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From the President



Keith McDonald

HAPPY 2008 to all Queensland clubs and members. This is a big year for the QBA and we will need considerable assistance from you all. The QBA calendar for 2008 is available on the web site. My first request is that all members renew their commitment to their own club. There is so much we can do in encouraging friends and associates to learn bridge, helping the club administrators and performing "little jobs" without being asked. They may seem little but the fact that members "step up to the plate" really helps in running a club. If we have viable and successful clubs the plan for 2008 will come together.

The plan includes the QBA Gold Coast Congress, 23 February to 1 March, the QBA Barrier Reef Congress (Townsville), 6 June to 9 June, the Australian National Championships, 25 July to 8 August, the PABF, 30 August to 7 September. The fund raising events such as the ABF Bridge for Brain Research, 1 May to 7 May and local club special fund-raising events are important. These special events reflect that bridge has a caring attitude and has the ability to contribute to worthy causes.

True we would all like to do more and many members contribute individually to a wide range of needy causes.

There will be also be the normal club congress events and State Championships.

If the plan is to work we need participation by our novice and restricted players. You are most welcome and will be warmly treated at all events. If not, please let me know. I want everyone to make an extra effort in 2008 to be welcoming to all players, but particularly the novice and restricted players.

The PABF has received a wonderful gift of \$250,000 from a private individual, a non-Queenslander. We have a tremendous debt to be repaid as a state to this person by making the PABF the best event ever! Details of the event are on our website and in the January issue of the ABF Newsletter, page 1. The ABF will be sending an Open, Womens, Seniors and Youth team but this is an open event and all players can enter. Already most states have indicated they will be represented and we have commitments from bridge organisations from Zones 4, 6, and 7.

It is my great hope that in December 2008 I can take pride in what Queensland has achieved.

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Gold Coast Swiss Teams



Kathy Johnson

LIKE hot cross buns, the Gold Coast Bridge Club's Teams Congress was earlier this year on Sunday, January 6. It was unexpectedly our biggest turnout in spite of the stormy weather. This was unplanned, as one entry was misplaced and two last minute email entries unaccounted for.

The club was bulging at the seams with 47 teams, old garden and office chairs and dusty card tables, so our poor director Alan Gibson revamped the whole format including a triangle. We thought that instead of having an emergency house team, we should have an emergency go home house team! As Alan said, at least with the late start Kamal was on time, so no penalty, as his team won the day. Congratulations to our kitchen staff for coping with the extra mouths for lunch, morning and afternoon tea and cocktail fare at the conclusion of play.

With eight 7-board matches the day went smoothly with a wide variety of players from Queensland and NSW.

To sacrifice or not to sacrifice? Can they make their contract?

Sometimes they bid so confidently you are sure they will make it or bid on as the favourable vulnerability is too good to resist.

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A big mistake was made on this hand.

Dlr E	♠ A4	
Vul EW	♥ 32	
	♦ Q8743	
	♣ Q873	
♠ KJ109765		♠ Q832
♥ A84		♥ 10976
♦ K9		♦ J2
♣ 2		♣ AJ10
	♠ —	
	♥ KQJ5	
	♦ A1065	
	♣ K9654	

W	N	E	S
1S	3C	3S	1C
4S	5C	X	X
			All pass

5C was two off doubled, 4S is one off.

This was a Michaels hand against Neville Francis and Magnus Moren.

Dlr E	♠ 109853	
Vul None	♥ KQ9532	
	♦ K	
	♣ A	
♠ A		♠ J642
♥ AJ		♥ 106
♦ A1097		♦ 86543
♣ KJ9863		♣ Q7
	♠ KQ7	
	♥ 874	
	♦ QJ2	
	♣ 10542	

W	N	E	S
1C	2C	P	2S
3C	3H	P	4H
			All pass

Opening lead: ♣Q

I won in hand and, knowing where the strength was, I tried to get to dummy with a spade to lead to my KQ of hearts.

That was not a good idea as I now had to lose 2 spade tricks. If I had just played trumps from my hand and finessed for the ♠J, it would have made.

Neville's theory is, with equal length in partner's majors bid the weaker one. If South is the declarer Neville has a difficult lead. I'll definitely try his theory next time.

Thank you to our sponsor Daydream Island Resort & Spa for the generous prize money and the bridge club where nothing was too much trouble (president Neil's favourite saying is, 'Not a problem') for a most enjoyable day. ■



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Help Yourself to a Top

VETERAN Reg Busch has spent most of his bridge life serving us as Queensland's Chief Tournament Director. However, his personal game didn't suffer too much in the process. Witness this from a recent club session at the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club.

