



# THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

Well, xmas is over and the kids are back in school (lovely to have them and lovely to see them go). So now we can concentrate on Bridge.

I would like to thank the Committee for the presentation of flowers that I received (in December) in appreciation of all the work that I put in.

It is great to be appreciated.

Well, our Open Day was great. It was hard for us to know if there was going to be any response to this. But we had 7 lookers and all of them signed up for lessons. So that was well worth the time and effort. Jennifer & I have learnt a lot from this, our first Open Day. And should we have another one next year will have devised a different format for the lookers. The job of teaching (so ably done by Jennifer) is a set agenda, arranged by Joan Butts who is a renowned teacher. It is a tricky job to teach beginners and at the same time keep them interested and not overwhelmed with too much information. So it is appreciated that the experienced players do not try to impart their systems on to the beginners when they are still coming to terms with the basics.

Jeanette & Margaret B took themselves off to the Canberra Congress.

They played with 2 Noosa ladies in 3 lots of teams events and then a Pairs Event. They scored a goodly number of Gold Points. Congratulations to them both.

For anyone who missed the announcement. The Bundaberg Swiss Pairs Congress scheduled for the 14th & 15th February, has been cancelled.

Sunday Bridge. It seems that some people think this is a "come without a partner" day. **This is not so.** If you do not have a partner then please contact Jean Graham and she will suggest a few names that you can contact. It is not fair expecting some one to always be on standby or willing to go home if not needed. So try and find your own partner but if you can't then Jean will be happy to help. Sundays are a great session for beginners and experienced players alike, as it is friendly with no pressure. So please try to come along and keep this day successful.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## BIRTHDAY BOOK

### Birthdays in February:

Steven Verity  
Carolann Verity  
Sue Schierning  
David Connors

### And in March are:

Kay Kerr  
George Konyi  
John Byrnes  
Kelly Chapman

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight will live longer than men who mention it.

Happy new year everybody and I trust you had a merry Christmas, I know I did.

I was happy to announce in January that the solar power was in profit six months ahead of schedule! We are now insulated from any legislative changes regarding rebates that may take place in the future.

Your new committee is working cohesively. One of the newer members on the committee, Kathi Vince, has proved to be a true powerhouse with organising the facebook page and liaising with the Gympie Times for more editorial content. She is a welcome addition to the committee and joins the other hard workers already there.

It almost seems like ancient history to mention the Christmas party, but I would like to see more members participating. The party is the one time we all get together and join in a bonding session away from the club, as well as the fact that it is our presentation night. The night is subsidised by the club and I think you will find everybody who went had a great time, so please join us next year.

I must thank all those who joined us for the successful "open day." It was great to see how many members gave up their afternoon for the good of the Club. Thank you, Fran for the idea, it was certainly a good one.

TIME FOR A PET PEEVE. It is remarkable to see how many people stand around at the end of a session waiting for results and do **nothing!!** Please look around to see what has to be done.. Shut windows, straighten chairs, tidy tables, sharpen blunt pencils, load/unload dishwasher or put cards away. Just do not stand around. When enjoying a sit, look for things to do as well, particularly when you are the first or second sit out after a break, as cups and glasses do need bringing in. Oh yes, this does apply to the MEN as well.

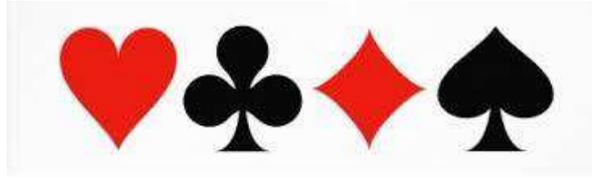
Well, that's about all I have for you but I do wish every success to those who are heading to the Gold Coast Congress.

Till the next newsletter

W.P. Thorne

President

## Results of recent events



### Summer Pairs 29th January Thursday am.

1st were Nev & Adele Harington

2nd - Ron Organ & Bill Bishop

3rd - Fran McDonald & Kelly Chapman

That's all we had in January.

In February, we have the Teams of 3 on Monday 9th (Red Point).

All you need is one player with more than 200 pts (to be captain) and 3 players under that. What happens is that there are 3 rounds of play and the captain will play one round with each player in his/her team. This should be lots of fun. So there is still time to get your team together.

