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## From the President



Richard Ward

OVER the past month Kim Ellaway and I have had the pleasure of meeting with many people all over Queensland courtesy of Zoom. We have been able to chat and share our experiences, catching up on how our clubs have been dealing with the pandemic and associated restrictions. Not all clubs have been able to return to face-to-face bridge usually because their playing venues are unable to open. At the time of writing this, 70 percent of clubs have COVID plans in place and have limited re-opening with players adapting to the changes to their usual routines. Receiving clear government advice that bridge clubs in Queensland should follow the COVID advice for sports clubs has clarified many of our questions.

Given the success of these virtual meetings, plans are under way for the QBA Council meetings – just two per year – will, in 2021, be conducted on Zoom thus allowing each club to be represented by some of their own members instead of using the ‘delegates’ model of the past. There is also the possibility of assisting clubs across Queensland with virtual meetings which could replace the previous weekend Presidents’ gatherings. Watch this space.

Meanwhile the online bridge world in Queensland is attracting many players who are unable or unwilling (for obvious reasons) to play in congresses and clubs. For those new to this form of the game one of the greatest stumbling blocks is the need to alert your own bids. After many years of not doing this, old habits are understandably hard to break. The usual advice to all online players regarding alerting is:

**Alerts** are made immediately by the player making the call. An alerted call should be accompanied by an explanation. Players are encouraged to explain calls even if those calls do not require an alert such as artificial bids over 3NT, doubles,

redoubles and cue bids. Any call that would normally be alerted at the conclusion of the auction in face-to-face bridge (including self-alerting actions) should be alerted at the time of the call.

The upside for us now is that we are physically unable to make the occasional procedural mistakes such as bidding out of turn, insufficient bids, revokes and the like. These errors have however been replaced by the ubiquitous “mis-clicks” which, if genuinely unintended, are still covered by the Laws and, in tournament play are best handled via a call to the director rather than using (or trying to use) the ‘undo’ button.

If you are looking for an online game with your partner you have many choices including:

- ABF sponsored games 7.30pm Friday and 2.30pm Sunday; and
- QBA games especially Saturday 1pm and monthly online congresses (check the website); and
- Virtual club games; and
- Casual games and practice possibilities.

Always remember that it is illegal for a partnership to communicate online during a hand via any means other than chat to the full table.

You would be aware that many major congresses have been cancelled including the Sydney Spring Nationals, ABF Open Playoffs, ABF GNOT Finals, ABF Summer Festival of Bridge and the Gold Coast International Congress. A decision regarding the 2021 Barrier Reef Congress in Mackay April-May has not been made at this time and organisers are hopeful that all restrictions will have been lifted by then allowing it to go ahead.

Best wishes  
Richard

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## Australian Youth Online Tournament



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### Final – Queensland vs South Australia

FOUR states and the ACT had entered for the first Online Youth Tournament and, at the end of a double round robin, the results were:

	WINS	LOSSES	TOTAL
QLD	5	3	98.06
SA	5	3	91.62
VIC	5	3	78.09
NSW	2	6	76.30
ACT	3	5	55.93

The Queensland team (Paddy Taylor, Seb Langdon Macmillan, William Han, Ben Leung, Ellen Visscher, Darren Brake and non-playing captain Andrew Gosney) comprised a mix of experience and first-timers with ages ranging from 14 to 24. With everyone familiar with 2-over-1, it was possible to mix and match the partnerships. For South Australia (Lincoln Davey, Fletcher Davey, David Gue, Tony Rosella, George Bartley, Bertie Morgan and non-playing captain Justin Williams) the partnerships were playing versions of Standard and 2-over-1.

The result of the 48-board final was SA 165 QLD 110, but these scores do not reveal just how close the teams were, right up until the last eight boards when SA scored 40 unanswered IMPs to take out the title. A complete match report will appear in the Australian Bridge magazine so this article will focus only on those hands where QLD scored significant gains.

#### Dalby

Dalby Bridge Club would like me to tell all clubs to apply to their councils for funding. They applied to their local council Western Downs Regional Council and were supported with a fantastic \$7721 grant due to their hardship.

Well Done Dalby

Dir W	♠ KQJ3	
Vul Both	♥ 643	
	♦ AK8	
	♣ K74	
♠ 86		♠ 7
♥ AJ5		♥ KQ972
♦ J7654		♦ Q92
♣ J32		♣ A1098
	♠ A109542	
	♥ 108	
	♦ 103	
	♣ Q65	

OPEN ROOM			
W	N	E	S
BRAKE	MORGAN	TAYLOR	BARTLEY
P	1NT	2H	X
P	2S	P	3S
All pass			

CLOSED ROOM			
W	N	E	S
GUE	LEUNG	L.DAVEYVISSCHER	
P	1NT	2H	X
P	2S	P	3S
P	4S	All pass	

Both tables had similar sequences but the QLD North accepted the invitation to game whilst the SA North did not. The defence did not shine at either table with 10 tricks making via an unnecessary ruff-and-discard both times. 10 IMPs to QLD.

Dir E	♠ 9	
Vul NS	♥ 963	
	♦ QJ98742	
	♣ 94	
♠ 762		♠ A8543
♥ QJ1075		♥ AK
♦ 1065		♦ A
♣ A6		♣ KJ1032
	♠ KQJ10	
	♥ 842	
	♦ K3	
	♣ Q875	

OPEN ROOM			
W	N	E	S
LEUNG	MORGAN	VISSCHER	BARTLEY
2S	P	1S	P
All pass		4S	X

CLOSED ROOM			
W	N	E	S
GUE	LANGDON	F.DAVEY	HAN
	MACMILLAN		
2S	P	1S	P
		4S	All pass

South for SA tried a speculative double with his three certain tricks and led the ♠K. When that won, he tried a small club, looking for a trick from partner. This did declarer, Ellen Visscher, no harm who won and led a second small spade back to South. There was no defence now and, in fact, there had always been 10 tricks available.

In the closed room, with no warning of the bad trump break, SA mistimed the play to go down one.

12 IMPs to QLD

SA 52 QLD 36

Dir N	♠ Q9754	
Vul NS	♥ 85	
	♦ K104	
	♣ J96	
♠ AK		♠ J63
♥ Q74		♥ J106
♦ AJ865		♦ Q97
♣ K53		♣ AQ74
	♠ 1082	
	♥ AK932	
	♦ 32	
	♣ 1082	

In the closed room, the SA East opened 1C, South overcalled 1H and EW reached 3NT. These very light opening bids were a recurring theme for our youth players and produced mixed, random results. The lead of the ♥8 from Sebastian Langdon Macmillan was ducked by William Han thus maintaining NS communications and ensuring five tricks.

Good defence by QLD. In the open room, after three passes the bidding was 1NT – 3NT which made easily on the lead of the ♠5. 10 IMPs to QLD.

