



GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

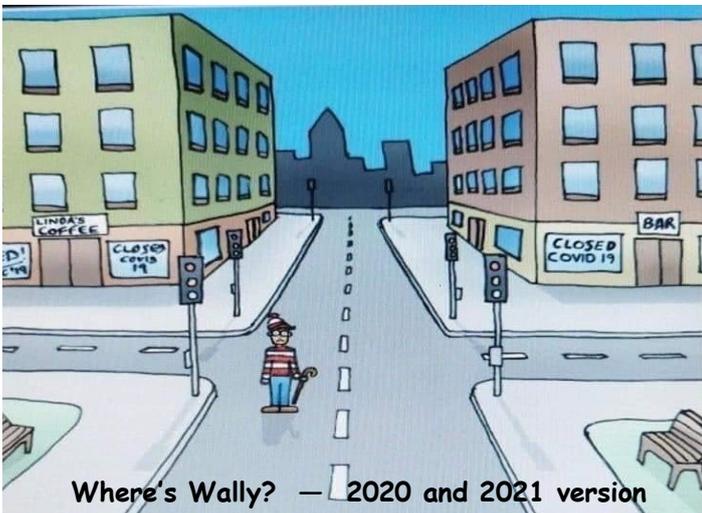


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Hello fellow bridge club members,

- And so another year living with Covid ends. Wow, who could have guessed the global impact this pandemic would have on the entire world? These days, lines are drawn in the sand between the vaccinated and the un-vaccinated. In a further twist, everyone who wishes to play bridge at our club now has to be double vaccinated – and be able to prove it with a current vaccination certificate. But we're not alone. Most businesses, clubs, cafes, entertainment venues etc, are now insisting on proof via the government's vac certificate if you wish to shop, dine, party etc at any of these public places and venues. Many believe it is an infringement on a person's rights to make them do this, while others believe in the science and realise that unless everyone is vaccinated, the virus can, and does, mutate and infect others. Your choice, they say, but I personally would be devastated if I was the reason or cause of a relative or friend getting the rona simply because I wasn't vaccinated.

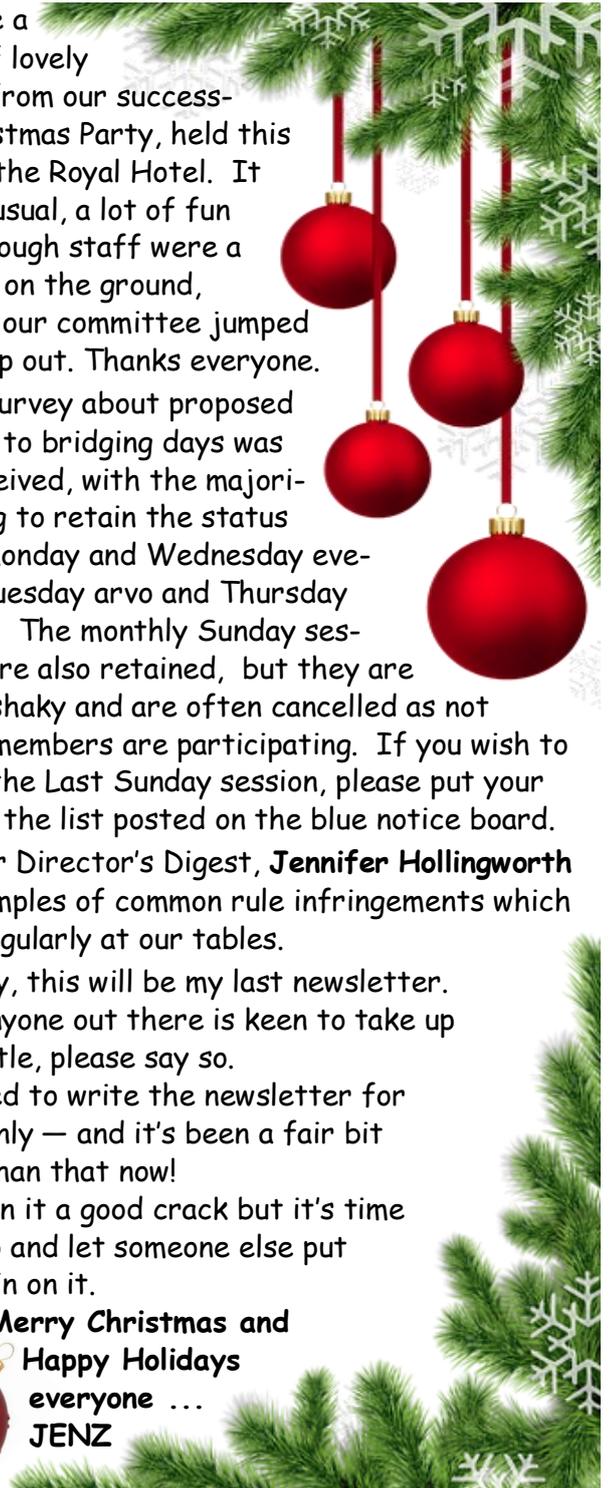
- **The club needs dealers! Can you assist? It's a simple task which will take about two hours of your precious time, generally once every two months. Let me know if you're interested.**



