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From the President



Richard Wallis

THE big story over the past three months in Qld is the sad news that Tony Jackman, arguably the best bridge player Queensland has produced and unchallenged as a fine partner and all-round nice bloke, passed away on August 15 only 5 days after being diagnosed with terminal cancer. He would have been 80 on October 20, and

the diagnosis came out of the blue following an MRI while in hospital for routine treatment. All of his family and friends were caught by surprise. Richard Ward, Chairman of the Tournament Committee, will be taking Tony's place as the Courier-Mail bridge columnist. His first column in this role appeared on August 25.

The ANC in Hobart during July and August was successfully conducted by the Tasmanian Bridge Association, and Queensland teams performed creditably.

- The Open and Women's team both came 4th. in the double round robin, narrowly missing out on the play-offs.
- The Seniors' team came 5th. in the double round robin.
- The Youth team put on a game performance with three new players

and three slightly more experienced players mixing and matching partnerships as necessary. They also came in 5th. in a triple round robin.

The regional finals of the GNOT are coming up, followed by the Grand National Final at Tweed Heads in November. Good luck to all Qld participants. ■

Hobart ANC

by Richard Wallis

The Open Teams - a Captain's Perspective

THIS year I had the great pleasure of captaining our team for the ANC in Hobart in July/August. It was my first time as an NPC and a very pleasant experience, not the boring time I expected it could have been.

The team was Paul Hooykaas/Martin Doran, Tony Treloar/Peter Evans and Pam and Jim Evans. This was a very friendly and co-operative team, with no recriminations for bad results, just a determination to try to do better next time.

The match against VIC took us to the Appeals table when a slam bid by Peter and Tony was taken away by the Director due to an agreed hesitation after a Blackwood response. There is no doubt in my mind that Peter would have still bid the slam if there had been no hesitation, which is why I appealed. We were unable to find an appeals advisor, but the committee had no hesitation in throwing out the appeal. They even spent some time discussing whether to fine us for a frivolous appeal. This cost 8 IMPs in the match, which equates to a difference of 16 in the final tally between QLD and VIC.

We had a bad start in the first round robin, losing by 34 IMPs to ACT.



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But then a 2 IMP win against SA followed by a bye in match 3 put us a bit further up the ladder, only to fall down to the bottom again after an 8 IMP loss to NSW, a 17 IMP loss to TAS and a 21 IMP loss to VIC. The final match of the first Round Robin was a 22 IMP win over WA, but it was not enough to lift us off the bottom of the field.

So we started RR2 with nowhere to go but up, and up we mostly went! Another win against SA, this time by 14 IMPs, was followed by a 32 IMP loss to ACT. We got our revenge on VIC, by 22 IMPs, so finished +1 IMP overall, and then a small 7 IMP loss to NSW, before finishing with +21 IMPs against WA and +56 against TAS. We had come second in RR2, but failed to overhaul VIC for 3rd spot, and a place in the play-off between 2nd and 3rd, by a mere 10 VPs. VIC lost to NSW in the play-off, and NSW triumphed over the all-conquering ACT in the Final by a small margin.

An exciting RR2, and now all we can do is wait with eager anticipation for Melbourne in 2019. ■



Jim
Evans

Open Teams

AFTER three years of trying, Pamela and I were fortunate enough to qualify for the Queensland Open team to play the ANC in Hobart this year.

The main reason we qualified was because the others made more mistakes than we did. We did defend well though.

It was a privilege to be able to represent Queensland and, this year, there were three of us making our debuts as State Representatives. To be able to play our best was Pamela's and my main objective. So, to iron out any flaws in our game my friend Bill Hunt gave us some help with coaching. Bill has represented the ACT and Queensland at the ANC many times and is a previous winner of the ANC. He has forgotten

more about bridge than most club players have learned.

The Tasmanians were very friendly and had organised a tour of Government House. We were invited to look around this magnificent building, where the main dining room contained more silver in one place than I have seen in my whole life. The staircases were roped off so we were restricted to the main ballroom and the other adjoining rooms including the dining room. One of our Queensland members was so impressed he wanted a better look around and so took the Lieutenant Governor at his word.

He wandered down a hallway and found an unlocked door and investigated, finding a staircase which led to the main bedroom. He later described this to us as magnificent with an ensuite bigger than his house. He was happily exploring until security caught up with him and turfed him out.

Here is a couple of hands.

M 4 v NSW	♠ 87		
Bd 19	♥ AQ10863		
Dlr S	♦ 53		
Vul EW	♣ 642		
♠ Q95		♠ AK10643	
♥ J52		♥ 74	
♦ Q42		♦ A1096	
♣ 10753		♣ J	
	♠ J2		
	♥ K9		
	♦ KJ87		
	♣ AKQ98		

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

¹ Reverse -17+, max of 2 hearts

² 6 hearts non-forcing

³ 2 hearts with at least 1 honour

⁴ Teams - has a chance

Pamela decided not to open 1NT with her poor spades. So she reversed into diamonds. My 2H bid showed a 6-card suit, so after her belated support I thought game would have some chance. East decided to lessen the chance of ruffing by leading a small heart - ♥9 from dummy and West's jack. Now I

know I can win the ♥Q, play the ♥A, swallowing the king in dummy, and draw trumps.

Unfortunately I was a trick ahead of myself and played the ♥A on trick one. Now I led the a small heart to the king in dummy and I was stuck there. So I had no choice but to exit a small spade, won by East with the ace, who then played the ♠K, followed by the ♦10.

I had already decided to play him for the ♦A, so I played the ♦K from dummy and this held the trick. However I was still stuck in dummy with a trump outstanding, so I led a small diamond won by East with the ace. He continued with a spade and I was finally in hand to draw the last trump and claim. The old adage "Most mistakes occur at trick one" certainly applied here.

The opposition team did not bid to game so we had a small pick-up.

M 7 v WA	♠ A95		
Bd 9	♥ AKJ1062		
Dlr N	♦ 5		
Vul EW	♣ AJ2		
♠ QJ1064		♠ K832	
♥ Q7		♥ 43	
♦ AQ7		♦ K8	
♣ 1096		♣ KQ543	
	♠ 7		
	♥ 985		
	♦ J1096432		
	♣ 87		

Pamela opened 1H, East passed and as they were vul, and we weren't, I decided to make a pre-emptive sacrifice with my ratty hand by bidding 4H. When asked about the bid, Pamela described it as weak with long hearts. West passed as did Pamela and East. Pamela commented "That was the second last bid I wanted to hear".

East took the hint and led a trump. When dummy was faced both East and West looked annoyed, knowing they had been conned.

Pamela made short work of the play. She won the heart lead in hand then led the ♠A and another spade, ruffed in dummy, a club to her ace and a spade ruffed. This was followed by the ♦J won by West; 2 clubs were played and Pamela claimed the rest, making 10 tricks. This was a good

score for us as, in the other room, Peter and Tony bid to 4S doubled for -200.

The event was excellent and I would highly recommend anyone who wants to play a good tough game to try out for the trials next year. You may make the team and go to Melbourne. All of the players were friendly and the whole event was very well organised.

These two hands are from team mates Peter Evans and Tony Treloar.

M 11 v NSW	♠ AQ9		
Dlr N	♥ J9		
Vul EW	♦ 1092		
	♣ KQ1053		
♠ K8543		♠ 10762	
♥ AK		♥ 8542	
♦ 8		♦ 76543	
♣ J9642		♣ —	
		♠ J	
		♥ Q10763	
		♦ AKQJ	
		♣ A87	

Obviously there is a limit to the law of total tricks when vul vs non-vul. A little unnervingly, Tony's hand (West) is a 6-loser, 14-15 count including distribution. East is a 9-loser or worth 5 for the void. This doesn't stop us going for -800 in 3SX. The only vague excuse is that the NSW East also bid 3S.

