



# TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Report



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The AGM will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016.

Whilst this is several weeks

away I think it is an appropriate time to ask all members to now consider what they can do for the club in terms of becoming an Office Bearer in 2016/17 or 2017/18. Also, if any member has an interest in becoming a Director in the future, they should contact Chris Snook.

Two issues raised in the Strategic Plan were that of Succession Planning and having back-ups for Office Bearers. However, unlike businesses with paid employees, unless we have volunteers prepared to eventually become Office Bearers, we will not be able to make progress with these issues.

So I ask all members of the Club to think now about what they can do for the club over the next few years to keep it functioning and providing them with a well-organised program and well-maintained club room with a good administration to help them to enjoy their bridge in a pleasant environment.

In this newsletter, there is also a request for help with developing a marketing plan. If you have experience or an interest in marketing, please consider using this for the benefit of the club.

Other actions recommended on the basis of the Strategic Plan are being considered by the Management Committee and relevant sub-committees.

On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 we had been in our clubrooms for 9 years. The Toowoomba Regional Council will be reviewing our lease over the next few months and it is expected that it will be renewed for a further 10 years.

More details about the AGM, nomination forms and other information will be in the next newsletter in September.

A listing of Management Committee members and Office Bearers is in this newsletter.

Please take the time to read the reports and other items in this Newsletter so that you are informed of recent happenings, coming events and the ways in which you can assist our club to improve.

The club has three times been the target of vandals since April. Members are requested to be on the alert for any signs of vandalism and to contact a committee member if any are seen.

Congratulations to all the winners of the various events over the last few weeks and I hope everybody enjoyed their games during that time.

Many thanks to every volunteer who helps inside or outside the clubrooms. The Club can only operate effectively with your support.

Enjoy your Bridge  
Henry Eastment  
President

### Coming Events

#### Zone GNOT Qualifier

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August (Prequalification required)

#### Welfare Officer

Please contact Desley Hanrahan on (0416136779) or at the club if you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or suffering a bereavement and Desley will respond suitably on behalf of the Club.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Henry Eastment
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Adrian Mayers
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Margaret Tucker
<b>TREASURER</b>	Chris Snook
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	John Churchett Desley Hanrahan Jean Moetara David Roberts Lyn Vary

## OFFICE HOLDERS

<b>CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR</b>	Chris Snook
<b>CONGRESS CONVENOR</b>	David Roberts
<b>MASTERPOINT SECRETARY</b>	Chris Snook
<b>PROVIDOR</b>	Keith Jenkin
<b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY</b>	Glenys Clift
<b>QBA DELEGATES</b>	Chris Snook Lyn Vary David Roberts Roger Ley
<b>ZONAL DELEGATES</b>	Chris Snook Adrian Mayers Kim Nicoll
<b>PRESS OFFICER</b>	Kim Nicoll
<b>TEACHING COORDINATOR</b>	Glenys Clift
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>	Jean Moetara
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b>	John Churchett
<b>HOUSEKEEPER</b>	Lyn Vary
<b>SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR</b>	Henry Eastment
<b>WELFARE OFFICER</b>	Desley Hanrahan
<b>FIRST AID KIT, WH&amp;S</b>	Roger Ley
<b>TENANCY CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Bruce Hinchliffe
<b>INFORMATION &amp; TECHNOLOGY &amp; WEBMASTER</b>	Chris Snook David Roberts
<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>	Adrian Mayers
<b>GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b>	Trevor Glasby
<b>BOARD DEALING COORDINATOR</b>	Roger Ley
<b>BIRTHDAY CLUB</b>	Pam Gebbett
<b>RECORDER/CONCILIATION</b>	Margaret Wyche
<b>PARTNERSHIP ARRANGER</b>	Pam Gebbett

As well as the elected and appointed positions, the Toowoomba Bridge Club has three sub-committees to help coordinate the running of the club:

### TOURNAMENT SUB-COMMITTEE:

**Tournament Directors:** Chris Snook (Chair), Val Buchanan, Glenys Clift, Henry Eastment, Gabrielle Elich, Ian Jesser, Adrian Mayers, Ray Moore, Chris Snook, Ed Willey, Floyd Wilson, Liz Zeller

**Trainee Directors:** Trudy Dunne, Keith Jenkin, Leonie Spence

### FUNCTION and CATERING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Leonie Spence (Chair), Desley Hanrahan, the Providor (ex-officio) and the President (ex officio), Depending on the function, additional members will be the Congress Convenor, the Director of the session involved and the Chief Tournament Director or their nominees.