Dlr N	♠ AKJ6
Vul NS	♥ 9
	♦ AQ2
	♣ AQJ75
♠ 9753	♠ Q10
♥ 862	♥ KQ1073
♦ 86543	♦ J9
♣ 10	♣ K643
	♠ 842
	♥ AJ54
	♦ K107
	♣ 982

W	N	E	S
	1C	1H	1NT
P	3NT	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥2

When I enquired about the lead, Reg informed me that, "We lead low from any three card holding of partner's suit."

I'm not sure how common this treatment is. However, it certainly came home to roost on this board. Reg completed the bait by inserting ♥K which was swallowed by my ace. It is usual for defenders to insert the lowest card which will do the job. That way, partner remains open to the possibility that you hold the card higher. Here, Reg was confident that deceiving his life partner was not going to result in a long walk home. Joan was clearly broke and was not going to win a trick.

I now finessed the club losing to Reg's king. Reg promptly returned the ♥3 and I was at the crossroads. As the cards lie, I can rise with the ♥J, discarding the ♠6 and making 12 tricks thanks to the friendly spade layout. However, if Joan holds the ♥Q, which seems likely from the play at trick 1, it will capture my ♥J and the remaining heart losers will see me emerge with just 8 tricks. There was an easy compromise. I simply covered the ♥3 with my ♥4. Joan could win a trick but my ♥J would be retained as a second stopper. This she did, returning her 3rd heart to Reg's queen and a much irritated South. Not surprisingly, 10 tricks was a poor score. Well done, Reg!

■ Ken Dawson



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Cuppaidge's Column



George Cuppaidge

These Hands Really Do Come Up

SOME readers may have heard of Jeff Rubens. In his younger days he produced a bridge masterpiece called "Secrets of Winning Bridge." Anyone who is serious about bridge must read this book. Today Jeff Rubens is, and has been for many years, the editor of Bridge World from the United States of America. The magazine, founded by Ely Culbertson, was a chronicle of the new in his day.

There is one remarkable hand in the book which involves entering the bidding, for the first time, at the five or six level based upon logical deductions from the opponents' bidding. Here is a very recent hand, from BBO, where similar thoughts apply.

		♠ 10753	
		♥ 7	
		♦ KJ87	
		♣ A1084	
♠ J4	<div>♠ N ♥ W ♦ E ♣ S</div>	♠ A8	
♥ KJ8632		♥ AQ1095	
♦ 43		♦ 9	
♣ J96		♣ KQ532	
		♠ KQ962	
		♥ 4	
		♦ AQ10652	
		♣ 7	

As South, you hear 2H on your left, 4NT on your right. Despite your good hand there is no need to take action just yet. The opponents have asked about aces, so find out how many they have! West responds 5D and East bids 5H it's up to you.

If the bidding were entirely sane, you could expect East to hold singletons in both spades and diamonds. Otherwise East could not afford to use Blackwood, facing the possibility of two quick losers in a suit. Unlike in Rubens' book this is less likely to be so here, but one thing you do know is that partner holds an ace! It would be churlish to sell out meekly when making 5S is a real possibility, and so much more fun! As Rubens said in his book, bid 5S "and the devil take the hindmost!"

On this particular hand, I sat North. I

seriously contemplated doubling 2H on my cards but decided not to. I led a diamond against 5H. South won and chose to defeat the contract by returning his ♠K, although the singleton club would have worked just as well (but no better). In the wash up EW had a little gloat over the 5S they had kept us out of. For my part, I was a little disappointed that partner had not read the book.

Bridge Aptitude Test

HERE is a nice little double header aptitude test for both bidding and play. The ground rules are simple: you are playing with a new partner using 3-0-4-1 RKCB and virtually no other agreement.

You hold:

♠ 4 ♥ A ♦ KQJ543 ♣ KJ763

and partner opens 1C; what do you bid?

First the bidding problem.

Without methods, minor suit slams are very hard to bid well. Blackwood from a hand with no aces, one ace and sometimes even two aces can be very dangerous, as an unfavourable response can get you too high. As nice as it might be to set trumps and demand a cue-bid, this is not easy to do. Ingenuity is often the answer.