SA 54 QLD 49

Dir N	♠ J97	
Vul EW	♥ AKQ65	
	♦ Q	
	♣ AKQ8	
♠ K63		♠ 842
♥ 1098		♥ 2
♦ 62		♦ J109843
♣ J9652		♣ 1073
	♠ AQ105	
	♥ J743	
	♦ AK75	
	♣ 4	

OPEN ROOM			
W	N	E	S
LEUNG	MORGAN	VISSCHER	BARTLEY
	2C	P	2NT
P	3H	P	4NT
P	5D	P	7H
All pass			

CLOSED ROOM			
W	N	E	S
GUE	LANGDON	F DAVEY	HAN
	MACMILLAN		
	1H	P	2NT
P	4NT	P	5H
P	7H	All pass	

Well done to both teams, bidding and making the first of two grand slam flat boards in the match.

SA 56 QLD 50

Dir S	♠ 876		
Vul None	♥ J1097642		
	♦ 2		
	♣ 74		
♠ J103		♠ AK92	
♥ 5		♥ Q	
♦ QJ85		♦ A743	
♣ AQ1053		♣ J962	
	♠ Q54		
	♥ AK83		
	♦ K1096		
	♣ K8		

South opened 1NT in both rooms. When SA super-accepted the transfer to hearts, North went on to the no-play game. 5 IMPs to QLD who stayed in a part-score.

QLD 60 SA 56

Dir W	♠ 10842		
Vul NS	♥ KQ876		
	♦ J432		
	♣ —		
♠ K93		♠ A76	
♥ J109		♥ 543	
♦ AQ986		♦ K75	
♣ J2		♣ Q1073	
	♠ QJ5		
	♥ A2		
	♦ 10		
	♣ AK98654		

OPEN ROOM			
W	N	E	S
LEUNG	MORGAN	VISSCHER	BARTLEY
1D	1H	P	2C
P	2H	P	4H
All pass			

CLOSED ROOM			
W	N	E	S
GUE	LANGDON	F DAVEY	HAN
	MACMILLAN		
1D	P	2C	P
2NT	P	3NT	All pass

SA reached game in both rooms. 3NT by West made five tricks and 4HN made eight tricks.

9 IMPs to QLD. QLD 69 SA 56

At the half-way mark, Queensland was leading by 13 IMPs.

Here is a 10-count opening bid

Dir N	♠ QJ852		
Vul None	♥ 84		
	♦ 10432		
	♣ K8		
♠ AK63		♠ 7	
♥ J72		♥ AKQ63	
♦ KQ98		♦ J65	
♣ A3		♣ 9542	
	♠ 1094		
	♥ 1095		
	♦ A7		
	♣ QJ1076		

OPEN ROOM			
W	N	E	S
HAN	ROSELLA	LANGDON	GUE
	MACMILLAN		
	P	P	P
1NT	P	2D	P
2H	P	3NT	P
4H	All pass		

CLOSED ROOM			
W	N	E	S
MORGAN	LEUNG	BARTLEY	VISSCHER
	P	1H	P
1S	P	2H	P
4NT	P	5C	P
5H	P	6H	All pass

from SA in the closed room, albeit a distributional one with crisp values. The SA West tried key card and, missing one, and unsure of the trump queen, he signed off in 5H. This was inexplicably over-ruled by East. South chose the helpful lead of the ace of diamonds but the club loser remained. The QLD EW were not tempted to go past 4H. 11 IMPs to QLD.

QLD 80 SA 56

Those who can, defend. Those who can't should sacrifice.

Dir W	♠ AQ42		
Vul None	♥ 54		
	♦ A109		
	♣ K1092		
♠ K53		♠ 96	
♥ KQ97		♥ A103	
♦ K		♦ J6543	
♣ AQ865		♣ J74	
	♠ J1087		
	♥ J862		
	♦ Q872		
	♣ 3		

OPEN ROOM			
W	N	E	S
HAN	ROSELLA	LANGDON	GUE
	MACMILLAN		
1C	1S	P	2S
X	P	3D	3S
P	4S	All pass	

CLOSED ROOM			
W	N	E	S
MORGAN	LEUNG	BARTLEY	VISSCHER
1C	P	1D	P
1H	1S	P	2S
3NT	P	4H	All pass

Another SA 4-card overcall in the open room led them to the 16-count 4S contract which went down only one when the cards lay favourably for them.

What was favourable for SA here was unfavourable for SA in the closed room reaching the Moysian 4H by West which drifted down 4. 7 IMPs to QLD. SA 99 QLD 90

Dir E	♠ K1072		
Vul Both	♥ 7		
	♦ KJ73		
	♣ K984		
♠ 86543		♠ J9	
♥ J985		♥ AQ643	
♦ 654		♦ 982	
♣ Q		♣ AJ5	
	♠ AQ		
	♥ K102		
	♦ AQ10		
	♣ 107632		

The SA pair stopped in 2NT with a combined 25-count. This cost them 10 IMPs when QLD had no difficulty reaching game. SA 107 QLD 100

Stripped and squeezed in the majors: it does not get more painful than that.

Dir W	♠ QJ10875
Vul NS	♥ A10974
	♦ 8
	♣ Q
♠ 63	♠ AK
♥ 63	♥ KJ82
♦ AQ543	♦ K102
♣ K953	♣ A742
	♠ 942
	♥ Q5
	♦ J976
	♣ J1086

OPEN ROOM			
W	N	E	S
HAN	ROSELLA	LANGDON	GUE
		MACMILLAN	
P	2S	2NT	P
3NT	All pass		

CLOSED ROOM			
W	N	E	S
MORGAN	LEUNG	BARTLEY	VISSCHER
1D	2D	X	P
3C	3S	4NT	P
5H	P	6NT	All pass

In the closed room, West's 9-count opening brought them badly unstuck as they reached an unlikely 6NT making eight tricks. These same eight tricks in 3NT for QLD in the open room held the SA loss to just 4 IMPs.

SA 116 QLD 104

The result was still in doubt with just twelve hands remaining, however most of the IMPs in this final segment went to SA. This was a highlight for QLD.

Dir W	♠ 9
Vul Both	♥ AK8643
	♦ J3
	♣ AQ87
♠ QJ4	♠ AK83
♥ 10975	♥ J2
♦ Q10542	♦ K986
♣ 5	♣ KJ2
	♠ 107652
	♥ Q
	♦ A7
	♣ 109643

OPEN ROOM			
W	N	E	S
LANGDON	BARTLEY	HAN	MORGAN
MACMILLAN			
P	1H	X	P
2D	2H	3D	P
P	4H	All pass	

CLOSED ROOM			
W	N	E	S
L DAVEY	LEUNG	GUE	TAYLOR
P	1H	X	P
2D	2H	3D	All pass

QLD picked up +100 in both rooms earning 5 IMPs.

SA 125 QLD 110

Dir E	♠ AKQ
Vul Both	♥ KQ106
	♦ AKQ97
	♣ 9
♠ 9864	♠ J52
♥ 54	♥ J9872
♦ 1032	♦ 86
♣ Q1032	♣ J87
	♠ 1073
	♥ A3
	♦ J54
	♣ AK654

OPEN ROOM			
W	N	E	S
LANGDON	BARTLEY	HAN	MORGAN
MACMILLAN			
		P	1C
P	1H	P	1NT
P	2D	P	2S
P	4NT	P	5H
P	7D	P	7NT
All pass			

CLOSED ROOM			
W	N	E	S
L DAVEY	LEUNG	GUE	TAYLOR
		P	1C
P	4NT	P	6C
P	7NT	All pass	

There are a number of bids here whose meanings are obscure – at least to yours truly. In the open room, 2S was alerted as “natural” and 5H was alerted as “2 key cards without the trump queen” – but what was the agreed suit? In the closed room, the meaning of 6C was also unclear. Never mind. Well bid again both teams. Just another flat board.

