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Gold Coast Congress Teams

SUE Lusk came over from Adelaide to play with Therese Tully in the Gold Coast this year, so for the first time we fielded a team of 6, with 3 set partnerships. As usual, Wynne Webber played with Meta Goodman, and I (Richard Wallis) played with Tony Jackman throughout the teams. While we only lost twice our score was never good enough to threaten to qualify.

Nonetheless it was a great event as usual, and my main regret is that it is almost 12 months until the next one. Qld teams did not fare too well this year, except in some of the minor prizes. Since I only played 8 out of the 12 matches, there are a few gaps, but still plenty of hands to provide a snippet of the action.

The advantage of a good trump sequence was clearly demonstrated on this board when I had no trouble making 11 tricks on a non-trump lead in 4S. The heart contract at the other table went off, even though both are 8-card fits.

M 2	♠ KQJ1096
Bd 20	♥ J
Dir W	♦ A765
Vul Both	♣ 96
♠ 8752	♠ A
♥ 10	♥ K875
♦ KQ984	♦ 1032
♣ J83	♣ K7542
	♠ 43
	♥ AQ96432
	♦ J
	♣ AQ10

I opened 1S (Precision) as North, Tony bid 2H, and I made the obvious 2S rebid. When Tony rebid 3H, I reasoned that if spades were trumps the solidarity of my suit would be an advantage, so I rebid 3S, which Tony raised to game.

After the club lead was won with the CQ, I was able to ruff 2 of my diamond losers with dummy's small trumps, and eventually lost a trump and a diamond for 11 tricks.

Careful defence and a slip by declarer enabled us to defeat 4S, made by Wynne and Meta at the other table.

M 4	♠ Q1094
Bd 23	♥ Q
Dir S	♦ QJ3
Vul Both	♣ 108752
♠ AK875	♠ J62
♥ J1097	♥ 63
♦ A7	♦ K1096
♣ A3	♣ QJ96
	♠ 3
	♥ AK8542
	♦ 8542
	♣ K4

Tony opened with a weak 2H, West doubled for takeout, and rebid 3S over the 3C response from East, which East raised to game.

I led the obvious HQ, and when it held, I was endplayed, eventually choosing to lead a club, Tony correctly covering the queen. In her own hand with the CA, declarer led the HJ which Tony won to lead a diamond. Declarer can now finesse the C9 and lead a spade to hand to lead towards the SJ in dummy for an easy 10 tricks, but instead chose to rely on the 3-2 spade break (not as likely as normal with the 6-1 heart break) and ruffed 2 hearts in dummy setting up 2 trump tricks for me.

When playing against top opposition you cannot afford to lapse in concentration, and one of my lapses on board 9 cost us 5 IMPs instead of picking up 10!

M 5	♠ QJ9873
Bd 9	♥ 1082
Dir N	♦ A10
Vul EW	♣ 102
♠ 42	♠ K65
♥ AQJ	♥ 976543
♦ KJ8742	♦ Q
♣ KJ	♣ A75
	♠ A10
	♥ K
	♦ 9653
	♣ Q98643

North opened with a weak 2S, South raised to 3S, and Tony bid 4D, passed to me. The bidding made it likely that Tony was short in spades and would have some hearts, so I chanced my arm with 4H, passed out. I won the club lead with the jack on the table and I pulled a diamond towards my stiff queen. North rose ace to lead the SQ. I knew that South had the SA, since North's hand was good enough to open 1S with the DA and the SAQJ, but I thought it could not cost to cover, but I was soon taught a lesson. South won and returned a spade to North's jack who after a little thought led the S9, forcing dummy to ruff with an honour; thus the H10 became the setting trick.

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M 6	♠ AQ82
Bd 23	♥ AQ4
Dlr S	♦ A92
Vul Both	♣ Q32
♠ KJ54	♠ 1097
♥ 63	♥ J5
♦ Q108765	♦ 43
♣ 9	♣ KJ10765
	♠ 63
	♥ K109872
	♦ KJ
	♣ A84

This was a slam that was bid at many tables, and generally made. After a diamond lead declarer needs just the CK or SK to be right, but it is more difficult on the spade lead that Tony got.

Tony opened 1H, and I was able to use asking bids to find out he had Kxxxx in trumps, second-round control in diamonds, and first-round control in clubs. I was thinking about a grand slam until his poor spade holding was shown in the next step, so the final contract was only 6H.