(I was asleep and did not double their 3S - Jim)

M 9 v ACT	♠ 6		
Dlr N	♥ AQ86		
Vul NS	♦ A95		
	♣ AJ1072		
♠ KQ52		♠ AJ874	
♥ 942		♥ 75	
♦ J6		♦ Q43	
♣ K864		♣ Q93	
		♠ 1093	
		♥ KJ103	
		♦ K10872	
		♣ 5	

I elected to bid 5H on the South hand over the opponents' 4S rather than double.

This requires some delicate play. You have 4 hearts, 4 diamonds if they are breaking and the ♠A for 9 tricks. So you need 2 ruffs in one hand.

Our opponents led a heart so we were under the gun straight away. Spade ruffs could be too slow as you have to lose a spade. The best try is the ♠A and club ruff, then duck a diamond to preserve entries. Win the heart return and ruff another club. Now return to the ♦A and draw trumps. Then back to dummy with a diamond giving up a spade at the end.

These hands are contributed by Martin Doran and Paul Hooykaas.

This was played at 18 tables (Open, Women and Seniors).

Dlr N	♠ A762		
Vul None	♥ QJ8		
	♦ A106		
	♣ QJ6		
♠ 108		♠ K943	
♥ A7		♥ 653	
♦ J7543		♦ Q92	
♣ 9843		♣ A52	
		♠ QJ5	
		♥ K10942	
		♦ K8	
		♣ K107	

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

Only two pairs reached the safest contract of 3NT. The remaining sixteen pairs played 4H, often reached via a game-forcing checkback auction that uncovered the heart fit, with South being declarer eleven times.

What would you lead as West? It's actually your chance to find the killing lead. Leading a doubleton is

not often a popular choice with the better players but sometimes it is the winning action. In the Open Teams 4H was made by the QLD declarer and beaten at the other table for a 10 IMP pickup. In the Women's and Seniors' Teams it was a flat board with everyone failing in 4H.

This board was played at 18 tables (Open, Women and Seniors) but the slam in hearts was reached only six times.

Dlr W	♠ A6532		
Vul None	♥ 9		
	♦ J63		
	♣ J753		
♠ J4		♠ KQ7	
♥ A2		♥ KQJ7653	
♦ AK974		♦ 52	
♣ A1096		♣ Q	
		♠ 1098	
		♥ 1084	
		♦ Q108	
		♣ K842	

W	N	E	S
1NT	P	2D	P
2H	P	3S	P
3NT	P	4C	P
4D	P	4S	P
5C	P	6H	All pass

In the Open Teams, West opened a pragmatic 1NT (15-17 HCPs) rather than face the prospect of opening 1D and rebidding 2C with such a good hand. This action certainly encouraged East who transferred to hearts and showed an unbalanced slam-going hand with the 3S bid. The 4C bid showed a singleton club and when West showed interest, East checked for keycards with 4S and settled in the small slam.



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This board was an 11 IMP pickup for our Open Team as their opponents stopped in 5H. In the Women's Teams the Queensland pair and their opponents stopped in 4H. And, in the Seniors' Teams both tables had their reading glasses on and bid the slam!

Dlr W	♠ AQ975		
Vul None	♥ AQ9		
	♦ K92		
	♣ 54		
♠ K6		♠ J1082	
♥ 4		♥ 1063	
♦ 75		♦ AQ643	
♣ AKQ108632		♣ 7	
	♠ 43		
	♥ KJ8752		
	♦ J108		
	♣ J9		

W	N	E	S
1C	1S	1NT	2H
5C	X	All pass	

The defenders can take three tricks even on a trump lead if they discard carefully. But which three tricks do you think they got when Martin Doran and Paul Hooykass were defending? At their table, declarer ran all of the clubs and took the diamond finesse before exiting with a third diamond. This is the situation with five cards to go.

	AQ	
	—	
	K92	
	—	
K4	—	
4	—	
75	AQ643	
—	—	
	KJ	
	J108	
	—	

When declarer played a diamond to the ♦Q and cashed the ♦A, North played the ♦K which let South win the third round of diamonds. The three tricks taken by the defenders were the ♦J, ♥K and ♥J.

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, it is obvious that you are a kibitzer.

Queensland Open Teams



Richard Wallis

THE tradition continued in 2018 when Therese Tully and I played with Lindy Vincent and Richard Ward in the Open Teams at Toowong. I do not remember how long we have been playing in this event, but with the odd substitution it must be at least 20 years.

We started out with two good wins to hit the front, followed by a small win in match 3 to put us up against the top seeds where we suffered our only loss by 5 IMPs. While we won our remaining 4 matches, the margins were on the small side, and we came in 2nd by less than 1 VP.

Overall winners were Jill Magee/Terry Strong and Neville Francis/Magnus Moren, with Paul Hooykaas/Martin Doran and Peter Evans/Tony Treloar a close third place.

Toowong put on a great show and, in spite of a few minor problems with the Bridgemates at the beginning, Director Jan Peach resolved all issues in her usual calm and professional way.

M 1	♠ A10872		
Bd 2	♥ 105		
Dlr E	♦ AQ106		
Vul NS	♣ J2		
♠ —		♠ Q95	
♥ J9842		♥ A7	
♦ 98743		♦ J52	
♣ K104		♣ AQ763	
	♠ KJ643		
	♥ KQ63		
	♦ K		
	♣ 985		

W	N	E	S
P	4S	1C	1S
		All pass	

Therese overcalled 1S when East opened the bidding with 1C and I did not know how high we could go

as the overcall showed 5 spades but did not necessarily promise an opening hand.

However, when I have 5-card support for partner's major suit, I generally bid to game, because even if it does not make, the opponents often have something on and it puts the last guess onto them.

West led the ♦9 so Therese won the opening lead in hand and led the ♠K, intending to draw trumps finishing on the table and make 11 tricks.

The 3-0 spade break seemed to put an end to 11 tricks, but when East obliged by playing the ♦J on the ♦Q there were 11 tricks after all.

At the other table NS stayed out of game, also making 11 tricks, but that was +10 IMPs.

M 1	♠ Q764		
Bd 13	♥ J97		
Dlr N	♦ J		
Vul Both	♣ KJ1084		
♠ AKJ2		♠ 985	
♥ KQ85		♥ 103	
♦ Q42		♦ AK1073	
♣ Q9		♣ 752	
	♠ 103		
	♥ A642		
	♦ 9865		
	♣ A63		

W	N	E	S
	P	P	P
1NT	All pass		

This board clearly illustrated how different systems play a big part in the results.

At our table West opened a 15-17 1NT in 4th seat and it was passed out. I led the ♠J, denying the ♠Q but could have a higher honour, so Therese played the ♣A and continued the suit, allowing me to cash out the clubs, and the ♥A was our 6th trick for -90. A flat board maybe?

At the other table with Richard and Lindy playing Acol, Richard opened 1H, Lindy responded 1NT, and finished up in 3NT with South on lead. South has no reason to lead the ♠A, and selected the ♥2, which won on the table giving Lindy her 8th trick, but where was her 9th coming from with such fragile clubs?

However, the run of the diamonds caused discard problems for NS and she finished up with 10 tricks for +630 and 11 IMPs.


