



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

Just when you think it is cooling off, up pops another batch of hot weather. Thank goodness for the air-conditioners at the Club house.

We have 3 new Members who have joined our club that I'm sure you will welcome. They are Dana Wildey, Anthea Stevenson & Brian Brink (again)

We have received a resignation from **Lyn Burls**. I'm sure you will all agree that this is a loss to the club and that we will be sorry to see her go. Lyn joined our Club in 1982/3 and played with Pam Kuneman since that time. She has always been a happy player and was a joy to have at the table. Lyn has found the length of playing sessions are becoming harder to meet and having to play with different players now has added an additional stress to the day. We wish her all the best.

We played the GNOT Play offs on Saturday 17th March and then again on Sunday 15th March. These were Gold Point events. It's a shame that we could only find 4 Teams to participate in this event. So a big thanks to all who did give up their time so that our club qualified to send representatives to the semi finals. The end result was : The Bishop Team first (Shirley Bishop, Ross Muirhead & Jeanette Roughley & Margaret Bazzan) 2nd was the Harington Team (Nev & Adele Harington, Jennifer Hollingworth & Carolann Verity, Bette Geary & Sue Schiarning) 3rd was the McDonald Team (Fran McDonald, Kay Kerr, Bill Thorne & George Konyi) and 4th the Jones Team (Nanette Jones & Ruth Greentree, Lesley Wilson & Kaylene Lingard). The Semi Finals will be held in Maryborough on Saturday & Sunday the 20 & 21st June.

Arlette Cook is having some medical problems that have facilitated her being in and out of hospital recently. I'm sure Arlette is aware that our good wishes are with her.



BIRTHDAY BOOK

Birthdays in

APRIL:

Trevor Simpson
Brian Brink

And in

MAY we have:

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

A new slant on
the old saying.

"You can't
teach an old
dog new tricks"
is:

**If you have
stopped
learning new
tricks, you
have
definitely
become a
old dog.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After the last newsletter, it was nice to see that more members are looking around to help clean up the clubroom after a game and it is encouraging to see that those who have the last sit out, look for things to do.

The committee has decided to replace the toilet suites in the ladies' and men's toilets. As all the female members know, the seats have been rather loose and constant tightening has made them brittle and prone to breaking. The bowls have lost their glazing and the cisterns have become strained. These toilets get heavier use than those in domestic situations, so we are opting for high quality replacements.

We also will be investigating the use of bidding boxes for those who have poor eyesight and poor writing. A report on these will be given at the next committee meeting. Peter Coppin can answer any questions about the boxes.

New library books have been purchased, mostly with a slant to beginners and improving players. Feel free to inspect and borrow them.

In closing, I must remind everyone of the upcoming Congress on the 18 & 19th April. We will need volunteers for the kitchen & setting up which probably will be done on the Friday 17th. Donations of money or food will be keenly sought. I am looking forward to everyone's co-operation, which I am sure will happen as it has in the past.

W.P. Thorne

President



Results of recent events

We had our Teams of 3 in February for the first time. It was a learning experience for us all. We had 8 teams (with the captain holding a master point total of 200 or more) This was a great turn out by our members. The feedback has been very positive and the directors will take that into consideration when they are organising next year's calendar. The winning Team was the Bazzan Team (Margaret B , Ruth Greentree, Nanette Jones & Bevan Anderson)

With the Bishop Team (Shirley Bishop, Fran McDonald, Joy Anderson & Ron Organ) - 2nd. Unfortunately we had one team disqualified.

The Pairs Championships were held over two Tuesday afternoons (10 & 17 March) The overall winners were Bette Geary & Nannette Jones with Kay Kerr and Diana Thorogood 2nd and Jennifer Hollingworth & Carolann Verity 3rd. Congratulations to the place getters. This was a well contested field on both days.

I believe that the Gold Coast Congress (in Feb) was enjoyed by all that participated. These events are always great fun and the experience is invaluable.



OUR CONGRESS IS COMING

Don't forget that our congress is on the
18th & 19th of April.

So better hurry and register your names for both the pairs and the teams, before the entries are closed. Please see Kay if you are willing to put in a couple of hours helping in the Kitchen. Also add your contribution of food items to the list (to help with the shopping. Thank you



KAY'S DIRECTORS' CORNER

PSYCHIC BIDS

Directors often get complaints about psychic bids. Two laws can help us here:

Law 40A3 says - "A player may make any call or play without prior announcement provided that such call or play is not based on an undisclosed partnership understanding (see Law 40C1)."

Law 40C1 says - "A player may deviate from his side's announced understandings always provided that his partner has no more reason to be aware of the deviation than have the opponents. Repeated deviations lead to implicit understandings which then form part of the partnership's methods and must be disclosed in accordance with the regulations governing disclosure of system. If the Director judges there is undisclosed knowledge that has damaged the opponents he shall adjust the score and may award a procedural penalty." So we see there is nothing to stop a player from making a bid that is outside his/her system. The problem would arise if a player continually 'psyched' in a particular situation to the extent that their partner had a pretty good idea that they were doing so. As always, call the Director if in doubt.

CLAIMING

If Declarer knows beyond the shadow of a doubt that all of his and Dummy's remaining cards are winners, he/she should 'claim' rather than put everyone through the torture of playing out the last remaining trumps and the AK of something else. I actually find it quite annoying and a bit insulting.

DIRECTOR CALLS 'MOVE'

Please respond promptly when the Director calls 'Move' (not before). I am constantly amazed at how long it takes for some players to vacate their seats and move to the next one. We are 'on the clock' and the minute or so wasted could be the difference between playing a board and taking an average.

NOISE

Sometimes the noise level in our club is unbelievable. When you have finished playing your set of boards, by all means talk amongst yourselves but please consider other players who may still be playing. It should be possible for everyone to speak softly.

Good Bridge, Kay.

Well folks that all for this newsletter.

Cheers Fran

