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From the President



Richard Ward

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2023 AGM

Summary notes of the 2022/23 year:

- Club membership for Queensland has stayed well below 7000 as clubs continue to recover from the effects of Covid-19. Many are conducting beginners' lessons and we thank them for their enthusiasm and dedication.
- A number of congresses have been cancelled because of dwindling entries and the host club for the Qld Senior Pairs 2023 and the Qld Senior Teams 2024 has advised that it is no longer able to do either of these. This is a good opportunity for us to trial an online event for the Senior Pairs which has the advantage of making it accessible to senior players all over Queensland
- After the pandemic-caused online bridge peak, many players

are returning to face-to-face bridge, although some clubs are struggling to reach pre-Covid levels.

- The number of entries in our 2023 State Teams Trials was healthy in all except the Seniors which had only 10 pairs continuing this trend for the past decade. Results from the 2022 ADELAIDE were: OPEN 7th from 7: WOMEN 6th out of 7: SENIORS 5th out of 7; YOUTH 4th out of 5. 'Disappointing' is the kindest way to describe these results. A report which considered ways to address this concluded that the best way forward for ambitious pairs is to find ways to play against expert opponents. In these days of multiple toplevel online opportunities, the responsibility lies with the players themselves:
- The Townsville Bridge Club ran a most successful 2022 Barrier Reef Congress with healthy entry numbers and very positive reports from participants;
- The second QBA Festival of Bridge was conducted face-toface over an extended weekend in October with a most pleasing increase number of entries in both the Open Pairs [82 up from 44 in 2019] and the Open Teams [46 up from 28 in 2019]. It has

- been decided to name the Open Teams trophy in memory of Reg Busch, former QBA President and QBA Honorary Life Member.
- The Grand National Open Teams was moved from Tweed Heads [-2020] to Online [2021] and to the Queensland Contract Bridge Club in 2022. Of the 14 Queensland teams, only two made it to the third round where they were defeated by strong Melbourne and Sydney teams.
- The River City Gold Mixed Pairs [incorporating the Qld Mixed Pairs] was held at the Toowong Bridge Club and, with the lure of gold masterpoints for the first time, attracted 72 pairs [36 in 2021]. Two Sydney pairs placed 1st and 2nd;
- The Australian Bridge Federation continues to support associations, clubs and players by virtue of:
 - Conducting three Online Rescue events to assist the QBA with the loss incurred at the 2022 Gold Coast International Congress due to last-minute withdrawals thanks to the o micron variant of Covid:
 - Maintaining the annual ABF levy per player at just \$16.20 per player;
 - Developing further the capabilities of myABF including trialling a Club Administration module

These are in addition to the regular offerings of a high-quality quarterly Newsletter together with the efficient support provided by the Masterpoints Centre;

- Several Novice and Restricted events have been held and their success indicates a healthy growth in numbers for that sector of our game;
- Youth Bridge has experienced a surge in interest, especially in

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Brisbane thanks to the efforts of Michael Gearing who is supported by Paul Brake, Jim Evans and Sarah Strickland. Two of our youth players will be representing Australia in the World Youth Championships in the Netherlands later in the year. A few of our youth pairs have been entering the Qld team selection trials as well as playing in some congresses where they acquit themselves well:

- We have received generous sponsorship from a number of organisations, most notably TBIB, but also Moore Australia, Australian Bridge Magazine, Paul Lavings Bridge Books and Supplies, Penline, NSWBA Spring Nationals, Stepbridge, The Oasis Shopping Centre, Two Men and a Truck, Stepbridge, Annette Maluish, David Stern, Jim Evans, Vanessa Brown and others who wish to remain anonymous;
- We acknowledge the fine work done by former Queenslander Joan Butts in her role as the ABF National Teaching Coordinator over the past decade. Now that Joan has decided to step down from this role the process for teacher accreditation has been restructured. Clubs are encouraged to simply nominate those local members who have been volunteering as bridge teachers over the years by sending appropriate names to the QBA Manager who will liaise with the ABF secretariat for their accreditation and recognition on the ABF Education web site.
- The QBA is a multi-faceted, notfor-profit organisation which relies on the goodwill and voluntary support of many people at all levels. Here is a list of appreciation for everybody who has helped this year:
 - QBA Manager;
 - Management committee:
 - Tournament committee:
 - Finance committee;
 - Director accreditation;
 - Novice co-ordination:
 - Youth co-ordination;
 - Directors national, state, congress and club;

- Bulletin editor and those who regularly contribute;
- State and club masterpoints coordinators;
- Legal Counsel;
- Treasurer and Marketing officer;
- Gold Coast Congress convenor and his team 70+ people; and
- MYABF liaison officer.

Lookina ahead to 2023-2024 there are many challenges for us all. First and foremost is working towards increasing the number of new players - providing beginners' lessons and then keeping them with us through supervised play, regular club duplicates, novice events and congresses. Key to this is creating a welcoming environment in our clubs and a non-negotiable zero tolerance of bad behaviour. It continues to be a time of renewal and re-building for the QBA and this means focussing on promotion of all of our competitions but especially the QBA Festival of October, the Cairns and Mackay Barrier Reef Congresses, the River City Gold Mixed Pairs and other state events plus the zonal heats leading up to the GNOT Finals in Brisbane at QCBC in November. We can also expect to see greater use of MYABF by tournament organisers and clubs as earlier flaws are overcome and we all become increasingly familiar with how it works.

