



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

Well, who can keep up with the weather of late? Hot one day and cold the next. Still it's a lot better than the southern states, so we can think ourselves lucky to live in Qld.

It was a shame to hear that one of our oldest past members had died. Athalie Kugatoff passed away on the 18th June. She began lessons with Rhoda Clifford along with Nan Macgregor, Claire Jones, Dorothy Lindsay and Norma Dougherty. (for those that can remember that far back.) Bill Bishop was her partner for many years until her health deteriorated. She was a lovely person with a happy disposition. She was a Gympie girl whose parents owned a car dealership. She was very involved with racing bikes and car rallying in her younger days. Athalie was ninety five years old and only stopped playing bridge in 2013. She will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

I see the committee have increased the donations that were received from our charity lunch (which was very nice and well organised) to \$600.00. This is a respectable amount to donate to our choice of charity. This year being "Wishlist".

Well done to everyone involved.

We are still gaining new members in the shape of Beginners. Please continue to be patient with them (I know they do some unusual things, but didn't we all at one time?) If you could keep your comments to a minimum and let them either play as they were taught or let them learn by their mistakes without comment, then we won't run the risk of scaring them off.

BIRTHDAY BOOK

Birthdays in **AUGUST**

Shelly Gauld
Yve Welch
Jean Harm
Keith Johnson
Tertia Brink
Ruth Greentree
Brian Butterfield
Don Griggs
Val Jerram

And in **SEPTEMBER**

we have:

Jeanette Roughley
Nev. Harington
Cathy Maertens
Anthea Stevensen
Dana Wildey

My apologies for
having July's
birthdays
incorrectly listed
in the last
newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This will be my last President's report appearing in this newsletter, and I do not intend nominating for the committee for the following year. This is due to the fact that I would have to purchase another vehicle in order to attend meetings, not to mention the amount of stress I have been under over the last six years as treasurer & President. I can assure you both jobs keep one very busy. I am sure that the incoming committee will be well lead and will maintain the high standards of the committees that I have had the pleasure of chairing.

I must congratulate Sue Schierning & Ross Muirhead on winning the President's Trophy. It will be a privilege to put their names on the honour board. Well done to both of you.

There has been quite a discussion in committee whether we should buy a new dealing machine. I think this would be a wasteful use of member's funds (\$4,500.00) as the repair of the current machine only took so long due to the fact that the owner of the repair business gave us incomplete address details. We have now proved we can turn the machine around inside 4 working days and no one would notice it missing. Any argument that we could hire out the machine to other clubs is completely ludicrous as the Sunshine Coast clubs have a share one between them, only leaving clubs North of us. The repaired machine is operating as if new and will probable last 5 years before another service is required.

Well that's it for this newsletter and in closing I wish to give the incoming committee my best wishes an looking at the notice board there is no lack of talent and members wanting to participate in the committee.

W.P. Thorne

President



Results of recent events

Singles Championships 15 & 22nd June

Week one 1st - Ruth Greentree & Trevor Simpson

2nd - Sue Schierning & Bette Geary

3rd - Dean & Jennifer Hollingworth

Week Two 1st— Fran McDonald & Kay Kerry

2nd - Rennie Pettit & Shirley Bishop

3rd - Nev Harington & Joy Anderson

Overall winner was Sue Schierning

with Jennifer Hollingworth 2nd and Bette Geary 3rd.

PRESIDENTS TROPHY 16th & 23rd July

Week One 1 1st—Shirley Bishop & Jeanette Roughley,

2nd - Ross Muirhead & Sue Schierning

3rd - Kelly Chapman & Rennie Pettit

Week Two 1st -Ross Muirhead & Sue Schierning

2nd - Shirley Bishop & Jeanette Roughley

3rd - Ruth Greentree & Nannette Jones

Overall winners were:

1st— Kelly Chapman & Rennie Pettit

2nd— Ruth Greentree & Nannette Jones

3rd - Shirley Bishop & Jeanette Roughley

COMING EVENTS

Wide Bay Zone TEAMS trials to be held in Maryborough on the 9th August.

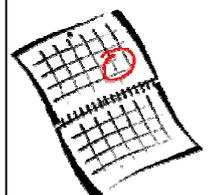
Muster Pairs Thursday AM 20th August

Inter Club Teams Play Offs 30th August.

Spring Teams Thursday PM 24th September Red Point Event.

Wide Bay Zone Open PAIRS Trials to be held in Maryborough on the 27th September.

Remember the **AGM** is on **Tuesday, 1st September at 11.30am.** Please try to be in attendance to vote (if need be) for the incoming committee and bring your lunch to eat before normal Tuesday Bridge commences.





KAY'S DIRECTORS' CORNER

ALERTS

One could write volumes about Alerts but I'm just covering a few items that have cropped up recently.