Clearly the responding hand has huge slam potential, but the possibility of being off two or even three aces is very real indeed. Most commonly partner's 1C will be based on a balanced hand so the hand will be playable in diamonds. The recommended immediate response is 4NT, Blackwood. A leap to 4NT over any suit bid notionally agrees that suit. (Unless another suit has been agreed already.) You hold the ♠K so there is no danger of that card coming into partner's ace count. If he bids 5D, 5H or 5S things are easy, you pass 5D and bid 6C over the other two. If he bids 5C, it's not so easy.

You are out of your depth already if he has none and a grand slam chance if he has three! This is a not uncommon RKCB problem. It would be very silly to pass, invest just a little more to find the grand slam if it is there. Bid 5D, and if partner shows you three with the queen, bid seven otherwise just six, and hope that no one doubles you if the response happens to show no aces! Your version of RKCB can't do this? Pity! Yes, John Gerber, there are indeed hands which are ideally suited to your convention. Maybe 1C/D-4C, sequences so idle as to be almost non-existent, should be



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Gerber? 4C over a major is too valuable as a splinter. Do not be tempted to try "Kickback," a Jeff Rubens creation. It is a minefield.

But if the hand illustrates just one thing, it is that RKCB is a grossly overrated convention. Anyone who thinks you will always know whether partner holds 0 or 3, or 1 or 4, does not know bridge. Simple Blackwood for me thanks, with these possible provisos, the king of trumps is an ace and there must always be an agreed trump suit.

You might consider bidding 1D and taking your chances thereafter but it is unlikely that any reply from partner in this unfamiliar situation is going to make your problem any easier! That is what your writer did. My man bid 1H, not the bid I would myself have made, preferring 1NT. By bidding a direct 4NT, not only do you agree clubs but you leave no doubt that it is Blackwood and not quantitative. If partner rebids 1NT or one of a new suit over 1D, how do you establish clubs in a forcing situation? Since the 1H bid was unlimited and suggested, to me anyway, real clubs, I continued with 6C, without which bid there would have been a different play problem!

And now to the play problem.

♠ 4	♠ J753
♥ A	♥ KQJ5
♦ KQJ543	♦ 102
♣ KJ763	♣ A94

You find yourself playing 6C from East with the lead of the ♠5. How do you play?

This is where your aptitude to bridge comes under the spotlight. And I sincerely hope all readers have no problem with this one. One thing which is as close to certain as the sun will rise tomorrow is that the ♠Q is on your right. In abstract, it would be correct to play low and hope that the ten is on your left and that your nine will force North to play his queen. If that is the play you found, however, you have not focussed on the real problem; making the contract.

One of the fundamental principles of card play is to look for the most probable distribution that will allow you to make the contract. This goal is rarely subservient to the making of overtricks and undertricks. So rarely, it is safe to say, "Never."

You will be left with no means of unblocking the heart suit and entering hand to pitch that spade! You must win the trick with dummy's king, unblock that HA and enter hand with the CA. And what fun you will have when the ♠Q turns up doubleton on your right. You make your 6C while the majority of declarers in 3NT (ugh), 5C or 5D go down. ■

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25 Years Ago

Hands from Canberra

AN interesting hand from the ANOT was this one.

Dlr N	♠ KJ103		
	♥ A9		
	♦ AQJ10953		
	♣ —		
♠ 8		♠ Q654	
♥ KJ76		♥ Q1032	
♦ K42		♦ 76	
♣ Q8432		♣ 975	
	♠ A972		
	♥ 854		
	♦ 8		
	♣ AKJ106		

With North dealer, the bidding went 1D - 1S;4C (splinter agreeing spades) - 5S (bid six with good controls); 6S.

West led a trump - the 8 was a revealing card - and declarer, Andrew Pryde, inserted the 10, while East ducked. Declarer now led a trump to the 9, cashed the A K of clubs (important if you want to make seven, so that East cannot pitch clubs on winning diamonds and deny you entry back to dummy in the end-game) discarding a heart and a diamond in dummy.

Now came the successful diamond finesse, the ♦A, discarding a club in hand, and a diamond ruffed small to establish diamonds, as East pitched a club.

Dummy was entered with the ♥A and a winning diamond led. If East ruffs, declarer merely overruffs, enters dummy by ruffing a heart (not a club!), draws the last trump and claims. So East cannot ruff, but neither can he succeed by discarding and Andrew wrapped up seven.

Note that if declarer discards hearts on winning diamonds instead of clubs, East can over-ruff the only re-entry to dummy via a club ruff, holding declarer to six.