When the spade finesse held at trick 1, Tony drew trumps and led a club towards dummy, and when he won the club return he knew that West had 10 cards in spades and diamonds, so would be trump-squeezed since the S4 lead had suggested 6-4. However, either through sly cunning or in error, West discarded a spade on the 4th heart before she was actually squeezed, and Tony did not realize that his 4th spade was good when he ruffed the 3rd round back to his hand, and went 1 off.



Winners of the Restricted Teams
G Torelli, M Hoenig, D Eastman & S Sender (Toowong)

M 8	♠ 2
Bd 17	♥ Q10985
Dlr N	♦ AKQJ62
Vul None	♣ 9
♠ QJ74	♠ K9863
♥ 63	♥ AKJ
♦ 9843	♦ 5
♣ K87	♣ 6532
	♠ A105
	♥ 742
	♦ 107
	♣ AQJ104

I opened 1D, East bid 1S, Tony bid 2C, and West bid 3S (pre-emptive), so I rebid 4H, which also confirmed that I had diamonds, which was strangely passed out.

East must have fancied his chances in 4H, with AKJ, but not enough to double, and just as well, as they were the only losers. At the other table, bidding was more spirited, and stopped in 5H, which East was prepared to double, for 11 IMPs.

M 8	♠ AKJ9873
Bd 22	♥ 98
Dlr E	♦ K3
Vul EW	♣ A9
♠ 642	♠ —
♥ 63	♥ QJ10754
♦ AQJ1052	♦ 9876
♣ 65	♣ Q74
	♠ Q105
	♥ AK2
	♦ 4
	♣ KJ10832

I found the cold slam difficult to reach, and it is an area of bidding that needs agreement for any partnership.

East opened with a weak 2H, Tony bid 3C, and I jumped to 4S, which I expected would show this type of hand, but it was passed out. If I also had the SQ, I could have bid 5S, asking for heart control, but I needed help in trumps and hearts. How would your partnership bid 6S?

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M 11	♠ K3		
Bd 1	♥ AQ92		
Dlr N	♦ AQ3		
Vul None	♣ KJ42		
♠ AQJ54		♠ 762	
♥ KJ1076		♥ 5	
♦ 8		♦ K9742	
♣ A6		♣ Q753	
	♠ 1098		
	♥ 843		
	♦ J1065		
	♣ 1098		

Match 11 was our last match, and Tony had an interesting balancing problem on this board, when North opened 1H and it was passed around to him as West.

If he passes, North will make either 4 or 5 tricks, but we still could be cold for game, so he bid 1S in spite of his heart holding (NS were not playing 5-card majors). North doubled to show extras, but my 2S bid ended the auction. On the lead of the C2 Tony made 9 tricks for +140, to go with +90 from the other table where North opened 1C (16+) and rebid 1NT, passed out and making exactly.

■ Richard Wallis

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Cuppaidge's Column



**George
Cuppaidge**

JORJ 3C continued

HOW do you show partner where your control "cards", aces and kings, are? After you have said how many you hold, the next ask is, "where are they?" You show these "cards" suit by suit from the longest suit to the shortest, equal length by rank. So if your shape is 3-2-5-3 the order is diamonds, spades, clubs then hearts. You bid one step for every suit that is headed by exactly one "card." You stop when a suit is headed by 0 or 2. When there are 10 or more controls combined, a stop will always mean two cards. After your last "card" has been shown you show queens in the same order.

Axx
Ax
AKQxxx
Kxx

You show 8 controls and partner asks where. First you bid just one step. This shows two "cards" (or 0) in the first suit, diamonds. Over the next ask you give a 5 step response, the 3 remaining "cards" and the DQ, no SQ. Partner's next ask is for CQ, then HQ then DJ etc.

Sometimes, particularly when there are fewer than 10 controls combined, the response may be ambiguous. Asking the next question and discarding "impossible" answers will nearly always resolve it.

Interference

When there is interference directly over the 2NT bid, the strong enquiry is pass. By passing, as by bidding **Jorj 3C** in an uncontested auction, responder makes himself captain. Double is penalty and bids game forcing, but no slam interest. After the strong pass, the 2NT opener will use all five denominations to describe his hand.