### TEACHING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Glenys Clift (Chair), Trudy Dunne, Denise Hartwig, Henry Eastment, Ian Jesser, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence, Liz Zeller, Ann Klibbe.

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
The Toowoomba Bridge Club would like to welcome the following new members

**Daryl Pepper**  
**Hazel Weis**  
**Helen Fitzgerald**  
**Valerie Inwood**  
**Suzette Cook**  
**Beverley Quinn**  
**Peter Bryce**  
**Sheranie Bryce**  
**Kevin Kelly**  
**Alison Banks**  
**Michael Mumford**  
**Carol Edwards**  
**Terrie Lobina**  
**Ian Newall**  
**Gwen Newall**  
**Peter Evans**  
**Sherry Gardiner**

Happy bridging!!

Our total club membership is now 444. Unfortunately over the last 2 months, two of our founding members, Harvey Billing and Edwin Willey have resigned. Harvey has relocated to Brisbane and Edwin has retired from bridge. Both joined the original Toowoomba Bridge Club in 1970 which was run by Col Martin, and had its inaugural meeting on the 26th October, 1959 (making it one of the oldest bridge clubs in Qld). It is easy to forget that our club today owes its beginnings to people like Edwin and Harvey who were amongst those responsible for the original clubhouse in Water Street.

**ADVICE TO NEW PLAYERS**  
From  
**AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE FEDERATION**

Phew..... finally you finish your beginner's course.....what now? We don't tell you that a bridge course is not actually just 6 or 8 lessons, but really you've started on a path for a lifetime that will give you pleasure provided you keep at it. NOW is the time to put all your hard learned facts together and practice. Most clubs offer Help with Play or supervised sessions, where you are able to play hands and ask for help when needed. You will probably stay in these for a few months, and really you should play more than once a week. DON'T let experienced players confuse you if they start telling you too much. You only need what you've learned in beginner's lessons at this stage, and you need to consolidate it. Slowly but surely the fog will lift, and although sometimes you don't feel you're getting anywhere, you really are. Bridge is a big journey, to be taken in small steps. There will be people at the bridge club to help you along the way, but you and your bridge partner can work together a lot too. Understanding your partner at the bridge table (your best friend during the game) is the key to success.

**TIPS ON BRIDGE ETIQUETTE**

If you encounter improper behaviour at the table, you should alert the session/competition director so that appropriate action can be taken.

A player is not allowed to touch a card held by another player. Even when the game is over, it is illegal to touch the cards of another player.

After the play of a hand is over, do not take an opponent's cards and look at them without asking permission.

During the session, conserve your energies to do battle at the next table. It is extremely poor taste (and a breach of etiquette) to abuse or criticise either your partner or an opponent.

When you are dummy, it is poor form to look at either opponent's hand or at declarer's. If you do, you lose your rights as dummy.

Never let a harsh word pass your lips and you will be a sought-after rather than a shunned partner.

They did this by bringing together three different bridge groups and then did it all again when we started fundraising for our present building. Edwin who was a Gold Life Master and a Director of our club, was also part of the Building Committee for Stuart Street and was in charge of the Fundraising Sub-Committee where he did a marvellous job. We thank them for everything they have done and wish them well for the future.  
Glenys Clift Membership Secretary.