On a heart lead the hand is much harder to make. Declarer wins the ♥A and crosses to hand via the trump ace - he cannot afford the finesse to be wrong

and the ♥K to be cashed. Now comes the club A and K, discarding a heart and a diamond in dummy. The diamond finesse is taken, the ♦A cashed, pitching a heart, and a diamond ruffed low. Dummy is re-entered with a trump to the king, revealing the bad break. Again, diamonds are run against East who can finally only come to the trump queen.

The secret of the hand is to take the diamond finesse rather than the ruffing finesse, and get the timing right so that East cannot deny declarer re-entry to dummy.

Distributional hands always cause problems, especially total misfits. This hand from the Grand Master's Pairs was no exception.

Dlr S	♠ AQ109542		
	♥ AQ652		
	♦ —		
	♣ 3		
♠ K763		♠ J8	
♥ J1098		♥ 7	
♦ K84		♦ J763	
♣ K8		♣ 1097542	
	♠ —		
	♥ K43		
	♦ AQ10952		
	♣ AQJ6		

The bidding soon escalated as follows. 1D - 2S; 3C - 3H; 3NT - 4S; 4NT - 5H; 6NT. Not very scientific really - 6H could be a better spot!

The lead is the ♥10 and when dummy comes down you can only count 6 top tricks - help! Somehow, spades have to come home. So you win in dummy and try to remember how to play this suit for one loser. Obviously no 3-3 break is any good; 4-2 with a doubleton king is no good either, as is any 5-1 or 6-0 break. You soon realize the only winning combination is a 4-2 break with a doubleton jack.

So you play accordingly. Sure enough on the second round the ♠J falls under West's king. One hurdle over! There now seem to be 12 tricks available if hearts behave, but when West returns the ♥9, East shows out - back to 11 tricks.

Now it depends on a successful club finesse or a three-suit squeeze on West.

Revealingly, at no stage has West led a minor suit, which might indicate he has both minor kings. So you win the heart in hand, cash the ♦A, and cross to the board with a heart. Now, after running four spade winners you play the last spade, West discarding the ♥K as you discard the ♦Q indicating that he has indeed been three-suit squeezed. You now play a club to the ace, dropping West's now singleton king and claim. Phew!

You might imagine that making 6NT on these cards was a good result. Oh no! One pair in 7H, only off because of the 4-1 break; one pair in 6H making; and the rest were in 6NT making.

What you have to do for an average board!

■ Mike Pemberton

Qld-wide Pairs



Pat Back

THE event last year attracted an entry of 338 tables, easily a record (the previous best being 309 tables).

To score, luck, boldness and a certain amount of cheek are necessary in abundance. This seems to be more obvious than the usual duplicate strategies, probably because the less confident players appear sometimes to be paralysed with nervousness because the hands are "set" with traps for the timid unwary. One's "better" scores often depend on the dubious technique of pouncing on unsuspecting opponents with bold bids that leave them stunned into silence.

Dlr E	♠ J1098743		
Vul None	♥ 3		
	♦ 8652		
	♣ 3		
♠ K		♠ A52	
♥ A5		♥ K1084	
♦ K10743		♦ J	
♣ KQ1092		♣ J8765	
	♠ Q6		
	♥ QJ9762		
	♦ AQ9		
	♣ A4		

For instance, it seemed a trifle dodgy for North to come in with a 4S bid on Board 14, on the 3rd round of bidding, to be left there for -50, when East-West were cold for 5C.

Sunshine Coast Graded Butler Pairs

March 9 2008

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Dlr W	♠ A10
Vul EW	♥ K109753
	♦ 9
	♣ J754
♠ 98762	♠ KQJ543
♥ J64	♥ —
♦ J10	♦ AK86432
♣ Q106	♣ —
	♠ —
	♥ AQ82
	♦ Q75
	♣ AK9832

This board proved a tough ask for East-West to find their slam after North opened with a weak 2H, or a Multi-2D. The natural weak-2 bid makes the task easier, as an immediate cue may guarantee a strong 2-suiter, however the Multi-2 is slightly more tricky for the not-so-skilled bidders. Having started with 2D, I was lucky to be left in 6H for -50, but in our section only two EW pairs found their slam.

Dlr E	♠ K76
Vul NS	♥ K976
	♦ AQ
	♣ 10963
♠ Q4	♠ J85
♥ J1083	♥ Q54
♦ J752	♦ K986
♣ KJ7	♣ Q84
	♠ A10932
	♥ A2
	♦ 1043
	♣ A52

Board 18 also proved fortunate when, as North, I decided there was more chance of 9 tricks in NT, than 10 in spades. This depended on a diamond lead from East, which came forth. I imagine that few players found Tim Seres' line to make 4S.

