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## From the President



**Keith McDonald**

**T**HIS has been a very busy period. The Queensland Wide Pairs was a great success thanks to Joan Mc Pheat, Reg Busch and Bill Hunt.

Congratulations to W Choy-Show and M Watson 69.29% (EW) and E Turner and J Hughes 68.73% (NS), from Gympie and Cairns respectively.

The new event the Qld Mixed Teams was won by B Hunt, R Lachman, P Rankin and P Hooykaas in a well conducted QCBC event. It is not too late to enter the Qld Seniors Teams to be held by the Sunshine Coast Club. Entries for the Gold Coast Congress are progressing and this will be a wonderful experience for new players!

Our best wishes go to the Qld team for the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championship, 7-12 March, B Lee, M Robson, R Parker and P Hainsworth. There is a side event open to all players; please consider joining us in Melbourne. Details are on the ABF web site.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Brisbane Festival of Bridge

ran from Dec 28 to Jan 1. I would encourage all to play in 2006. All results are available on our web site www.qldbridge.com together with news on the Bridge Queensland scene.

I know 2006 is going to be a good year

for bridge in Queensland because you have all committed to encourage a friend to learn in your local club. The Management Committee and the Council extend very best wishes to you ALL for a successful 2006. ■

## Brisbane Festival of Bridge

**A** TOTAL of 122 players participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Brisbane Festival of Bridge held between Christmas and New Year at Toowong Bridge Club.



*Denise Dodd (convenor) & Trevor Strickland (director)*

Convened by Denise Dodd and directed by Trevor Strickland, this is a QBA sponsored Red Masterpoint event.

Vouchers from Postfree Bridge Books, cash prizes and free entries (won at Melbourne Cup and Christmas parties) totalled almost \$1,000 in giveaways. In the Festival Pairs there were twelve sessional prizes, plus prizes for overall winners in the Novice and Open sections.

Paul Lavings from Sydney (who incidentally holds the unusual record of having represented Australia with *nine* different partners) was again the guest lecturer.



*Paul Lavings*

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"Defence, the weakest area of every player's game" was the focus of the three workshops held in the mornings before afternoon play. His introduction "Defend like an Expert" covered the three types of signals, "Encourage/Discourage", "Count" and "Suit Preference" and he spoke about current trends which have moved away from high encourage. Odd encourage is superior to both methods, but is partly banned in both the UK and USA. The other two workshops centred around "Choosing the Winning Lead" and "Arranging Ruffs".



Capt. Keith MacDonald, Peter Schmidt & Capt. Tony Jackman



Kay Hogan, Director Trevor Strickland, Sandy Siddle & Capt. Ian Afflick

As per last year, two workshops were conducted at Arana Bridge Club.

Also a showpiece of the Festival is the Swiss Teams-of-Three on the final Sunday, where three novices draw an expert partner for six 8-board matches. Paul drew last year's winners, Fred Jones (alias 3NT), Vera Newman and Jeff Hollands. Despite their best efforts they relinquished their title to Captain Keith McDonald who powered home with the very able-bodied crew of Kerry Pope, Margaret Bower and Del Heer to take first place. There is no truth to the rumour that the wee glass of champagne during lunch helped or hindered any players during their afternoon performance.

Second was the Afflick team comprising June Trudigan, Dalma Jacobs and Laurel MacIntosh. Captain Pryde, although the last team to finish play, came in third with Len Nourse, Graham Norton and Craig Francis.

The pairs was won by Sharyn Birrer and John Morris from Mackay with Peter and Sue Schmidt winning the novice section. Early leaders David and Mary Orr from Proserpine were unable to continue when Mary injured an arm on the way to the event. A close second went to Wendi Carvill and Len Melchior.

After New Year Paul spent a day at both Noosa and Caloundra Clubs giving Defence Workshops, which were sub-

sidised by the QBA. Both days were a success with 64 and 46 attendees.

Paul sees an encouraging future for bridge in Queensland, as Brisbane boasts a number of strong young players, which appears to have sparked a general revival. Plus of course Queensland won the Women's at last year's Interstate Teams.

Here is a deal is from the New Year Teams when Paul was partnered by John Luck. Inverted Minors are becoming increasingly popular.

