled by my RHO.

Rosemary			
♠ K9			
♥ Q9642			
♦ QJ3			
♣ KQ5			
♠ Q8752	N W E S	♠ T643	
♥ T		♥ KJ873	
♦ KT98		♦ A765	
♣ J32		♣ —	
		♠ AJ	
		♥ A5	
		♦ 42	
		♣ AT98764	

W	N	E	S
—	1H	P	2C
P	2NT	P	6C
P	P	X	All Pass

The opening lead was the H10, and when dummy came down things did not look good. But one can only do one's best. I won in hand with the ace and led a club to the CK, which East 'ruffed' and promptly laid down the DA with a big grin on his face.

"Wait, wait," I said, "What is going on here?" "You are in six spades," said East, "and that you will not make." He was right, 6S by NS is not makeable, so we called the director who pointed out to East that the the contract was six clubs. The DA became a major penalty card and was to be dumped on the next lead of trumps. When West won the DK he had no more hearts, so that was 1540 to Qld. A bit of luck goes a long way.

On the following hand Mary Rylands was declarer in 3NT and ducked twice to make her contract by ducking the DK opening lead and the CJ continuation. North played the same contract in the other room and went down; +700.

Kathy			
♠ Q5			
♥ QJ7			
♦ AJ4			
♣ AK652			
♠ JT4	N W E S	♠ K9763	
♥ 95		♥ KT43	
♦ KQT6		♦ 873	
♣ JT87		♣ 4	
		♠ A82	
		♥ A862	
		♦ 952	
		♣ Q93	

This hand was played against NSW by Pam Waldrum and Marcia Hobbs.

♠ 9863			
♥ AKT76			
♦ J6			
♣ J8			
♠ AJ5	N W E S	♠ KQT4	
♥ 52		♥ J83	
♦ T92		♦ AQ	
♣ AT763		♣ KQ52	
		♠ 72	
		♥ Q94	
		♦ K87543	
		♣ 94	

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	P
P	P	1NT ¹	P
2C ²	P	3S ³	P
3NT ⁴	All Pass		

¹ 15 - 18

² Extended Stayman

³ Maximum with 4 spades

⁴ Let's hope you have some red cards

In the other room, North who shall remain nameless, got his cards mixed up and opened 2H in third position, leading to a 5C contract by EW for +100 to Qld and +760 on the board.

The captain had told the troops to be aggressive and Pam and Marcia did that on this monster.

Dir W			
		♠ K54	
		♥ 95	
		♦ T98	
		♣ Q7543	
Pam		♠ 863	
♥ AKJ7	N W E S	♠ QT97	
♦ AKQ652		♥ QT863	
♣ —		♦ —	
		♣ AJT2	
		♠ AJ2	
		♥ 42	
		♦ J743	
		♣ K986	

W	N	E	S
2C	P	2H	P
4NT	P	5D	P
6H	All Pass		

After a diamond lead NS's AK of spades bit the dust; thirteen tricks to EW. In the other room they sensibly stopped in 5H.

A good time was had by all. ■

From the Editor

Many thanks to all the contributors to my first issue. I was in the happy position of having to do a lot of squeezing, hence the rather small print, and still have some carryover.

Our teams performed well in Darwin, particularly the unfancied Women's Team, but it is disappointing that a youth team wasn't sent; a sad reflection on the dearth of young players in the state. This is an area where the QBA and the clubs need to put some effort.

The World Junior Championships have recently been played in Bali. The top four teams consisted entirely of men. Have young women got better things to do? To be consistent should the WBF institute a junior women's competition, or drop the current separate competition for the older females? It seems anachronistic in these enlightened times to have segregated bridge. Some women eschew their competition and mix it with the big boys, but most prefer to stay in the comfort of their own kind.

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DEAD

QCBC June Congress 1995

ANOTHER successful weekend event with a strong field in both the pairs and teams. This year QCBC switched the format around and held a one day teams on the Sunday and one day pairs on the Monday, testing the theory that perhaps it is the day on which the event is held that alters the numbers, not the event. But again the teams won out, generating 38 to play in a Swiss movement for the generous prize money (24 players received prize money). The sponsored Bank of Queensland Pairs (same as last year) brought out 30 tables (18 players receiving prize money in three different sections) - these numbers being excellent for a long weekend congress. Again Reg, Joan and Judy ran an immaculate weekend with results coming out before you could blink an eyelid, and the smooth and efficient manner of the team making it even more enjoyable for the player. Richard Ward and Jim Wallis had their annual game together and won as usual. Congratulations.