Clubs shows clubs **only**

Diamonds shows diamonds **only**

Hearts shows hearts

Spades shows spades and

NT shows both minors

So when the interference is in hearts and partner passes, double shows 4 hearts, spades shows 4 spades, NT shows both minors, clubs shows clubs only and diamonds, diamonds only. If the interference is in diamonds, double shows diamonds **only**, you deny 4 hearts or 4 spades by doubling diamonds.

If there is a bid on the 2NT bidder's right in the first round of a forcing auction, pass shows the denomination below and double or redouble, the last bid denomination. Suppose they double partner's **Jorj 3C**, pass shows **NT**, both minors, redouble shows **C**, clubs only, **D**, diamonds only. **H** shows hearts and **S** shows spades but not hearts.

If there is interference later in the auction, on the 2NT bidder's left, pass by the captain is further enquiry, double or redouble is business. Bids by the captain are terminal. Where the action comes on the 2NT bidder's right he must remember the number of steps he would have made and do the same. Pass is the first step and double, the second.

Example

KQxx		Ax	
Ax		xx	
AKxx		J10xxxxx	
Axx		x	
2NT	P	3C ¹	3NT
P ²	4C	P ¹	4H
Db1 ³	P	4S ¹	Db1
5D ⁴	5H	P ¹	P
5S ⁵	P	5NT ⁶	P
6S ⁷	P	7NT ⁸	All pass

¹ Forcing enquiries

² 4 spades

³ Pass is first step here and would show clubs. Double is the second step which shows 4 diamonds, 4S would show 4-3-3-3

⁴ 5 steps, pass, xx, 4NT, 5C, **5D**. High doubleton, 8 controls.

⁵ Second step SK, DAK

⁶ Partner could still hold AK, K either way, in hearts and clubs in which case 6D (but only because partner bid diamonds first) or, better, 6NT. Thank god for the bidding pad.

⁷ CA, HA, SQ, no DQ

⁸ We count exactly 13 tricks.

And now a hand for those who just can't stand system articles.

A Difficult Defence

There are easy defences and there are hard defences but the hardest of all are the ones you don't even see. Or maybe

DID YOU KNOW?

The European Multi 2D has one or more types of strong hand with 25+ OPs or a Weak Two in either Major. It is permitted as part of a Blue System. However, an opening bid of 2D which shows only a Weak 2 in either Major and no strong component is classified as Red, because it does not show at least four cards in a specific suit.

you do; would you recognise that you have a problem here?

KJ10865

62

J86

KJ

Q973

8

Q5432

854

As West, you hear

S	N
1H	1S
2C	2S
4H	all pass

You lead a small diamond to partner's 7 and declarer's ace. Declarer plays a club to dummy's king and a club back to his ace then ruffs a club. He leads a diamond to his king and leads a fourth club. Your partner will follow to this, plan your defence!

It is sometimes wrong to ruff ahead of dummy but this is not one of those times, you win with your H8 as dummy discards a spade. You have but two choices of play, a spade or a diamond. Does it matter? By now you have a very good idea of declarer's shape, either 0-7-2-4 or 1-6-2-4. If the former it will make absolutely no difference. If the latter you had better think.

Here is the whole hand.

	♠ KJ10865	
	♥ 62	
	♦ J86	
	♣ KJ	
♠ Q973		♠ A4
♥ 8		♥ QJ54
♦ Q5432	W	♦ 1097
♣ 854	E	♣ Q1062
	S	
	♠ 2	
	♥ AK10973	
	♦ AK	
	♣ A973	

Partner must have the spade ace and two trump tricks, if you don't get that spade cashed now, one of partner's two trump tricks will disappear. Declarer will ruff your diamond, cash the HA and discover the position. Your partner will not thank you when declarer first exits with his spade and later, after ruffing the spade return, exits with H10. When handling this type of situation (This is trump reduction play which hasn't started yet! Don't you start it.) it is important to avoid the thoughtless passive defence and instead remove declarer's idle exit card. Don't do declarer's trump reduction for him! Try to avoid the situation where declarer is reduced to the same number of trumps as a defender. Perhaps you should have been suspicious when declarer left the DJ in dummy.

Gold Coast

THE Gold Coast Bridge Club held its ever popular teams congress on Jan 15, again successfully convened by Janet Wallis and ably directed by David Anderson.

It was a full house of 46 teams from Lismore, the Tweed, Surfers Paradise and Brisbane, and several teams had to be turned away. I'm sure it attracts so many enthusiastic players because it rewards many players across the field in every section. In fact, Championship, Plate, Consolation and Novice sections were all won by Gold Coast Teams, although many of Brisbane's highly qualified players contested.