Dir S	♠ K
Vul Both	♥ 982
	♦ AQ4
	♣ Q98653
♠ QJ62	♠ 109853
♥ A7654	♥ KJ10
♦ 10765	♦ J8
♣ —	♣ AJ7
	♠ A74
	♥ Q3
	♦ K932
	♣ K1042

W	N	E	S
	Paul		John
P	2C*	P	1C
P	3C	All pass	2NT

\* 11+ HCP

3C made 10 tricks, but the consensus was West should come in over 1C. If West overcalls 1H North already has a problem. At the other table West did come into the bidding and North-South misjudged to continue to 5C. This was doubled and down one for a 7IMP gain.

Paul will be visiting again this year for the 2006 Brisbane Festival of Bridge.

■ Denise Dodd

# AGM

## March 30

### QBA Mailing List

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## GNOT

**T**HE venue for the GNOT finals at Banora Pt. was excellent for the players but the access perhaps a little difficult for the interstate contestants.

Our team did not star although we managed to meet Sydney 1 and Sydney 2 in the front line of battle.

Dir W	♠ 754		
Vul NS	♥ KQJ542		
	♦ J2		
	♣ K2		
♠ QJ6		♠ 109832	
♥ Q863		♥ A97	
♦ Q10		♦ 76	
♣ QJ1093		♣ 765	
	♠ AK		
	♥ 10		
	♦ AK98543		
	♣ A84		

Because this hand was a 7-loser I opened a light 1H in second position. This encouraged my partner, Dawn Cullen, with her great hand to bid to 6D.

After the SQ lead, she played the AK of clubs and ruffed a club with the DJ. Playing the AK of trumps dropped the Q10 and 6D made easily, giving our team a valuable 13 IMPs when the opposition did

not find the slam. Perhaps their North opened a weak 2H.

Fortune favoured the brave.

■ Margaret Drake

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# 2006 Gold Coast Congress

## February 18-25



## Cuppaidge's Column



George Cuppaidge

### A Lucky Hand

DO you have a particularly lucky hand? If you do, send it to me for feature in a later column. (jorj41@bigpond.net.au) All I ask is that it be at least as lucky as this one, a recent happening on BBO.

The nines have it.

Dir W	♠ Q83		
Vul None	♥ J1074		
	♦ KJ		
	♣ KJ103		
♠ 1042		♠ 76	
♥ AK853		♥ Q62	
♦ A654		♦ 92	
♣ 8		♣ AQ7642	
	♠ AKJ95		
	♥ 9		
	♦ Q10873		
	♣ 95		

W	N	E	S
1H	P	2C <sup>1</sup>	2S <sup>2</sup>
P	3S	P	4S
All pass			

<sup>1</sup>Ugh. Whyever not a simple 2H?

<sup>2</sup>The hideous hog strikes. Double or 2NT is far superior but watching some of these people play dummy is more than I can stand. Anyway if there is a game it is far more likely to be in spades than diamonds.

West led the C8, low from dummy, East's CQ and my C9! Convinced, East played back a small heart to my H9 and West's HK. He tried the HA. I still had hurdles. My ruff with S9 was critical to success. A diamond was now led to dummy's king, and East's nine. I overtook dummy's jack

with the queen and West took his ace. This was the position.

	Q83	
	J10	
	—	
	KJ10	
1042		76
853		Q
65		—
—		Q7642
	AKJ5	
	—	
	1087	
	5	

Perhaps bemused by the nines at each of the first four tricks, West missed the winning continuation, another diamond. Instead he switched to a trump. Dummy's eight held. It now remained to ruff out East's HQ with the SA and play a SJ to dummy's queen to cash the established heart throwing the club loser, with East, fortunately, out of trumps. A spade back to the king drew trumps and the last three diamonds were cashed. Lucky?

The bidding and play in this hand resembled a fourth rate doubles game of tennis. The remarkable thing was that the ball stayed alive so long.

Dir S	♠ AK104	
Vul Both	♥ 3	
	♦ Q64	
	♣ 109765	
♠ Q6		♠ 9872
♥ KJ7652		♥ AQ9
♦ 87		♦ J52
♣ AK3		♣ Q82
	♠ J53	
	♥ 1084	
	♦ AK1093	
	♣ J3	

W	N	E	S
1H	X <sup>1</sup>	2H	3D
3H	P	4H	5D <sup>2</sup>
X <sup>3</sup>	All pass		

<sup>1</sup> Should you double on this hand, vulnerable opposite a passed partner? Obviously I thought so, four good spades, good support for all the other suits, but the really persuasive factor is the singleton heart. Purists may not.

<sup>2</sup> Why do they do this? Partner has heard your 3D, is there any reason to think 4H will make on a diamond lead? It does not. Do you actually expect to make 5D?