SA 153 QLD 110

This was an entertaining match epitomized by impeccable sportsmanship and fearless enthusiasm. Not only will these young players be likely Australian stars of the future, but they have also set a positive example of how bridge should be played – animated, competitive and determined. ■

## IBPA Column Service

Dir N	♠ KJ
Vul EW	♥ A108743
	♦ A10985
	♣ –
♠ 7632	♠ 5
♥ KJ5	♥ Q962
♦ K3	♦ Q76
♣ AQ96	♣ J10872
	♠ AQ10984
	♥ –
	♦ J42
	♣ K543

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

This deal was played in four spades in a team match after an identical auction at each table. Both West players led a low trump.

At the first table, declarer played too quickly. After winning the jack of trumps at the first trick, declarer threw a low club on the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart in hand, then ruffed a low club in dummy. Declarer then ruffed another heart and drew West's three remaining trumps, exhausting himself of the suit. A low diamond to the three, ten and East's queen followed. East cashed the queen of hearts, upon which West discarded his king of diamonds. East shifted to the jack of clubs. The defenders took the rest to defeat the contract by two tricks.

At the other table, declarer paused to form a plan. As entries to hand were scarce, instead of letting dummy's jack of trumps hold the first trick declarer overtook the jack of trumps with his queen. He ruffed a club in dummy, discarded a club on the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart back to hand. Declarer drew West's remaining trumps and continued with a low diamond to the three, ten and East's queen. East exited with the jack of clubs and West took two club tricks. After ruffing the next club, declarer led his jack of diamonds to the king and dummy's ace. The ten of diamonds took the thirteenth, and contract-fulfilling, trick.



Dir S		♠ 752					
Vul Both		♥ Q64					
		♦ 1087					
		♣ J532					
♠ QJ1086	♠ A3	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>		N	E	W	S
N	E						
W	S						
♥ 10832	♥ J975						
♦ 5	♦ Q632						
♣ K98	♣ Q76						
		♠ K94					
		♥ AK					
		♦ AKJ96					
		♣ A104					

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

West led the queen of spades. East won with the ace and returned the three of spades, which in declarer's mind marked the suit as originally 5-2. East would have carded differently with three or four spades. Declarer took trick two with the king of spades.

Declarer counted only six top tricks. One thought was to cash the ace and king of diamonds, hoping for a singleton or doubleton queen. As the chance of that happening was a little less than one in three, declarer looked for a better option.

If the spades were 5-2 as supposed, the chance that East had the queen of diamonds was, on a vacant places argument, an eleven to eight favourite (nearly a 60% chance). So, declarer continued by cashing the ace and king of hearts and led his nine of diamonds to dummy's ten. East took his queen of diamonds and shifted to a low club. Declarer rose with the ace of clubs then led the four of diamonds to dummy's seven to cash the queen of hearts for his sixth trick. The ace, king and jack of diamonds made nine.

A point of interest is that it would have been wrong to cash a high diamond before leading the nine of diamonds to dummy's ten. That would have tangled the entries.

*If you take bridge seriously, you go crazy anyway, so it helps if you're a bit nuts to start with because you do not waste so much time getting that way.*

Dir S		♠ 63					
Vul NS		♥ 98642					
		♦ A982					
		♣ K3					
♠ 9	♠ QJ108	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>		N	E	W	S
N	E						
W	S						
♥ AQJ105	♥ 7						
♦ QJ1064	♦ 753						
♣ 65	♣ QJ1097						
		♠ AK7542					
		♥ K3					
		♦ K					
		♣ A842					

W	N	E	S
2H <sup>1</sup>	P	2NT <sup>2</sup>	1S
P	4S	All pass	3S

<sup>1</sup>Hearts and a minor

<sup>2</sup>Asks for the minor

West led the queen of diamonds. Declarer noted that West's second suit was almost certainly diamonds, since there were more diamonds outstanding and on the basis of the opening lead. Declarer thus deduced that West's most likely shape was 1-5-5-2 and decided to play accordingly.

Declarer won the first trick with his king of diamonds, cashed the ace of trumps and led a low club to dummy's king. He discarded his low heart on the ace of diamonds, then ruffed a diamond. The moment of truth had arrived: declarer cashed the ace of clubs and was relieved to see that West followed suit. Declarer now ruffed a club in dummy to lead dummy's remaining diamond.

East saw that there was no point in ruffing this and so discarded a club. Declarer ruffed this low for his eighth trick, leaving himself with three trumps headed by the king. Declarer led the king of hearts to West's ace and then queen. East was now in a similar dilemma as, when the last diamond had been led from dummy, if he had ruffed West's exit, declarer would have discarded his club loser and made two further trump tricks, as he did when East discarded.

Note that if declarer had thrown a club on the ace of diamonds, then West would have taken two heart tricks and East two trump tricks. Also, this deal shows the danger in making a two-suited overcall if

the opponents win the contract: a competent declarer may benefit from knowing the likely distribution.

Dir N		♠ A2					
Vul Both		♥ J53					
		♦ A8542					
		♣ K109					
♠ 9843	♠ 6	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>		N	E	W	S
N	E						
W	S						
♥ 2	♥ KQ10974						
♦ KJ107	♦ 963						
♣ 8762	♣ Q54						
		♠ KQJ1075					
		♥ A86					
		♦ Q					
		♣ AJ3					

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

After East's weak-jump overcall, North planned to raise two spades to three before South had bid (it was, he decided, his least-worst option). South then drove to the spade slam via Key Card Blackwood.

West led the two of hearts, an obvious singleton. Declarer counted ten top tricks. An eleventh could come by finding the queen of clubs, but a twelfth seemed a forlorn hope as the only chance was for that trick to be in diamonds. Alas, it seemed that there were not the entries to establish the diamonds unless West had the queen of clubs and did not play it when a low club was led toward dummy – then, if diamonds were 4-3 he would be home.

Rather than rely on that chance, declarer found a neat solution to his problem that relied only on West beginning with four diamonds, a far more likely prospect than East having that length. So, after winning the first trick with the ace of hearts, declarer cashed his king of trumps and then led the queen of diamonds. West covered this with the king and dummy's ace won the trick. After ruffing a diamond in hand, declarer crossed back to dummy with a trump to the ace to ruff a second diamond. Next, declarer drew West's remaining trumps with the queen and jack, while throwing hearts from the table. Now he was ready for the clever bit of his

plan: he led his jack of clubs to dummy's king and then played a diamond, throwing a heart from hand. West had to win the trick but only had clubs left in his hand. It did not matter who held the queen of clubs, or whether East played low or high to the next trick, for declarer would always take two clubs and a diamond to make his contract.