Where's Wally? — 2020 and 2021 version

- We've a bevy of lovely photos from our successful Christmas Party, held this year at the Royal Hotel. It was, as usual, a lot of fun and although staff were a tad thin on the ground, some of our committee jumped in to help out. Thanks everyone.
- The survey about proposed changes to bridging days was well received, with the majority voting to retain the status quo – Monday and Wednesday evenings, Tuesday arvo and Thursday morning. The monthly Sunday sessions were also retained, but they are looking shaky and are often cancelled as not enough members are participating. If you wish to play on the Last Sunday session, please put your name on the list posted on the blue notice board.
- In our Director's Digest, **Jennifer Hollingworth** has examples of common rule infringements which occur regularly at our tables.
- Finally, this will be my last newsletter. So if anyone out there is keen to take up the mantle, please say so. I offered to write the newsletter for a year only – and it's been a fair bit longer than that now! I've given it a good crack but it's time to let go and let someone else put their spin on it.

**Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays
everyone ...
JENZ**



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OUR BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

- 6: Joy Anderson
- 22: Marilyn Virtue
- 25: Merv Rettke
- 27: Jan Beckett
- 28: Peter Coppin

AND JANUARY

- 6: Tania Hooper
- 7: Joan Woodward
- 15: Bevan Anderson
- 15: Lesley Wilson
- 17: Bernadette Baxter
- 17: Margaret Angel
- 25: Steph Richardson

AND FEBRUARY

- 7: Carolann Verity
- 11: Sue Schierning
- 18: Robyn Milligan
- 22: Bryan Blacka
- 25: Jenz Davidson
- 26: Ed Beckett

President's report

Summer edition

Hello to my fellow bridge club members,

It is a pleasure to deliver my very first President's Report.

Our sympathies are extended to one of our directors and esteemed players, Trevor Simpson. Due to personal pressures, Trevor can no longer play bridge on Wednesday evenings. Hopefully, he can continue playing on Tuesday afternoons. I'm sure I speak for everyone at the club in wishing him and his wife all the very best in whatever their future brings.

Numbers are not as good as they could be in our two evening sessions. I know that not everyone has the ability (eyesight, driving at night) or the desire to come out and play *all* evening sessions, but, if you're able and you've slipped a bit since Covid, do organise a partner and come along again.

If you've trouble finding a partner, phone our Partnership Co-ordinator Rennie on 5482 5369 or if you're on Facebook, join Messenger, and post your "I'm looking for a partner" query on our "find a partner" app. (On this note, while a small amount of imbibing will no doubt take place over the Christmas break, keep your eyes open for potential new members for lessons next year.)