<sup>3</sup> Does West really have a double? These doubles "on the bidding" tend to be disastrous. Yes, the contract should go one down but what great odds you are giving South for that extra one hundred. You have a good score simply by going plus. Players, in general, bid to make at this vulnerability and what does West hold to suggest that South is wrong.

West began with the CA and East, confronted with a typical "attitude" player's problem, did not know which card to play. He chose the C8. Poor West, if that C8 followed by the two really did show a doubleton, a club continuation may be the only defence. West continued, establishing the suit for declarer. But it was not over.

If you see a good line of play, look for a better one. South unimaginatively drew trumps and played the SJ. West covered and that was game set and match to EW. Surely that spade play was not right. What declarer should do, cost free, is to lead a spade to the S10 before broaching trumps. When that holds, he takes the ace and king of diamonds followed by a spade to the ace. When the SQ pops, declarer plays a spade to the jack in hand (luckily West being out of trumps) before drawing the last trump with dummy's queen and cashing the established clubs. ■

## QCBC

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## 25 Years Ago

ONE of the most enjoyable and entertaining events in the English bridge calendar is the Young Chelsea Marathon. This starts at 2.00 Saturday afternoon and ends six sessions, 162 boards and 24 hours later. As it is a private event not run by the English Bridge Union, large prize money is allowed to be offered and, consequently, the event attracts a number of good players.

The key to doing well (apart from staying awake) is to play sensibly, maintain concentration and avoid silly errors. However, this is more easily said than done as the following hand illustrates.

Firstly, some comedy from the final session after over 20 hours of play.

Dir N	♠ K109732
Vul None	♥ 5
	♦ KQ52
	♣ 43
♠ AJ85	♠ Q64
♥ 7	♥ QJ932
♦ 9873	♦ J1064
♣ A1085	♣ K
	♠ —
	♥ AK10864
	♦ A
	♣ QJ9762

W	N	E	S
	2D <sup>1</sup>	P	2NT <sup>2</sup>
P	3D <sup>3</sup>	P	3H <sup>4</sup>
P	3NT <sup>5</sup>	P	4C <sup>6</sup>
P	4S <sup>7</sup>	P	5C <sup>8</sup>
P	6S <sup>9</sup>	P	P
P <sup>10</sup>			

<sup>1</sup> The ubiquitous multicoloured 2D, played by 70% of British tournament players showing one of

- a) 6-10 points; 6-card major  
 b) Acoll 2 in a minor  
 c) 4-4-4-1; 19-23 pts  
 d) 21-22 points; balanced

<sup>2</sup> I don't know what to bid, I'll try the relay asking for more information

<sup>3</sup> 8-10 points; 6-card spade suit

<sup>4</sup> Meant to be natural, but taken as cue-bid agreeing spades

<sup>5</sup> Sounds natural but meant as a waiting bid denying any first round controls

<sup>6</sup> Oh good, partner must have a club stop; we might even make 6C

<sup>7</sup> I don't fancy my hand

<sup>8</sup> As least we can make 5C, surely

<sup>9</sup> Partner must be enormous with first and second round club control and my diamond and heart holdings look good

<sup>10</sup> After many detailed questions it looks like South is void in clubs and the spades are over me so I won't double.

The H3 was led and partner was a little confused when he saw dummy but is even more confused when the play continues 4, 7, 5. It turned out that partner had forgotten the contract and played the first trick as if in NT. However, he recovered (?) to go 6 down for -300.

To complete the comedy, -300 was an average as many NS were doubled in lower level contracts after less confident sounding bidding.

■ Ian Morris

*Ian Morris moved to the UK and was an occasional correspondent.*

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## Senior Pairs



**Richard Wallis**

**T**HE Surfers Paradise Club used to hold the Senior Pairs, but they relinquished the right this year and, for the first time, it was run by the QBA at the QCBC club rooms at Wooloongabba. A total of 24 pairs entered, and while this may have been disappointing for the QBA, it did clash with the GNOT finals at Tweed Heads, and the number of entries allowed a complete Howell movement which was well received by the players.

Tony Jackman and I got off to a reasonable start, and were always close to the lead, but in the end Michael Kent and Rob Slobom won by the length of the straight with us in 2<sup>nd</sup> place just ahead of Ian Afflick and Paul Collins. Since there were only 23 matches, director Alan Gibson was able to set up 5-board rounds against every other pair, which gave you some chance to recover from a bad board in the beginning. A cynic may say it gave you more opportunities to make mistakes. This was a great format, and appeared to be enjoyed by all of those who played, so should be adopted whenever allowed by the entry numbers.