M 2
Bd 22
Dir E
Vul EW

♠ 986
♥ A73
♦ A532
♣ QJ2

♠ Q10
♥ KQ94
♦ QJ74
♣ 1073

♠ J73
♥ 1062
♦ 1098
♣ A965

♠ AK542
♥ J85
♦ K6
♣ K84



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

The good 5-card suit was enough for Therese to promote the 14 HCPs into a 1NT opening bid.

After first checking for a 4-4 heart fit I settled in 3NT and West decided to lead through dummy's known suit by leading the ♥7!

Therese won in hand and with the ♥9 in dummy led back a second heart, ducked by West and now she set up two diamond tricks by leading to the ♦K, taken by West who now led the ♣Q, but far too late!

Since the spades were 3-3 all along, 3NT is cold after the heart lead and now the late club switch gave her 10 tricks for +430.

An opening lead of the ♣Q and continuation leads to 5 tricks for the defence as long as East encourages but does not take the ♣A at trick 1 or 2 to keep communication with West.

At the other table NS stopped in 2NT and made 9 tricks for -150 and 7 IMPs to us.

An Englishman thinks seated;
a Frenchman, standing; an
American, pacing; and a bridge
player, afterwards.

If you're a good enough player, you can get away with making mistakes because nobody will believe it.


M 3
Bd 5
Dlr N
Vul NS

♠ A1052
♥ K4
♦ A105
♣ K832

♠ Q864
♥ J7532
♦ —
♣ AQJ9

♠ J3
♥ A96
♦ QJ742
♣ 1076

♠ K97
♥ Q108
♦ K9863
♣ 54



W	N	E	S
All pass	1H	P	2H

I opened 1H on a minimum hand and poor suit and got lucky when Therese supported hearts and EW did not compete. I think this is a clear opening bid with the minor suits swapped, but not with the diamond void because if Therese responded 2D to my opening I have nowhere to go!

East led the ♠J and I won the ♠Q and led back the ♠4 to finesse, but West won the ♠10 and cashed the ♠A on which East discarded a diamond. Next West led another spade ruffed by East and over-ruffed in dummy.


The ♣Q won the next trick and I followed with the ♣A and ♣9 ruffed in dummy, and ruffed a diamond back to hand to lead the last club also ruffed in dummy so I could ruff another diamond.

I still had 3 trumps for a third diamond ruff, so the poor 8-card fit had yielded 6 ruffs for 9 tricks and +140 versus 2H down 1 at the other table.

M 3 ♠ KQJ9765
Bd 11 ♥ Q54
Dlr S ♦ 2
Vul None ♣ Q5

♠ A83 ♠ 104
♥ A96 ♥ K72
♦ J103 ♦ KQ965
♣ A1074 ♣ KJ8

♠ 2
♥ J1083
♦ A874
♣ 9632



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

I got too conservative for once in my bridge life when I only overcalled 2S after West opened 1C, instead of the full-blooded 3S.

East had an easy 3D, and I am sure with some trepidation, West took a shot at the 3NT game, although 5D is actually cold on the club guess.

I led the ♠K which West ducked and won the next spade to lead the ♦J, and was visibly pleased when I did not have the ♦A, so he could later take the club finesse through me for 11 tricks and -460.

At the other table North did bid 3S and Richard and Lindy took the sensible option to play in 3SX, which has five top losers thus finished 1 off and +100. but 8 IMPS out.

My 2S was a silly bid and gave EW too much latitude and room to explore. Even though 5D is cold on the actual layout, 3NT is the normal spot to try and make game. ■

The full article is on the website

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Teacher's Corner



Joan Butts

Fourth Suit Forcing

WHEN three suits have been bid by our side in an auction (eg 1♦ P 1♠ P 2♣ P ?), responder usually (but not always) has enough information to decide the final contract. When they do need more information before committing the side to game (or slam), the bid of the fourth suit is a game forcing, artificial tool which allows us to take the bidding more slowly, without having to leap to a contract, and guess the best spot. It simply means you bid the fourth suit eg 1♦ P 1♠ P 2♣ P 2♥. Fourth suit forcing is a useful convention designed to make responder's bidding easier, when:

- The responder doesn't know *which* game we are going to play.
- The responder is strong and want to make a slam try.
- The responder is even stronger and wants to go to slam but uses fourth suit forcing first as he wants to set a trump suit for later ace-asking bids.

Some play fourth suit as just forcing for one round, but it's better used as game-forcing. If you play it as a one round force only, it's hard to know which later bids are forcing and which are not. Playing it as game forcing makes it simpler, and partner will not drop you below game under any circumstances!

If fourth suit is forcing to game, then you need to find another non-forcing bid if you have a hand that's less than a game force. Often this is 2NT to show 10, 11 points.

WHEN (to use fourth suit)

Fourth suit forcing would occur when the responder has bid a suit and the opener shows a second suit, typically:

1♣ 1♥
1♠ 2♦

1♦ 1♠
2♣ 2♥

1♥ 1♠
2♦ 3♣

The point is, when the opener has shown two suits and the responder one, it is not likely we should play with the fourth suit as the trump suit. If the responder has a four-card suit in the fourth suit, no trumps is often best.

So, bidding the fourth suit is *not* promising length in that suit. The bid is artificial, and says: "Game-forcing". After that, we cannot stop below game so there is no rush, because partner can never pass a bid lower than game!

However, if the responder already knows which game we should play, he will not bother to go via fourth suit. To use fourth suit is to investigate more when we need to investigate!

HOW (to use fourth suit)

After hearing fourth suit, the opener does not know what kind of hand their partner has. That will be better revealed in the next round. So, opener should try to describe more about his hand, eg support responder's suit with three cards (he can't have more than three as he would have shown support in the first place), or bid no trumps with a stopper in the fourth suit or rebid one of his own suits with extra length there.



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The fourth suit bidder could easily have a hand where he wants to be in no trumps, but perhaps has no stopper in the fourth suit:

West	East
1♣	1♥
1♠	2♦

The responder, East, may have:

♠ KJx
♥ AKxx
♦ 10xx
♣ Kxx

If opener bids no-trumps over 2♦ as fourth suit in the above auction, he is promising a diamond stopper, and says it's ok to play no-trumps. If the opener has no diamond stopper, we should probably try another game when the responder has these cards.

But the reason for responder's use of fourth suit forcing may also be that he is looking for something else, eg support for his own suit

West	East
1♣	1♥
1♠	2♦

The responder may have:

♠ Kxx
♥ AQ10xx
♦ Ax
♣ Ax

The reason for bidding fourth suit here is to check out if partner has three hearts, in which case 4♥ on a 5-3 fit probably is better than 3NT as we may have only one diamond stopper. If the opener over 2♦ is not showing heart support, East can try 3NT.

The responder may also use fourth suit forcing and then, in the next round, rebid his own suit to show a six-card suit. If the responder responds 1♥ or 1♠ and then just rebids the suit, the bid will not be forcing.

1♦	1♠
2♣	2♠ = not forcing, partner can pass
1♦	1♠
2♣	2♥ (4th)
2NT	3♠ = natural, forcing to game -usually a six-card suit.

A third reason for using fourth suit may be that the responder is slam interested. He makes the game force bid first and later supports one of partner's suits, typically:

West	East
1♣	1♥
1♠	2♦
2NT	3♠

Logically 3♠ here means East is interested in more than game, or else the responder would have just bid game! (nb: 3♠ directly over 1♠ would be just invitational to 4♠, with a hand not quite strong enough for 4♠).