■ Tim Bourke

## QBA Online Congress - October



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Ward

**F**ORTY-FOUR pairs entered the QBA Online Congress on 18 October. It was conducted through Bridge Base Online with tournament directors Peter Busch and Chris Snook presiding. Starting at 9.30am and continuing through until 3.30pm it was quite a challenge to maintain concentration throughout, especially for those unfamiliar with online bridge and the complexities of alerting your own bids and trying to avoid the dreaded 'mis-clicks'. The winners by the tiniest of margins were Cairns pair Pippa and Andrew Hooper ahead of Brisbane's Rachel Langdon and Nikolas Moore. Third place went to Hervey Bay pair, Lynne Layton and George Gibson. The best pair with fewer than 400 masterpoints was Maree Fillipini and Melva Leal from Redcliffe whilst the best pair under-200 masterpoints was Domini Hummel and Sarah Huntington-Wynne from Caboolture. Hooper-Hooper and Landon-Moore never actually played at the same table together and sat in the same direction as each other on only 18 of the 48-board matchpoint swiss pairs movement. This article will compare how they fared on those 18 hands where their contracts differed.

The bidding on this hand proved difficult for many pairs:

*Even when the experts all agree,  
they may still be mistaken*

Dir N		♠ J73
Vul EW		♥ KQJ872
		♦ 6
		♣ 985
♠ AK	♠ Q1042	
♥ 10965	♥ A4	
♦ J102	♦ K854	
♣ J432	♣ AQ7	
		♠ 9865
		♥ 3
		♦ AQ973
		♣ K106

W	N	E	S
	P HOOPER		A HOOPER
	2D	X	2H
X	3H	3NT	All pass
	R LANGDON		N MOORE
	2D	X	2H
All pass			

2D was a "multi-two" bid promising amongst other options a weak single-suited major. The winners did their best to disrupt their opponents by pushing all the way to the 3-level North-South on their mis-fitting hands, but East-West ignored them anyway and went on to 3NT. This contract can be made but it is not easy, requiring the jack of spades to fall short, as it obligingly did. The Hoopers scored 85% for defeating it. Meanwhile the second placegetters had an easier ride, being allowed to play peacefully in 2H making 7 tricks for a 76% score. The pairs who found themselves in strife were those who had not discussed what to do after a weak two is doubled by partner. The accepted convention (known as lebensohl) is that, with a weak hand you bid 2NT indicating a wish to play below game. The corollary is that an immediate 3-level bid is strong and forcing. Contracts ranged from 3NTE making seven times; 7 EW part-scores all making; 4 NS heart part-scores down 1 or 2; 3CW down twice; 3NTE down twice and one 5CE making just 6 tricks.

Then the Hoopers were unlucky when their opponents were one of only four pairs to bid a minor suit slam, so only 7% for them.

*At the bridge table there are  
no friends, just opponents and  
a partner; and sometimes just  
opponents.*

Dir E		♠ J10973
Vul Both		♥ 864
		♦ 102
		♣ 1053
♠ A84	♠ KQ	
♥ Q973	♥ 10	
♦ KQ63	♦ AJ84	
♣ KJ	♣ AQ9874	
		♠ 652
		♥ AKJ52
		♦ 975
		♣ 62

W	N	E	S
G JACKSONP	HOOPER I	DEVINE A	HOOPER
		1D	1H
X	P	2C	P
2NT	P	5C	P
6C	All pass		
	R LANGDON		N MOORE
		1C	1H
2D	P	3D	P
3NT All pass			

The Langdon-Moore defence to 3NT began understandably with a heart to the 10-J-Q. Declarer then had 13 tricks and 69% - so only 31% to Langdon-Moore. Holding 3NT to 11 tricks would have been worth 66%.

Dir S		♠ A3
Vul None		♥ 103
		♦ K1064
		♣ Q10532
♠ Q5	♠ K1086	
♥ KQJ96	♥ A54	
♦ 972	♦ J853	
♣ J64	♣ A8	
		♠ J9742
		♥ 872
		♦ AQ
		♣ K97

W	N	E	S
	P HOOPER		A HOOPER
			P
P	P	1D	P
1H	P	1S	P
2H	All pass		
	R LANGDON		N MOORE
			P
P	P	1D	1S
X	2C	2H	3C
3H All pass			

The bidding was uneventful against the Hoopers and they defended accurately to hold 2H to 8 tricks for 69%. Langdon-Moore did well to push their opponents to the 3-level – 3CN makes 9 tricks – but a defensive

error allowed it to make – 21% instead of 98%. What a difference one trick can make.

Dir W	♠ 6		
Vul NS	♥ J105		
	♦ 97654		
	♣ K432		
♠ K98		♠ 10742	
♥ A6		♥ K92	
♦ KQ8		♦ AJ32	
♣ Q9875		♣ A6	
	♠ AQJ53		
	♥ Q8743		
	♦ 10		
	♣ J10		

W	N	E	S
	P HOOPER		A HOOPER
1C	P	1S	P
2C	P	2NT	All pass
	R LANGDON		N MOORE
1C	P	1S	P
1NT	P	3NT	All pass

It is losing bridge to stay out of game when holding an opening bid opposite an opening bid as this East-West discovered, handing the Hoopers a 90% board. 3NT at the other table made 11 tricks thanks to the fortunate doubleton jack-ten of clubs and the well-placed ace of spades. An unavoidable 24% for Langdon-Moore.

Dir S	♠ AQ3		
Vul EW	♥ AQ1074		
	♦ 53		
	♣ A105		
♠ K8652		♠ 107	
♥ 862		♥ J63	
♦ J		♦ 10972	
♣ KQ97		♣ 8642	
	♠ J94		
	♥ K9		
	♦ AKQ864		
	♣ J3		

Both of our contending pairs reached 3NTN on this deal. Against Hooper-Hooper, West had overcalled 1S and the ten of spades lead provided them with 12 tricks and 52%. With no opposition bidding against Langdon-Moore, East started with the six of clubs and so 11 tricks was the limit and an unlucky, and again unavoidable, 14% for them.

Few East-West pairs found their diamond fit on this hand so Hooper-

Dir W	♠ QJ109		
Vul Both	♥ K852		
	♦ 8		
	♣ A965		
♠ 7653		♠ AK82	
♥ 10		♥ AJ764	
♦ AQ1075		♦ J962	
♣ Q82		♣ –	
	♠ 6		
	♥ Q93		
	♦ K43		
	♣ KJ10743		

W	N	E	S
	P HOOPER		A HOOPER
P	P	1H	2C
X	3C	X	P
3D	All pass		
	R LANGDON		N MOORE
P	P	1H	2C
P	2NT	P	3C
All pass			

Hooper scored –130 and 45%. For Langdon-Moore, with West remaining silent, 2NT showed a good 4-card club raise (I think). 3C can be held to eight tricks with two heart ruffs available, but when this defence was not found, NS had +110 and 93% instead of 64% for going down one.