M 1	♠ K964		
Bd 5	♥ A		
Dlr N	♦ Q10754		
Vul NS	♣ K52		
♠ 85		♠ Q103	
♥ QJ109		♥ 753	
♦ AJ92		♦ K86	
♣ A63		♣ Q1094	
	♠ AJ72		
	♥ K8642		
	♦ 3		
	♣ J87		

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

Board 5 was actually the first one we played and our opponents were inexperienced, which explains the odd decision to bid the 4-card diamond suit at the 3-level. I think West got confused at being told that my 1D opening showed

at least 2 diamonds, and he thought it meant I did not have diamonds. He did the same thing again on board 2 and I passed with AQT4 to await Tony's re-opening double, but it never came and he escaped with 2 off and a bad score to us.

I was not inclined to double the 3D bid, never for a moment thinking it was only a 4-card suit, and we ended up in 4S, which should go down on a club lead even though the spade finesse was right.

The opening lead was the D6 and West won and led the HQ to my stiff ace. A diamond ruff, East playing the D8, enabled me to discard a club on the HK and lead a club, winning with the CK to lead another diamond, ruffing down the king. It was then obvious that 3DX would have been a bloodbath, but I still did not have any idea where the SQ was, so decided to continue on cross-ruff lines and emerged with 10 tricks for +620.

On this board in the second match we gained a good score when North was not on the same wavelength as her partner.

M 2	♠ 973		
Bd 6	♥ QJ85		
Dlr E	♦ K97		
Vul EW	♣ J97		
♠ 10654		♠ K2	
♥ 103		♥ 76	
♦ 1054		♦ AJ862	
♣ KQ64		♣ A1032	
	♠ AQJ8		
	♥ AK942		
	♦ Q3		
	♣ 85		

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

She explained that she only had 7 points when she passed her partner's jump raise, but she forgot to take into account that she was forced to bid after the take-out double, and her minimum response of 1H could have been made on no points at all. Since a jump to 2H would show about 9-11, she had a maximum for her bidding thus far.

If I had passed the 1H response, then a mere 2H by South would have shown a good hand, but over the 2C rebid, 2H may have just been competing for the part-score with a moderate hand. South is not strong enough to go to game opposite a very weak hand, thus must involve her partner with an invitational jump. North should accept, although her 4-3-3-3 shape is not a big asset.

If the black kings had been reversed, North's pass would have reaped a reward, but on the actual hand, 10 tricks were easy.

M 2	♠ J10954		
Bd 8	♥ 3		
Dlr W	♦ A109		
Vul None	♣ 10843		
♠ A		♠ Q762	
♥ AKQ2		♥ J10754	
♦ K864		♦ J	
♣ KJ52		♣ AQ9	
	♠ K83		
	♥ 986		
	♦ Q7532		
	♣ 76		

W	N	E	S
1C	P	1H	P
2H	P	2S	P
3C	P	4C	P
6H	All pass		

When dummy went down after South led the H6, I briefly thought of 13 tricks, but this was quickly dispelled when the trumps were 3-1.

I could still draw all of the trumps and throw my DJ on the 4<sup>th</sup> club, but then I would need the DA or SK to be doubleton or tripleton, and I would have to guess which, as transport problems would prevent playing for either distribution to occur.

It was therefore better odds to just rely on the DA being well placed, so I finished drawing trumps in hand and led the DJ, covered by South. My first instinct was to duck this, and rely on a short ace, but I thought that South might have played the DQ and ducked the DA, so I covered in dummy, losing to North.

This was woolly thinking as not even a raw beginner is going to play the DQ when also holding the DA, but fortune was on my side when I was able to set up the D8 by 2 ruffs and 12 tricks rolled in. Note that if I ruff 2 spades, the SK drops and I could have made 13 tricks after all.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Maintaining a proper attitude includes not being needlessly absent when the next round is to start. Being prepared to play fast is not sufficient excuse for annoying opponents by smoking and chatting or waiting until the move is called before getting food or drink or checking the horses.

M 3	♠ 8		
Bd 12	♥ AK7		
Dlr W	♦ 842		
Vul NS	♣ K109876		
♠ AKJ975		♠ 104	
♥ 5		♥ Q109643	
♦ KQ53		♦ A6	
♣ QJ		♣ A32	
	♠ Q632		
	♥ J92		
	♦ J1097		
	♣ 54		

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

North's 1H was purported to show heart tolerance and another suit, and my 2H was natural. When Tony showed his suit, I decided to show my 6<sup>th</sup> heart, and he showed his 6<sup>th</sup> spade, after which I had a choice of 4S or 3NT. Being a pairs event, I decided to go for the highest scoring contract, but this looked to be a bad decision when South led the C5.