Andrew Pryde has once again come up with a couple of interesting hands.



ON THE Monday I played with David Appleton in the pairs. We met Khokan Bagchi and Michael Fernon early on and they mauled us to the extent that we found ourselves being sent to table 22 — not a good sign when you have some hopes of winning the event.

Anyway, we clawed our way back into contention so that we faced Bill Hunt and Magnus Moren at table 2 for the second last set.

With NS vul, you sit West holding:

♠ QT754 ♥ A98 ♦ — ♣ QJT93

LHO, North, opens 1D, partner passes and RHO bids 1H. Your bid.

Double, 1S, 1NT and 2NT are all possibilities depending upon your style. Bill Hunt chose 1S; 2D by North, double from partner and pass from South. Your bid again. This is clearly penalties but do you wear it? Bill chose 2S which went quietly three off. Should NS double; do they have a better spot?

The full hand:

♠ AK82			
♥ 3			
♦ J98643			
♣ A5			
♠ QT754		♠ 3	
♥ A98		♥ QT75	
♦ —		♦ AKT72	
♣ QJT93		♣ 862	
	♠ J96		
	♥ KJ642		
	♦ Q5		
	♣ K74		

This is an interesting hand — I would be happy to play 2DX, whereas if David finds the double of 2S, 3C is a fair spot for them. One board in this set was top or bottom material. North dealt, EW were vul and

you sit South with:

♠ Q64 ♥ Q984 ♦ — ♣ AQ8432.

This is the bidding:

W	N	E	S
—	P	1C	P
1H	1NT*	2S	P
3NT	P	P	?
*5,5 S/D weaker than 2NT			

David found a good, aggressive penalty double, I led the S5 and this was dummy:

♠ J7
♥ AK S5, SJ, SQ, S3 —
♦ AQJ2 another spade, or a heart?
♣ KJ975

A spade seems fair, as on a really good day partner will have six—so a spade goes to partner's nine. Quite a long think — a diamond switch and the contract rolls home!!

♠ A83	♠ KT952		
♥ J653	♥ T72		
♦ K987	♦ T6543		
♣ T6	♣ —		
		♠ J7	
		♥ AK	
		♦ AQJ2	
		♣ KJ975	
		♠ Q64	
		♥ Q984	
		♦ —	
		♣ AQ8432	

After the second spade, a switch stands out. You have no entry for spade tricks and partner needs tempo now. Which suit? Bill had bid hearts and I let this influence me. I didn't take into consideration that David had heard the heart bid too and still doubled.

I think a heart switch is right. I blew it. This hand decided 2nd and 3rd spots as Bill and Magnus pipped us at the end. ■

Coming Events

September

- 10th Sunshine Coast
1-day Teams
- 15th-17th Magnetic Island
Congress
- 16th-17th QCBC Warana
Congress
- 23rd-24th Toowong Teams
(inc. Qld Open)
- 30th-1st Oct. Gold Coast
Swiss Teams

October

- 1st Northern suburbs
Novice Pairs
- 6th-8th Cairns congress
- 7th-8th Dalby Congress
- 8th Redlands 1-day
- 14th-15th BBC Congress (inc.
Qld Open Pairs)
- 22nd Mackay 1-day
Teams
- 22nd Caloundra 1-day
Pairs
- 22nd Surfers 1-day
Teams
- 25th-31st Aust-Wide Pairs
- 29th Qld Graded Pairs
(QCBC)
- 29th Cleveland Bay
1-day Teams

November

- 4th-5th North Qld Teams
(Mackay)
- 4th-5th Northern Suburbs
Congress
- 11th-12th Noosa Congress
- 13th-21st GNOT & Spring
Nationals (Sydney)
- 19th Toowong
Anniversary Pairs
- 19th Tableland Novice
Pairs
- 20th-24th Qld-Wide Pairs
- 26th QCBC 1-day Pairs