Seres played 4S from the South seat, and received the ♥J lead. With 2 club losers plus a likely spade loser, the diamond finesse was crucial, or was it? Seres won the ♥H and tried the diamond finesse. East won and shifted to a club, which was ducked, then he won the club continuation. Next he crossed to the ♥K, unblocked the ♦D, and ruffed a heart. The last diamond was ruffed, then the last heart leaving this position.

DID YOU KNOW?

After dummy's hand is faced, dummy may not touch or indicate any card (except for purpose of arrangement) without instruction from declarer.

K7	—
109	—
Q4	J85
J7	—
—	Q
A109	—
—	—
2	—

He endplayed East with the ♣2 to the queen. East had to lead a trump from J85 and, by playing for split honours, Seres made the last 3 tricks and his contract.

Congratulations to all the winners, and many thanks to Trevor Strickland for the hard work involved in setting the hands.■

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Klinger's Column



Ron Klinger

Heartbreaker

SOME hands are tough to play, others are easy as long as you keep your eye on the ball. On today's deal from the final of a national teams event declarer missed the winning play.

Dir W	♠ AK109		
Vul EW	♥ —		
	♦ 10864		
	♣ KQ953		
♠ 843		♠ QJ65	
♥ K		♥ 109432	
♦ KQJ		♦ A93	
♣ AJ10864		♣ 2	
	♠ 72		
	♥ AQJ8765		
	♦ 752		
	♣ 7		

W	N	E	S
1C	P	1H	P
2C	All pass		

Lead: ♠A

South ruffed the third spade and cashed the ♥A. With the vile club break, declarer could not do better than two down for -200.

At the other table:

W	N	E	S
1C	P	1H	P
2C	P	P	2H
All pass			

Lead: ♦K

The defence took three diamond tricks and West exited with the ♠4. Declarer won with the ♠A and was on the right track by cashing the ♠K next. The switch to the ♣K, however, was a slip. West won and played a third spade. Declarer cashed the ♥A and ♥Q, but still had to lose two heart tricks for -50 and 6 IMPs out.

East's 1H response might have indicated the winning line. After winning the ♠A at trick 4, you must resist the temptation to play the thirteenth diamond and pitch the club loser. West would ruff and play another spade and you still have two heart losers.

You need to shorten your trump holding and play ♠A, ♠K and ruff a spade. Then cash the ♥A. When the ♥K falls, you know it all and you play the ♠7. West wins and has to allow you to ruff the next club. You are now down to ♥Q-J-8-7 and East has ♥10-9-4-3. Exit with the ♥7 or ♥8 and claim the last three tricks. Not easy, I grant you, but not impossible either.

Fatal Attraction

WHAT is it about aces that make them so attractive to lead against trump contracts? Leading from an A-K suit is an excellent start, but to lead an unsupported ace against a trump contract is the riskiest of leads, the one most likely to give a trick away. Before leading an unsupported ace, check your reasoning. You should be convinced beyond reasonable doubt that this is the right choice. If there is any doubt, review the auction once more and try to find some other lead.

These thoughts came to mind on perusing this deal from the final of a national teams event:

Dir S	♠ 84		
Vul EW	♥ Q106		
	♦ AK98		
	♣ AQ52		
♠ AJ109		♠ Q7532	
♥ 7		♥ AK95	
♦ 6543		♦ 10	
♣ K984		♣ J106	
	♠ K6		
	♥ J8432		
	♦ QJ72		
	♣ 73		

W	N	E	S
P	4H	All pass	2H*

* Weak, 5 hearts, 4+ minor

Lead: ♠A??

With no long suit advertised in dummy, there is no urgency to make an attacking lead. If you fear that dummy *might* have long diamonds, then a club lead would be your next choice. It is far safer to lead from a king-high suit than an ace-high suit.

A diamond or a club lead can take 4H several off. Even the unappealing singleton trump lead can produce the same result.

After the ♠A lead one table continued with a spade. South won and played a heart to the queen and king. With great wishful thinking East shifted to the ♦10. How was East expecting to put partner in for the diamond ruff?

Declarer took this in dummy and led the ♥10, ducked by East. The ♥6 came next. East won and played the ♠Q, ruffed by South, who drew East's last trump. After three more rounds of diamonds the club finesse saw declarer home for +420.

This was poor defence by East. Granted West has made a rotten lead, but you can still recover. East should recognise that declarer is unlikely to have a minor suit loser and if there is one, where will it go? East can also tell that a forcing defence will work. After winning the ♥Q, East should continue with the ♠Q. When next on lead, continue spades. This will create a third trump trick for East.