I asked the local heroes Robin and Ed Vaughan, Eva and Tony Berger for one of their brilliant bids or plays, but Ed, "guessed we just played boring bridge!" This is the hand they found most interesting.

Bd 17	♠ —		
Dlr N	♥ 76		
Vul None	♦ QJ10865432		
	♣ 105		
♠ Q9632		♠ K108	
♥ QJ2		♥ K9543	
♦ A97		♦ K	
♣ J9		♣ A432	
		♠ AJ754	
		♥ A108	
		♦ —	
		♣ KQ876	

Does North preempt with only 3 HCPs? I would think most players would open the bidding with 4 or 5D. Luckily for the winners their opponents did not, waiting to come in later. However when they did, South had great difficulty believing North's length in diamonds and kept changing suit, finally going for 1100 in 5SX; virtually the end of the match.

Confession time for me! In our match, ever the optimist, I doubled the 5D

opening bid, hoping that with the equal vulnerability and no slam aspirations, my partner would pass. Wrong – partner dutifully bid 5S and disaster for us EW.

Seeded 1 Mike Robson – Betty Lee, Peter Hainsworth – Ralph Parker won every match. Although they defeated the Vaughan Team, the margin was not enough to wrest the lead from them and the Vaughan team ended up winning the Championship by 4 VPs. There were two slam swings against the winners This was one of them.

Bd 10	♠ J1087		
Dlr E	♥ Q7		
Vul Both	♦ AJ62		
	♣ Q108		
♠ A942		♠ 6	
♥ 98532		♥ AKJ4	
♦ —		♦ KQ7543	
♣ K943		♣ A6	
		♠ KQ53	
		♥ 106	
		♦ 1098	
		♣ J752	

Both sides reached 6H and Mike received a spade lead whilst at the other table Ralph led a club. He won the SA and played the HA and K. When the queen dropped it was a simple matter to give away the DA and claim when the suit broke 4-3 although he could handle a 5-2 break as well. At the other table, declarer won the club lead in dummy and embarked on a cross ruff which failed when declarer ran out of entries to set up the diamond suit.

When our team played played team 41, who won the consolation, Sue Robinson and Lou Tillotson bid and made 6H, while our partner and I only bid 4H making 11 tricks. Well done, girls!

Last year the 2002 championship was won by the Gold Coast Han Team. Here's looking forward to next January hoping to make it 3 wins in a row for the GCBC.

■ Margaret Drake

From the President

FOR many years now, the QBA Bulletin has been an important part of the bridge scene in Queensland; a familiar background item, keeping the bridge players in the state entertained, informed and in touch. It is the hope of the Council that we can solicit suggestions from players as to the content of the Bulletin. The Management Committee has asked Colin Masters to chair a subcommittee of the Editor and the Manager of the QBA to assist maintaining the high standard of this publication.

We are also keen to have suggestions for the QBA website. The Webmaster, Michael Macrossan, does an excellent job but we need your advice on improvements in presentation.

The 2003 Gold Coast Congress was a great success. I thank Tony Jackman and his hard working Committee for an outstanding effort. The playoffs for the State Teams for the Darwin ANC will be held in March. The ANC has side events open to all competitors and the Convenor would be delighted to see a strong Queensland contingent. I assure you that it will be "a ton of fun". Gold points are available for the Butler, an event offering good bridge.

Queensland has nearly 7,000 registered players and there is no reason that number should not be significantly higher. All clubs have wonderful teaching programs and new students are encouraged. The Council wants to support Bridge in schools. The game offers many positives to young people including having fun (concentration, inter-personal skills, communication skills, counting etc.). If you can assist in any way in a school scheme please let us know.

If you know of any group interested in learning more about the game let Kim Ellaway know and we can arrange for a presentation or assistance to attract new players.

Keith McDonald
President (QBA)

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DID YOU KNOW?

The QBA Regulations make North responsible for maintaining proper conditions of play at the table unless East/West are stationary. This does not mean that North has to personally do all the chores.

Gold Coast Congress Teams

“**A**ahh”, I sighed to my dearest beloved husband, “Life is...” During our early days of courtship, he would raise a quizzical eyebrow, but nowadays, he simply agreed in domestic wisdom. Especially since he knows he had transformed from bridge bunny to wombat during the duration of the Gold Coast Congress.