West	East
1♣	1♥
1♠	3♠ = game invitation,

opener passes or raises to game. Here responder would need opener to have some extras for game.

But over the fourth suit forcing auction, opener can show a minimum by simply raising to 4♠. If West has some extras, though, he will accept the slam try with a cue bid. Note: It is not always the right thing to bid fourth suit forcing with game going responding hands. If you need further information about the hands, then use the convention, but if you know where we are going, just bid it!

Examples

1. This first hand makes a standard situation where fourth suit forcing is useful. The bidding starts:

Dir N	♠ KQ104
Vul None	♥ AJ3
	♦ 4
	♣ Q10432
♠ A532	♠ 86
♥ Q976	♥ K854
♦ J32	♦ 10976
♣ 86	♣ AJ9
	♠ J97
	♥ 102
	♦ AKQ85
	♣ K75

North	South
1♣	1♦
1♠	?

South knows the partnership should go to game but cannot be certain which game. It may be 3NT (if North has a heart stopper, or 4♠ on a 4-3, or perhaps 5♠ or 5♦ if North does not have a heart stopper). Therefore, South bids 2♥ (fourth suit forcing) and the opener will try to describe his hand further. Then it goes:

North	South
1♣	1♦
1♠	2♥
2NT	3NT
pass	

Dir E	♠ AJ43
Vul NS	♥ 8764
	♦ 865
	♣ A3
♠ KQ1086	♠ 9
♥ J5	♥ A103
♦ KQ2	♦ AJ743
♣ QJ5	♣ K1042
	♠ 752
	♥ KQ92
	♦ 109
	♣ 9876

The bidding starts:

West	East
	1♦
1♠	2♣
?	

Again, the responder does not know which game will be the best one. 3NT, 4♠, 5♠/♦ are all options at this stage in the bidding. To investigate West bids fourth suit forcing, 2♥. It continues:

West	East
	1♦
1♠	2♣
2♥	2NT
3NT	pass

East confirms a heart hold, and West concludes that if East had held three spades, he would have shown the three-card support over 2♥ and they would have played in 4♠. ■

Manager's Travels



Kim
Ellaway

I LOVE Queensland congresses and have been to most Barrier Reef Congresses since its inception, and all Gold Coast Congresses since 1977 where, for most years, I have been working at the event. My next favourite event is the Northern Territory Gold whether it be at Alice Springs or Darwin. We team up at the

Darwin event with Jane Rasmussen ABF Secretary and partner of her choice. This year her partner was Ann Mellings from the Noosa Bridge Club. Due to health reasons we were not playing in the matchpoint pairs BUT Jane had other plans. She tripped on the way to the event and broke her arm which meant I had to play. We did not shine but had a great time. Jane was back for the teams however we still did not shine but continued to have a great time. The Swiss was packed with players wanting PQP points and the hands were quite wild. One hand which I did not shine on was:

♠ —
♥ A10987654
♦ Q1052
♣ J

I got to 6H and Ray gave me a beautiful dummy:

♠ A84
♥ Q
♦ AKJ74
♣ AQ72

A spade was led. Now do you go for the drop or the finesse in trumps?

It cost me 14 IMPs as I ran the ♥Q to the bare ♥K. I was greedy as 7D is cold and you don't have to find the ♥K. ■

Territory Gold



Richard Ward

A significant contingent of 25 Queenslanders made the journey to Darwin in the first week of September for the Northern Territory's bi-annual gold point congress. The best of these, by far, was Brisbane's Murray Perrin and Neville Francis who were 2nd in the swiss teams and 2nd in the swiss pairs.

Successful players are those who take each hand as it comes, ignoring the blows inflicted by opponents and malevolent distributions, and simply concentrate on playing percentage

bridge, hand after hand. Even the placegetters have to suffer at times as the following hands from the swiss pairs illustrate.

Francis	Perrin
♠ 76	♠ AKQ852
♥ AK	♥ 1082
♦ QJ10	♦ AK64
♣ A87543	♣ —

W	N	E	S
2C	P	1S	P
4S	P	3S	P
5H ³	P	4NT ¹	P
6D ⁴	P	5NT ³	P
		7S	All pass

¹ Key card query

² Two key cards

³ specific kings?

⁴ ♦K

Of 26 matches, only two pairs bid to the grand slam, 12 pairs bid the small slam and 12 stayed in game. When the trumps broke 4-1, Perrin-Francis lost 15 IMPs. Had they stayed in 6S, they would have gained 9 IMPs. Should they have bid this 68% grand? At teams, if you are confident that the opponents will be in the small slam, you should. At pairs, in a field of mixed ability, perhaps not (though I'd rather bid this grand than not). But the important thing now is to move on to the next hand where your fortunes might improve.

♠ AQ842	♠ 95
♥ K76	♥ Q
♦ AK85	♦ QJ1032
♣ 7	♣ AJ1092

W	N	E	S
1S	P	2D	P
4C ¹	P	4H ²	P
4S ²	P	4NT ³	P
5C ⁴	P	6D	All pass

¹ Splinter agreeing diamonds

² 1st or 2nd round controls

³ Key card

⁴ 0 or 3

This time it is your opponents who bid nicely to this possible diamond slam. You are South holding:

♠ 1073
♥ AJ953
♦ 84
♣ 654

and need to find the unlikely spade lead to defeat it. When Perrin-Francis led another suit, they had lost 12 IMPs

as only 9 of the 26 pairs had bid it. The play in 6D on an opening trump lead is reasonably straightforward. You need to avoid the distraction of looking for club ruffs as there won't be enough trumps available to ruff at least three of them. Best is to lose a heart at trick 2, take the trump return, pitch a spade on the ♥K and then ruff the spade suit high. This works whenever spades are no worse than 4-2.

Next comes a bidding problem. Your right hand opponent opens 3S not vul vs vul. You hold:

♠ 9
♥ AQ
♦ AK964
♣ K8653

What do you bid? Possibilities are 4D or 4S (Michaels) or 4NT (for minors) or double. Your choice?

This was the whole hand:

Dir N	♠ Q1087542
Vul EW	♥ K108
	♦ Q7
	♣ Q
♠ A6	♠ 9
♥ J9543	♥ AQ
♦ 82	♦ AK964
♣ A1097	♣ K8653
	♠ KJ3
	♥ 762
	♦ J1053
	♣ J42

Whilst game is available in no trump, hearts, diamonds or clubs, 6C looks to be a reasonable spot. Perrin-Francis have an agreement that a double of a pre-empt shows two places to play, so their bidding went: (3S) – X – (P) – 4H – (P) – 5C, now showing a strong hand with both minors – (P) – 6C. This earned them 13 IMPs when only three pairs bid the slam.

Next year's Territory Gold Bridge Festival will be held in Alice Springs from 4th to 8th September. Pencil it in now. ■

25 Years Ago

The ANC

QUEENSLAND failed to reproduce the 1992 results at this year's ANC. Hardly surprising, since the home-turf results were so extraordinarily good. However, the

State teams were not disgraced, both the Women and Youth reaching their finals, while the Open finished a creditable fourth. Best result of the fortnight was probably the quinella in the Women's Butler Trials, with Therese Tully - Joan Butts and Di Rogers - Greer Tucker coming in first and second.

The women in fact lost the final by only one IMP. Our correspondent in Canberra picking this hand as the key to the match:

Joan	Therese
♠ AKxxx	♠ QJxxx
♥ xxxxx	♥ —
♦ xx	♦ AKxxx
♣ A	♣ xxx

Joan opened 1S and Therese made a fit-showing jump to 3D. Joan now bid 3H and this was doubled by LHO. At this stage Therese had a choice of bids which might have propelled the partnership into the slam, but, unfortunately, chose to show her distribution by bidding 4C, also doubled, and they settled in 4S.