At the other table West switched to a club at trick 2. Now there was no defence as declarer had no problem with trump control. The ♠Q won trick 2, followed by the ♥10, taken by the king. East won and played a spade to South's king. A heart went to the queen and ace, and East played a third spade. South ruffed, crossed to dummy and finessed the ♥8 to draw trumps. +420 and no swing.

Courtesy of www.ronklingerbridge.com

Teacher's Corner



Joan Butts

ONE of the many terrific aspects of the Gold Coast Congress is the influx of international players to our sunny (aka "boiling, hot, steamy") shores. This year we will have the leading Chinese pair, Jack Zhao and his partner, Fu Zhong, coming down to play. The duo became the first gold medallists ever for China when they won the World Open Pairs in Verona in 2006.

Karen McCallum from the USA will be here too, and you will be able to hear from Karen in the week before the Gold Coast, as she will be visiting Brisbane clubs for teaching and coaching sessions. Karen has represented the USA many times, and most recently won the Blue Ribbon Womens Pairs in San Francisco in November 07. She was a member of the women's national team that won the World Championships in Perth, Australia (1989) and Santiago, Chile (1991). She also won the Women's World Pairs Championships with two different American partners, playing in Geneva (1990) with Kerri

Sanborn, and in Montreal (2003) with Debbie Rosenberg. And in 2006, she won the Mixed Pairs World Championship with Matthew Granovetter of Israel, in Verona, Italy. In addition to playing, Kate is also a successful bridge teacher and coach. In this latter role, she helped to prepare Turkey's open, women's and junior teams for the 2000 European Championships.

She will be at various Brisbane clubs in the week of Feb 19th – 22nd. Contact me if you would like to fit in with her programme. Her coaching material is known to be excellent.

The early part of the year is a good time to offer some refresher lessons for players who want to get back to bridge, but who are rusty and need to brush up on the basics. (Mind you, the word "basics" covers a lot of ground). People often need a confidence boost before they tackle a duplicate at a bridge club. While reviewing opener's and responder's first and second

bids in two lessons doesn't exactly do justice to a big topic, at least the class will know some of the latest ideas. Offering "Refresher" or "Brush-up" lessons may bring you some new members, and early in the year is the best time (they're still trying to keep some of their New Year's Resolutions!) If you'd like ideas and material to use in these lessons, please contact me. ■

The worst analysts and the biggest talkers are often one and the same.

Frank Stewart

Claim and concession: An agreement between one who cannot play and two who cannot defend.

Club News

If you want items about your club in this section, please send your news-letter or items to Kim Ellaway.

Toowoomba



"I've had 90 birthdays, and this is the best ever", said Toowoomba Bridge Club stalwart Rae Howard at her birthday celebrations in the new Toowoomba Bridge Clubhouse. Giving her a birthday hug is president Henry Eastment.

Toowong

31 tables competed in the Charity Day with all proceeds going to the Autism Early Intervention Unit - \$2500.53 was raised.

Redcliffe

100 players attended the Christmas Party - Rainbow Movement was used. State Member Lillian van Litsenburg and the Mayor, Cr Allan Sutherland, attended. Bush poetry was read by Dot Schwenke from her recently published book.

Cairns

The club celebrated its silver anniversary.

Surfers

Eric Parsons was made a life member. Voluntary members acknowledged.

QCBC

Melbourne Cup day a great success and AVEO acknowledged as a great sponsor.

Bridge in the Vineyards... ...of South Australia

Thurs 1st to Mon 5th May 2008

Join Joan Butts on another bridge holiday – this time to McLaren Vale and the Adelaide Hills. Enjoy the beautiful wineries, and play and improve your bridge at the same time.

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Joan works in Brisbane. Each year she teaches more people to play and improve their bridge. She has owned and operated her own club for 20 years, and has a BA, Dip Ed & Dip Ed Psych. She has written bridge books for beginners and intermediates, and has been a guest speaker at the American Bridge Teachers Conventions. She has represented Australia and Queensland many times. Her passion is teaching bridge, and she will bring you the latest ideas, in a light hearted way.

PRICE: \$1,775 per person twin share. Single Supplement \$490.

(does not include airfare)

Weekend and daily rates are available too, for locals SA players.