The Gold Coast congress is taking place from Feb 21–28. Quite a few of our members will be going to this. We wish them all the best and hope they have a great time.

Don't forget that the Lessons will be starting on the 11th February, Wednesday evening and Saturday morning 14th February.

If you know of anyone that could be interested then we would appreciate it, if you could have a chat with them and let them now the lessons are starting.

The Saturday morning is just a trial year to see if there is sufficient number of people interested.

The teachers give up a lot of time to run these lessons, so a large group of beginners is what we are after.

Your help is appreciated.



## What are the characteristics of an expert bridge player?

50 bridge experts were asked what 3 of the following 15 items would you rank (1-2-3) as the most important to be a really top expert at bridge.

Declarer play

Defence

Bidding system

Bidding judgement

Bidding in general

Card play signals

Card sense

Temperament

Concentration

Counting the trumps

Bidding conventions

Bidding discipline

Opening leads

Competitive bidding

Partnership handling

Well, what do you think??



### Answer

1 Concentration

2 Partnership handling

3 Temperament

Isn't this interesting???????

## WHY PARENTS DRINK

The boss wondered why one of his most valued employees was absent from work and had not phoned in sick.

So he dialled the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper. Hello?

*Is your daddy home?..* Yes, he's out in the garden.

*May I talk with him?* No. was the answer

*So the boss asked. Well is your Mommy there?*  
Yes, she's in the garden too.

*The boss asked may I talk with her* Again....No

*Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message the boss asked. Is anybody else there?.*

Yes, a policeman.

*Wondering what a policeman would be doing at this employee's home, the boss asked. May I speak with the policeman?*

No, He's busy

*Busy doing what he asked?* Talking to Daddy and Mummy and the police dog men.

*Growing more worried as he heard a loud noise in the background the boss asked. What is that noise?*

It's a helicopter answered the whispering voice.

*What is going on there? Demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive.....* The search team has landed in the helicopter.

*A search team said the boss, what are they searching for?*

Still whispering the young voice replied with a muffled giggle.....Me.





## KAY'S DIRECTORS' CORNER

### Bidding outside the system:

Directors sometimes get complaints when a player has opened 1NT with a singleton or (heaven forbid) a void. A green system 1NT should be a balanced hand; however, on occasion a player may judge 1NT to be the only suitable bid for his or her hand. Law 40A is headed "Right to Choose Call or Play" and gives any player the right to make any call or play (including an intentionally misleading call, such as a psychic bid or a call or play that departs from what is commonly accepted or previously announced use of a convention), without any prior announcement, provided such call or play is not based on any partnership agreement. So you may open your 1NT with a singleton provided your partner has no knowledge or suspicion that you may be doing so.

### Penalty Cards: (re-print of a previous article)

It is often the case that players choose not to call the Director when a card is unlawfully exposed, believing they can deal with it themselves. In many cases, this is okay but one needs to know the difference between Minor and Major penalty cards.

A **Minor** penalty card is a card below the rank of an honour exposed unintentionally (as in playing two cards to a trick, or in dropping a card accidentally). Unlike a Major penalty card, **the Minor penalty card does not have to be played at the first legal opportunity**. The Defender may not play any other card of the same suit below the rank of an honour until he has first played the penalty card but he is entitled to play an honour card instead. Offender's partner is not subject to lead restriction but information gained through seeing the penalty card is unauthorised.

A **Major** penalty card is a card of honour rank or any card exposed through deliberate play (for example in leading out of turn or in revoking and then correcting). Where one defender has two or more penalty cards, all such cards become major penalty cards. A Major penalty card must be played at the first legal opportunity, whether in leading, following suit, discarding or trumping. If a defender has two or more penalty cards that can legally be played, declarer designates which is to be played. When a defender has the lead while his partner has a major penalty card, he may not lead until declarer has stated which of the following options he requires:

Declarer may require the defender to lead the suit of the penalty card or to prohibit him from leading that suit for as long as he retains the lead. In either of these cases the card is no longer a penalty card and is picked up;

Declarer may decide not to require or prohibit a lead, in which case the defender may lead any card and the penalty card remains a penalty card.

So, we see that it's not all cut and dried and it's probably a good idea to call the Director when a card is exposed.

'Til next time

Kay

*Well folks that all for this newsletter.*

*Cheers Fran*