It is interesting to note that, had Joan's 3H bid not been doubled, there would have been no sane way to reach any slam (and, indeed, it was missed at the other table and at both tables in the Open Final). Doubles of trial bids and cue bids are all very well in their place, but at such a low level can only give the declaring pair extra bidding space. What a shame that the futile double was not punished!

Our man on the spot also records a hand from the Youth final which, alas, did not star any Queenslanders, but which augurs well for Australian Youth. It was played by Kylie Hobb, aged 15, of NSW.

Dlr N	♠ AQxxx		
	♥ Kxx		
	♦ K10		
	♣ AJ5		
♠ x		♠ Jx	
♥ AQxxx		♥ J10x	
♦ AQJxx		♦ 87	
♣ 10		♣ KQ98xx	
	♠ Kxxxx		
	♥ xx		
	♦ 9xx		
	♣ xxx		

Kylie opened 1S with the North cards

and David Appleton overcalled 3C (pre-emptive). South bid 4S and Murray Green doubled.

The jack of hearts was led, won by the ace and a club returned. Kylie, fearful of a club ruff, won the ace and played ace and another spade. In dummy with the king, she led a diamond, won by West with the ace, who continued hearts. Kylie won the king, cashed the diamond king, and crossed to dummy with a heart ruff. At this point she had lost two tricks, and the hands were:

	xxx	
	—	
	—	
	J5	
—		—
Qx		10
QJ		—
—		KQ98
	xx	
	—	
	9	
	xx	

Now she led the diamond nine and pitched a club, brilliantly endplaying West.

(The contract can be defeated in various ways, but this does not detract from Kylie's play.)

And here's a hand from a Queenslander. Mark Sarris won the Open Trials with Magnus Moren. His play on this hand against Victoria shows why.

Dlr E	♠ xx		
	♥ Kxxxx		
	♦ Q10x		
	♣ Jxx		
♠ J10xxx		♠ x	
♥ QJxx		♥ x	
♦ J		♦ Axxxxxx	
♣ Qxx		♣ Axxx	
	♠ AKQxx		
	♥ Axx		
	♦ Kx		
	♣ Kxx		

East opened 3D and Mark (South) bid 3NT. East won the diamond lead and switched to a club, run to the queen, the club return ducked. Mark reasoned from the duck that East held four clubs, so he cashed his king of diamonds and his two aces then put East in with a club, leaving this position:

	x	
	Kxxx	
	10	
	—	
J10x		—
QJx		—
—		xxxxx
—		x
	KQxx	
	xx	
	—	
	—	

and squeezing West on any play by East! ■

The 1993 State Graded Teams

by Neville Francis

THE Queensland Graded Teams attracted 32 entries, 8 in the Life-master+ section, 16 in the Regional*, and 8 in the Novice.

Tony Jackman atoned for his slip in the June Congress Teams to be instrumental in winning the crunch match this time. Greedy, Tony - you've won everything else in Queensland, why not let someone else win this inaugural event! Tony's success stemmed from an astute pass on this hand in the Kent-White match.

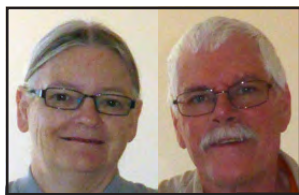
Dlr W	♠ 104		
Vul Both	♥ K6		
	♦ J10765		
	♣ 9875		
♠ Q98763		♠ —	
♥ 73		♥ Q1092	
♦ K82		♦ AQ3	
♣ A2		♣ KQ10643	
	♠ AKJ52		
	♥ AJ854		
	♦ 84		
	♣ 3		

At our table, Andrew Pryde (West) opened a Multi-2D, and I decided (wrong again, Francis) that his spades would be as good as my clubs, and that eight tricks would be easier than nine. So I bid 2S (in case his suit was hearts) and played there for -200.

At the other table, Tony passed the West hand and the fireworks began. East opened 1C and South bid 2NT (good hand, both majors). Tony doubled to show values, and North bid 3H, intending it pre-emptively. South, however, thought North meant it, and bid 4H. Doubled for -1400.

Here endeth the challenge. ■

Novices



Shelley & Chris Farr

A NOVICE bridge player has fewer than 100 masterpoints. These points are earned by placing well at club events, but the best way for a novice to gain points is at a QBA-approved Novice congress. There is a smorgasbord of congresses available in the southeast of the state, and some larger regional clubs hold novice events too. A Novice congress is a very exciting environment where experienced players are excluded to create a perfect place for small fish to play in relative safety. You can expect shelter, competition, fellowship and rewards. Red points are awarded on round wins, and there are normally 7 or 8 rounds played at a one-day congress.

There are many new players graduating from supervised play, all of whom are novices. If you know any, please point them in the direction of the Novice Co-ordinator. Our email address is novicecoordinator@qldbridge.com. We can put them on the email list, answer any novice related concerns or just keep them informed of events and news in the novice world.

What has been happening: **July 1.** The Toowong Restricted under 150 pairs had amazing results for novices. Of the top 8 places, 7 were novice players. The winners were Kevin Hamilton-Reen and



Kevin Hamilton-Reen and Mary Simon (Beenleigh)

Mary Simon (Beenleigh), 2nd place, Carmel Caton and Trevor Henderson (Toowoomba), 3rd Diana Khursandi and Tim Sayer (Caboolture). Category B winners were Pamela Hare and Lance Workman (Gold Coast). For this event the Novice Co-ordinator Prize went to Caroline Nelson and Judy Quick (Toowong). It was great to see Stanthorpe pair Janine and Peter Cumming contesting the event.

July 8. The Redland Novice Pairs was won by Geoff Willson and John Wilson (Surfers), 2nd Neil and Judith Hansen (QCBC & BBC), 3rd Sumant Handa and Eugene Pereira (Northern Suburbs)



Geoff Willson and John Wilson (Surfers)

July 14. QBA Teams of Three Toowong: With 38 tables, this was a huge event split into 3 Categories. The event provides an unusual experience where the least experienced players in the bridge world are placed in a team with a very experienced player. Team events have different strategies to the more common pairs events. In each team, the experienced Captain guides and helps novices to understand the differences with the focus on enjoying the day of competition.

In Cat A 1st Michelle Groves, Julie Mannion, Charles Mitchell and Capt. Ian Halford, 2nd Anna Green, Yvonne Zande, Robyn Woodrick and Capt. Terry Strong.

Cat B 1st Bernadette Dwyer, Fiona Gillies, Chris Green and Capt. Clair Green, 2nd Fenna Cooper, Sandra Aring, Devi Thillainathan and Capt. John Kelly.

Cat C 1st Julie Webster, Karen Flynn, Judy O'Donoghue and Capt. Alan Boyce, 2nd James O'Callaghan, Marge Henry, Peter Bristow and Capt John Gough.

July 15. QBA Graded Teams QCBC: where Team 1 had a win, and this does not happen very often. Congratulations Tony Marsland, Helen Blair, Del Dudman and Barbara Bright. Runners up were Jack Luke-Paredi, Ellen Visscher, Darren Brake and Ben Leung.

July 21. The Mackay Novice Pairs was divided into 2 categories. The Champions were Jan Harris and Maria Setiyawan, in 2nd place Jan Letts and Paul Letts.