GCC Open Teams



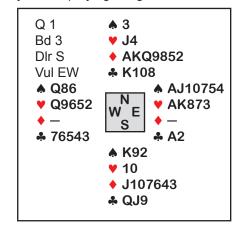
Richard Wallis

THIS year I played with Charlie Lu and our team-mates were Liz Sylvester and George Fleischer, from the Sydney area. I do not remember meeting them before, but they were very friendly and fun to play with, with no recriminations for a mistake.

12 14-board matches over three days is pretty solid bridge, and we managed to come in with four losses, four losing draws and six wins to finish in 26th place, an incredibly small 0.02 VPs ahead of 27th place.

We made our mistakes and Liz and George did as well, but there were plenty of good results to outweigh the bad. Our worst result was against team 3 (losing semi-finalists), when both pairs could not get it together and we got 0.0 VPs. We saved our best until last and had a good win against team 12 in the last match.

The most unusual hand occurred in the first match, where I gave declarer a ruff-sluff at trick 1, something I have never seen before in over 55 years of playing bridge.



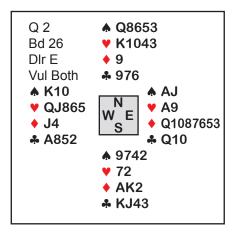
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P 3H	1D 5D	2D* 5H	P 3D All pass

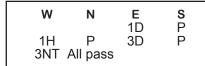
Off and running in the teams and on board 3 in the first match I had a shapely hand and opened a modest 1, over which East bid 2 to show 5/5 in the majors. Charlie upped the ante with 3, over which West bid 3 and I rebid 5. East rebid 5 over my 5 and that is where the bidding ended. I had no reason not to lead the A and was completely surprised when West discarded a club from the table and ruffed in hand! That was 12 tricks



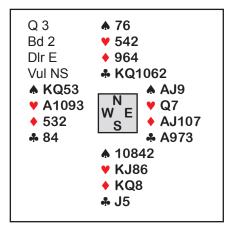
GCC Novice Pairs winners: Kate Macdonald and Zac Ross.

even though the spade finesse lost and −680. At the other table George and Liz got to 6♥, also on a diamond lead, so that was 13 IMPs to us.



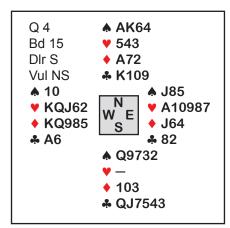


EW were very unlucky when I led a spade and their combined A K J 10 was only worth two tricks and 3NT went one off. At the other table George and Liz stopped in a diamond part-score making 11 tricks on friendly defence so we picked up 6 IMPs.



w	N	E	S
20	V	1NT	Р
2C 3NT	All pass	2NT	Р

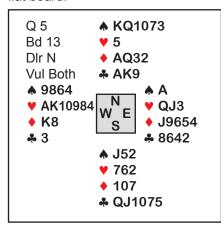
I took the opportunity to double the Stayman 2C for the lead and Charlie duly obliged. Declarer made the mistake of ducking clubs twice, and when Charlie could not be denied three tricks that was one off. At the other table George and Liz, probably on a heart lead, made 10 tricks in 3NT for 10 IMPs.



W	N	E	S P
1H 5H	X	4H All pass	4S

This was a lesson in gathering information. My take-out double was pretty routine as was East's jump to 4♥, and Charlie, in spite of only a few HCPs, had too much shape to pass 4♥ holding five spades. I should have waited for Charlie's opinion, but doubled the 5♥ bid by West, which was passed out.

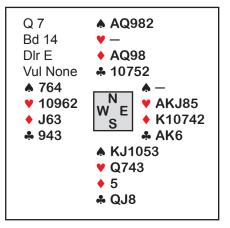
I instinctively led the ♠A, but then did not know what to do. I should have led the ♠K, asking for count, and I would have known to switch to a club, leading to one off. On the spade continuation, declarer could ruff, draw trumps and concede a diamond, letting him discard the losing club for −650. Just another flat board!



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

This board illustrated that patience is a virtue! The bidding was straightforward, but my play was too hasty.

East led the ♥Q and continued the suit and I ruffed. The 4-1 break then doomed me to defeat, going three off for -300. I should have discarded the •2 on the ♥J and then when I ruff the next heart and lead a trump, dummy's trump protects me from the force. No such mistake at the other table and we lost 14 IMPs.



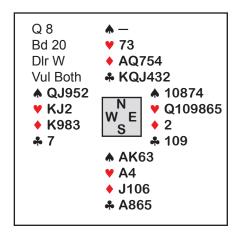
W	N	Ε	S
		1H	1S
Р	4S	5D	5S
Р	Р	X	All pass

This was another wild one. Charlie made a light overcall on a reasonable suit and I jumped to game. East was not done, but Charlie rebid 5♠ over the 5♠ rebid and East doubled this for penalties.

The opening lead was the •10, ruffed in dummy and a top trump revealed the expected bad break, so back to plan B. I led a club off the table. When the clubs behaved, 11 tricks for +650 and a flat board.



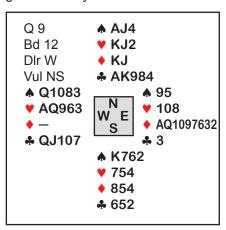
Matthew McManus and Kim Ellaway



W P P	N 1C 2D! 3D	E P P	\$ 1S 2H 7NT!!
All pass	OD	•	/141

Charlie expected a few more HCPs for my reverse, but shape is very important. When I denied a heart stopper and showed 6/5 in the minors he got all excited and jumped to 7NT, although 7♣ would have been more prudent.

West led the ◆3 and when dummy tracked I am sure Charlie felt sick, but he brightened up when he won the first trick with the ◆6. At the other table they played in 6♣, making thirteen tricks on the diamond finesse, so we gained a lucky 13 IMPs.