The sight of dummy's excellent club holding gave me some hope, but as I won the CA it was obvious that 4S was going to make 11 tricks by ruffing a diamond and giving up a heart. However if the spade finesse lost, I had at least 3 losers in 3NT.

Good news when the S10 held, and even better news when North showed out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of spades, as that meant only 11 tricks in a spade contract, so we gained a good score.

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M 3	♠ AQJ2
Bd 14	♥ AQJ4
Dlr E	♦ A54
Vul None	♣ A6
♠ 865	♠ 93
♥ 10853	♥ K972
♦ KJ76	♦ 982
♣ K4	♣ J975
	♠ K1074
	♥ 6
	♦ Q103
	♣ Q10832

W	N	E	S
P	2NT	P	P
P	3D	P	3C
P	4D	P	3H
P	6H	P	6D
All pass			6NT

It was obvious that NS had a system misunderstanding when South jumped to 6D and North returned to 6H. My normal lead was going to be the D9, but this did not seem like a good idea when South wanted to play in a diamond slam. Still, since North made it obvious that 4D was not natural, I should have stuck to my lead and then we would have had a happy ending.

Since North had hearts and South had spades and diamonds that only left a club lead, although I generally detest leading away from Jxxx. The C9 made this less of a no-no, so I led the C5 and immediately regretted it when dummy went down.

Declarer guessed wrongly when he called for the CT, and won the CA to lead back the C6, my C9 forcing the queen, with Tony showing out! I was oblivious to the possibility of a revoke, and neglected to protect Tony, and declarer next finessed the HQ, losing to my HK.

As it was obvious that 6NT was the wrong spot, I cashed my CJ for 1 off and again toyed with a diamond return, but rejected it in favour of a safe club return. The slam still should have gone off, even with the revoke, but we could not pick North's 4-card spade suit, and eventually we recorded -990 for an absolute bottom. ■

*The complete article is available as a supplement on the QBA website*

The opening lead is the one play that wins or loses more points than any other single factor of contract bridge

Richard Frey

# Queensland Bridge Association

## 2006 Trials to select the state teams for the Australian National Championships to be held in Adelaide from July 30 - August 5

The trials to be held at QCBC

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## Coming Events

<b>Feb</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Toowong Swiss Pairs</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>QBA Selection Trials Information Night</b>
	<b>11-12</b>	<b>QBA Senior Teams - Sunshine Coast</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Warwick Swiss Pairs</b>
		<b>Cairns Novice Pairs</b>
		<b>QCBC Novice Pairs</b>
	<b>18-25</b>	<b>Gold Coast Congress</b>
<b>Mar</b>	<b>4-5</b>	<b>QBA Selection Trials (Open)</b>
	<b>5</b>	<b>Broadwater Swiss Pairs</b>
		<b>Toowong Novice Swiss Pairs</b>
	<b>11-12</b>	<b>QBA Selection Trials (Women)</b>
		<b>Rockhampton Butler Pairs</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Dalby Swiss Pairs</b>
		<b>Arana Swiss Teams</b>
	<b>19</b>	<b>Sunshine Coast Graded Butler Pairs</b>
		<b>Surfers Paradise Graded Teams</b>
	<b>25-26</b>	<b>Proserpine Teams</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Coolum Swiss Teams</b>
		<b>Toowoomba Novice Pairs</b>
	<b>31</b>	<b>QBA Selection Trials (Open &amp; Womens)</b>
<b>Apr</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>QBA Selection Trials (Open &amp; Womens)</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>Northern Suburbs Pairs</b>
		<b>Townsville Pairs</b>
	<b>8-9</b>	<b>QBA Selection Trials (Senior)</b>
		<b>Gympie Butler Pairs &amp; Swiss Teams</b>
	<b>9</b>	<b>Redlands Novice Teams</b>

## Gold Coast

ON January 8<sup>th</sup>, the GCBC held their annual one day teams congress with 42 teams attending, the maximum the club can accommodate. The field consisted of first time congress players, who performed extremely well with 3 wins & an encouragement award, to the usual suspects. The Francis team shone again winning the Championship over the Hunt & Morris teams but the Plate was an unusual 3-way tie which can't be broken under QBA regulations.

In the morning session, our team or rather, Rob Slobom and I (Kathy Johnson), lost our match when playing against Ralph Parker and Peter Hainsworth because of two slams. One could have been defeated and the other we didn't bid.