The Queensland government, in its wisdom, is making it mandatory for all clubs to have a dual jobs immunisation policy to gain entry to a club. This is being implemented at our club with proof of immunisation being noted and recorded. I am not yet aware of what the policy will be for those who, for whatever reason, cannot get vaccinated and have a valid doctor's certificate to back it up.

State-wide meetings are now being held via ZOOM over the internet with Kim Ellaway, other state officers and lots of club delegates.

The Christmas season is fast approaching. Our annual Christmas Party was held earlier this week, at the Royal Hotel — a new venue for the club. Take a look at our photos from the event included in this newsletter.

And a reminder ... although everyone does have until 28 February to pay bridge fees, they are now due. And our marvelous treasurer Kay Kerr, has managed to keep our club fees down to the same as last year. Thanks Kay.

I would also like to thank Jenz for her several years of writing, producing and printing our newsletters. Her journalistic expertise will be missed. Anyone out there willing to take on the job?

A merry Christmas to all and a happy and prosperous new year. Come back next year refreshed, invigorated, and ready for a great 2022. Bridge will kick off again on Monday evening, 3 January.

Keith Johnson

Consider this . . .

Four boards from our Gympie Coolum Interclub Day held on 27 October, 2021
28 pairs competed for red points on this successful day of bridge.

Board 7, AM session. A E/W club, spade, or NT slam here with the majority in spades, but no-one in slam.

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|-------------|--|--------------|------------------|--|--|
| | | North | <i>Dir: S</i> | | |
| | | ♠T2 | <i>Vul: Both</i> | | |
| | | ♥Q97543 | | | |
| | | ♦KQ2 | | | |
| | | ♣J3 | | | |
| West | | East | | | |
| ♠K98 | | ♠AQJ43 | | | |
| ♥A6 | | ♥T | | | |
| ♦JT94 | | ♦A7 | | | |
| ♣K642 | | ♣AQT85 | | | |
| | | South | | | |
| | | ♠765 | | | |
| | | ♥KJ82 | | | |
| | | ♦8653 | | | |
| | | ♣97 | | | |

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|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| North | East | South | West |
| 2D or 2H ¹ | X or 2S ² | P | P |
| P | 4S ⁵ | P ³ | 3S ⁴ |
| | | All pass | |

- ¹ Either a standard "weak 2" bid (2H) or Multi 2 (2D), showing 6 or more in a major and less than 10 points.
² Again, depending on your system, either X to show opening values, or overcall.
³ South has hearts, but no outside support in the other suits.
⁴ West shows their strength, but 8 losers, hence 3 not 4S.
⁵ East may ace ask, rather than signing off in 4S. After a 5H reply, they would king ask and with a 5S reply showing two, signs off in 6S.

Board 14, AM session. All N/S way, with 4S making 11, although some also bid 3NT, which bombs.

| | | | | | |
|-------------|--|--------------|------------------|--|--|
| | | North | <i>Dir: E</i> | | |
| | | ♠Q8 | <i>Vul: None</i> | | |
| | | ♥QT32 | | | |
| | | ♦Q76 | | | |
| | | ♣KQ65 | | | |
| West | | East | | | |
| ♠K7432 | | ♠AJ965 | | | |
| ♥94 | | ♥K | | | |
| ♦843 | | ♦KT52 | | | |
| ♣J73 | | ♣984 | | | |
| | | South | | | |
| | | ♠T | | | |
| | | ♥AJ8765 | | | |
| | | ♦AJ9 | | | |
| | | ♣AT2 | | | |

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| North | East | South | West |
| 4C ² | P ¹ | 1H | P |
| 5C | P | 4D ³ | P |
| | | 5D ⁴ | All pass |

- ¹ East has enough HCPs to bid, but 8 losers, so passes.
² After South's opening 1H bid, North, with 11HCPs, 7 losers and 4-heart support, bids 4C, knowing they'll either be in a heart contract, or NTs.
³ South shows 3 aces, so North bids on for kings.
⁴ With South showing no kings, North bids 5H. It is possible to take 12 tricks, if, after two rounds of trumps, clubs are played before diamonds, ruffing the 9D on the 5C.