Category B winners were Jean Penridge and Anne Lutz, 2nd Linda Priday and Annie Vaughan

August 5. Toowoomba Novice Teams: A remarkable result here. The field was divided into 3 categories with the Championship team coming from Cat C. Congratulations Pamela Steele, Dennis Lincoln, Pam Davey and Ken Orange, 2nd place Eugene Pereira, Max Meadowcroft, Bruce Gough and David Whybird, 3rd Lavinia Minchin, Marilyn Oakroot, Jean Moetara and Allison Lewis

Cat B winners were Lawrence Price, Tony Thorne, Elizabeth Thorne and Greg Munck, 2nd Dave Mulherin, Kathleen Mulherin, Paul Barrett and Carmel Barrett

Cat C winners were Gerry Orrin, Joy Orrin, Tony Fitzgerald and Patricia Fitzgerald, 2nd Pat Kelly, Sandra Head, Teresa Downing, and Barbara Reid.

Sept. 1. QBA Graded Pairs QCBC: This was a game of nerves with the top two fighting for honours over the last 4 rounds culminating in another remarkable result where the 2018 Queensland under 150 Champions have fewer than 50 masterpoints. Congratulations to Thomas Larsen and Aijun Yang; in second place were Peter Heard and Loretta Lovett.

Events Coming: Sept 16, Sanctuary Cove Novice Pairs,

October 17, Noosa Novice Pairs

October 21, BBC Novice Pairs

October 28, QCBC Novice Teams

November 10, Townsville Novice Teams

November 11, Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs

Until next time, enjoy your bridge. ■

The Proof of the Pudding



Fred Whitaker

Is in the eating we are told

HOW often have you heard that doubling a freely bid high-level contract may spook your quarry into running to a making alternative?

An extreme example of the wisdom of that advice cropped up at the local club the other day.

Dlr N	♠ 9854				
Vul None	♥ 104				
	♦ KQ10865				
	♣ 4				
♠ AKJ3		♠ 10762			
♥ J52		♥ 986			
♦ AJ9		♦ 7432			
♣ QJ10		♣ 52			
	♠ Q				
	♥ AKQ73				
	♦ —				
	♣ AK98763				

You are West, and at nil vul LHO opens 2D weak to which RHO enquires with 2NT.

Some may choose to double at this point in case RHO is woozling but whether you double or pass, LHO describes a weak weak-2 and RHO ponders a moment and leaps to 6C!!

I have given this to five friends of varying standards including a winner of this year's NOT and not a soul thought twice before doubling with gusto. Indeed most looked at me as though this wasn't a real problem at all.

Anyway after your double whistles around to RHO he rescues himself at high speed to 6H into which, of course, you also embed your cleaver to the hilt.

The error was in assuming your opponent to be a fool. He has heard his partner describe their hand in some detail yet thinks he can make at the 6-level.

6H is cold and scores -1210 while 6C is one off for +50 had you let him play there unmolested.

One club ruff with trumps 3-3 was 'all' that was needed. Your double tipped off the slam bidder that his big club suit had sprung a leak.

Yes it is a horrible weak-2 containing the four spades but declarer expected that the opener held at least four cards in his two suits.

Disclosure: There but for the Grace of God go I!

State Event Results

GRADED PAIRS

A Grade

- 1 Chuan Qin - Philip Chang
- 2 Chris Snook - Denise Hartwig
- 3= Greg Lee - Alan Currie
- 3= Charlie Lu - Kang Wang

B Grade

- 1 Joan Jenkins - Robin Webcke
- 2 Jim Taylor - Cora Taylor
- 3 Jenny Williams - Jack Rohde

C Grade

- 1 Thomas Larsen - Aijun Yang
- 2 Peter Heard - Loretta Lovett
- 3 Kevin Hamilton-Reen - Mary Simon

OPEN TEAMS

Category A

- 1 MOREN (Magnus Moren, Neville Francis, Jill Magee, Terry Strong)
- 2 TULLY (Therese Tully, Richard Wallis, Richard Ward, Lindy Vincent)

- 3 HOOYKAAS (Paul Hooykaas, Martin Doran, Peter Evans, Tony Treloar)

Category B

- 1 MILLER (Errol Miller, Dorothy Gehrke, Lex Ranke, Jack Rohde)
- 2 BOYCE (Alan Boyce, Joan Jenkins, Tom Strong, Edda Strong)

Best Team Representing a Country Zone and not Featured Above.
Noel Bugeia, Monica Darley, Ian Afflick, Janeen Solomon

GRADED TEAMS

Grade A

- 1 WARD (Richard Ward, Lindy Vincent, Therese Tully, Bill Haughie)

- 2 TRELOAR (Tony Treloar, Peter Evans, Martin Doran, Paul Hooykaas)

- 3 WOOLLEY (Chris Woolley, Carolyn Woolley, Paul Collins, Sue O'Brien)

Grade B

- 1 WILLIAMS (Jenny Williams, Monica Pritchard, Robin Webcke, Joan Jenkins)

- 2 EASTMAN (Dewi Eastman, Paul Han, Helen Standfast, Loraine King)

Grade C

- 1 MARSLAND (Anthony Marsland, Helen Blair, Del Dudman, Barbara Bright)

- 2 LUKE-PAREDI (Jack Luke-Paredi, Darren Brake, Ellen Visscher, Ben Leung)

BUTLER PAIRS

Overall

- 1 Peter Evans - Tony Treloar
- 2 Jill Magee - Terry Strong
- 3 Richard Fox - Andrew Woollons

Men

- 1 Peter Evans / Tony Treloar
- 2 Richard Fox / Andrew Woollons
- 3 Larry Moses / Nikolas Moore

Women

- 1 Beverley Stacey / Alison Dawson
- 2 Joan Jenkins / Roberta Tait

Multi-Landy

George Cuppaige has written a lengthy article on this topic which is on the QBA website.



Open & Novice IMP Pairs

(<100MP as at 30/9/18)

Sunday January 13

Entry fee: \$60 per pair

Slam Bidding

A Light-hearted Review
by Jan Randall

You are a bridge teacher. Many years ago you taught this group and tonight you have the opportunity to spectate and see how they have developed over the years. If they were filling out their BBO profile every one of them would class themselves as Expert, as they should, because they were all-star students.

This deal turns up, a cold 7H.

♠ Q9
♥ J73
♦ AK109743
♣ Q

♠ AK82
♥ AKQ1052
♦ —
♣ A104

South dealer, NS vulnerable

Table 1

W	N	E	S
P	2D	P	2C
P	3D ¹	P	2H
P	4NT ²	P	3H
P	5NT	P	5D
P	6H	P	6C
All pass		P	7H ³

¹ Never support partner's major when you have a minor suit to bid.

² Who needs cue/control/or splinter bids. If you get an opportunity to bid Blackwood do it.

³ If you can bid 6 I can bid 7. Never let partner place the final contract when you have hidden some information from him

Table 2

W	N	E	S
P	2D	P	2C
P	4NT ¹	P	2H
P	5NT	P	5C
P	6H	All pass	6C

¹ Game force situation with slam aspirations so do not disclose any information about your hand. See ² (Table 1) - with any opportunity to use Blackwood bid it.

If a player's bridge prowess is to be abused, there's nobody like a partner to do it.

Table 3

W	N	E	S
X ¹	XX ²	P	2C
All pass			6H ³

¹ You hold

♠ 74 ♥ 8 ♦ Q8652 ♣ KJ872

but let partner know what to lead even if it is you who is likely to be leading.

² Always XX with 10+ HCP.

