



THE GYMPIE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,

Well, spring has sprung. And we can all get back into our summer clothes. This is really a lovely time of the year. So lets all enjoy it before the heat of summer arrives.

As you all are aware our AGM has been and gone with a new committee having been duly elected. I'm sure that they will do a good job in steering the club on a smooth and harmonious course.

The October Congress is fast approaching (with Kay convening this year, as Jennifer will be away at her daughter's wedding) So, now is the time to get your team organised and entered for this event. Or see Kay, if you would like to help in the Kitchen for a couple of hours. (this is an easy job but an essential job in aiding with the smooth running of the Congress. If you would like to be a "Standby player" (also badly needed) please see Kay.

We have gained quite a few Beginners as Members and they are attending various sessions. (and yes, don't they do some unusual things) Your patience and tolerance is again requested.

Please, Please, Please, do not tell the Beginners how to bid or what they should have played. I know this is hard to let things pass when you can see incorrect play. But they are only going to learn by their own mistakes, and being told by all and sundry, what that person thinks they should do is not helpful for them. (Remember when you were a beginner). Wednesday evenings are being held as green point sessions with the Beginners attending. So if you have time, it would be great to see some more of the experience players come along and fill the chairs.

BIRTHDAY BOOK

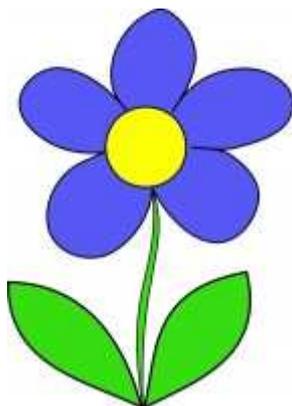
Birthdays in OCTOBER

Ron Organ
John Roughley
Bill Thorne
Des Horrox
Shirley Bishop
&
Peter Thorogood

And in NOVEMBER

we have:

Rennie Pettit
Ross Muirhead
Merv Rettke



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi

Thank you Bill Thorne for a great job as President, you have left the club in a solid position. Lesley Wilson is retiring as Treasurer. Again well done. We have a strong committee and I see no reason why the club should not continue to prosper. A lot of things happen behind the scenes and I would like to thank Ross Muirhead, as Masterpoint Secretary. A position not many people would know, but one of the very important ones in the club. Fran McDonald does an amazing job getting the newsletter organised, edited and printed. Again well done. Without our directors (Kay, Jennifer Kayene, Fran, Margaret B, Kelly and Trevor) there is no bridge. Our dealing co-ordinator, Bill Thorne, with Dean, Bevan, Ron, Kathi and Kelly, make sure we have cards. Rennie is again our Partner Co-ordinator, as well as taking on the job of Provedore, with the assistance of Kathi and myself. Congress convenors are Kay & Jennifer. A specialised and time consuming job to say the least. Shelly acts as Caddy. Our ethics committee is Adele, Dean & Bevan. While the library is managed by Joy. Building maintenance is in Bill Thorne & George's capable hands. George, being multi-skilled, also looks after the gardens. Kay manages our Website and Kathi does Facebook.

As you can see there are a lot of "behind the scenes" things happening to make our club work.

Many thanks to all involved.

Cheers

Pete

Results of recent events

MUSTER PAIRS (Thursday AM 20th August)

1st was Nev & Adele Harington,
2nd Lesley Wilson & Jeanette Roughley
3rd Fran McDonald & Margaret Mangold.



SPRING TEAMS (Thursday pm 24th September)

1st - Schierning Team (Sue & Ross Muirhead, Jeanette & Bette)
2nd - Harington Team (Nev & Adele, Dean & Jennifer)
3rd - Verity Team (Steve & Trevor, Kaylene & Lesley)

Coming events are:

Our Teams Congress on the 11th October,

The Rhoda Clifford Red Point Nett Competition over 2 weeks.
Being held on Tuesday 13th & 20th of October.

ARMISTICE PAIRS Red Point of Thursday am on
12th November.

And on Tuesday the 24th November, we have the
QUEENSLAND WIDE PAIRS.

Where we are competing against the whole of Qld.



And then the year will be almost over (boy, how it flies,
so make sure you play while you can.) (there are only 86
days till xmas ..as at the 1st October) (oh joy oh joy)



THESE ARE WELL WORN ETIQUETTE TIPS THAT ARE WORTH REPEATING.



SOUTH/NORTH only to touch the Bridgemates.

They need to check the board numbers are correct and that the correct players are seated at the table in the correct position. East/West to check that the correct bidding and results are entered before they accept the entry.

THIS IS TO BE DONE EVERY SINGLE TIME A NEW ROUND STARTS

Be pleasant to partner and opponents — smiles are good.

Count your cards before looking at them.

Make your opening lead face downwards and wait for partner to accept.

Thank partner when Dummy is tabled .

Alert your partner's bid when necessary (before the opposition bids) but not your own bid.

You may ask questions during bidding but only when it is your turn to bid.

At the end of a hand, agree on the number of tricks won before disturbing the cards

Avoid discussion on hands between playing the boards.

If you must discuss a hand with your partner, do so away from the table

Call the director whenever an irregularity occurs. Do not let more experienced players tell you what the law is. Directors are here to help and keep the game on the correct track.

Switch off your mobile phone. See the Director if it is essential to have it on.

Do not clap or cheer when you get a good result through an opponent's mistake. Do not touch other player's cards.

Now that Spring/Summer is on the way we need to be aware of our personnel hygiene. (Showered, shaved (where applicable) and smelling sweet) (BO is a no no). The dress code is "Clean Neat Casual" No rubber thongs or cloggies, leather ones are fine. Evenings may be a little more relaxed but Tuesday & Thursday are when neat casual attire is definitely required.





DIRECTORS' CORNER

Bridgemates: Please take care when entering data into the Bridgemates. Ensure the correct 'direction' is entered. Many times it seems E has been entered when it should be W etc. Also, please enter the correct lead card. Don't just take a wild stab at it. The most important step is for EW to **CHECK** the information before accepting. While some mistakes will show as anomalies to the Director, not all will, so please check carefully.

Arrival: Players are reminded that they are required to be seated 15 minutes prior to the start of play to enable the Director to determine what movement will be played. Your co-operation in this will be greatly appreciated.

Explanations: When opponents ask for an explanation of your bid from your partner, please remember you must say nothing and let partner do all the explaining. Also, please no shaking of heads, looking dismayed or giving any other sign that all may not be well. If your partner has given an incorrect explanation of your system, here's what to do: (Reproduced direct from the Rule Book Law 20F5)

(a) A player whose partner has given a mistaken explanation may not correct the error during the auction, nor may he indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made. "Mistaken Explanation" here includes failure to alert or announce as regulations require or an alert (or an announcement) that regulations do not require.

(b) The player must call the Director and inform his opponents that, in his opinion, his partner's explanation was erroneous (see Law 75) but only at his first legal opportunity, which is:

(i) for a defender, at the end of the play

(ii) for declarer or dummy, after the final pass of the auction. If the Director judges that a player has based an action on misinformation given to him by an opponent further action may be taken under Laws 21 and/or 47E.

Averages: In the Jun-Jul newsletter, I wrote of the many ways time can be saved and averages avoided. Even saving less than one minute can mean the difference between playing a board and being awarded an average. It would be good if players could go back to that newsletter and re-read the column. It is still available on the website. Also, remember that if one pair receives 2 averages, any further averages that need to be given to the same pair will be average minus.

I would welcome any suggestions for future editions of Director's corner.

Till next time,

Kay

That's all folks.

Fran

Remember it's only a game, after all.