## **New Master Rankings**

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved new rankings

Graduate Master	Ted Arundel Dan Daly Julie Dunn
Club Master	Patricia Egan Anne Hall Susan Hamilton Jim Kearnan
Local Master	Penny Astridge Kathleen Beckwith Tony Dunne Ron Newbury Marie Newbury Lawrence Price Ann Robertson Lucita Whitby Kay Wormwell
*Local Master	Rhonda Duck Judy King Jane Lawson Diana McDougall Marilyn Oakroot
**Local Master	Jean Bendall Lynette Bidgood Trevor Henderson Aino Jaatinen Alison Lewis Paul Matthews David Roberts Jane Tait
Regional Master	Coral Apel Margaret Tucker
State Master	Trudy Dunne
*State Master	Ann Klibbe
*National Master	Judith Briggs
**National Master	Kym Nicoll

Prefer to say too little than too much. If partner has bid or played the hand like an idiot, say 'bad luck' and leave it at that. Do not harp on past errors.

Never try to teach anyone at the table.

Conversations at the table during a game are generally unwelcome. Post-mortems after each hand, if limited, can be useful as long as they are constructive. The best way to develop your game with your partner is to keep a hand record and go over 'problems' with your partner after the session. This is not only a good thing in that it prevents 'blaming partner' at the table (and thus potentially humiliating them publicly), but it improves your communications in bidding.

When attending any club session ensure that you arrive at least 15 – 20 minutes before start of play. This will enable the director to determine the most appropriate 'movement' based on the number of players at the session. Late arrivals, if allowed to stay, will cause a delay in the start of play.

## TEACHING REPORT

### DATE CLAIMER:

There will be a new beginner course starting on Wednesday morning, the beginning of September. If members have any friends who have shown an interest in learning bridge, could you let them know and they can contact Trudy or Glenys for details.

### NEW FORMAT:

The new format for day and evening classes seems to be well received and working well. Denise Hartwig has repeated the 8 beginner lessons before taking her class onto the last 6 lessons. Because there is no separate beginner Supervised in the evening, this has enabled her class to get a better understanding of the basics.

With the Day Classes, after the first 8 lessons, four weeks were spent on tips for playing the cards as well as reinforcing the basics. This has been followed by a new format for the last 6 lessons where each lesson has been followed by a Supervised Play which has incorporated some hands from the previous week. The downside on this means it takes longer but the feedback to date has been pretty positive.

In September, all the lessons will be repeated to give the present class a chance to reinforce all the basics. Anyone starting lessons for the first time then, will be encouraged to redo the lessons again next year and come to Supervised Play.

Bearing in mind that most people learn bridge purely for social reasons, as long as you have a good understanding of the basic principles of bidding, you don't need all the fangled extra conventions to play a perfectly good game of bridge. That is for later after you have the basics under control and only if you want to.

Glenys Clift

## HOW TO CONFUSE BEGINNERS

The latest bit of so called "good advice" being given to beginners is to bid 1D with less than 5/6 points as a holding bid after their partner has opened 1C. Apparently the reasoning goes that rather than being left in 1C if everyone passes, it gives them a chance to bid something.

Irrespective of whether you play Better Minors or open Short Club NO BRIDGE TEACHER ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, would introduce this concept to beginners. When I asked the best player in our club, Adrian Mayers would he play this at his level – his answer was:

"ABSOLUTELY NOT". The only system they play this is in Precision where their 1C opening is their strongest opening bid showing at least 16 points or a 4-loser and 1D is the equivalent of a weak waiting bid.

A couple of years ago, beginners were told that playing Weak Twos was all the go and their only strong bid was 2C. The only problem was a few pointers got lost in translation. To open 2C with weak Twos you need to have a game force hand or 23 HCP. You virtually are playing opening at the 1-level with 12 -22.

And please, do not tell beginners that opening 1NT with a 5-card major is the way to go. It is a very good system for players who have all the basics under control and have been playing for a while but it involves a lot more than just showing 5-card major. The responses are very different to what most people play and the transfers are slightly different to Jacoby transfers.

Ho hum. Glenys Clift

## Thursday Night Teaching Program Denise Hartwig

Denise Hartwig will be conducting a further 6 week course for beginners and for anyone else who would like to do a refresher.

There will be PowerPoint slides and Lesson Notes with each lesson, \$5 per lesson. Anyone is welcome to come to just one or all lessons. Lessons go from 7pm – 9.30pm and includes practice hands.