Dir N	♠ AQJ98		
Vul NS	♥ 10		
	♦ QJ43		
	♣ QJ8		
♠ 64		♠ K10	
♥ AKQ85		♥ 943	
♦ A1092		♦ 8	
♣ A5		♣ K976432	
	♠ 7532		
	♥ J762		
	♦ K765		
	♣ 10		

W	N	E	S
	P HOOPER		A HOOPER
	1D	3C	P
3NT	All pass		
	R LANGDON		N MOORE
	1S	P	3C*
3H	3S	4H	All pass

\*Bergen raise, 6-9 HCP 4+ spades

It is unclear why Pippa Hooper opened the North hand 1D instead of 1S, perhaps a mis-click, and then West decided to gamble on the spade stopper with 3NT opposite partner's

pre-emptive overcall. North led the ♠Q and it was a relief for declarer when the king won. Now it all seemed to hinge on a good break in either clubs or hearts, so he next played a club to the ace and back to the king. No luck there. When the hearts did not break he was down one. Careless play by West. He should play hearts first from the top, and, when North shows out on the second one, he can cross to the king of clubs to finesse against South's ♥J. This was a 90% board for the Hoopers.

With more 'normal' bidding at the other table, 4H was reached by EW and West lost one spade, a heart and a diamond making 10 tricks. 36% for Langdon-Moore about which they could do nothing. Swings and roundabouts.

The next board was tied with both pairs scoring an unbeatable, and unremarkable, game - 79% each.

Then came a top score for Langdon-Moore.

Dir S	♠ J65		
Vul Both	♥ J872		
	♦ Q742		
	♣ J5		
♠ KQ973		♠ 1042	
♥ K		♥ 10953	
♦ 109		♦ AKJ6	
♣ A10972		♣ 63	
	♠ A8		
	♥ AQ64		
	♦ 853		
	♣ KQ84		

W	N	E	S
	P HOOPER		A HOOPER
2C	P	2D	1NT
2S	All pass		P
	R LANGDON		N MOORE
			1NT
2S	P	P	X
3C	P	3S	All pass

Against the Hoopers, East-West trotted out a 2-suited convention (DONT) to find their spade fit. When the defence failed to cash their heart trick early on, they were soon scoring –170 and just 15%. An aggressive re-opening double by Moore pushed their opponents one level higher and, when West did not play the hand optimally, she in fact made just six tricks, Langdon-Moore had 100%.

Dir W     ♠ AKQ97  
 Vul None   ♥ 32  
            ♦ J93  
            ♣ A92

♠ 543             ♠ 1086  
 ♥ AKJ95        ♥ Q84  
 ♦ A2             ♦ 1054  
 ♣ KQ10         ♣ J754

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ J2  
 ♥ 1076  
 ♦ KQ876  
 ♣ 863

W	N	E	S
	P HOOPER	A HOOPER	
1H	1S	P	P
2C	P	2H	All pass
	R LANGDON	N MOORE	
1H	1S	P	P
X	P	2H	P
P	X	P	3D
All pass			

On this hand the spotlight is on North who must not allow the opponents to steal the contract at the 2-level. This is what happened to the Hoopers who scored just 12% when 2HW made precisely eight tricks. Rachel Langdon was in the same position when 2H was passed around to her and she kept the bidding going with a double. South's 3D contract, making 9 tricks, was worth 60% to Langdon-Moore. Ten North-South pairs played in spade part-scores with seven making a miraculous 10 tricks for an 86% board.

The next board, with our two pairs now sitting East-West, was a routine 3NTN making 11 tricks – 52% each.

Then came an equal top board for both pairs when they pinged South for speeding +800 and 98% each.

Dir W     ♠ AJ652  
 Vul EW    ♥ J864  
            ♦ K974  
            ♣ –

♠ 97             ♠ KQ84  
 ♥ AQ97        ♥ 1052  
 ♦ J62           ♦ AQ1085  
 ♣ KQ63         ♣ 10

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ 103  
 ♥ K3  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ AJ987542

W	N	E	S
A HOOPER		P HOOPER	
1C	1S	2NT	4C
P	4S	X	5C
P	P	X	All pass
	R LANGDON		
N MOORE			
1C	P	1H*	5C
X	All pass		

\* 4+ spades  
 Here is another tied top board but reached in different ways.

Dir N     ♠ 10754  
 Vul None   ♥ J86  
            ♦ 975  
            ♣ 542

♠ A             ♠ KQJ832  
 ♥ AQ10952    ♥ 4  
 ♦ QJ10         ♦ 6  
 ♣ AKQ           ♣ 109873

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ 96  
 ♥ K73  
 ♦ AK8432  
 ♣ J6

W	N	E	S
A HOOPER		P HOOPER	
	P	1S	2D
X	P	2S	P
3D	P	4C	P
4S	All pass		
	R LANGDON		
N MOORE			
	P	2D	P
2NT	P	3D	X
4S	All pass		

Pippa Hooper thought that her 6-point hand was worth an opening 1S bid and they were soon in 4S. Rachel Langdon thought it was a weak 2 in spades and they, too, reached 4S. Of the twelve pairs in the spade game, only four made the cold 12 tricks. There are many successful lines here and those who made 12 tricks received 90%. Six unlucky pairs discovered that the other 6-1 fit, in hearts, played much worse for only 9 tricks and 10%.

Dir E     ♠ Q962  
 Vul NS    ♥ AJ82  
            ♦ 3  
            ♣ Q1032

♠ 10853             ♠ KJ7  
 ♥ 43                ♥ Q105  
 ♦ Q98             ♦ AJ76  
 ♣ K976             ♣ 854

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ A4  
 ♥ K976  
 ♦ K10542  
 ♣ AJ

W	N	E	S
A HOOPER		P HOOPER	
		P	1NT
P	2C	P	2D
P	3C	P	3H
	R LANGDON		
N MOORE			
		P	1D
P	1H	P	3H
P	4H	All pass	

It looks as if the North-South pair against the Hoopers were playing a form of puppet Stayman, first asking for 5-card majors and then for 4-card majors. More than half the field bid to 4H but only half of those made 10 tricks. Deep Finesse says that 4H by North should always make 10 tricks but, by South when an opening spade lead is a killer, makes only nine.

The Hoopers' defence to 4HS however began with a trump lead to the 10 and ace and declarer should now make by playing ace then jack of clubs to create a spade discard. This line was not found so the contract was down one and 76% to Hooper-Hooper. At the other table Rachel Langdon started with a MUD ♣5 play. Declarer then embarked on a no-win series of plays looking for a cross-ruff, but, when this failed, the contract was down 2 and 95% to Langdon-Moore.

Dir S     ♠ A2  
 Vul EW    ♥ AJ10742  
            ♦ A93  
            ♣ Q10

♠ KJ             ♠ 7643  
 ♥ K93           ♥ 8  
 ♦ Q10764       ♦ KJ8  
 ♣ 953            ♣ AKJ72

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ Q10985  
 ♥ Q65  
 ♦ 52  
 ♣ 864

W	N	E	S
A HOOPER		P HOOPER	
			P
P	1H	X	P
2D	2H	All pass	
	R LANGDON		
N MOORE			
			P
P	1H	X	P
3D	All pass		

This hand is a tight part-score battle with 3H making North-South and 3 or 4D making East-West. Nik Moore's



3D response to partner's takeout double is far preferable to the 2D at the other table. Even so, West should be prepared to bid again over 2H. The Hoopers received just 15% as 2H made nine tricks whilst Langdon-Moore earned 95% for their 10 tricks in 4D.