Thank you Jeanette for the bidding advice!

Board 9, PM session. An N/S slam here, with all making 11, 12 or 13 tricks in diamonds. No one bid the club slam.

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|-------------|--|--------------|-----------------|--|--|
| | | North | <i>Dir: N</i> | | |
| | | ♠7 | <i>Vul: E-W</i> | | |
| | | ♥A5 | | | |
| | | ♦AKQJT76 | | | |
| | | ♣KQT | | | |
| West | | East | | | |
| ♠AKJ4 | | ♠QT852 | | | |
| ♥KJT987 | | ♥642 | | | |
| ♦3 | | ♦94 | | | |
| ♣98 | | ♣762 | | | |
| | | South | | | |
| | | ♠963 | | | |
| | | ♥Q3 | | | |
| | | ♦852 | | | |
| | | ♣AJ543 | | | |

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|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| North | East | South | West |
| 2C ¹ | P | 3C ² | X ³ |
| 4C ⁴ | P | 4H | P |
| 6D | All pass | | |

- ¹ A 3-loser hand with 20+hcp.
² With points, South bids their long suit.
³ West has opening values, so shows partner with the X, hoping to bid hearts next round.
⁴ North bids 4C and after South's bids 4H with one ace, North goes straight to 6D. North has to lose SK, but then plays two rounds of trumps, CK and CQ, goes over to CA, and then plays CJ ruffing 5H, and 6 makes.

Board 17, PM session. A possible E/W diamond slam but majority bid 5D or 3NT, making 11 or 12.

| | | | | | |
|-------------|--|--------------|-----------------|--|--|
| | | North | <i>Dir: N</i> | | |
| | | ♠J852 | <i>Vul: Nil</i> | | |
| | | ♥32 | | | |
| | | ♦T97 | | | |
| | | ♣J975 | | | |
| West | | East | | | |
| ♠A64 | | ♠K3 | | | |
| ♥A84 | | ♥95 | | | |
| ♦A843 | | ♦KQ652 | | | |
| ♣AQ6 | | ♣K832 | | | |
| | | South | | | |
| | | ♠QT97 | | | |
| | | ♥KQJT76 | | | |
| | | ♦J | | | |
| | | ♣T4 | | | |

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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| North | East | South | West |
| P | P ¹ | 1H ² | X ³ |
| P | 2D | 2S ⁴ | 3D |
| P | 5H | 6S | All pass |

- ¹ Some may open with 11HCP & 1 length point.
² Although this could be bid as a weak 2, Jeanette advises with **4 cards in the other major**, keep it low, as partners could miss a fit in that other major with weak-2 bid.
³ West tells partner "I've got points and whatever your bid, I can support it."
⁴ South will either bid their spades, or pass.
⁵ 3D?, 3NT?, 5D? All are possibilities here, but 3NT with an overtrick is the better score.



Director's Digest



Covering the bidding slip — and more

This time, I've listed just a few matters of the Laws of Bridge that are flouted in our club sessions. These points are covered in the laws and regulations of bridge, and offenders may find themselves with an adjusted score or a penalty.

• It has long been a battle at this club (and other clubs too) to *cover the bidding slip after the third player has played their card on the first round*. This is a rule of bridge, because no one is entitled to a review of the auction after this point. Just as you should know what conventions etc are on your system card, you are also expected to remember the bidding of a hand - and you are not entitled to "review" the options as the game progresses.

• Another bug-bear is people discussing a hand after it's been played - and their discussion being overheard by other players. It spoils the game for those players and is unfair on the rest of the field. If you need to discuss something about the hands, do so in a way that can't be overheard.