18 August Both sides in the Bidding – Negative Doubles

25 August Opening Strong Balanced Hands

1 September Opening Strong Unbalanced Hands

8 September Opening weak 2H and 2S

15 September Pre-emptive Bids at the Three Level

22 September Looking for Slam

The above lessons will be accompanied by a couple of weeks practice play at the end of the sixth lesson.

## Wednesday Beginner Lessons Trudy Dunne & Glenys Clift

Providing there are enough new people, Trudy will run the Introduction to Bridge on the last Wednesday in August.

Starting on the first Wednesday in September all the lessons will be repeated over the next 14 weeks.

Any member who would like a revision is welcome to attend any of these lessons.

Check our Website for details.

## Winners are Grinners

The “Monthly Winner” awards are displayed on the noticeboard and on the club website. This is a good way to celebrate the high performing players in each session and also provide additional green masterpoints to those players who play regularly in club sessions.

### May Monthly Winners

Monday A Judy Briggs

Monday B Paul Matthews

Monday C Desley Hanrahan  
Tuesday Byron Longford & Adrian Mayers  
Wednesday am Jane Lawson & Judy King  
Wednesday pm Adrian Mayers & Henry Eastment  
Thursday Night Rene Grayson & Dave Edwards  
Friday am Aino Jaatinen & Glenda Filbee  
Friday pm Sandra Clark & Laurie-Marie McRoberts

### June Monthly Winners

Monday Judy Giesemann  
Tuesday Byron Longford & Adrian Mayers  
Wednesday am Jane Lawson & Judy King  
Wednesday pm Adrian Mayers & Henry Eastment  
Thursday Jenni Buckley & Jim Wood  
Thursday Night Coral Apel & Barbara Power  
Friday am Paul Matthews & Dave Roberts  
Friday pm Ian Jesser  
Saturday Adrian Mayers & Henry Eastment

In club competitions:

### Ivy Dahler Novice Pairs

Pam Hosfield & Steve Hosfield

### Ivy Dahler Novice Teams

Marlie Walker & Beryl Clark & Toni Tod & Susie Walker

### Club Teams Championship – Open section

Ian Jesser & Rhondda Dean & Robbie Fulton & Lorraine Sutton

### Club Teams Championship – Restricted section

Rosemary Kelley & Desley Mundell & Floyd Wilson & Majella Wilson

### Joyce Benson Cup

Jim Wood & Jenni Buckley

### Presidents Cup

Lee Hore & John Churchett

### Clive Berghofer Pairs

#### A Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Adrian Mayers & Henry Eastment

2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Snook & Glenys Clift

3<sup>rd</sup> Jenni Buckley & Jim Wood

#### B Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Power & Diana Drummond

2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Kirkpatrick & Lesley Meyers

3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Edwards & John Cox

### Tuesday Night Pro-Am

NS 1<sup>st</sup> Ian Jesser & Greg Munck

NS 2<sup>nd</sup> Will Higgins & Laurie Price

NS 3<sup>rd</sup> Lee Hore & Ann Klibbe

EW 1<sup>st</sup> John Erlandson & Pat Fenaughty

EW 2<sup>nd</sup> Edwin Willey & Frank Elston

EW 3<sup>rd</sup> Robbie Fulton & Dave Edwards

And on the Congress scene:

**Stanthorpe Congress (Novice section)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Klibbe & Leonie Spence

**Darling Downs Novice Pairs**

2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Matthews & Trevor Henderson

B 1<sup>st</sup> Glenda Downie & Jocelyn Hunt

B 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Cory & Lyn Vary

C 1<sup>st</sup> Marlie Walker & Beryl Clark

C 2<sup>nd</sup> Juleen Cavanaugh & Margaret Wyche

**Arana IMP Pairs**

3<sup>rd</sup> Diane Marler & Liz Zeller

**Lockyer Swiss Pairs**

B 1<sup>st</sup> Gerry Orrin & Joy Orrin

B 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Knight & Heather Bradley

B 3<sup>rd</sup> Jocelyn Hunt & Glenda Downie

Well done everyone ☺

Cheers

Chris

## In the Zone

### Grand National Open Teams

The GNOT is a gold masterpoint teams competition comprised of three stages. The first is a qualifying heat that runs in every club in Australia, then each zone runs an area semi-final, and then the top 64 teams play in the National Final (hosted at Tweed Heads at the end of November).