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1. P. Buch S. Morrison
W. Hiddins D. Smith
2. T. Beale G. Ethell
G. Thomas I. Patterson
3. J. Summerhayes J. Broad
K. Lonergan C. Martin

Gold Coast July Pairs 1 - 2 July

Championship

1. R. Parker P. Hainsworth
2. D. Read J. Dennis
3. A. Pryde K. McDonald

Plate

1. B. Sear J. Pajti
2. J. Summerhayes J. Broad
3. T. Beale G. Ethell

Consolation

1. C. Howard I. Barton
2. K. Bagchi M. Fernon
3. M. Murray S. Whittle

QCBC June Congress 10 - 12 June

Teams

Championship

1. K. Bagchi T. Jackman
T. Tully J. Butts
2. K. Bishop C. Hyne
G. Reynolds W. Healy
3. F. White R. Atherton
P. Hainsworth R. Parker

Plate

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2. C. Critchley L. Jenkins
D. Cullen C. Schoutrop
3. J. Mills C. Green
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Championship

1. R. Ward J. Wallis
2. W. Hunt M. Moren
3. A. Pryde D. Appleton

Plate

1. M. Robson T. Jackman
2. R. & K. Ellaway
3. N. Francis A. Mayer

Consolation

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2. K. Prime M. Rylands
3. V. Graham P. Brown

Townsville Congress 10-12 June

Swiss Pairs 10 June

1. R. Davenport E. Stubbs
2. J. Dean L. Richardson
3. C. Edye P. Pembroke
4. B. Risle D. Scholz

Teams 11 & 12 June

1. J. Smith L. Owens
D. Jones G. Allen
2. B. Gibbs J. Laws
P. Larsen L. Murray
3. B. Golding J. Johnson
B. Bowden M. Ward
4. S. Bowker J. Bowker
V. Laws D. Mann