³ Fast arrival to shut the opponents out do and not give them any information and do not let partner mess up the bidding.

Table 4

W	N	E	S
P	2D	P	2C
P	4NT	P	4H ¹
P	5NT	P	5C
All pass		P	6H

¹ When you're in a game force situation never allow your partner the opportunity to forget - get to game as fast as you can.

Table 5

W	N	E	S
P	2D	P	2C
P	3D ¹	P	2H
All pass		P	6H ²

¹ (See Table 1) always bid your minor suit when you have a major suit fit

² When in a game force situation take control, bid slam, never give partner the opportunity to go wrong

Table 6

W	N	E	S
P	6D ²	X ³	2NT ¹
P	7D ⁵	X ⁶	6H ⁴
P	P	X ⁸	7H ⁷
			All pass ⁹

¹ 2NT! - had their hearts mixed up with their diamonds! If you have 20-21 HCP always open 2NT so partner knows exactly how many points you have.

² Fast arrival never allow partner to get into the wrong contract.

³ With this powerhouse

♠ J10653 ♥ 964 ♦ J ♣ 9653

and the opponents having bid a direct slam, double in case partner has a trick or two.

⁴ Partner, just because I opened 2NT does not mean I don't have a six-card suit.

⁵ When partner bids a new suit at the

6-level they have no support for your suit.

⁶ If the opponents double you at the 6-level they will double you at the 7-level.

⁷ If partner rescues you, you must rescue him keep on bidding your suit.

⁸ If the opponents look like they have a bidding mishap make them pay double and hit them hard.

⁹ When partner will not stop bidding give in and wish them good luck.

What is that you say? Oh, you remembered you had an appointment and you have to go - well thanks for stopping by as you can see we do you proud every time we pick up our cards.

This is an actual hand from an actual tournament with actual bidding and I was actually South at one of these tables! ■

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Dir W	♠ 942
Vul EW	♥ 74
	♦ 843
	♣ QJ852
♠ 8	♠ 105
♥ AKQJ92	♥ 63
♦ 1075	♦ QJ92
♣ K94	♣ A10763
	♠ AKQJ763
	♥ 1085
	♦ AK6
	♣ —

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

After the opening bid and response, South jumped to four spades, despite having only nine likely tricks: maybe dummy would have something of value.

West began with the three top hearts. East signalled a doubleton; declarer ruffed with dummy's nine of trumps. Alas for declarer, East overruffed with the ten and, as he could not then avoid a diamond loser, declarer was set one trick.

"That was unlucky," offered the declarer.

Dummy would have none of it. "Luck

had nothing do with it. Obviously, hearts were 6-2. So, all you had to do was take the best chance for the contract: throw a diamond from dummy on the third heart. What could the defence have done after that? You'd win the next trick, draw trumps in two rounds and then ruff your losing diamond in dummy."

Dummy continued, "Ruffing the third heart with the nine of spades would succeed less than half the time, whereas my line would succeed nearly four times out of five when the trumps broke 2-1."

Dummy finished with, "Even if trumps had been 3-0, you would still have made the contract as long as the hand with three trumps couldn't ruff the third round of diamonds."

Dlr N	♠ K10985		
Vul EW	♥ A6		
	♦ J654		
	♣ J10		
♠ J		♠ 64	
♥ J1097		♥ 852	
♦ K92		♦ A108	
♣ K9852		♣ A7643	
	♠ AQ732		
	♥ KQ43		
	♦ Q73		
	♣ Q		

W	N	E	S
P	P	P	1S
All pass	2C ¹	P	4S

¹ Good hand, fit for spades

After North showed a good raise in spades by using Drury, South bid the game without further ado.

West led the jack of hearts, which he would not have done if declarer had bid the suit. It proved to be an unfortunate lead: declarer won with dummy's ace of hearts, then drew trumps with the ace and king. Declarer continued with the king and queen of hearts, on which he discarded one of dummy's clubs. After ruffing the four of hearts in dummy, declarer called for dummy's remaining club. East rose with the ace of clubs and, when declarer followed with the queen, he relied on his partner to give him count in the suit. After West signalled an odd number of clubs, East decided to

believe that the queen of clubs was a singleton. So, he shifted to the ace and another diamond. West took the second diamond with his king and exited with the nine of diamonds. Declarer claimed the balance, making ten tricks: five trumps, three hearts, a heart ruff and a diamond.

If East had exited with a club at trick eight instead of a diamond, declarer would have thrown a diamond from hand and ruffed in dummy. As a result, he would have lost only two diamonds and a club, also making his contract.

Note that there would have been no happy ending for declarer if West had led a club initially.

Dlr S	♠ A7		
Vul EW	♥ Q6432		
	♦ K32		
	♣ QJ6		
♠ QJ10962		♠ 843	
♥ A95		♥ KJ1087	
♦ —		♦ J10965	
♣ 9742		♣ —	
	♠ K5		
	♥ —		
	♦ AQ874		
	♣ AK10853		

W	N	E	S
2S	3H	P	1C
P	5C	P	4D
All pass			6C

In a team match, the auction and lead (the spade queen) were identical.

At the first table, declarer played without apparent thought. He took

the first trick in dummy with the ace, drew trumps and cashed the ace of diamonds. Thus, he had to lose two diamond tricks and his contract.

The second declarer was more circumspect. He saw that the only danger to the contract was a 5-0 diamond break. As declarer could do nothing about it if West had five diamonds, declarer turned his attention to the case when East had all of the outstanding diamonds: he would need to lead diamonds twice through East. If diamonds were 5-0, West was likelier to have four trumps. So, declarer decided to keep the ace of spades in reserve as an entry to dummy, in case the diamonds really were 5-0. Consequently, declarer played low from the dummy at trick one and won the spade lead in hand with the king. After drawing trumps in four rounds, while East parted with two spades and two hearts, declarer led the four of diamonds towards dummy. West discarded a spade and dummy's king of diamonds won the trick. Declarer called for the two of diamonds, which was covered by the nine and queen. Declarer was then in a position to pick up East's diamonds while losing just one trick in the suit, by leading diamonds once more from dummy. South thus claimed twelve tricks: two spades, four diamonds and six trumps. ■

To teach the opponents not to pre-empt against you, you must not only double them, you must also beat them.

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Novice <100 Mps as at 31/07/17

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Novice: Blue & Green only
All enquires and entries (close Wed Oct 25) to QCBC: **3391 3241** -
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Mackay



The Henry Team - Nancy Wix, Rick Wix, Camille Henry and Leonie Henry and Lorna Shuttlewood (President). Camille and Leonie are the daughter and daughter-in-law respectively of two of the original founders.

Roma



Australia-Wide Novice Pairs winners: Marcia Cameron and Ros Arthur (NS), President Fay Donoghue, and Barry Braithwaite and Andy Gordon (EW)

50th. Anniversary Congress

THIS year the Mackay Contract Bridge Club has celebrated its golden anniversary. The meeting to form the club was held at the home of Alan and Win Henry on Friday June 14 1968. The first game was played a week later in the CWA rooms in Gordon Street, Mackay.

In 1980 we moved in to our very own club premises. After a number of years, fund-raising activities complemented another bank loan to provide sufficient funds to double the size of the club house. Comfortable premises and a strong membership made it now viable to invite clubs from around the country to participate in congress events in Mackay.

To celebrate its anniversary, a 50th Anniversary Teams Congress was held over the weekend of June 16-17 - 50 years almost to the date. We were very pleased to welcome some who were at the initial meeting. Thirty-four teams competed, with players coming from Melbourne, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Rockhampton and all areas of the Whitsunday Zone.