This year we had 20 teams play in the Wednesday Heat A, 9 teams play in the Tuesday Night Heat B and 9 teams play in the Saturday Heat C. The Toowoomba Club Qualifier was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. The Zone Area Final will be hosted by Toowoomba on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August, against the winners of the Qualifying Heats from the other clubs in the Darling Downs Zone.

We have two teams that advance to the Area Final are:

- Elizabeth Zeller, Patricia Larsen, Adrian Mayers, Henry Eastment, Nonie McCay and Col Hutton
- Jim Wood, Jenni Buckley, Robert Fulton and Lorraine Sutton

### Queensland Open Teams

The zone Qualifying Heat for the Queensland Open Teams was hosted by the Dalby Bridge Club on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The top two teams will advance to the Queensland Open Teams Championship hosted by Toowong on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August. We wish them well:

Adrian Mayers, Henry Eastment, Liz Zeller and Pat Larsen

Chris Snook, Denise Hartwig, Glenys Clift and Mohan Trada

### Queensland Open Pairs

The zone Qualifying Heat for the Queensland Open Pairs was hosted by the Warwick Bridge Club on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The top three pairs will advance to play in the State Championship on 15/16 October. We wish them well:

John Churchett and Eileen Josey

Noela Collins and Mavis Simpson (Warwick)

John Rose and David Moran (Warwick)

Cheers

Chris

## Masterpoint Secretary's Report

Total masterpoints earned in the club over the past few months were:

	Green	Red	Gold	Tables
April	160.71	40.80	46.08	431.0
May	154.48	24.86		399.0
June	147.69	63.68	35.84	404.5

So far this year our top ten masterpoint earners are:

	Player	Total	2016	Rank*
1	Zeller, Elizabeth	731.80	68.00	237
2	Larsen, Patricia	1,120.10	63.17	274
3	Jesser, Ian	757.25	51.90	377
4	Longford, Byron	639.93	43.43	527
5	Mayers, Adrian	3,267.62	39.86	614
6	McRoberts, Laurie-Marie	435.30	37.28	678
7	Eastment, Henry	1,025.16	36.97	688
8	Hartwig, Denise	287.50	36.03	718
9	Fulton, Robert	444.54	30.46	954
10	Snook, Chris	720.46	30.12	977

\* Ranking out of the 41,280 registered players

The ABF also publish a list of the highest performing player in each "master ranking". These are called the McCutcheon Rankings – see the ABF Masterpoint Centre website for details. We have a similar ranking for players in the state of Queensland, called the James O'Sullivan Rankings. Your homework is to find out about these two famous bridge administrators and players (one is easy because there is a clue in our clubrooms).

Toowoomba folk who are doing well in the James O'Sullivan rankings are:



Player	2016	Place in O'Sullivan Award
Zeller, Liz	68.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Silver Life
McRoberts, Laurie-Marie	37.28	8 <sup>th</sup> in Life
Gebbett, Pamela	26.31	9 <sup>th</sup> in **National
Hartwig, Denise	36.03	6 <sup>th</sup> in *National
Vary, Lyn	14.06	8 <sup>th</sup> in **Local
Matthews, Paul	16.44	9 <sup>th</sup> in *Local
Roberts, David	14.68	4 <sup>th</sup> in Local
King, Judy	12.13	7 <sup>th</sup> in Local
Henderson, Trevor	12.01	8 <sup>th</sup> in Local
Lawson, Jane	15.75	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Club
Hanrahan, Desley	11.34	6 <sup>th</sup> in Club
Davey, Pam	6.89	6 <sup>th</sup> in Graduate

I do need to remind you that the “masterpoints” printed on the noticeboard or shown on our website in the Results section or the Individual Results section, are provisional until I check and process them at the end of the month and they are approved by the ABF Masterpoint Centre.

It is easy to check your masterpoints (or your friends) on the ABF website. Simply visit:

<http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au>

and click on “Player – Masterpoints Lookup”.

You can do this on the NEC computers in the club at any time. If you feel that you are missing some masterpoints, check with the Club Masterpoint Secretary in the first instance.