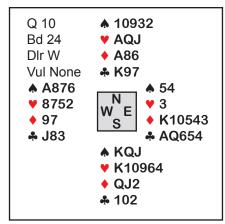


W	N	E	s
1H	X	2D	P
P	2NT	3D	3S
P	3NT	4D	P
P	X	All pass	Г

I doubled the 1♥ opening bid as I was too strong for an immediate 1NT overcall. West was not to be denied their 8-card diamond suit and I eventually doubled 4♦, to which Charlie led the ♠2. I won the ♠J and

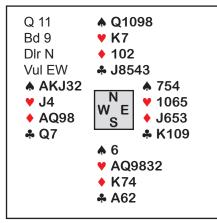
cashed the ♣K and ♠A and exited with the ♠4 and declarer had to lose two more tricks for +300.

At the other table Liz made nine tricks in 3♦ for +110 and 9 IMPs.



W	N	Е	S
Р	1C	X!	1H
Р	1NT	2D	3C
Р	3NT	All pass	

EW were playing a peculiar system where the double of my 1♣ opening showed clubs, and then East also showed a diamond suit. Accordingly I decided to play in 3NT rather than the obvious 4♥ to protect my minor suit holdings. Deep Finesse suggests the 3NT can go one off, but East led the ♥3, and I was grateful for the ♣10 in dummy. I won in hand and led a spade and West won the ♠A and led a club, I eventually made 10 tricks for +430 and 10 IMPs when 4♥ went one off at the other table.

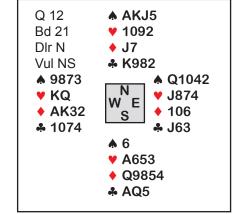


W	N	E	S
	P	P	1H
X All pass	1S	Р	2H

We did not get ambitious and Charlie played quietly in 2♥, making eight

tricks when West led the ${}_{\bullet}K$ and then cashed the ${}_{\bullet}A$.

At the other table NS climbed to 4v which had no chance, so we gained a modest 4 IMPs.



W	N 1C	E P	S 1H
X	1S	Р	3NT
All pass			

I showed my spade suit after West doubled Charlie's 1♥ response, and Charlie jumped to 3NT.

West led the ♠9 and East won the ♠Q over dummy's ♠J and switched to the ♠10, which Charlie ducked to the ♠J in dummy and he continued diamonds, eventually setting up the diamonds for 10 tricks and +630.

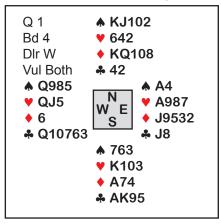
2023 GCC Open Pairs

This year I also played the Pairs with Charlie Lu and we started the qualifying with high hopes of a good result, but that was not to be. In the two qualifying rounds we were average and below average to slot into Final E. It seemed like we were doomed to failure a lot of the time, as our suits were very unfriendly, but such is life!



Ivy Dahler Pairs, Intermediate winners: Joanne Crockford - Peter Karol

The first round of the Final was average, but this was followed by a 46% score in the second round to drop us back into the bottom half of the field. Then our luck changed for the better, and we got a 69% score in the final round to zoom up to 2nd!



W N E S P P 1D! X 1S All pass

This was one of our few good scores in the qualifying. Charlie opened the East hand with a frisky 1♦, and passed my 1♠ response after South's take-out double. South passed this time, and North led the ♣4.

South played the top clubs and gave North a ruff while I discarded a diamond from the table. Next came the •K, and I ruffed the next diamond to take the losing heart finesse.

Another diamond ruff was followed by the hearts finishing in dummy, and I was able to make the ♠Q for my 5th trick and the trump ace was my 6th trick so only one off. It looked a lot worse when dummy went down, and would have been if South had led the ♠7 at trick 2.

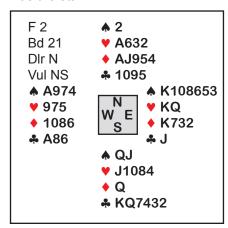
NS can make 2♠ on their 4-3 fit as well as 2♠ and 2NT, so it was not surprising that we got a 75% score



Pele Rankin and Paul Hooykaas

for this board.

At this point of the final we could only go up. This was the start and Charlie was the star!



W	N P	E 1S	s 2C	
2S X	3C All pass	3S	4C	

The bidding was very straightforward and West made an aggressive double and led the ₹7, ducked in dummy and won by East with the ₹Q, who switched to the ₹J.

West played two rounds of clubs, won on the table and Charlie was at the cross-roads as the spade ruff was now not likely.

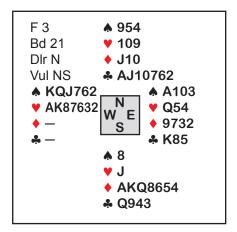
Charlie exited dummy with the ♠2 and East had to duck to allow West to lead another club. However the stage was now set for a Vienna Coup!

Winning on the table with the ♣10, Charlie cashed the ♥A and got the ♥K from East, which seemed possible after the opening lead and now cashed all of his hearts and clubs.

On the last club East had to discard his diamond guard, and, reading the hand perfectly, Charlie led the •Q to the •A in dummy, dropping the •K and making 10 tricks for a top.



Ivy Dahler Pairs, Restricted winners: Eileen Sanger - Judith Tremain



w	N	E	S 3D	
X!	All pass	Г	SD	

I had a brain-explosion when I doubled the 3• opening bid by South instead the eminently more sensible 4•.

I had a plan in mind thus: if Charlie bid 4♣ I would rebid 4◆ and hopefully force a major from him, but if he bid a major, I would raise it to slam.

Holding the ♠A and ♥Q, it is likely that Charlie would go on to the Grand Slam.