- ◆ Players must not indicate to their partner that they should alert your bid. We've all seen and heard it. The tapping of the pencil on the bidding sheet, the drawing of a circle on the table, the clearing of the throat. Don't do it. Wait till the end of the auction or the end of play of the hand, depending on whether you are Declarer or a Defender.
- ◆ Bids should be alerted before the next person has bid. Say the word "ALERT" before circling the bid. Sometimes it takes people a second or two to pick up the pencil but at least opponents will hear the spoken word in time.
- ◆ One alertable bid that gets forgotten sometimes is the 1NT over RHO's bid when it does not promise a stopper in that suit. This MUST be alerted. BUT it is not necessary to alert INT in the pass out seat which does not necessarily promise a stopper in the opener's suit
- ◆ Players may only ask for an explanation of the alerted bids at their turn to bid and they must not ask for their partner's benefit. You really shouldn't ask at all unless you have an intention of bidding. Wait until the end of the auction.

I would encourage everyone to read the QBA Alerting Regulations (Regulations G) available on the QBA website.

DETACHING CARDS BEFORE YOUR TURN TO PLAY

Most of us have done it at times. We sometimes pretty much have no choice of what card we are going to play so we detach it and have it ready to play: or maybe we want to show off to the person on lead that we know what they are about to lead. Besides giving information, it is also considered discourteous and we should refrain from doing this. Law 74B 3

INSPECTION OF TRICKS (Law 66 A and B)

Current Trick: So long as his side has not led or played to the next trick, declarer or either defender may, until he has turned his own card face down on the table, require that all cards just played to the trick be faced. (Once all the cards have been turned face down, no-one should ask to see them and if they do, should not feel aggrieved when they are refused)

Own Last Card: Until a card is led to the next trick, declarer or either defender may inspect, but not expose, his own last card played.

And of course, the previous quitted tricks may not be inspected at any time unless required by the Director e.g. in the case of a revoke.

That's all for now

Good Bridge, Kay.

Classified ads.

Just because the items in these classified ads are free doesn't mean they're worth it:

Free: Piano with matching bench seat, very good condition, all keys work, probably

Free: 5 kitchen drawers, all matching naughty pine fronts

Free Vain Screening

Free rent in exchange for elderly woman

My gunnery sergeant and I were inspecting a Marine training exercise when we spotted a second lieutenant ambling about. "Where is your foxhole, Lieutenant?" I asked. He snapped off a salute and responded, "I don't know, sir!" Turning to his sergeant, he asked, "Gunnery, where is my foxhole?" You're standing in it, sir," said the sergeant. "All you have to do is remove the dirt."

"Halt!" shouted our drill instructor. He had noticed that, for the umpteenth time, a recruit kept going to his right on a left command. Our instructor approached the directionally challenged Marine and stomped on his left foot. "Now," he said, "when I say 'left,' it's the one that hurts."

After an impromptu song, our pastor asked the church pianist, "What key did I sing that in?" The pianist replied, "Most of them."

Has your diet changed?" I asked an 87-year-old woman I was admitting into the hospital. "Yes," she said. "For Lent, I gave up whipped cream on my Jell-O, hard candy, and my two beers a night. [Pause] And look where it's gotten me."

As I entered the elevator at our hospital, a dishevelled looking man rushed in behind me carrying a ceramic blue baby bootie filled with carnations. I smiled knowingly and asked, "Does he look like you?" "I hope not," he said. "I just deliver the flowers."

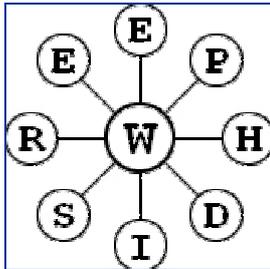
Wandering inside a pet store, I stopped in front of a birdcage to admire a parakeet. We watched each other for a few minutes before it asked me, "Can't you talk?"

How's your brain working?

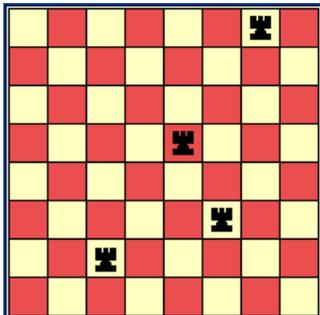


Using the BrainTracker grid below, how many words can you find? Each word must contain the central **W** and no letter can be used twice, however, the letters do not have to be connected. Proper nouns are not allowed, however, plurals are. **Can you find the nine letter word?**

Excellent: 44 words. Good: 32 words. Average: 24 words.



How many squares, of any size, can you find on this chess board which do not contain a Rook?



Two friends were driving from their home to Manchester, Kevin drove the first 90 miles, and Daniel took over the remainder of the journey. On the way back, Kevin drove to begin with, and Daniel took over for the last 100 miles.

See Fran for the answers



Well folks that's all for this newsletter.

Cheers Fran