Dir N	♠ 976		
Vul EW	♥ Q9764		
	♦ 9		
	♣ KQ105		
♠ Q		♠ AKJ10432	
♥ AJ105		♥ 3	
♦ AQJ875		♦ K2	
♣ J3		♣ 762	
	♠ 85		
	♥ K82		
	♦ 10643		
	♣ A984		

W	N	E	S
2D	P	1S	P
6S	All pass	4S	P

Do you lead an ace against a suit slam? Okay, if you have a certain trump trick or if the bidding indicates such a lead. Some people always do, as they like to tell you after the fact. Anyway, Rob led a heart and of course the slam made but was not bid at the other table.

### DID YOU KNOW?

If the director is unable to determine the facts to his satisfaction, he makes a ruling that will permit play to continue and notifies the players of their right to appeal.

Leaving the table needlessly before the round is called is considered a violation of correct procedure.

This slam later that morning we didn't bid where the opposing team did. We play Precision.

Dir S	♠ KJ5		
Vul NS	♥ 9643		
	♦ AK875		
	♣ K		
♠ 103		♠ Q876	
♥ Q5		♥ 108	
♦ J10		♦ 9632	
♣ QJ96542		♣ A103	
	♠ A942		
	♥ AKJ72		
	♦ Q4		
	♣ 87		

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

Always vulnerable when we don't bid it of course!

A total bidding mix up in the bidding using Multi Twos that went in our favour occurred with hand 15 in the afternoon.

David opened a multi 2D as West, I

Dir W	♠ AQJ5		
Vul NS	♥ 75		
	♦ A64		
	♣ KQ102		
♠ 843		♠ 762	
♥ AK10983		♥ QJ62	
♦ 852		♦ K93	
♣ 7		♣ J64	
	♠ K109		
	♥ 4		
	♦ QJ107		
	♣ A9853		

doubled (16+), John bid 2H, partner bid 3C, pass, 3H from me thinking I was asking for a stopper, 3NT from Rob, pass, pass, 4S from John thinking David had a weak two in spades and the vulnerability was favourable. Rob doubled and poor John took it like a man.

Thankfully, John Dennis and David Read are real gentlemen and didn't say a word as they wrote down -1400!

Thank you Neil Raward, acting president of the GCBC, and Alan Gibson for a most enjoyable day and a great start to the year.

■ Kathy Johnson

## Queensland Wide Pairs Hand Setter

Expressions of interests wanted

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## Teacher's Corner



Joan Butts

ONE of the great old conventions that's alive and well, is 'Lebensohl'.

In its original form, it counteracts interference over partner's 1NT. Now it's also used when

- 1) an opponent opens a Weak 2 and partner doubles and
- 2) partner has reversed to show 17-20 points.

### Lebensohl Over Our 1NT

LHO	Partner	RHO	You
	1NT	2H	2NT*
	pass	3C	

\*2NT is artificial (Lebensohl) – a relay to 3C. Pass with a weak hand with clubs, or bid another suit. If 3NT now (after Leb), you show a stopper. 3NT immediately denies a stopper.

### Showing Long Suits

**Weak** – Bid at the two level

eg 1NT [2D] 2H/2S)

**Invitational** – Go through Lebensohl

eg 1NT [2H] 2NT P 3C P 3S)

**Forcing** – Jump to 3 of your suit

eg 1NT [2D] 3H/3S)

### Lebensohl after a conventional overcall

If their bid shows:

**Two Suits** eg. Cappelletti 2H (hearts and a minor), treat it as a regular 2H overcall. Your stopper-showing and stopper-denying auctions will focus on hearts.

**An unspecified one-suiter (artificial double)** Redouble = penalty, invitational + values and interest in doubling their run-out. **System ON** eg 2C Stayman 2D/H are transfers

**An unspecified one-suiter (2C)** Double is Stayman. **System ON.**

### Memory Aids

**Slow Shows:** Lebensohl first then 3NT or cue-bidding *shows* a stopper

**Fast Denies:** Not bidding Lebensohl first, *denies* a stopper.

### Lebensohl Over Weak 2-Bids

LHO	Pd	RHO	You
2S	X	pass	3C

Your partner has a problem with extra values. 2NT should be Leb, a relay to 3C.

You then pass, sign off in a suit or make another bid.

### Weak hands (0-6)

Most useful when you want to sign off in a lower-ranking suit. If your suit is higher, (eg LHO opens 2H and you have spades), make your normal bid at the 2-level. But if you need to go to the 3-level to show your suit, start with 2NT to relay to 3C. Pass if clubs is your suit or bid another.