Dinner was hosted in the club rooms on the Saturday night for well over 100 people ensuring a night of great reminiscences, and plenty of "catching-up". The weekend was all about making memories, mayoral visits, cutting cakes, time capsules, great friendships, home baking, lots of laughter and great bridge.

Congratulations to all the place-getters on the day.

BBC

Julie Jeffries was recently presented with her Certificate of Accreditation as a State Director by QBA President, Richard Wallis. Julie met the requirements as an active congress director with extensive experience in directing congress events. specifically Gold Point Events nominated by the QBA.

Goondiwindi

Dalva Brown, a treasurer of Goondiwindi Bridge Club for many years, recently died aged 91. Dalva always had a cheery word to say to everyone and will be deeply missed.



Julie Jeffries and Richard Wallis

TBIB

I would like to give your company a huge thankyou on the professional and attentive approach to getting my travel insurance claim resolved.

I was in Anatolia Turkey where I had a fall breaking both bones in my leg.

The service from your company was exceptional and I wish you well in the future.

Trevor Fletcher

Dalby

IT is amazing the difference one enthusiastic member can make to a small club like Dalby. One such person is our youngest member Rebecca Knight.

Rebecca has shown great initiative in undertaking training to gain teaching accreditation. It certainly requires a high degree of commitment to travel a round trip of around 360 kilometres to attend teaching seminars with Joan Butts, especially hazardous at this time with all the road works happening in our area! She has also had exams to sit and reports to be submitted.

As a result of Rebecca's efforts, we have been able to increase our membership and to give our local people the opportunity to learn how to play our addictive game. This is the first time for many years we have had the opportunity to offer teaching at this level.

To date Rebecca has had seven pupils and some current members are doing a 'refresher course'. A new class will be starting soon with another two recruits. Six students have now been integrated into the club and all are displaying knowledge of good basic skills. Rebecca has managed to ease the new players into the more competitive environment, by offering Saturday afternoon play with club members in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Our club has also committed to supporting the local Crisis Centre. This initiative began as an annual collection of Christmas goodies which our members provided. Upon delivery last Christmas, Rebecca was told how great was the need throughout the year, due to the degree of domestic violence in this area. Rebecca then suggested that we, as a club, could give what was most needed at regular times throughout the year. Last collection was for school snacks that were gratefully received just before school recommenced.

Rebecca and her husband and sons together with the husbands of other members, have been instrumental in helping the club in so many ways, including installing new shelves to display our trophies, tending the garden and generally being there to shift and carry when needed. ■



Rebecca with some of her pupils: Peter Schettler, Pam Moran, Rebecca Knight, Anna Donnelly and Brian Wharton

Coming Events

Sep 14-16	Magnetic Teams - Townsville
Sep 15	GNOT Finals - Gold Coast
Sep 16	Sanctuary Cove Novice and Restricted Pairs
Sep 16	Sunshine Coast Graded Matchpoint Pairs
Sep 16	GNOT Finals - Far North Queensland
Sep 23	Redland Graded Pairs
Sep 23	GNOT Finals - Capricorn
Sep 28-Oct 1	Cairns Spring Matchpoint Pairs and Teams
Sep 29-Oct 1	Toowoomba Pairs and Teams
Sep 29-Oct 1	Mackay Pairs and Teams
Oct 6-7	GNOT Finals - Brisbane
Oct 6-7	GNOT Finals - Whitsunday
Oct 13-14	QBA Open Pairs - Northern Suburbs
Oct 13-14	GNOT Finals - North Queensland
Oct 14	Gympie Teams
Oct 17	Noosa Novice Pairs
Oct 17-25	ABF Spring Nationals - Sydney
Oct 21	BBC Novice Pairs
Oct 27	Surfers Paradise Graded Teams
Oct 28	QCBC Teams and Novice Teams
Nov 3-4	Northern Suburbs Imp Pairs
Nov 3-4	Hervey Bay Imp Pairs and Teams
Nov 4	Cleveland Bay Anniversary Matchpoint Pairs
Nov 10	Townsville Novice Teams
Nov 10-15	ABF Open Play Offs
Nov 11	QBA Senior Pairs - Gold Coast Club
Nov 11	Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs
Nov 11	Toowoomba Swiss Teams
Nov 17-18	Noosa Imp Pairs
Nov 17-18	Teacher Training and Teacher Workshop
Nov 17	QBA Congress Director Exam
Nov 17-18	Central Queensland Teams - Mackay
Nov 17-24	Queensland Wide Pairs
Nov 18	Gold Coast Teams
Nov 25	Toowong Graded Teams
Nov 30-Dec 3	ABF GNOT Final
Dec 1-2	Airlie Beach Pairs Challenge Congress
Dec 2	Redland Teams
Dec 8-13	ABF Womens / Senior Play Offs
Dec 9	QBA Teams of 3 - Northern Suburbs
Dec 16	QBA Individual

Directors' Corner



Jan
Peach

YEARS ago my perception of a recorder's duties was that he listened to concerns about cheating and other almost unmentionable practices. There wasn't enough evidence to call the director and request a ruling but there was an urge to tell someone about the suspicions. The recorder initially did nothing however, when several similar reports were received over time then action would be taken. The emphasis now seems to be more focussed on discourtesy so it is important to be clear on where a director's authority and powers end and the recorder's begin.

The director should be called when attention is drawn to an irregularity. This applies equally to discourtesy as it does after a lead out of turn, an insufficient bid or whatever.

Some key elements of Law 74:

- A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
- A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
- As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from making gratuitous comments during the auction and play.

- As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from summoning and addressing the director in a manner discourteous to him or to other contestants.

Breaches of Law 74 may bring the director's people-handling skills to the fore. There may be "he said, she said" situations. I might say something like, "I wasn't here so heard nothing however, if there has been some discourtesy here, let it be the last or I will have to award procedural penalties."

This applies to discourtesy to the director too. Sadly directors tend to accept some discourtesy as par for the course. Again, I suggest that a first warning is reasonable in many cases. My thinking is that the people who are being rude could be dealing with more problems than those on the receiving end. "Please talk to me courteously or I will have to award a penalty." It is ever so rare to have to award a penalty. Talk softly but carry a big stick. I came across this sentence recently. "The director shall deal firmly with any player who disputes, thwarts, belittles or otherwise undermines the authority of the director."

While it may be useful to reporting instances of rudeness to the recorder, the director should be the first port of call because his job is to apply the laws on conduct and etiquette. On the other hand, if a player has suffered in silence and not drawn attention to the irregularity, then the recorder is still available. Directors should feel comfortable about mentioning any concerns they have to the recorder.

Cancelling a board should only be

done if required or allowed by bridge law. The golden rule is to get a result if at all possible. The result may be adjusted later if tainted in some way. Law 16 and Law 75 are two laws which specifically recommend getting a result. There should be no situation where the director cancels a board because he finds it too hard to find the right law or to make a decision.

I've had need to use Law 85 twice recently. It sets out clearly what should happen when the director is unable to determine the facts of a situation. Law 85 states:

When the director is called upon to rule on a point of law or regulation in which the facts are not agreed upon, he proceeds as follows:

A. Director's Assessment

1. In determining the facts the director shall base his view on the balance of probabilities, which is to say in accordance with the weight of the evidence he is able to collect.
2. If the director is then satisfied that he has ascertained the facts, he rules as in Law 84.

B. Facts Not Determined

If the director is unable to determine the facts to his satisfaction, he makes a ruling that will permit play to continue. ■

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