“Life is...” and it is up to you dear reader to fill in the sentence. When we were young and healthy and full of energy, life is so full of wonder and the world’s our oyster. Now when we are old and grey, me looking at my beloved’s head of hair, life is so short of possibilities, and even when they arise, we tremble and mess up.

Here we were, seeded a humble 48 (John & Ivy Luck, Cecily Critchley & Lynley Jenkins).

Jenkins having just had a miraculous 22/8 win over the favoured **Antoff** team who ended up 3rd overall in our section we drew team 1 (Ziggy Koenig & Jimmy Wallis, Bobby Richman & Matthew Thomson).

I teased my team-mates, “How does it feel to sit at table one instead of our lowly table 48?” They replied, “We’ll just battle on.” I picked up my hand at match 5, board 12.

M 5	♠ 8643		
Bd 12	♥ 632		
Dlr W	♦ AK108		
Vul NS	♣ 109		
♠ 2		♠ Q75	
♥ K97		♥ 1054	
♦ 9754		♦ J632	
♣ KJ764		♣ 852	
		♠ AKJ109	
		♥ AQJ8	
		♦ Q	
		♣ AQ3	

W	N	E	S
2C ¹	P	2D ²	X
2NT ²	3S	P	4NT
P	5D	P	6S
All pass			

¹ Either a club suit or lots of other options

² Asking bid or relay

³ Both minors

I got to play the hand as North and a small diamond was quickly led. Now anyone who’s played against Jimmy and Ziggy, know they bid and play fast and furiously. I looked at the dummy and at my hand again and thought quickly.

If Ziggy had both minors, the CK and

probably the HK would be offside, and the spades would break 3-1. Would the hearts break 4-2? I let the DQ hold the trick and duly went for one down. Bobby Richman also went one down going for the trumps dropping 2/2 without a peep from our team-mates.

After the hand was played, I could have kicked myself. The winning play was so simple. Overtake the DQ with the DK, discard a club on the DA, hook the SQ, draw trumps, play HA, HQ taken by Ziggy’s HK, and on the fourth winning heart, discard my losing club, thereby making 6S, which would have given us an honorable draw, instead of losing 20/10. “Aah...Life is...”

We next drew team 101. We thought, “That’s a lucky break,” until we got rolled by them 6/24. We found out they were a team of British internationals with no masterpoint ranking in Australia that was a last minute entry.

M 6	♠ AQ82		
Bd 23	♥ AQ4		
Dlr S	♦ A92		
Vul Both	♣ Q32		
♠ KJ54		♠ 1097	
♥ 63		♥ J5	
♦ Q108765		♦ 43	
♣ 9		♣ KJ10765	
		♠ 63	
		♥ K109872	
		♦ KJ	
		♣ A84	

We bid to 6H, one off while their team-mates stopped in 4H. Most of the top teams bid the slam both sides for a flat board.

After a lovely seafood dinner, I decided to have a rest instead of going to the Vu-graph, to rest and get ready for the fun post Vu-graph party being held by Jan Malinas and Sue Mabin. I picked up the Daily Bulletin and saw red.

A player had boasted how he made 6NT after offering two down to his dumb opponents (us!)

I picked up my pen and paper and wrote an article to give to Nick Hughes, the editor.

At the dinner dance, Nick apologised because there was no bulletin published for Saturday, and he advised me to try to have my article published elsewhere to put the story in the right perspective.

I had written that we were the unfortunate pair who didn’t accept two down. We were somewhat stressed to the point where I

had said, “Would you both like to take some time out to discuss your system together?”

M 7	♠ Q852		
Bd 5	♥ A10743		
Dlr N	♦ J75		
Vul NS	♣ 4		
♠ J974		♠ AK	
♥ K95		♥ Q862	
♦ KQ6		♦ A1093	
♣ Q86		♣ AK7	
		♠ 1063	
		♥ J	
		♦ 842	
		♣ J109532	

When his partner bid him to 6NT by East, my husband led the CJ. After our opponent saw the dummy, he expressed his displeasure with the bidding sequence, then put his head down on the table, breaking out in a deep sob, before making his offer of 2 down without showing his hand. He then went for a quick walkabout coming back to make his contract.

So fellow bridge bunnies, learn from our mistake. Next time just call the director, and he now will be made to show his hand, and outline his line of play for possibly more than two down. But not to despair, we got one back on this hand.