Queensland Graded Pairs 9 July

Life & Grand

1. D. Appleton G. Roberts
2. T. Jackman M. Robson (Title)
3. M. Drake A. Remedios

Regional to National

1. L. Moses S. Ng
2. J. Atkinson K. Robertshaw
3. U. Ridgway D. Byrnes

Nil to Local

1. L. Shellshear B. Blick
2. C. Kirby J. Hardy
3. L. Matthews R. Matthews

Arana Congress 3-4 June

Championship

1. S. Moses A. Remedios
2. = W. Hunt R. Lachman
2. = R. Parker P. Hainsworth

Plate

1. J. Mills C. Green
2. L. Shearer M. Shearer
3. S. Johnson B. Stacey

1st Consolation

1. J. Tregea E. Barwick
2. L. Moses D. Cunliffe
3. B. Pearce R. McLauchlan

2nd Consolation

1. H. Burley A. McLeod
2. M. Eaton L. Heron
3. M. Matthews R. Matthews

Special Award

- = A. Fulwood B. Wilson
= J. Sadleir E. Smith

Lockyer Swiss Pairs 16 July

1. A. Mayers N. Francis
2. K. Bishop C. Hyne
3. J. Mills R. Parker

B Section

1. P. Trenner R. Groom
2. C. McAllister N. Wills
3. L. Matthews R. Matthews

Noosa 1-Day Pairs 16 July

North-South

1. K. Rogers R. Crowley
2. G. Shaw A. Young
3. P. Buch W. Hiddins

East-West

1. V. Matheson D. Cunliffe
2. W. Choy-Shaw P. Beresford
3. D. Dodd A. Pryde

Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs 6 August

1. K. & P. Wooler
2. J. Bundesen P. Jakeman
3. D. Nicol R. McGreevy

BBC Novice Pairs 23 July

A Section

1. G. Dawes C. Hulbert
2. M. Dickerson R. Eaton
3. K. & P. Wooler

B Section

1. L. Pointon M. Thornton
2. M. Mariaty B. Power
3. M. Jones R. Lumer

Toowong 1-Day Pairs 25 June

A Section

1. W. Hunt M. Moren
2. J. Mills P. Hainsworth
3. P. Squire W. Webber

B Section

1. C. Collie N. Patson
2. N. Williams K. Bagchi
3. T. Jackman G. Cuppiadage

Rockhampton 1-day Teams 1 July

1. R. Lorraway J. Dooner
J. Johnson M. Saunders
2. J. Faulkner E. White
E. Goodsall A. Moorhead

INADVERTENCY

THIS situation occurred at a recent event. NS were playing Precision. South opened 1C (strong, artificial), West overcalled 1D, then North bid 1D. Very promptly, North said, "That was inadvertent," and changed his bid to 1NT. I have no details of the hands, so make no comment on the actual situation, but it is an excellent hand on which to hang this discussion.

Law 25 says: *A player may substitute his intended call for an inadvertent call but only if he does so, or attempts to do so, without pause for thought.*

Law 45 covers the same situation with an inadvertent call of a card to be played eg. declarer calling for a card from dummy. The player does not have an automatic right to change his call after a claim of inadvertency. The Director must be called to make his judgment on the matter.

What is the meaning of 'inadvertent'? There are a number of dictionary definitions, but the most appropriate here is 'unintended'. It is the essence of inadvertency that it must never have been in the players mind to make the call or play he did. A couple of examples: You pick up a 9 HCP hand, you note that you have a good 6-card heart suit and a singleton spade. So you write '2S' as your opening bid. We've all experienced this. You never dreamt of bidding 2S, but spades was the suit that last went through your mind, and the 2S bid slipped out. Few would argue about inadvertency here. What if you didn't immediately realise what you had written, but then, to your astonishment, heard partner explaining about your 6-card spade suit to LHO's question? I would still accept inadvertency, because, whilst there was a pause, there was no pause for thought. Your reaction was immediate once you realised what you had done, and you did not pause to think; ie. you were not changing your mind.

Next example: Declarer leads a small club towards AQ6 on the table. He calls for the CQ, then realises that the CK has appeared on his left, and with lightning speed says 'Sorry, I meant the ace'. I can't envisage ever accepting a claim of inadvertency in this particular situation, no matter how admirably fast declarer's reaction may have been. Declarer obviously meant the CQ when he called for it, and changed his mind when he saw the CK appear. He has made a change of mind however fast his responses were.

Now back to the original situation. How often would a player inadvertently write 1D when he intended to write 1NT? I find it difficult to imagine possible situations, unless he was unconsciously 'echoing' his RHO's 1D bid. The Director cannot read North's mind, so he has to make his decision on the events that occurred at the table, and perhaps an examination of North's hand. The most likely explanation, to my mind, is that North was making a 1D response (0-7 HCP) to South's Precision 1C opening, suddenly realised that 1D had been bid ahead of him, and with admirable presence of mind changed his bid to 1NT (balanced, 5-8 HCP and possible diamond stopper). I would be looking very carefully, and with considerable scepticism, on this claim of inadvertency. An examination of North's hand would help. If he had a hand consistent with a 1D response to South's 1C, my decision would probably be to disallow the claim.

North may have been using the word 'inadvertent' in one of

its other connotations, such as 'careless', or 'inattentive'. But that is not its meaning in Law 25. To repeat: the essence of inadvertency is that it was never in North's mind to write 1D, however careless or illogical in the context of the auction that might have been. As defenders, if we carelessly or inattentively fail to follow suit when we could have, we pay the price. If North carelessly or inattentively wrote 1D before realising that West had got in ahead of him, then he must pay the price.

I am a little more generous towards the insufficient Blackwood response. In many cases there have been some 4 level bids prior to the 4NT, and sometimes responder will, in writing say 4D, be unconsciously 'echoing' the previous 4 level bids. Which is not to say that all such responses will be treated as inadvertent. We must decide on the circumstances in each individual case. The acceptance of inadvertency is not likely to damage the opponents. There will be no question of unauthorised information. In the above example, the change from a 1D bid to a 1NT bid conveys significantly different information to partner.

More on Blackwood and insufficiency in a later column. There has been an unfortunate division in the ranks of directors on this matter. I have written to Grattan Endicott in the U.K. seeking an authoritative commentary, but so far without reply.

■ Reg Busch



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