Dir W	♠ A10842		
Vul Both	♥ A1054		
	♦ AK98		
	♣ —		
♠ J97		♠ 653	
♥ Q86		♥ K92	
♦ 102		♦ QJ543	
♣ KJ643		♣ Q10	
	♠ KQ		
	♥ J73		
	♦ 76		
	♣ A98752		

W	N	E	S
A HOOPER	P HOOPER		
P	1S	P	1NT
P	2H	P	2S
P	3S	P	4S
All pass			
N MOORE	R LANGDON		
P	1S	P	1NT
P	2H	P	3C
All pass			

We all want to be in game on the North-South cards, but all possibilities are flawed in some way. Against the Hoopers all sensible lines lead to 10 tricks in spades, thanks mainly to the 3-3 trump break. An unavoidable 31% for them. Against our other pair, South took a pessimistic view with the non-forcing 3C bid and earned only 7%. Langdon-Moore would have been most grateful for the 93% gift for just sitting there and doing nothing much. Matchpoint Pairs can be like that. ■

## A Few Hands



Kim Ellaway

THE first board on a Wednesday night, playing with Val Roland online, I picked up as North.

Dir N	♠ 8		
Vul None	♥ AKQ87532		
	♦ A3		
	♣ Q3		
♠ Q75		♠ J10643	
♥ 4		♥ 10	
♦ KQ95		♦ 108762	
♣ A9876		♣ 104	
	♠ AK92		
	♥ J96		
	♦ J4		
	♣ KJ52		

So I opened 2C – game force or 4-loser and I think this is quite rightly a 4-loser. Val bid 2NT and I bid 4H which I hoped was showing a not so many points 4-loser rather than a strong 4-loser. She bid 6H immediately and as you can see easy to make.

Later on in the night and still North, I picked up

Dir W	♠ AK74		
Vul None	♥ 7652		
	♦ 75		
	♣ 1042		
♠ 32		♠ J10985	
♥ 9		♥ 104	
♦ A863		♦ K104	
♣ K98765		♣ QJ3	
	♠ Q6		
	♥ AKQJ83		
	♦ QJ92		
	♣ A		

Val bid 2C clubs and I bid 2D, 0-7 any shape. Val bid 2H hearts. This got me interested and I bid 4NT and when Val replied with 0-3 key cards I signed off in 5H. However, Val liked her hand and bid 6H which cannot make on any lead.

Playing against Hubbie and good friend Cheryl I picked up

Dir N	♠ 8763		
Vul NS	♥ AKJ1096		
	♦ A		
	♣ Q8		
♠ 5		♠ AKQJ	
♥ 543		♥ 72	
♦ Q108632		♦ J9754	
♣ A64		♣ 95	
	♠ 10942		
	♥ Q8		
	♦ K		
	♣ KJ10732		

I opened 1H and Val responded 1S. I normally would bid 3D diamonds as most of my partners would recognise that as a splinter but with Val it is a strong natural bid so bid 4S as I genuinely liked my hand. Cheryl had no hesitation in doubling and of course the contract went two off. Ray slept in the spare bed that night. I did point out that on a diamond lead and the play of a spade from me would see it going 5 or 6 or perhaps 7 off. ■

## Teachers' Corner



Joan Butts

FROM my viewpoint as ABF National Teaching Coordinator, Queensland has recovered from the Covid-19 disaster better than most Aussie states. I'm talking about the way teachers and clubs have bounced back, and teachers are managing their new and not-so-new students under more stringent conditions. Although Queensland has not had to face the problems of Victoria, there has been great positive energy all this year in the Sunshine State.

Still I believe we need to be even more careful with our students now, and to realise they need special attention just to keep them coming back. Below is a summary of how the Educational STEAM principles may be applied to teaching now.

STEAM is an acronym for the essential ingredients for successful teaching (anything, not just bridge), and is an accepted guideline around the world for educators.

"S" stands for SAFETY

(COVID) STUDENT SAFETY  
To ensure student safety, have your students play more hands than ever...make them feel really comfortable, and they will be keen to return to clubs. Remember, it's the environment one is placed in that makes or breaks the learning

process. Players will want the social aspects of bridge...talking to friends, sitting with their mates...so let them have more of that. Don't inadvertently make them feel out of their depth with lessons which contain the intricacies of bidding. If they don't like the lesson, they won't return. Your audience is more delicate these days. They are a precious commodity.

"T" stands for TIMING

T = (COVID) TIMING

If anything, make your presentations shorter, and their playing time longer. They need to get back to holding those precious cards. Between now and the end of the year, focus on Help with Play sessions, and Improver/Refresher type lessons. People will have forgotten a lot even if they have played online.

I am currently offering students a free Guided Paths snippet of bridge to remind them of the essentials, and this comes into their emails every Monday morning. See below for details and how to sign up.

"E" stands for ENERGY

E = (COVID) ENERGY

The fact that students have returned to the real classroom will generate energy and excitement for a while, but allow students to laugh and chat more. Be careful to take your control of the room back when you need their attention, and you want to present more information. Keeping teaching light-hearted and full of fun is the way to go.

"A" stands for ATTITUDE

A = (COVID) ATTITUDE

Your preparation and attention to detail will be noticed by your students. They know that teachers have guided their troops through the worst time the game of bridge has ever encountered.

Congrats to those who kept education alive online over the past eight months.

"M" stands for METHODS & MATERIALS

M = (COVID) METHODS & MATERIALS

Using the best materials will give you the best results (nothing new here). Online sites have allowed teachers

to experiment with new technology. If you think about it, it has probably developed your teaching in great ways! Zoom lessons and using online classrooms have been very interesting.

But remember: all the fancy tools will not make up for a bad teacher. It's the methods you use rather than all the new bells and whistles that count.

And...for teachers, there's nothing quite as good as being at the bridge club seeing your students, and feeling their reactions. Teachers have been missing their students! Congrats again to teachers who have worked with their students through all this, and are now happily back in action in their real classrooms!

Cheers

Joan Butts ABF National Teaching Coordinator

### Zoom Education Days

For the past five months, all ABF days have been conducted online. There are decided plusses: it allows teachers from all over to attend, rather than from a single area. Thus it facilitates a broad range of experiences and discussions. These sessions are offered approximately one per month. The following are planned for the remainder of 2020.

## Tuesday, 10 November

CPD 4: DECLARER  
PLAY

## Tuesday, 17 November

TEACHER TRAINING  
PROGRAMME

## Thursday, 26 November

CPD 6: HELP WITH  
PLAY

## Klinger's Column



Ron  
Klinger

### New Player Problems

Dealer East : Nil vulnerable

W	N	E	S
2S <sup>1</sup>	?	P	1S

<sup>1</sup>Michaels, 5 hearts and a 5+ minors  
What would you do as North with:

1

♠ 72  
♥ KJ98  
♦ KQJ84  
♣ 32

2

♠ 72  
♥ AQ7  
♦ KQ104  
♣ QJ97

3

♠ 2  
♥ J4  
♦ K87  
♣ AQJ9873

1 Double. You are keen to penalize the opponents if they play in hearts or diamonds. If East bids clubs, you hope partner can penalize that.