M 7	♠ KJ63		
Bd 10	♥ 9643		
Dlr E	♦ 953		
Vul Both	♣ 108		
♠ 10982		♠ Q754	
♥ J87		♥ Q10	
♦ 104		♦ KQJ8	
♣ K632		♣ A74	
		♠ A	
		♥ AK52	
		♦ A762	
		♣ QJ95	

The contract of 3H should go down on an opening diamond lead or a switch; our team-mates scored +100.

Sitting North, I was the declarer. East led a spade to the stiff ace. I played the HA & K then a small club to my ten, taken by East’s ace. He then led back a club to his partner’s king who duly returned a spade to the jack, queen and ruffed.

I now managed to discard two losing diamonds on the winning clubs thereby making my contract. When I saw the hand record, I realised just how lucky I was!

So dear readers, when you face the bridge wolves out there, never say “Die”. Just say, “Boo” back to them.

■ Ivy Luck

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What's Happening at Toowong Bridge?

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On the teaching front Ross & Diana Dick are currently running intermediate lessons on a Sat. morning at 10am at the club. At \$8 a lesson you couldn't do better. Give Ross a bell at 3378 4999 for lesson details. All are welcome.

Also Bridge Maestro Tony Jackman is running a more advanced lesson on Slam bidding and End plays on Sat May 3 and 24 at 10am at the club. Informative and fun I'll see you there. Colin Masters on 3371 1694 can book you in and provide details.

Finally Barbara Goss has provided us with the best web site in Bridge. You can get all our session times and, in fact, all the Goss on Toowong and the exciting stuff were up to by clicking on www.toowongbridgeclub.com

Enjoy your bridge, Larry Moses, Toowong Bridge Club, Ph: 3870 9620

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Coming Events

Apr 6	Coolum Pairs
12-13	Old Senior Team Trials
	Gympie Pairs & Teams
13	Redlands Novice Teams
18-21	Townsville Pairs & Teams
20-21	BBC Easter Pairs & Teams
25-27	Cleveland Day Diggers Pairs & Teams
26-27	Old Senior Team Trials
27	QCBC Anzac Teams
	Gold Coast Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)
May 2-5	Mackay Pairs & Teams
	Toowoomba Pairs & Teams
7	Colin Stone Teams commences at Toowong
10	Surfers Paradise Swiss Teams
17-18	Old Open Mixed Pairs (Toowong)
24-25	Caloundra Teams
25	BBC Swiss Teams
31	Eastern Suburbs Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)
31-Jun	1 Arana Pairs & Teams
	Goondooindi Pairs
Jun 6-9	Barrier Reef Congress (Cairns)
8-9	QCBC June Congress

Teacher's Corner



Joan
Butts

WHEN new players come into clubs for the first time, we really need a plan for them that extends well beyond the beginners course. With this in mind, I've been writing some material for workshops, which will take the beginner from novice to confident duplicate player.

NEW MATERIAL

As well as "Play Bridge: a Workbook for the Absolute Beginner", and the matching Teachers Manual, the following new material is now available:

- A "**Guide By Your Side**": Kathy Johnson of the Gold Coast has worked with me to produce a summary/booklet for students to use at the table (like an old "cheat sheet").
- "**Play Supervised Bridge**": for use immediately after the beginners lessons have finished. This 80 page book contains 32 hands with analysis, and an explanation of play techniques. The hands match the chapters of "Play Bridge: a Workbook for the Absolute Beginner", both in bidding and play material.
- "**Openings Other Than One Bids**": A four-chapter booklet to cater for the next set of lessons after supervised play. The four workshops cover: Strong Hands, Slam Bidding, Pre-emptive Bidding, & Weak Twos.
- "**Competitive Bidding**": For players with more experience. A four-chapter booklet, taken partly from Audrey Grant's Doubles book and More Commonly Used Conventions", covering: Single-suited Overcalls, Two Suited Overcalls, Doubles, Applications of the Law of Total Tricks
- "**The Two over One Game-Forcing System**" A three-chapter booklet introducing experienced players to the basics of the system that has moved a step forward on Standard.

There are many other workshops that are possible, and for which I have material, and I have books available that are geared for teaching students rather than for general reading.

CLUBS AND INITIATIVE

In 2003, I have just finished some intermediate workshops at Redlands and Redcliffe, as well as beginners lessons there and at the Brisbane Bridge Centre. What's happening at Redlands and Redcliffe is just so impressive, and is a tribute to some gutsy individuals who have been working tirelessly to achieve a dream.