The beads of sweat started to run when Charlie took a long time to bid, and finally passed! He could not bring himself to choose a 3-card suit and finally decided to take his chances on us making five tricks.

Even if Charlie had a diamond stack I would not want to play this hand in 3•X, which is why my initial double is so wrong.

From the comments I heard around the room after the round we must have been the only pair not in slam.



Susan Humphries and Jessica Brake

25 Years Ago

THE 1998 GOLD COAST CONGRESS

by Wynne Webber

THIS year's GCC was a beauty - it wasn't just the biggest ever (I can't remember there being a year that didn't break the record set the previous year) - it hummed with energy.

This year the list of overseas visitors was rather different. No stars from the USA; Geoffrey Wolfarth came from the UK with Roz, his fiancee, and played with Andrew Pryde, but he didn't bring a team with him; no Indonesian team due to the various economic crises bedevilling the region; no Japanese contingent - I suppose for much the same reasons. However, there was an army of Kiwis and quite a few 'regular' players who took in the Gold Coast while holidaying in Australia - one American couple were in Surfers and heard about the bridge and so came along to the Wednesday walkin pairs.

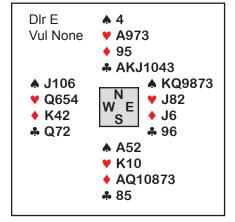
Nonetheless, I think this was the strongest pairs field I have ever seen. When you looked at the qualifying rounds there were many second seeds who would be automatic first seeds in almost any other year. The Teams seeds were very strong indeed; deciding who would be seeded number one must have been a nightmare.

The people on the Gold Coast Tournament Committee just keep on getting better at what they do. They could be forgiven for thinking, 'Well, we've got it right - we'll just keep doing it like that', but every year the organisation is better than it was the previous year. One simple instance is the arrangements made this year so that players could order their lunch on the way to play on Thursday morning (the early start) - last year it was chaotic as people tried to get something to eat just when all the sandwich shops had decided that was it for the lunchtime rush; this year everything was organised and so no-one had to starve.

For quite some years the Gold Coast Congress has started off with a Welcome walk-in pairs on the Saturday night before the Pairs Championship begins. This year around 80 tables played, and Tony Jackman, congress convenor, playing with lan Weiss of Adelaide, prevailed overall with a score of some 71% - not bad! Sally Wilson of the Gold Coast, whose company prints the daily bulletins for the

congress, played with me. We didn't threaten the leaders, but we had a very fine time!

This year was the third time that walk-in pairs were also run on the Wednesday morning at 9.30 a.m. This year the number of tables grew to 24, a steady and pleasing development from the 10 tables that played in the first year. Richard Hills of Canberra, playing with Ken Colbert, gave me a hand from the Wednesday walk-ins:



W	N Hills	E	S Colbert 1D
P P P	2D¹ 4NT² 6D	P 3S P All pass	4D 5S³

- ¹ Artificial game force
- ² Keycard Blackwood
- ³2 keycards + ♦Q

A spade was played to the ace; a spade ruff; a heart to the king; a spade ruff; the VA; a heart ruff in hand and the A.

Deducing from the bidding that a doubleton *J was more likely than a doubleton *K, Ken Colbert now led the *Q, squashing the jack, for +920 and an outright top.

The week finished with the ANA Shield, a walk-in pairs held on the final Saturday morning of the GCC, just to get you up and about after the Viewgraph of the Teams' Final on the Friday night. (This event was formerly, and more infamously, known as the Chevron Cup. Somehow, it is just that touch more respectable now that last starters have to be there by 9.30 a.m. Perhaps I'm getting old - I do yearn for the decadence of youth.) The ANA Shield was won by Michael Courtney and Miranda Shtein.

Gold Coast Congress

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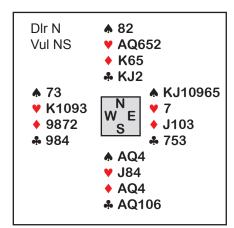
- Tournament Organiser Gold Coast Congress
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IBPA Column Service



Tim Bourke



W	N	Ε	S
	1H	1S	3S
Р	4H	Р	4NT
Р	5D	Р	6NT
All pass	3		

After East's weak jump overcall, South's cue bid of 3♠ promised a game going hand with at least three cards in hearts. North's rebid of 4 suggested a minimum hand. However, South decided that he had enough in reserve to drive to the notrump slam via a key card enquiry. West led the seven of spades. Declarer took East's king of spades with the ace and, without any apparent thought, played the four of hearts to the ace and a low heart back to his jack. When the hearts proved to be 4-1 the contract had to fail.

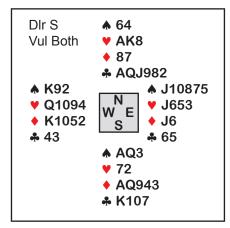
"That was a bit unlucky," offered South.

North was not having a bit of this. "Your play would work against a singleton king of hearts in either hand, but if you take into account East's overcall, it was not the best play in the suit. The lead and the bidding suggested that spades were 2-6. If the hearts were 3-2 any reasonable play in the suit would bring four tricks in the suit. As there would be no chance of making

twelve tricks when hearts were 5-0, you should have focused on coping with as many 4-1 heart breaks as possible.

"On the auction, it was far more likely for East to have a singleton in hearts than West (about six times more often, actually). So you should have asked yourself 'Which singletons can I cope with in the East hand?' Your play only works against a singleton king. However, by leading the jack of hearts at trick two you can overcome a singleton ten, nine or seven of hearts on your right.