There are many inclusions in this package:

- 4 nights Accommodation and Breakfasts at Hyatt Regency hotel Adelaide
- Welcome lunch and afternoon bridge session at the Adelaide Art Gallery.
- Morning & afternoon teas + lunch on bridge days at Hyatt Regency.
- Winery morning tea & lunch at Leconfield Winery, McLaren Vale, including return transfers.
- Morning tea & winner's celebration lunch at Mt Lofty House, including transfer.
- Transfer from Mt Lofty house to Adelaide airport.
- ALL bridge games, lessons, masterpoints, and books

For more details on this and other bridge holidays for 2008

Ph: Joan **0413 772 650** or **0732544795**.

Go to Joan's web page www.joanbuttsbridge.com

to print out the full itinerary.

Alternatively email: joaneb@uq.net.au



2008 QBA TEAM SELECTION TRIALS

for

Australian Team Championships 3rd - 8th August 2008
The ANC starts on 25th July with Open & Women Stage 1 Butlers

OPEN & WOMEN

15th & 16th March

5th & 6th April

12th April



ANC 2008
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13th April

19th & 20th April

26th & 27th April

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Gold Coast Congress Raffle

The 2008 Gold Coast Congress has been lucky enough to receive sponsorship from Annabel Tully (a diptych painting), Depazzi (opal pendant) and the Tucker Family (baskets of Premium Wines). We have put them together as a raffle prize and raffle tickets have been printed specifically for them.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and the raffle will be drawn at the Gold Coast Dinner dance.

Tickets available from Kim Ellaway at

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Coming Events

- Feb 09-10 QBA Senior Teams - Sunshine Coast**
- Feb 10 QCBC Novice Pairs**
- Feb 10 Warwick Swiss Pairs**
- Feb 17 Cairns Novice Pairs**
- Feb 17 Arana Swiss Teams**
- Feb 23-Mar 01 QBA Gold Coast Congress**
- Mar 08-9 Rockhampton Butler Pairs**
- Mar 09 Sunshine Coast Graded Butler Pairs**
- Mar 09 Toowong Novice Swiss Pairs**
- Mar 09 Broadwater Swiss Teams**
- Mar 14-16 Proserpine Teams**
- Mar 15-16 QBA Selection Trials - Stage 1 Open/Womens**
- Mar 16 Dalby Swiss Pairs**
- Mar 16 Surfers Paradise Novice Pairs**
- Mar 21-24 Cairns Easter Congress**
- Mar 23-24 BBC Easter Graded Congress**
- Mar 26-30 ABF Open/Womens Play Off**
- Mar 27 QBA Council Meeting**
- Mar 30 Toowoomba Novice Pairs**
- Mar 30 Coolum Swiss Teams**
- Apr 05-6 QBA Selection Trials - Stage 2 Open/Womens Days 1 and 2**
- Apr 06 Townsville Pairs**
- Apr 06 Northern Suburbs Pairs**

News from the Manager's Desk

Entries for the Gold Coast close 15th February - get your entry in before this.

Entry forms for the following events are available on the website.

Open and Womens Selection Trials
- Senior Teams - Barrier Reef - PABF (shortly) - ANC (shortly).

Teaching Subsidies available again - expressions of interest welcome.

The AGM is to be held on March 27. There are vacancies on the Management Committee.

Results

Redlands Graded Teams December 9

- 1= N Francis P Francis
R Parker S Parker
- 1= J Butts J Solomon
P Hainsworth A Hung
- 3= I Afflick J Summerhayes
S Birrer J Morris
- 3= A Pryde J Cater
J Mills B Stacey

B Grade

- 1 J Peach G Slack-Smith
J Evans P Evans
- 2 B Horan G Masters
E Miller H Rienstra
- 3 P Alp J Sherrell
A Green B Morgan

C Grade

- 1 A Goudie S Hooper
D Roberts T Troloar
- 2 R Rijker R Dale
B Geise E Geise
- 3 N Fullbrook E Reu
V Smythe B Tucker

Noosa Butler Pairs November 24-25

- 1 N Francis S Kamalarasa
- 2 R Trollop T Walford
- 3= G Tucker M Jakes
- 3= G Hart I Afflick

Plate

- 1 J Keim I Ross
- 2 E Nimmo H Mott
- 2 P Hawkins C Reed

Consolation

- 1 C Robinson S Lee
- 2 H Tomson A Hall
- 3 P Lier H Lier

Gold Coast Swiss Teams January 6

- 1 K Sanmugara J Solomon
P Hooykas P Rankin

- 2 N Francis M Moren
B Hunt A Gianazza
3 R Parker P Hainsworth
S Parker C Green

Plate

- 1= D Hatcher B Hunt
J Varmo P Hille
1= E Gibson N Gibson
J Summerhayes C Young
3 N de Mestre M de Mestre
J Kent M Kent