The new clubhouse at Redlands is simply fantastic, and has everything you could possibly want. I'd like to just go there and sit down, even if I didn't play bridge. There is such a spirit of cooperation and effort, and the team led by Bev Tucker (with husband Cec close behind) has done a magnificent job. There is great enthusiasm within the ranks of the players too and the new beginners are starting their bridge careers in the equivalent of a five-star hotel!. No excuses for dropping out here!

And at Redcliffe, thanks to Helen Chapman's tireless efforts (again with husband Ron lending support), the club has received a grant which has allowed for 35 great new tables and chairs, in new premises in Redcliffe, and for instituting a teaching programme for the year. The whole place is bright and airy and everyone is ready to enjoy it. I hear that Edna Hodgen has been an absolute tower of strength for the Redcliffe Club for more than 20 years. Here's to the team headed by Helen and her workers. CONGRATS Redlands and Redcliffe.

TEACHERS ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME, AND TEACHERS MEETING

I'm offering a Teachers Accreditation Programme, on Saturday 17th May, at QCBC. This will be a six-hour course, and will teach you how to teach bridge. It's free too. Anyone interested in attending should contact me on 3254 4795 or 0413 772 650. You will receive a certificate. Experienced teachers are welcome too. The more ideas discussed the merrier.

Also, I'm keen to hold occasional teachers meetings, (a sort of forum to discuss your teaching progress and needs), but I'm not sure what would be the best times for these, and whether teachers want them. Please advise.

I now have supplies of two excellent new American books: "Commonly Used Conventions" and "More Commonly Used Conventions" They are great material for teaching as well as reading, and are up to the minute with the latest ideas.

I am available for workshops and lessons at your club for any size or level of group, from beginner to advanced. Contact me on 3254 4795 or 0413 772 650.

■ Joan Butts

Marketing



Cheryl
Simpson

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Club Members, who think they have the *right stuff!* for this challenging and rewarding position within our clubs, are invited to a meeting at

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10.30 am

Together we will plan and implement a programme of promoting our clubs to the wider community.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Cheryl

Cheryl Simpson, QBA Marketing Officer.

Redcliffe

There has been much excitement at the Redcliffe Bridge Club since moving into our beautiful new premises in Sutton Street, Redcliffe last October.

The Club at present is abuzz with lessons for beginners and experienced players conducted by QBA teacher Joan Butts. The programme was made possible by a subsidy from the Qld. Department of Sport and Recreation. There has been wonderful support for the lessons with approximately 60% of club members attending along with our beginners.

This augurs well for increased club membership in particular and generally for interest in the game of bridge on the Peninsular.

DID YOU KNOW?

When an opponent asks about your partner's call, it is incorrect to simply name the convention or treatment. You are required to explain everything the call means to you. Points, shape, what question is being asked etc.

Software Review

JACK

IBM PC Bridge Game

BRIDGE software has not yet reached the heights of chess software, where world champion humans are flat out beating, or even drawing, with the latest chess programmes. Even the best bridge programmes are only on a par with a good club player (whatever that is).

The latest commercial offering is JACK, a product of Dutch players and programmers which has beaten all other programmes for the last two years in the Computer World Championships. Every effort has been made to make the interface attractive and easy to use. Anyone who already owns another bridge game will find no difficulty adjusting to JACK. There are some features which are not as easy as they could be – to get a replay you have to save the deal in a PBN file and then open it for analysis. The advantage of this is that you then have a file of deals saved for study as often as you like – each file can contain many deals. The makers slipped up in a couple of minor areas, leaving Dutch language instead of English – but it's not too hard to work out the meaning in those rare cases.

There is a good selection of bidding systems to use, including Standard American Yellow Card, Dutch ACOL, and 2/1 Game Forcing, but you can create your own convention cards using the basic systems and over 60 available conventions.

So far, I have played JACK mainly on its lower levels of strength. There are about 30 levels you can use. A word of warning – to get the best value from JACK you need a powerful processor. The minimum requirement is a Pentium or equivalent, with 200 MHz, but 600 MHz is recommended. I run it on a P3 667 MHz with 655 MB RAM, and it plays quite quickly on some moves, and about the same as a human on some moves. It takes 30 – 60 seconds to work out the par for a deal if you ask.