Cheers

Chris

## Social Bridge

An interesting discussion emerged a few weeks ago.

You might have noticed that in our Bridge Diary sessions that are not part of a competition are labelled as “Social”. We also run a number of “Supervised Play” or “Restricted Sessions”.

We play duplicate bridge which means that, in order, the 2007 Laws of Duplicate Bridge, QBA Tournament Regulations and Toowoomba Bridge Club By-Laws and any published Tournament Regulations apply. Congresses, Competitions, Social, Graded and Restricted sessions all follow the same rules and regulations .... But there can be a slightly different approach, which I will explain below.

From the "Introduction to the 2007 Laws of Duplicate Bridge" come the following definitions - which the Laws explicitly state form part of these laws:

"may" .. failure to do it is not wrong  
 "does" .. establishes correct procedure without suggesting that violation be penalised  
 "should" .. failure to do so is an infraction that jeopardises the rights of the infractor but often not penalised  
 "shall" .. a violation will incur a procedural penalty more often than not  
 "must" .. the strongest word - a serious matter  
 "must not" .. the strongest prohibition.

### SOCIAL BRIDGE

There is no such game as "social bridge". We just play bridge, and the Laws apply to everyone.

However, I would expect that in a "social" session that the Director will be more gentle and will understand that not all players are experienced and thus they may not know the correct procedure in all situations. Thus, we apply the laws ... but gently.

In regular sessions, major competitions and congresses, it is reasonable to expect that all players have an understanding of correct procedure and thus we (whilst still being nice) should apply the laws pertaining to correct procedure more.

### COVERING THE BIDDING SLIP

Covering the bidding slip is needed to follow correct procedure established by Law 20C2 which uses "may" as in “may at his first turn to play, require all previous calls to be restated”. So we expect people to do this but if all four at the table don't bother then there is often no problem with leaving the slip exposed.

However, the QBA Regulations make this Law come true by stating that the bidding slip should be covered when the second defender plays - the regulation says "should" which means it is an infraction that jeopardises the rights of the infractor (usually a defender).

If all four players are happy to leave the bidding slip exposed then they are not following correct procedure but I do not see it as being a problem worthy of capital punishment. However, if there is a later complaint that a defender chose to lead a card because they could see the bidding slip, then we would have to consider via Law 16 whether this **extraneous information** affected the choice of lead, and if so, we might rule against the offender. There is still no punishment, we are just restoring equity. This is why we, as Directors and senior players, should stress that everyone follows correct procedure and why we should lead by example and cover the bidding slip automatically.

If I arrive at a table where one player has highlighted that the table has not followed correct procedure (eg cover the bidding slip) but they want to, then I would support that player and tell the table to cover. If they then refuse to follow a Director instruction, then we consider a few more reminders and ultimately must act with a Procedural Penalty.

#### DISPLAY CARDS IN ORDERLY MANNER

We see many disputes at the club that appear to arise because players don't acquit their tricks correctly. Law 65C tells us "Each player arranges his own cards in an orderly overlapping row in the sequence played, so as to permit review of the play after its completion, if necessary to determine the number of tricks won by each side or the order in which the cards were played".

Law 65D continues "A player **should not** disturb the order of his played cards until agreement has been reached on the number of tricks won. A player who fails to comply with the provisions of this Law jeopardises his right to claim ownership of doubtful tricks or to claim (or deny) a revoke.

Again, we see it would be rare in club play to apply a penalty to someone who muddles up their cards before all players have agreed to the number of tricks ... but if there is any later dispute the Director will most likely decide in favour of the other side.

#### WHO CAN TOUCH THE BIDDING SLIPS?

This is an easy answer and also a hard one. Obviously anyone, when it is their turn to bid!

NS as the stationary pair in most sessions are primarily responsible for the table so they touch the bidding slip first and last. If EW want to keep the bidding slip after the hand is over, then that is fine. If both NS and EW want to keep the bidding slip, then they need to come to some arrangement amongst themselves. If they can't then they need to go back to kindergarten.

Otherwise the Laws and Regulations say NS prevail and my common sense suggestion is for EW to keep a little notebook with you and reproduce the auction there.