2 Bid 3NT. You have enough points for game and sound stoppers in every suit outside partner's spades.

3 Bid 3C. This is natural (new suit) and forcing, just as though it had gone 1S : 2C.

♠ 652  
♥ 7  
♦ Q43  
♣ K109862

♠ K3  
♥ A865  
♦ AKJ  
♣ AJ54

W	N	E	S
P	3NT	All pass	2NT

West leads the ♠7: two - queen - king.

Dlr S	♠ 652			
Vul EW	♥ 7			
	♦ Q43			
	♣ K109862			
♠ AJ974			♠ Q108	
♥ K92			♥ QJ1043	
♦ 97652			♦ 108	
♣ —			♣ Q73	
	♠ K3			
	♥ A865			
	♦ AKJ			
	♣ AJ54			

If clubs are 2-1, you have eleven tricks. If clubs are 3-0, which opponent is more likely to have the void? As West has four or five spades, East is slightly more likely to have club length, but there is not much in it. It costs nothing to play off your diamond winners first. You never know what might turn up. If clubs are 2-1, they will still be 2-1 after three rounds of diamonds.

When East shows out on the third diamond, you know West began with five diamonds and probably five spades as well, maybe six. On that basis, East is far more likely to have club length. Therefore start the clubs by playing the king first. When West shows out, finesse the jack and claim your eleven tricks.

Note that despite having ten clubs together, 3NT is a better spot than 5C. West would probably lead a diamond against 5C. If clubs are 2-1, both contracts make, but if clubs are 3-0, you could fail in 5C by playing the ♣A first. You lose a club to East and two spades when the spade finesse fails. Notice that in 5C you would not know that West began with spade length and you do not have the luxury in 5C of playing off three rounds of diamonds to check on the diamond length before playing clubs. East would ruff the third diamond and again two spade losers puts 5C one down.

(Based on Countdown to Winning Bridge, by Tim Bourke & Marc Smith)

Are bridge writers really necessary? A friend of mine holds the view that we are charlatans, presenting simple solutions to problems, which, at the table, are far from simple.  
Hugh Kelsey

You have a suit which contains eight cards, including the ace, king and jack. You wish to score maximum tricks. What is the best play with each of these combinations, assuming you have plenty of entries to North, the dummy hand?

1	J732	AK64
2	873	AKJ52
3	873	AKJ104
4	87	AKJ532
5	8	AKJ7532

1. Play the ace and king. You hope the queen drops doubleton. It is a mistake to play the ace, cross to dummy and lead the jack. This loses whether East or West has queen doubleton. If either opponent began with Q-x-x, you cannot genuinely avoid a loser.

2. Cash the ace first, in case the queen is singleton, cross to dummy and finesse the jack.

3. Cash the ace, cross to dummy, finesse the jack. If East began with Q-x-x-x, return to dummy and finesse the ten.

4. Cash the ace, cross to dummy and then finesse the jack.

5. Finesse the jack. That is a better chance than playing ace and king and hoping the queen drops.

*Courtesy of ronklingerbridge.com*

#### QBA Saturday Red Point Game

Till the end of the year, the Queensland Bridge Association will run a Red Point game on Saturday afternoons instead of the free Queensland Wide game. It will cost \$3 BBO to play and will start at 1.00 pm.

To date the game for Queensland has been the best supported online game across Australia on a Saturday afternoon, bigger than any in Sydney, Victoria or other playing clubs.

The game will be of 28 boards to run as 7 rounds of 4 – IMP Scoring. Red points will be awarded. There is no

restriction on the number of entries. Make sure you have an ABF number or have previously played in a game arranged by PELEPELE (Charles Page). All new players should contact me, Charles, via their club by 10am on Saturday morning.

To play in the game you need to log on to BBO as normal and then find the link for Virtual Clubs and then choose ABF-Australia, you will then find an event called the QBA Qld Wide Pairs - Red Points and enter there and follow the prompts as normal.

Many of you will have a BBO account with a credit of BBO\$ which will be used when you enter and pay to play.

For those not used to having BBO\$, you need to log into your BBO account. In the top right hand corner, click on the BB\$ icon and follow the prompt. Remember that purchasing BB\$ via the BBO mobile app or Paypal works out much more expensive. Best is to use a credit/debit card that has no foreign exchange fee.

To get masterpoints if you are one of the lucky top half of the field, please ensure that your name is registered on the ABF list.

*Important: when you register your username, it must be exactly the same as the one you created in BBO. If it is misspelt or contains extra spaces or characters, you will not get masterpoints. You only need register once, but it needs to be at least the day before the event in which you wish to play.*

You can check whether your BBO username is registered by going to: <http://www.abfevents.com.au/bbo.asp>

If you need to register, go to: <http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/>

The QBA will also establish a BBO bank of \$ from which we can transfer to your BBO account, in return for which you pay directly to a nominated bank account in Australian dollars.

Otherwise the new Saturday game will be exactly the same as your former free game.

If you have more questions please email [Pele196519651965@gmail.com](mailto:Pele196519651965@gmail.com) or text to 0449 758 046 or [manager@qldbridge.com.au](mailto:manager@qldbridge.com.au)



## QCBC October Teams



Jim  
Evans

ONE of the first face-to-face tournaments in recent times was held by the Queensland Contract Bridge Club in late October. Twenty-two teams entered and I, for one, was happy to be just playing bridge and I did not check the running scores at all during the day.

Here is a hand which worked out okay, eventually – Board 13 of the morning session.

Dir N	♠ Q92		
Vul Both	♥ QJ42		
	♦ 6		
	♣ AK873		
♠ 104		♠ K873	
♥ 1096		♥ AK753	
♦ K873		♦ 10952	
♣ J1095		♣ –	
	♠ AJ65		
	♥ 8		
	♦ AQJ4		
	♣ Q642		

W	N	E	S
Y KILVERT	J EVANS	N BURICA	P EVANS
	1C	1H	X <sup>1</sup>
2H	P	P	X
P	2S	P	4S
P	5C	All pass	

<sup>1</sup> 6-8 HCP and 5-card minor – a mis-bid

Pamela and I both had a moment of forgetfulness. We bid 1S with four spades and double shows 6-8 points and a 5-card or longer minor. However, as it has not come up in bidding since February, we both forgot the system. So I passed 2H thinking that Pamela was showing four spades not five, Pamela then doubled 2H and I, finally remembering the system, bid 2S, showing a 3-card suit as I had not bid 1S earlier, expecting her to now bid her 5-card minor. How confusing is this?

When Pamela jumped to 4S, as much as I do not mind playing in a 4-3 fit, I knew I would be put under pressure if spades broke 4-2. Since we had gone past the relatively safe-looking 3NT, I opted for 5C and played it there.