### Medium hands. (7-10)

A suit at the 3-level (instead of Leb 2NT)

is encouraging, but not forcing, showing a constructive hand.

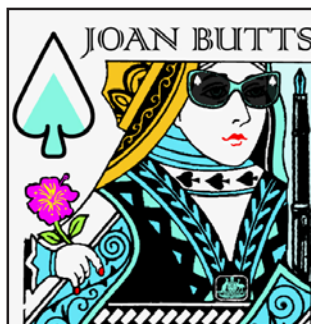
### Forcing Hands (11+)

Your jump responses retain their original meaning.

### Lebensohl After Partner's Reverse

2NT is Leb, relay to 3C, and responder, with a weak hand, can pass or signoff in own suit.

Opener shows a strong hand by **not accepting the relay**, and instead bidding their 3 card fragment or NT if 5-4-2-2. ■



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7.30 Sanctuary Pairs Final

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9.30 & 11.00 Lessons.  
1.00-4.00 Hyatt Teams  
6.00 Victory Dinner  
7.30 Goodbye Pairs

### Friday 23

9.30, & 11.00 Lessons  
1.00 Romney Pairs 1  
7.30 Romney Pairs 2.

### Sunday 25

9.30 & 11.00 Lessons  
1.00-4.00 Duplicate  
7.30 Duplicate

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## Results

### Central Qld Teams Mackay Nov 26-27

- 1 T Wotherspoon R Taylor  
J Morris S Birrer
- 2 A Boland P Borchardt  
V Carroll B Maity
- 3 B Gibbs J Laws  
N Knapman P Woodward.

### Noosa Butler Pairs Nov 26-27

- 1 N Francis M Moren
- 2 R Ashman D Levin
- 3 A Mayers R Crowley

#### Section B

- 1 D Bendt D Stag
- 2 P Feeney L Cheffers
- 3 D Quigley H French

#### Section C

- 1 E French R Gyde
- 2 G Schaaf L Hurley
- 3 D Bazzan M Bazzan

### Interclub Teams Dec 11

#### Overall

- 1 Northern Suburbs
- 2 QCBC
- 3 BBC

#### A Grade

- 1 Northern Suburbs  
Dick Dick  
McLauchlan McLauchlan

#### B Grade

- 1 Northern Suburbs  
Carroll McCarthy  
Farquhar Coroneo

#### C Grade

- 1 Arana  
Guminski Macionis  
Orford Orford

### Qld Individual Dec 18

- 1 J Varmo
- 2 A Gianazza
- 3 P Gosney
- 4= R Morawiecki
- 4= D Janzekovic

### Qld-wide Pairs

- 1 E Turner J Hughes, Cairns
- 2 J O'Reilly V Austin, Dalby
- 3 G Embery N Clarke, Stanthorpe
- 4 K Dawson A Mayers, SCBC
- 5 D Donaldson D Cows, Tamborine

### 2005 James O'Sullivan Award at Dec 31

- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| ALL GRADES   | Francis Neville |
| SILVER GRAND | Francis Neville |

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GOLD LIFE  
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NIL MASTER

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Janzekovic Darko  
Jakes Maureen  
Birrer Sharyn  
Gosney Paul  
Alp Peter  
Moschner Ken  
Wells Peter  
Steffensen Kevin  
Walker Margaret  
McCarthy Gayle  
Thompson Philip  
Hung Andy  
Swanson Jane  
Congreve Michael  
Hoare Rob  
Touton Ryan  
Wilson Barry

### Tablelands Congress Dec 31-Jan 2

#### Pairs

- 1 A Hooper P Hooper
- 2 K Miller L Miller
- 3 A Brown L Pollock

#### Restricted

B & D McConachie

#### Teams

- 1 K & L Miller  
A Brown L Pollock
- 2 A & P Hooper  
G & P Allen
- 3 R Taylor H Taylor  
R Taylor B Baldry

#### Restricted

M Horseman B Mealing  
L Ringrok & L VanRooyen

## Club News

**If you want items about your club in this section, please send your newsletter or items to Kim Ellaway.**

All clubs used their Christmas editions of their internal newsletters to thank all their unpaid volunteers.

Thank you to the following clubs who sent me their club newsletters - Hervey Bay, Surfers Paradise, QCBC, Gold Coast and Toowoomba.

#### Hervey Bay

Beginners classes go well. The front page of their 1996 November Club Newsletter was included in their bulletin.