• Turning a played card over before everyone has played to the trick. Apart from being contrary to the laws, it is confusing to other players and can lead to cards not being played to tricks or too many cards being played to a trick.

• A similar issue is when a player wants to see the cards just played to the trick after they have been turned over. The laws allow a player to ask others to re-face the card played to the last trick until such time as they have turned their own card over. Once that happens, they can't ask to see the other cards played to the trick even if they turn their own card back over.

• Dummy can take no part in the play. For example, Dummy can't "suggest" a card before declarer names one; can't be the first to call attention to an infraction; must not look at an opponent's system card (it suggests to declarer than there might be something they should be aware of); and must not move dummy's cards to fill a gap created by a void. — *Abridged*

Good bridging — Jennifer



It's on the cards



— Congratulations to all our winners below —

• The two-session, red points **Rhoda Clifford Nett** competition was held on Tuesday, 5 October and the following Tuesday, 12 October. The handicap winners were Carolann Verity and Jennifer Hollingworth with Jane Lennox and Rudy Meyer second, and Nev and Adele Harington third.

• The **Gympie Teams Congress** was held on Sunday, 17 October. The top Gympie team, in 8th spot was B-grade's Keith Johnson, Kay Kerr, Jenz Davidson and Jane Lennox. In 9th, also playing in the B-grade, was Rennie Pettit, Kelly Chapman, Trevor Simpson and Steven Verity. Our top A-grade team, in 11th place, was Edgar and Jan Beckett with Nev Harington and Sue Schierning.

• The **Gympie/Coolum Interclub day** was held on Wednesday, 27 October. Coolum's Ken Dawson and Noosa's Dick Trollope were first, with Peter Coppin and Keith Johnson second and Nannette Jones and Lesley Wilson third.

— Upcoming events —

• **Our last Sunday of the Month** bridge session continues to be poorly patronised, forcing its cancellation often this year. However, hope springs eternal and the Sunday sessions covered by this newsletter will be on: Sunday 30 January, and 27 February. Note: No Sunday bridge in December.

• Our first major event of the year will be a red points **Australia Day Pairs**, being held on **Wednesday** night, 26 January.

• The red points **Summer Pairs** is on Thursday morning, 10 February.

• The club **Teams Championship**, with a morning and afternoon session, will be on Sunday, 13 February.

• That biggest event on the calendar is back on this year — the **Gold Coast Congress**, starting Friday, 18 February to Saturday 26 February.

• The **Wide Bay Zone** playoffs are in M'boro on Sunday, 6 March. Can we get a good turnout this year?

Christmas cheer at our Party

Thursday night (16 December), was a great night out for more than 40 club members and their partners. Here's some photos of those at the Royal Hotel get together.



ABOVE: From left: Lester, Tertia, Brian, Rhonda and Merv.

RIGHT: Serious mens' business. From left, Nev, Bevan and Marty.

BELOW: One half of a successful Hawaiian pair, Steven with his winning certificate. Absent is "the other half", Trevor.



Christmas cheer at our Party

Thursday night (16 December) at the Royal Hotel



FROM LEFT: Jane, Sue, Neil, Muriel and Rudy.



ABOVE: Ross, Nanette, Shirley, Kelly, Shirley & Bevan. BELOW: Kathi, Marty, Steve, Merri & Des. (Lester & Tertia at other table).





Christmas cheer at our Party

Thursday night (16 December) at the Royal Hotel



ABOVE: Adele, Nev, Barry, Fran, Lesley and Ruth.

LEFT: Prolific winners this year, Jennifer and Carolann.

RIGHT: Adele shone with her garland of flashing lights.

BELOW: Kay, president Keith, Rennie and Peter.





Christmas cheer at our Party

ABOVE: Steven, John, Shirley, Dean, Carolann and Jennifer.

BELOW: Kaylene, Lee, Kay, Peter, Keith and Mavis.

