



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

March all ready and it's now Autumn. (well by the calendar anyway). Our busy year of bridge has started, with Summer Pairs, Teams of 3, GNOT Teams play offs and Pairs Championships, and more to come. The lessons have also started. Rather a disappointing turn up this year, but if we can keep them, then it won't be so bad. We seem to spend months teaching them and only keep the odd few. Have you read Jennifer's letter to the committee that is on the notice board regarding the treatment of beginners?

Now that the road is open again, it is good to get back to normal with our parking. I wonder if the council is going to repair the lawn? I noticed that the school children are wandering though the bridge club land and leaning/sitting on the cars on their way to the car park. Lets hope that they don't do any damage.

Those that went to the Gold Coast Congress had a good time. It is a great experience even though you don't actually expect to win. Arlette has had another operation and is slow to mend at the moment. Lets hope that she is recovered soon. Also one of our newer members, Lesley McHugh has had heart problems. I hear that she is now on the mend.

Welcome to our new members. Ruth & John Sparrow and Loraine Bishop. We hope they enjoy playing with our Club members.

Also, Val Jerram (one of last years beginners is looking for a partner. Call her on 5481 1415 if you are interested)

Congratulations to Ruth Greentree and Lesley Wilson on winning the Wide Bay Zone Novice Pairs event held in Maryborough, on Sunday 13th March. Well done, ladies.



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BIRTHDAY BOOK

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Birthdays in APRIL

*Trevor Simpson
Brian Brink
Jen Wright*

And in MAY we have:

*Margaret Bazzan
Judith Malcolm
Fran McDonald
Angela Blomfield
Kathi Vince
Pat Feeney*

Hi

We have purchased boards and cards and now a complete congress set.

Congratulation, Sue & Chris on winning the Club Pairs Championship.

We had twenty members playing at the Gold Coast this year and all got some

Gold points: Jennifer doing the best with 8.45.

Good luck to the three teams who qualified to go Maryborough for the GNOT semi finals

Bridge is fun

Pete.



If I have missed your birthday, it is not intentional. So, please let me know and I will amend my Birthday list.



Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

Results of recent events

SUMMER PAIRS Thursday am 4th Feb. Red Point:

- 1st - Bill Thorne & George Konyi
- 2nd - Ross Muirhead & Sue Schierning
- 3rd - Chris Lucas & Keith Johnson



TEAMS OF 3 (over 2 weeks, 8th & 15th February)

Overall winning Teams were

- 1st: Coppin Team (Peter Coppin, Rennie Pettit, John Byrnes & Steven Verity)
- 2nd: Hollingworth Team (Jennifer, Kathi Vince, Ross Plowman & Keith Brown)
- 3rd: Bishop B. Team (Bill Bishop, Ron Organ, Shelly Gauld & Ross Chapman)

PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS (over 2 weeks, 8th & 15th March)

Week One WINNERS - Lee Lewis & Marilyn Virtue

Week two WINNERS - Sue Schierning & Chris Lucas

OVERALL WINNERS are: Sue Schierning & Chris Lucas

2nd - Cathy Reed & Kevin Feeney

3rd - Lee Lewis & Marilyn Virtue

GNOT TEAMS eligible to go to Maryborough for the semi's are:

Roughley Team - (Jeanette, Peter C, Jennifer & Carolann)

Kerr Team - (Kay, Diana, Rennie & Kelly)

Harrington Team - (Nev. Adele, Margaret B & Nannette).

COMING EVENTS ARE.

 GYMPIE CONGRESS Pairs on Saturday 16th April & Teams on Sunday 17th April.

Don't wait too long to get your entry in, as they are filling fast. Also food, kitchen helpers and emergencies are needed for either or both days.

Please, see Kay for details.

TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday 15th May, Red Point

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS (over 2 weeks) Monday 16th & 23rd May. Red Point. Players need a different partner for each day.



Director's Corner

Firstly, a repeat from last newsletter. I apologise for sounding (or reading) like a cracked record but problems are still occurring in the **Declaring** department. So here we go again:

When declaring, it is not enough to display your hand and say 'the rest are mine', or worse, say nothing at all. You **must** state your line of play for the rest of the tricks, taking particular care to account for any outstanding trumps. If you fail to do this, the Director should be called by the opposition and if there is any possibility that the opposition could have taken a trick, they will be awarded that trick. Most importantly, once a declaration is made and has been disputed, the cards **cannot** then be played out and the Director **must** be called.

As a director, I do find it frustrating when making announcements that a small percentage of players do not listen. Directors do not waffle on for no reason (they usually don't have time), so if the Director is addressing the players, it is because they wish to tell them something that is important to the game. So many times, players say "I didn't know that" when it is something that has been announced. So please take in what the Director is saying.

There are quite a few players who have obviously never played poker and never should! So much information can be given away by body language. When bidding and playing, remain impassive regardless of how difficult your hand might be to bid or how dismayed you may be at your partner's bid or lead. Any concerns in this regard should be referred to the Director.

That's all for this issue.

Till next time,

Kay



Bridge quote of the century

A Partner who only gives advice when asked.

Oh: wouldn't that be lovely

Till next time.

Cheers, Fran