Consolation

- 1 J Kable R Webb
E Pierce J Pierce
2 J Correy C McPaul
S Robinson L Tillotson
3 M Stoneman K Hewings
J Williams J Hutson

Ipswich Swiss Teams January 13

- 1 R Parker N Francis
R Morawiecki S Kamalarasa
2 J Summerhayes I Afflick
S Birrer J Morris
3 G Tucker M Millar
C Green S Parker

QBA Individual December 16

- 1 J Swanson 2 M Jakes
3 L Eaves 4 K Hewings

Tablelands Congress December 29-31

Teams

- 1 P & A Hooper
L & K Miller
2 J Morris S Birrer
J Johnson I Patterson
3 V Carrol C Suthers
S Holme J Wyburn

Pairs

- 1 B & D McConachie
2 J Morris S Birrer
3 P & A Hooper

Consolation

- 1 C Suthers V Carroll
2 B Morton B Marshall
3 M Azar M Wyburn

James O'Sullivan Trophy

Congratulations to Neville Francis who won the overall James O'Sullivan Trophy - this is his fourth year to win the trophy. 2007 is the third in a row with 2003/2004 being won by the late Darko Janzekovic, 2002 by Neville, 2001 by Terry Strong and 2000 by Jimmy Wallis. A full list of sectional winners appears on the QBA website - all winners will be presented with a certificate by their home club secretary.

Brisbane Festival of Bridge December 26-30

Pairs

- 1 A Nichols A Clayton
2 M Perrin C Francis

Novice

- 1 D O'Gorman C Stone
2 R Wieckhorst P Lye

Teams-of-3

- 1 **L Newnham** P Bugler
C Francis N Moore
2 **B Singley** D Lehmann
J Nibbs A Norman
3 **T Tully** M Bower
K Nagrodzki C Page



*BFB Pairs winners:
Ann Nicols & Alan Clayton*



*BFB Teams winners: Craig Francis, Nic Moore, Lorna Newnham,
Trevor Strickland (director), Patrick Bugler*



Paul Lavings, Alana Pelly, Pam & Laurie Lang

Director's Corner

It may still be some time before the 2007 Laws come into effect in Australia so directors must continue applying the current 1997 Laws until the implementation date. It is also rumoured that the appendix to the new laws will not eventuate or at best, will not appear soon.

In this article I will mention more of the many refinements in the new Laws. Once again I am avoiding those areas that are subject to decisions by the Regulating Authority as well as Law 27 which may never be sorted out to everyone's satisfaction.

When players have a substantial reason to

believe an opponent has used extraneous (unauthorised) information from partner they will be encouraged to call the director when play ends though it will not be an infraction to call the director earlier or later. There is little the director can do until play is complete so there doesn't seem much point to calling sooner.

Currently it is bridge law that dummy may try to prevent an irregularity by declarer and it is accepted as one of the niceties of the game that others may also try to prevent irregularities. This nicety is incorporated in the new Laws. Dummy will still be limited to trying to stop declarer's irregularities.

The word "must" will remain the strongest qualification of verbs and failure to comply to a "must do" will most likely incur a penalty. "The Director must be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity," will change to "The Director should be summoned at once when attention is drawn to an irregularity." Failure to observe a "should do" will remain an infraction, jeopardizing the infractor's rights, but will not often be penalized. Naturally the Director remains the only one permitted to determine whether rectifications are to be applied or not.

An artificial adjusted score (average, average plus, average minus, 0 IMP, +3 IMP, -3 IMP) is awarded when a result cannot be obtained. An assigned adjusted score (+420, +100, -1400) is awarded in place of a score reached at the table. The current practice of awarding an artificial rather than an assigned adjusted score in unusual situations that are too complicated to sort out has been included in the 2007 Laws. As now, this must not be used as an easy alternative to properly applying the laws and allocating sufficient time to a ruling.

It is detailed in the new Laws that artificial adjusted scores of 40% and -3 IMP are modified downwards to reflect a poorer average result on other boards in a session as well as 60% and +3 imp being modified upwards.

■ Jan Peach

INTRODUCTION TO QBA SELECTION TRIALS

A session for intending triallists, of particular interest to first timers, will be held at QCBC 67 Ipswich Road Woolloongabba at 7 pm Monday 4th February 2008

PRIOR BOOKING ESSENTIAL

To Kim Ellaway: 3351 8602 - manager@qldbridge.com
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