#### Surfers Paradise

99 members attended the AGM and 5 new committee members were elected. 10 members attended the Australian Swiss Pairs and Senior Pairs in Hobart and all had a great time.

#### Toowoomba

Approval has been given for a new

building. To comply with planning conditions, the club has to be in the building by September 2009 or the approval will lapse. Reports on how funding will be obtained and how members will be asked to fund-raise etc etc.

Trophies have been donated for new club competitions - Club Pairs and Club Teams

#### QCBC

Update on the search for new premises. \$2,200 raised in Bring and Buy. Thanks to Yellow Cabs, Good Year Woolloongabba, Franks Automotive and Armstrong Jones for sponsorship. A pie-warmer has been purchased by members.

#### Toowong

Thursday afternoons at Toowong sees Koda attending bridge with her carer. Koda is a Golden Retriever and is in training to be a Seeing-Eye Dog.

#### Caboolture

Successful applicant with the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Dealing machine and cards are to be purchased.

## News from the Manager's Desk

Good Luck to Mike Robson (playing captain), Betty Lee, Peter Hainsworth and Ralph Parker who are representing Queensland in the Commonwealth Nations event being held in Melbourne, March 6-13.

Good luck to Neville Francis and Magnus Moren who are competing in the ABF Open Selection Trials and to Margaret Millar, Greer Tucker and Therese Tully competing in the Womens Selection Trials.

Paul Marston (Bridge Teacher) and Mike McLaughlin are booked for May 27th - QBA Development Weekend.

Statistics for the Queensland-Wide Pairs; 30 clubs competed with 281 tables.

Gold Coast Zone and Northern Zone have been allocated an additional team for the GNOT Final.

Thank you to all who supported the recent raffle "Penny's Blanket" - the winner will be drawn at the Canberra Festival of Bridge.

May 1-6 is Bridge for Brain Research Charity Week - email already sent to clubs.

The venue for the 2006/07/08 Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) Finals will be Club Banora, Banora Point (Tweed Heads).

## Director's Corner

### Did You Know? The early bird may get the worm but it's the second mouse that gets the cheese.

Law 81 C 5 gives directors authority to interpret the laws. Uniformity is expected on rulings for the everyday infringements yet unusual situations will often produce a variety of directing opinion. So be it. If you are on your own, find as many laws as you can to support your interpretation. Good old common sense and your notion of fair play will usually get you off in the right direction.

This question from the recent congress director exam was designed to test interpretation skills.

—	
A8	
AQ	
75	
—	8
52	K4
K7	2
106	J3
105	
—	
95	
A9	

Declarer South has already lost 3 tricks in a contract of 4SX. The lead to trick 8 is in dummy. Declarer calls for the HA. Dummy picks up the H8, East plays the HK, declarer discards the C9 and West plays the H2. East leads the S8 at the same time that declarer calls for the C7 from dummy.

Declarer is adamant that she called for the HA to Trick 8. East says she heard H8, West says he can't be sure what he heard and dummy says she's a little deaf and may have got it wrong.

Most candidates accepted that declarer really had called for the HA, yet ruled that it was too late to go back to that card because of Law 45D which says in part, "If dummy places in the played position a card that declarer did not name, the card must be withdrawn if attention is drawn to it before each side has played to the next trick etc."

Although 45D does say, "must be withdrawn if attention is drawn to it before each side has played to the next trick" it doesn't say that it *cannot* be withdrawn at other times. It may also be argued that the simultaneous lead of two cards does not constitute a card from each side being played to the next trick. A trick starts with *the* lead.

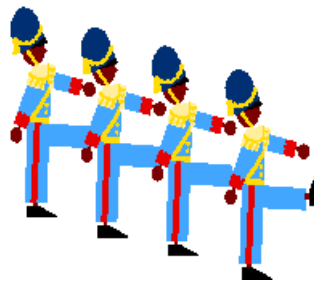
So, allow East to take back the HK and the S8 without penalty and start Trick 8 off again with the HA. Using Law 45 C 4 (a) among others to make a sensible and fair interpretation.

I find exam candidates tend to be too severe in the awarding of procedural penalties. A breach that has incurred an average minus score has already been dealt with adequately. The most likely reason for handing out a procedural penalty is when a board cannot be played at one table because of something that happened at *another* table eg the fouling of a board. Even then I would consider

the experience of the players concerned and the nature of the event. Gentle chiding will often get better results from new players when the big stick might drive them away. Law 90A says, "may also assess penalties" not "must also assess" or even "should also assess". ■

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