"When West covers the jack with king you would win the ace and, as the cards lie, luck would be on your side when East follows with the seven. Next, you could lead a low heart from dummy to your eight and West's nine. On winning the spade continuation in hand with the queen, you would pick up the suit by leading four of hearts and covering the card that West plays. This would have seen you make four heart tricks and the contract."



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

This deal came up in a team game. Both tables played 6♣ by South. The auction at the second table is shown where North's 2NT was a transfer to clubs and his rebid promised a mild slam try with six clubs and no sidesuit singleton. South was happy to make a try toward the slam with a cue bid of 4♠. When North cue bid in reply, South knew what to do.

As the slam appeared to be bid on

power, neither West player wanted to lead away from an honour. Both opted for a low trump as their opening lead.

At the first table declarer took the trump lead on the table, cashed the ace and king of hearts then ruffed the eight of hearts with the king of trumps. Next, declarer played the ten of trumps to dummy's ace. As there were no more trumps outstanding, declarer led a diamond to his queen and West's king. After ruffing the heart return on table, declarer played a diamond to his ace and ruffed a diamond on table. Once that suit proved to be 4-2, declarer had to take the spade finesse for his contract. When it lost he was down one.

At the other table, declarer also won the first trick on table then played a diamond to his ace. Then he crossed back to the table with a heart to the ace. Next, he led dummy's remaining diamond towards his hand and covered East's jack with the queen. West took the trick with the king of diamonds and exited with his last trump. Declarer won this in hand with the ten then ruffed a diamond on table. Next, he cashed the king of hearts and ruffed dummy's losing heart in hand. Now, declarer ruffed a second diamond in dummy, establishing the nine of diamonds as his twelfth trick.

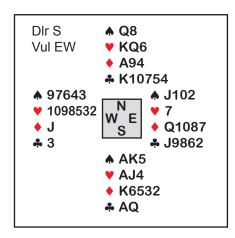
This declarer remarked to his team after the session that if the queen of diamonds had been a low card then the other declarer probably would have made his contract by playing on diamonds.

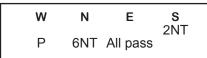
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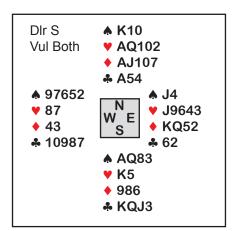


West led the ten of hearts. Declarer counted eleven sure winners, with decent prospects of an extra trick in both minors. So, declarer took the lead on table with the king of hearts and then played a low club from dummy to his ace. Then he cashed the queen of clubs and revealed the bad news of the 1-5 split, dashing the hopes of an easy extra trick in clubs.

Declarer now turned his attention to diamonds, cashing the ace and king next. The 1-4 break was a setback. However, that meant that East had nine cards in the minor suits and four in the majors. The good news was that he still had five winners to cash in the latter, which would reduce everyone to three cards, forcing East to make two discards from his minor suits.

The other point was that he would need to be in dummy after the last winner was cashed. So, he led his five of spades to dummy's queen before cashing his ace and king of spades. Next he cashed the ace of hearts and played the jack of hearts to dummy's queen.

Declarer was managing this endgame by keeping track of East's club discards. Declarer knew that if East threw two clubs then the king and ten of clubs would be winners. When East threw one card from each minor, he was left with the queen of diamonds and jack-seven of clubs. So, declarer called for dummy's nine of diamonds. East won the trick and then had to concede the last two tricks to dummy's king and ten of clubs.



W	N	E	S	
P	2C	P	1NT	
P	6NT	All pass	2S	

This deal was also from a team game and both Souths became declarer at 6NT after identical auctions and leads (the ten of clubs).

At the first table, declarer took the opening lead in hand with the jack and ran the nine of diamonds to East's queen. East exited with his remaining club. Declarer took this on table with the ace then cashed the ace, king and queen of both majors. Next, he cashed his club winners, discarding the ten of diamonds from table, reducing everyone to two cards. As East kept king and a low diamond the contract failed when the second diamond finesse lost.

At the other table, declarer counted eleven top tricks. The contract seemed to depend on making an extra trick in a red suit, most likely in diamonds from taking two finesses there. However, declarer had a thought about making use of dummy's major-suit tens. With this in mind, he came up with a plan that would always make twelve tricks as long as he could extract all

of East's clubs. So, declarer took the opening club lead with the ace and then cashed the king and queen of clubs in hand. When East discarded a heart on the third club, declarer then led the nine of diamonds and ran it to East's queen.

East was now endplayed. A majorsuit return would allow declarer to score the ten in that suit and claim twelve tricks: seven in the majors and five in the minors. East could see that a diamond exit was just as hopeless, so he conceded the contract.

From the Managers Desk

The 2023 Gold Coast Congress is over and it was a successful event. Events like these cannot run without the volunteers/clubs and players who make it work behind the scenes so thank you everybody who helped in one way or another. 2024 will be my last year of being the Manager of that event and we are desperately trying to find a replacement. If you would like to take on my responsibilities, please make contact. There are vacancies in a lot of areas of the QBA and these are published on the QBA website.

The selection events for the ANC Teams have concluded and congratulations to all who were successful. It was fabulous to see trialling pairs from Cairns in the Seniors and three trialling players from Mackay in the Women's. Good Luck to all teams travelling to Perth.

The Barrier Reef event in Cairns is full in the Open field and a few spots are left in the other fields. It should be a fabulous congress.

The River City Gold Mixed Pairs will be hosted by Toowong on May 27/28 – entries are open.