East led the ♥A and switched to the ♦9 won with dummy's ace. Then came the ♣2-♣5-♣A-♥3 followed by a ruffing heart finesse ♥Q-♥K-♣2-♥6. Two rounds of clubs saw East discarding hearts so that when the jack and four of hearts were played they were both winners. I now led a club to West's jack who was a bit stuck for an exit card. She tried the ♦K which I ruffed, took the winning spade finesse and discarded my spade loser on the ♦Q – making 11 tricks.

All of this for a flat board! ■

### New Bridge Club

The Casual Bridge Club is the newest club to be affiliated with the QBA and is the first online-only bridge club in Queensland. It was started by Val Roland in October to cater for those players who can't or aren't able to return to face-to-face bridge during the COVID threat. We run regular weekly sessions where you can earn masterpoints. We use Real Deal Bridge as our platform. Real Deal Bridge is a wholly owned Australian company. One of the perks of Real Deal is the voice capabilities, you can greet your opponents at the table and if you finish early, have a chat. Just like at the club. We welcome all club players to join our club on RDB. For more information contact Val Roland on president@casualbridgeclub.com.au

### QBA ONLINE EVENTS

November 8th – Toowoomba Online Pairs - <https://www.qldbridge.com.au/events/onlineEvents.php> click on Toowoomba Information

**November 29th – QBA Online Pairs** - <https://www.qldbridge.com.au/events/onlineEvents.php> click on QBA event for more information

**December 20th – QBA Online Pairs** – information will be posted after the November 29th event.

**Every Saturday Afternoon at 1.00**

**pm QBA offer an online session – IMP Scoring – 28 boards - \$3 BBO** – you need to be on the include list and, to do this, contact Kim Ellaway on manager@qldbridge.com.au

Every Friday Evening 6.30 pm EST – Matchpoint Scoring – \$3 BBO – 24 boards – you need to be on the include list for the ABF and, to do this, complete [www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/](http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/)

Every Sunday Afternoon 12.00 noon EST – Matchpoint Scoring - \$3 BBO – 24 boards – you need to be on the include list for the ABF and, to do this, complete [www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/](http://www.abfevents.com.au/forms/signup/)

ABF On-line Teams Event November 28th/29th – 11.00 am Saturday (4 x 12) – Finals and other events Sunday 11.00 am – [www.abf.com.au/abf-online-teams/](http://www.abf.com.au/abf-online-teams/)

### Mudgeeraba

Norm Sprintall recently celebrated his 99th birthday.



### No Bridge Club? No congresses?

Try some of these .....

Bridge Base Online [CLICK HERE](#)  
Many clubs are conducting their "members only" tournaments. Check your club website [HERE](#)

Ron Klinger's Daily ABF Bridge Column is free on the ABF website [CLICK HERE](#)

Paul Marston's Bridge Lounge Online is free and includes historical weekly bridge columns and card play videos [CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe

ABF Online teams in December on RealBridge [CLICK HERE](#)

A Gold Pointed event in December from Sydney - [CLICK HERE](#)



## Directors' Corner



Jan  
Peach

**L**EAN towards thinking that many directors do not say enough when giving a ruling. Law 10C: When these Laws provide an option after an irregularity, the Director shall explain all the options available.

Left hand opponent (LHO) should be told the repercussions for accepting an insufficient bid and for not accepting it. If not accepted, the offender should be told his options for making a legal call and have those options explained if necessary. It just isn't good enough to say, "You can make it good if you like," instead of setting out these points:

- make the lowest sufficient bid which specifies the same denomination(s) as that specified by the withdrawn call, the auction proceeds without further rectification
- make a comparable call, the auction proceeds without further rectification
- that lead restrictions and unauthorised information do not apply to the above dot points but Law 27D could apply
- pass or make some other sufficient bid, partner must pass for the rest of the auction, unauthorised information exists and lead restrictions may apply as well as Law 72C.

Players who know the options and know what they want to do may cut short the ruling but the director should make a note that this has happened. Failure to adequately set out all options and explain them if necessary, constitutes a director error. Ruling under Law 82C is not the best director experience. Note that Law 82C does not require average plus to be given to both pairs. It requires both pairs to be treated as non-offending. An assigned adjusted score could be the same for both

sides. Often it will be a weighted score catering for a number of possible outcomes and quite likely be a split or even a split and weighted score. Perhaps 60% 4H and 40% 4H down one to one pair and 40% 4H= and 60% 4H-1 to the other. It is usual for directors to weight slightly in favour of non-offenders so both pairs need to receive a weighting in their favour hence split and weighted scores.

It does players no good to make a ruling at their own table and later decide that they got it wrong and did themselves some damage. Under Law 11A they will keep that damage. If the other side gained an advantage from the incorrect ruling then they will have their score reduced, so leading to split scores. Law 11B is one of several laws where emphasis is placed on the director's option to award procedural penalties on top of rectification.

With many bread-and-butter infractions impossible when playing online, players should give their full attention to alerting correctly. Explain as much as you can not as little as you must. Over-alerting is not a problem because partner cannot see the alert though he might get curious about all the long pauses. So, alert:

- opening bids of 1♣ and 1NT, essentially an announcement as in face-to-face (f2f)
- any call one would alert f2f
- any call one would pre-alert f2f even if it's a double, redouble, cue-bid of an opponent's denomination or is above 3NT
- any call for which one would offer an explanation as the declaring side at the end of a f2f auction
- any call for which an explanation might avoid an opponent's misunderstanding. ■

### Sponsorship/Funding Announcements

Caboolture – Local Council \$2,600 – Security Camera.

Dalby – Regional Council \$7,721 – covid assistance.

Gympie – Local Council – purchase of a Defibrillator.

Malanda – Gambling Community Benefit Fund - \$9927 – purchase of equipment.

Noosa – Gambling Community Benefit Fund - \$10,708 – renovations to kitchen.

Noosa – Local Member \$500 – assistance to increase size of tabletops.

QCBC - \$6,200 – Small Business Adaption Grant – Covid-19 assistance.

Rockhampton – Local Council - Refund of lease payment and \$2,200 assistance.

Sunnybank – Lord Mayor's Covid-19 Direct Assistance Program \$6,207.

Sunshine Coast – Gambling Community Benefit Fund - \$13,500 – painting of exterior

Sunshine Coast – Council - \$3,800 – painting of exterior

Surfers Paradise – Gambling Community Benefit Fund - \$35,000 – air/conditioning replacement

Caloundra - Sunshine Coast Regional Council - \$3,800 - exterior painting

### Online Bridge with Beenleigh-Logan Bridge Club

Online bridge has become a necessary part of our lives and we at Beenleigh believe it will become a permanent fixture post-Covid-19.

Because of this, Beenleigh Logan Bridge Club has set up a virtual club on Real Deal Bridge where we now run regular sessions three times per week with a weekly pop-up session. We welcome others to come and have a game with us at <https://realdealbridge.com.au>.

An online teaching club - "Beenleigh Bridge Tuition Club" has also been set up where we can run beginner lessons.

Intermediate Supervised Play lessons have also been successfully run over the past few months for players wanting to improve their bidding and play.

Information about joining Real Deal Bridge and the Beenleigh-Logan virtual club/s are all on our website at <https://beenleighbridgeclub.com.au>.

If partner is to end up as declarer, add one loser to the losing trick count of your hand.