#### ARE WE ALLOWED TO WRITE ON THE BIDDING SLIPS TO TEACH AN IDEA?

NO. There should be no teaching at the table.

#### DUMMY PLAYS THE CARDS

Law 45 F covers this with a "may not", but it does say that if Dummy touches or indicates a card then the Director **shall** be summonsed (remember "shall" is quite strict). At the end of play, the Director shall

award an adjusted score if he considers dummy suggested a line of play to Declarer *and* the Defenders were damaged by the play suggested.

#### SUPERVISED PLAY

Supervised Play sessions are permitted via Law 40C3(a) which states "Unless permitted by the Regulating Authority a player is not entitled during the auction and play periods to any aids to his memory, calculation or technique. As the Regulating Authority, the Toowoomba Bridge Club has given permission via this Law so that players can look at their notes, ask for help, etc. The ABF Masterpoint Scheme permits such contests but masterpoints awards are at a reduced rate.

Cheers  
Chris

### Treasurers Report

As at the end of June 2016, the club had  
\$ 43,083.80 in the General account  
\$ 7,635.10 in the Congress account  
\$ 57,452.36 in Term Deposit 1  
\$ 11,409.87 in Term Deposit 2  
\$ 52,699.96 in Term Deposit 3  
For a total of \$172,281.09 "in the bank".

The term deposits are a sinking fund to pay for future repairs and associated works. Our book value "depreciation" is \$199,856.00 for the building, \$39,228.00 for furniture and equipment and \$59,336.00 for fixtures and fittings. Our building depreciation is determined at double the normal rate to take into account our potential 20-year lease. Our sinking funds cover the depreciation of furniture, equipment, fixtures and fittings – so we are in good shape provided we continue as we have over the past few years. There will come a time when we have to replace the carpet, repaint the building and roof, re-pave the carpark, replace the air-conditioning and ventilation system; and we and future Management Committees must always keep enough in reserve to cover the worst case scenario.

In the 11 months thus far of our financial year, our total income has been \$138,876.23 and total expenses have been \$111,549.99.

Significant expenses over the past three months have included:



QBA membership levy	\$4648.00
ABF membership levy	\$4965.00
ABF masterpoints Jan-Mar	\$886.52
Concrete path for shed	\$715.00
Final payment on shed	\$3225.00
Club and building insurance	\$1388.00
Electricity Bill for 8359 kW-hr	\$2205.94
Volunteers Insurance	\$379.78
New dishwasher UC668	\$3393.00
Electrical work for new dishwasher	\$667.00
Your donation to Neuroscience Research	\$1132.00
Honorariums (6 mths for dealing, teaching)	\$6855.00

Overall, our club continues to do well in providing excellent playing facilities for the game we all love so much.

Cheers  
Chris

### Lightner Double in action

By Edwin Willey

Lightner Double is a double of a slam by the non-leading opponent; it requests the lead of dummy's first bid suit. Here it is in action from the 2015 TBC Pairs Championship.

**Board 23** void  
 Dealer S **QJT865**  
 Both vul. **AJ6**  
**Q86542 AKQ8 JT973**  
**A92 7**  
**Void KQ54**  
**7532 AK J64**  
**K43**  
**T98732**  
**T9**

**Auction:** S W N E  
 Meakins Sutton Willey Fulton  
**nb 2S<sup>1</sup> 3C<sup>2</sup> 3S**  
**4D<sup>3</sup> nb 5H<sup>4</sup> nb**  
**6H<sup>5</sup> double<sup>6</sup> end.**

<sup>1</sup> Weak Two

<sup>2</sup> Fishbein – suit above for takeout over weak twos or threes.

<sup>3</sup> Not put-off by the interference.

<sup>4</sup> If partner hold DK there is an excellent play in 5H; this jump asks partner to raise with HA and/or HK.

<sup>5</sup> I do have one of them.

<sup>6</sup> Lightner double. Demands lead of dummy's first bid suit.

Bruce and I were the only pair in 6H. Robbie and Lorraine had spoken to each other about Lightner Doubles; Robbie had diamonds, so led the DK. I smiled, until Lorraine trumped it; and I still had to lose the trump ace. So Lorraine smiled last-and best.