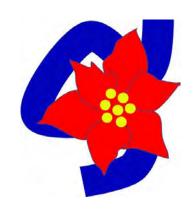
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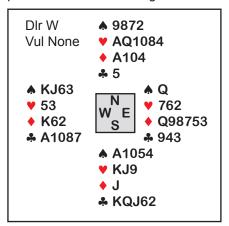


Cuppaidge's Column



George Cuppaidge

THE hand below illustrates vividly some of the most important points in successful bridge.



W P XX 2NT	N P 2D 3S	E 1D P	\$ X 2S P
X	All pass	Г	F

I will list them, not necessarily in order of importance.

Listen to the bidding.

If you have an opening bid, open the bidding. No modern-day player would even contemplate passing, as dealer, with the West cards. The narrower the range of a first or second seat pass, the better you will be able to bid.

a passed hand, behave As yourself. Operating, legitimately or illegitimately, in third position is universal practice. Space consuming are lead directing simple examples of legitimate actions. East's opening belongs to the other category. It is something you cannot do with a regular partner or a private understanding may reasonably be inferred. It is however a compliment to your partner, that he, not the opponents, will work it out. Think before you crucify partner for a little adventure.

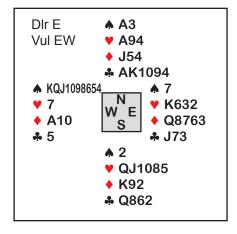
East's pass of 3S, on the bidding to that point, would make all but the comatose aware that partner is, at the very best, sub-minimum.

If the opponents indicate they have game somewhere, the 2D cue bid here, wait for them to bid the game.

Think! I got what I had planned, confusion. Some would say exactly what I deserved. I won't argue.

Think ahead

Holding ♠ A3 ♥ A94 ♠ J54 ♠ AK1094, following pass from partner, you hear 4♠ on your right. This hand represents the modern day norm for a double of 4♠, essentially takeout but you will be happy if partner, without a very long suit, passes. With more in spades it is usually better to sit back and hope to take your plus in fifties or hundreds. You double, partner passes and you lead the ♣A. Your ♣A stands up but declarer ruffs your ♣K and continues with the ♠K. What now? This is the time to think, and you should do so before looking



at the hand below.

W	Ν	E	S
4S	Χ	P All pass	Р

You know that you are likely to be subjected to a barrage of trump winners if you simply, woodenly, continue with clubs. Does it matter? Indeed it does. There is virtually no heart holding, consistent with the bidding where it can cost you if you lay down the *A. It gains enormously when declarer has 0 or 1 hearts. If declarer holds *Qxx, this is indeed your unlucky day.

Should you unthinkingly continue with a club, declarer will ruff and

run all the trumps. Dummy's last four cards, with you to discard first will be ♥K6, •Q8. If you bare your ♥A, declarer will throw a heart from dummy and you will be thrown in with it to broach diamonds. If you don't, declarer will play his •A, before leading a heart. You must give dummy the last trick.

Yes, declarer had to do some good card reading, but simply by cashing your ♥A, when in with the ♠A, before exiting in clubs, you give declarer no chance. Your double places you with ♥A so, based upon that assumption,

Things I Have Seen



Matthew McManus

Things I have seen ... - Part I

BEING the director usually means that you often don't get to see what happens at the table. Unless something significant has come up resulting in a director call, he will not normally know about any of the "interesting" hands that arise.

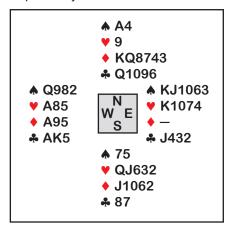
Over the next few articles I will describe some of the more unusual scenarios which I have observed while directing.

Next time, I will look at a couple of examples where the normal and correct application of the laws results in some extreme outcomes, but this time, here a few examples which were just plain weird.

MARKETING YOUR CLUB

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Expert Play at Trick 13.



After an auction which probably doesn't bear repeating, West became the declarer in 3VX. Because of some infraction during the auction, I was called to the table and it was necessary for me to watch the play in case it was relevant to the eventual ruling. That's how I came to be able to report this hand.

The opening lead was the ◆K, taken by declarer's ace, who then probably did best by setting up his rather good spade side suit. North ducked his ace, so dummy's &J won. Seeing it was South who had doubled, declarer now took the very deep, but maybe not unreasonable line, of running East's ♥7. From this point on, trumps were never led again. The ♥7 lost to North's singleton 9 and now declarer was in big trouble. However, North let him off the hook by exiting with the \$10. Winning the &J in dummy meant that there were no club losers. West now tried to cash his ♣AK. but South ruffed the second round. A spade to North's ace established the side suit. A diamond was led and ruffed in dummy to leave the following 5-card ending. At this point, the defence has won three tricks.

Declarer led a spade ruffed by South who exited with the \(\dlaph \)J.

Declarer could see nothing better to do than ruffing this in dummy then ruffing a club in his hand. He then led another spade. South ruffed with the VJ to leave this rather amazing suit combination at Trick 13.