The contract makes on any other lead. Well done, Lorraine and Robbie.

Ed. Robbie is very fortunate to have a great mentor in Lorraine

### KITCHEN HELPERS

A big thank you to all who help in the kitchen at club sessions and events alike-we all enjoy a little something to eat with our cuppa.

However we are obliged to maintain certain standards as determined by Food Standards of Australia.

The following requirements are on display in the kitchen, in a couple of places, and we a need to make every effort to comply.

### FOOD HANDLING PROCEDURES

The following procedures need to be adhered to so that the Club meets the Food Standards of Australia (reference: foodstandards.gov.au).

1. Wipe down all benches with methylated spirits and water before preparing any food items.
2. Wash your hands and wear disposable rubber gloves whilst handling food.
3. Do not eat or drink while preparing foodstuffs.
4. If you have a cold or a sniffle, ask someone else to take your place.
5. Maintain a high standard of personal hygiene.
6. Dispose of all milk and foodstuffs that have been offered to members during a session. Better to underestimate requirements than over supply as surplus needs to be binned.
7. Dispose of any food that may be contaminated or be past its Use by Date.
8. Wipe down all benches with methylated spirits and water after the end of the session.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Management Committee

June 2016



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## Safety Issue

Parking at the club is becoming a safety issue. Although we have 63 parking spaces, these are filled on Monday afternoon and often on Congress days.

On the days when the car park is full, members need to be aware that there are some areas that they should not use for safety reasons and the club has a duty of care to alert members to this.

**Members should not park in areas other than in parking bays designated by two white lines or two lines of white discs and their vehicle should be between the lines and not overlapping two bays.**

The grassed area on the South West section of the building is not part of the car park and should not be used as such.

Parking in the following areas in particular will result in the partial blocking of lanes for traffic movement and/or lines of sight for drivers.

- A. The small area to the west of the avocado tree. A car parked in this area will have its rear partially blocking the path of vehicles moving from parking spaces to the west and south of that area.
- B. The area to the West of the Jacaranda tree at the front of the block as this impedes the vision of drivers entering the car park and partially blocks the passage for traffic in and out of the car park.
- C. The council strip to the South of the entrance as in doing so, departing drivers have their vision impeded thus creating a potentially dangerous situation.

Council has also specified that vehicles parked on the verge north of our block should be parallel parked not angle parked and it is possible that

Council traffic infringement notices may be issued to members who are angle parked.

I ask members to consider the above when using the car park as we are not in a position to increase the number of parking spaces available and we do not want accidents occurring in our car park.

One way of reducing the pressure on our parking is for members to increase carpooling thus reducing the number of vehicles on the site. Please consider this.

Henry Eastment  
President

24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## Hygiene

Hand sanitiser is available for use for all at the club. Bottles are located at the front door and in the kitchen area. Please use it before handling food or cards.

## The Birthday Club

Please accept my apologies if your good wishes do not arrive on your birthday. I try to get them to you on time but the post is very erratic. If you notify the Club Secretary of any change of address, or if we have the wrong date of your birth, I would be grateful.

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## Card Care

Could all members please ensure their hands are clean before handling cards. Hand sanitiser is available.

Also could members refrain from bending cards during or following the play of the hand.

Bent or dirty cards do not deal well through the dealing machine and the pack may need to be discarded.

## *Session Rules Reminder*

Players should be **seated** 10 minutes prior to the start of play for a session.

The Director makes the final decision on seating arrangements and on playing arrangements in the room (eg windows, airconditioning).

Only **green** and **blue** systems are permitted in club events.

System cards are compulsory for competitions and red master point events and strongly recommended for all other sessions.

No notices are permitted on the noticeboards unless approval is given from the club Executive.

## *When leaving the club rooms make sure that*

- All bins are emptied.
- Each table is tidied ready for the next session.
- Close and lock all windows
- Close the blinds.
- Check the back doors are locked.
- Make sure no one is in the toilets or offices
- Find the cat and put it outside
- Lights off and alarm on
- Check the front door latches properly.

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