Non-Expert Play at Trick 1

The next hand featured a very regular partnership, who have played together for a long time. Why that is the case is a bit of a mystery. The North player never seems to be happy and spends a lot of the time at the end of each hand/ round/session berating his partner for some perceived deficit in her skill or execution. (Some less kind players have questioned whether they are - or should be - married!) South just sits back and accepts it. It also appears that North is the type who likes to hog the bidding. He is declarer a lot of the time. And I wonder whether they don't have some "rules" to ensure that this is the

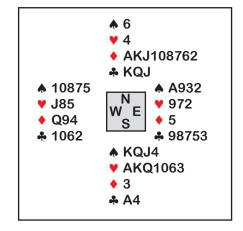
ABF 2023 Youth Teams

The ABF teams for the 18th World Team Youth Championships, to be held in Veldhoven Netherlands on 31 July – 7 August 2023 are:

U26 team: David Gue – Joshua Tomlin, Sebastian Langdon Macmillan – Tomer Libman, Damon Flicker – Seb Wright, Mike Doecke (captain)

U21 team: Jack Luke-Paredi – George Bartley, Lara Topper – Jacob Rose, Alex Goss – Bertie Morgan, Rebecca O'Reilly (captain)

Sebastian Langdon Macmillan Jack Luke-Paredi are Queenslanders case. One of these "rules" might be that if ever the opportunity arises, the "better" player, that is North, must be the declarer. A classic case where this could crop up is when there is an opening lead out of turn. And so I observed the following:



w	N	E	S
		Р	1H
Р	3D	Р	4NT
Р	6D	Р	6NT
Р	7D	Х	7NT
Р	Р	Χ	All pass

East was not a very experienced player and in his excitement at holding an ace against a grand slam, he led it. I was called to the table and explained the opening lead out of turn options to South:

- i. accept the lead, make themselves the dummy and let partner play the hand;
- ii. accept the lead, dummy comes down and they play next from their own hand:
- iii. demand a spade lead from West;iv. prohibit a spade lead from West;
- v. leave the A as a penalty card and allow West to lead what they like on a spade lead the ace would have to be played.
- It can be seen that only option (iv) gives NS any chance in this contract. If declarer guesses to play diamonds correctly they can come to thirteen with seven diamonds, three hearts and three clubs. At the table, however, South, perhaps mindful of her partner's insistence that he was the better player and should always be declarer, accepted the lead and made herself dummy. It was one of the few times where I saw North unusually silent at the end of the hand!

Redcliffe

Congratulations to the Redcliffe Bridge Club on the following fundraising statistics:

- During 2022, Redcliffe Bridge Club members donated the following to charities.
- \$3000 GIVIT flood appeal (President's Day)
- \$2500 Orange Sky Laundry Sudsy Appeal sponsoring three members
- \$560 Talk Like a Parrot Day raising funds for Childrens' Cancer
- \$2000 Zephyr Education (Christmas Party)

Club members have also generously supported a number of charities in recent years. This has included supporting a disabled athlete to enable his participation in a world championship event, support for two domestic violence shelters, Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, Bush Fire Appeal, the Riding for the Disabled and the Peninsular Aid for Animals.

President's Day

Redcliffe bridge club held President's Day on April 17 with a trophy for winners of both open and novice sections.

In the past 7 years in this day we have raised considerable funds for charities. This year we raised \$3000 for Chameleon Housing, which supports young homeless youths.

Queensland Teams for the ANC in Perth



Open: Pam Evans, Jim Evans, Peter Evans, Alison Dawson, Kim Morrison and Andy Braithwaite



Seniors: Ian Afflick, Paul Collins, Larry Moses, Kerry Wood, Ralph Parker and Charlie Howard



Fay Jeppesen (President Redcliffe Bridge Club), Carmel Riethmuller (Manager Chameleon Youth Crisis Housing) and Peter Ward (Treasurer Chameleon)

DEAD JULY 17 (noon) Philip Squire Ph: 0490 456 575 Email: philipsquire@ tpg.com.au

Queensland Team for the ANC in Perth



Women: Carmel Martin, Abby Wanigaratne, Sue O'Brien, Margaret Millar, Maha Hoenig and Janeen Solomon

Mackay Women ANC Triallists



Janet Hansen, Frances Brown, Diane Morgan and Maria Setiyawan

Mackay

We had a great start to 2023 with a \$500 grant from the Regional Council to run a community event. The club decided to hold an Open Day on Australia Day in a bid to attract new players. One half of the club was taken up by a team introducing newcomers to bridge, the other half of the room had nine full tables playing bridge; out in the back garden, the BBQ specialists were preparing lunch. The day was a huge success with 27 people signing up for Beginner lessons. And, everyone had a great time.

On a sadder note, two members passed away in February. John Martin was a former management committee member and secretary. He was heavily involved in the early days in ensuring the Barrier Reef Congress was a great success. Doone Mitchell was also a management committee member, serving as Vice-President for a number of years. Her contribution to the club extended to a steady commitment to supervised play and to mentoring with youth. Not least of all, she will long be remembered by many for her outstanding culinary talents.

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JANUARY

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QCBC GRADED PAIRS [Director – Alan Gibson]: A 1 Yolanda Carter / Peter Evans; 2 Edward Perera / Joyce O'Brien; B 1 Kate Macdonald / Ben Leung; 2 Jenny McGowan / Vanessa Brewis; NOVICE 1 Louise & Stephen Bennett; 2 Carolyn North / Peter Fredericks

NORTHEN SUBURBS TEAMS [Director – Alan Gibson]

1 Jenny Hay / Ralph Parker / Ivy & John Luck; 2 Yolande
Coroneo / Jane Farquhar / Laurie Skeate / Phil Hale;

B Gayle McCarthy / David Lehmann / Dennis Sullivan

/ John Scrivens; C Louise Green field / Moira Daly /
Carmel Wikman / Margie Knox;

TOOWOOMBA PAIRS [Director – Chris Snook] UNDER 500 MPs 1 Hema & Shanaal De Zoysa; 2 David Edwards / Eugene Pereira; NOVICE 1 Susie & Sandy Fraser; 2 Carol Wright / Teens Haslam

FEBRUARY

QUEENSLAND SENIOR TEAMS [Director - Peter Busch] 1 Sam Halvorsen / Rosemary Green / Philippa Barnett / David Harris / Tim Ridley; 2 Verna & Stephen Brookes / Ken Dawson / Adrienne Kelly; B Amber Noonan / Anne Young / Fay Stanton / Gabrielle Elich. KENMORE CONGRESS [Director - Chris Snook] PAIRS 1 Sue O'Brien / Paul Collins; 2 Larry Moses / Terry O'Dempsey; B Davis Zhang / Lilly Jia; C Jim Pope / Peter Wilce; TEAMS 1 Rachel Langdon / Nikolas Moore / Andrew Woollons / Richard Fox; 2 Tony Hutton / Neville Francis / Jill Magee / Terry Strong; B Davis Zhang / Lilly Jia / Lyn Tracey / Mick Fawcett; C Jenny McGowan / Malcolm Corney / Oliver Goodman / Vanessa Brewis / Ming Yang

ARANA TEAMS [Director – Julie Jeffries] 1 Tony Treloar / Peter Evans / Therese Tully / Richard Ward; 2 Pele Rankin / Kim Morrison / Neville Francis / Tony Hutton; B 1 Winny Chan / Eugene Pereira / Lyn Tracey / Mick Fawcett; 2 Pam Horton / Ann Smith / Tony Agar / Wayne Lambley; C 1 Siobhan & Bob Davies / Bob Hannam / Ian Pitts; 2 Vanessa Brewis / Jenny McGowan / Ming Shu Yang / Oliver Goodman

GOLD COAST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS - 620 pairs competed in several events over three days. OPEN PAIRS 1 Finn Kolesnik / Adam Kaplan; 2 Andrew Spooner / Phil Markey; B Richard Brightling / David Hoffman; C Ian Price / Bruce Tier; D Jonathan Free / Ron Cooper; E Bob Clarke / Therese Demarco; F Andrew Woollons / Richard Fox; G Debbie McLeod / Brian Cleaver; RESTRICTED PAIRS Annie Pilcher / Camilla Boyd; B Sandy Carter / Nerida Gillies; C Tony Abbott / Neil Williams; D Tere Wotherspoon / Mick Fawcett; NOVICE PAIRS Zac Ross / Kate Macdonald; B Debbie Carroll / Jacinta Lee; WEEKEND PAIRS 1 Sue Lusk / Viv Wood; 2 Di Smart / Liz Havas; OPEN TEAMS 1 Paul Dalley / Tony Nunn / Paul Gosney / Tony Leibowitz; 2 Matthew Thomson / Hugh McGann / Brian Mace / Michael Ware / Tom Jacob; UNDER 1500 1 Tim Mountjoy / Patricia Lacey / Jeanette Abrams / Margaret Gidley-Baird; 2 Jan Randall / Adrian Lohmann / Don Cameron / Bill Bishop; INTERMEDIATE 1 Carolyn Greenwich / Patricia Armstrong / Rhonda Langley / Di Jagelman; 2 Pauly Griffin / Roderic Roark / Kim Model / Michael Francis; RESTRICTED 1 Davis Zhang / Jenny McGowan / Vanessa Brewis / Lilly Jia; 2 Anthony Smuts / Robbie & Barry Feyder / Lesley Murray; NOVICE 1 Megan Edwards / Michelle George / Elizabeth & David Ward; 2 Caroline Wilson / Merrie Beasley / Sally-Ann Clarke / Georgie Gall; BEST QUEENSLAND TEAMS in each category: Brian Patterson / Patrick Bugler / Pamela & Jim Evans; Michelle Radke / Kathy Males / Fay Stanton / Gabrielle Elich; Janet Price / Richard Spelman / Mary Simon / Kevin Hamilton-Reen; Susan Wright / Lorna Shuttlewood / Ming & David Ting; Louise & Stephen Bennett / Debbie Carroll / Jacinta Lee

MARCH

QLD MIXED TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 1 Jill Magee, Terry Strong, Therese Tully, Richard Ward; 2 Fay Stanton, Janeen Solomon, Kerry Wood, Charles Howard; B 1 Peter McNamee, Elizabth French, Pamela Hawkins, Sheryl Cullenward; 2 Margaret & Don Robertson, Julie Scott, Elizabeth Van Vugt;

DALBY CONGRESS [Director - Chris Snook] PAIRS 1 Jenni Buckley / Jim Wood; 2 Hema & Shanaal De Zoysa; B Havah Nielsen / Philip Atkinson; TEAMS Jenni Buckley, Jim Wood, Mavis Simpson, Denise Hartwig;

TOOWONG PAIRS [Director - Alan Gibson] 1 Pam Schoen / Phil Hale; 2 Sue Ziegenfuss / Tim Runting; B Barbara Mackay / Barry Koster; C Wendy Casey / Jo Neary.

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Cameron; B Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; C Frances Limmage / Joie Day; TEAMS 1 Frances & Alan Brown / Janet Hansen / Diane Morgan; 2 Don Cameron / Jan Randall / Ron Lorraway / Adrian Lohmann; B Paula Gibb / Brian Blackmore / Mavis Anderson / Margaret Doak; C Duncan Welsh / Sue Mittermair / Thomas Peters / Stuart England

SUNSHINE COAST TEAMS [Director – Peter Busch] A 1 Kate Macdonald / Ben Leung / Paul Collins / Ian Afflick; 2 Gabrielle Elich / Fay Stanton / Tony Walford / Judith Slade; B 1 Debbie & Gary Gibbards / Vesna & Voyko

Markovic; 2 Pauline Clayton / Tricia Merefield / Saad Boctor / Julie Pigdon

MACKAY PAIRS [Director – Geoff Taylor] 1 Diane & Max Holewa; 2 Noel Bugeia / Tex Sheedy; B Helen Van Den Broek / Patricia Garner; C Annie Lynch / Diane Stokes;

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