The pre-played tournaments are fun and a challenge to do well against the world's top players, but of course you can play random deals or deals you have entered, or obtained from other sources, as JACK has full PBN support. There is a very clear on-line help system, plus a reasonable instruction booklet to get you started.

I like JACK's generally sensible bidding in most circumstances, and its card play is of a high standard.

JACK is available from John Hardy for \$119.90 – phone **0409 786 050**

Results

Northern Suburbs Swiss Teams 26 Jan

- 1 U Ridgway P Collins
A Currie J Kreczkowski
2=S & Verna Brookes
I Halford M Radke
2=A Pryde P Gosney
C Green J Solomon

Plate

- 1 B Luchjenbroers G Gemmell
C Daniel J Hoffman
2 B Carroll R Walsh
J Power A Smith
3 C Archer J Farquhar
B Gamble F McKinnon

Warwick Swiss Pairs 2 Feb

- 1 E & R Vaughan
2 R Clayton I Luck
3 I Halford R Parker

Plate

- 1 M Cook M Sinclair
2 R Coupland K Crothers
3 C Snook M Trada

Consolation

- 1 C & J Taylor
2 B & M O'Donohue
3 P Cox G Dawson

QCBC Novice Teams 9 Feb

- 1 P & R Pollett
P Wells P Williams
2 G & A Gulley
J & G Mitchell
3 E Irvine C Adamson
P Nelson B Luxton

Plate

- 1 A Finney K Bennett
P Terrace D Woods
2 D Holmes E Tooth
G Pattinson H Connor

Gold Coast Teams 12 Jan

- 1 E & R Vaughan
E & T Berger
2 M Robson B Lee
R Parker P Hainsworth
3=L Vincent G Tucker
M Millar R Clayton
3=R Slobom B Barden
R & B Weathered

Plate

- 1 S & C Isaacs
E Saxby E Taylor
2 R Busch J McPheat
L Jenkins C Critchley
3 J Dennis D Read
S Mazzer A Lloyd

- 4 L Mikata B Nightingale
B Desmond T Pastor

Consolation

- 1 D Wells C Bergman
L Tillotson S Robinson
2 K Rutter K McLean
J Young S Protheroe
3 J Allard A Hogan
M Stoneman J Williams
4 B Hunt B Simpson
N Swan J Wallis
4=S Allen B Calcino
M Collingwood E Cresswell

Novice

- 1 C & G Brameld
N Raward G Skeates

Sunshine Coast Swiss Pairs 9 Mar

A grade

- 1 A Remedios M Walters
2 B Hunt L Turschwell
3 R Crowley A Mayers

B grade

- 1 A & L Bundesen
2 C & J Taylor
3 M Corner J Gardiner

Toowong Novice Swiss Teams 9 Mar

- 1 C Hutton D McAdam
2 B Carroll G McCarthy
3 J Eberhardt A Aitcheson
4 J Lee D Steinberg

Below 50 MPs

- 1 P Pratt L Crockall
2 R & R Matthew

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Directors' Corner

FACED opening leads out of turn were again a feature of the Gold Coast Congress. It is a requirement of Law 41A that the opening lead be made face down. At this time, the leader's partner and the presumed declarer each may require a review of the auction, or request explanation of an opponent's call. The face-down lead may be withdrawn only upon instruction of the director after an irregularity. Simply changing your mind about which card to lead and putting it back into your hand is not permitted.

A faced opening lead out of turn will usually give the presumed declarer an advantage. By accepting the lead he can choose whether he or his partner plays the hand, perhaps now concealing the strong hand or simply getting best value from the "though weakness and up to strength" principle. It may simply allow the stronger player to become declarer in a difficult contract. By requiring the lead from the correct hand, declarer may be able to use his options under the Major Penalty Card laws to increase his chances of success.

Opening Points are the sum of your High Card Points and the number of cards in your two longest suits. Lack thereof has been noticed in a few celebrated cases and, as you will have seen in the January ABF Newsletter, movement is afoot to promote a better understanding of the ABF Systems Regulations. If your club does not have a copy, one can be downloaded from the ABF website or obtained from QBA.

Partnership agreement to open at the one level with fewer than 18 OPs makes a system Yellow.

Law 40A says, "A player may make any call or play (including an intentionally misleading call – such as a psychic bid – or a call or play that departs from commonly accepted, or previously announced, use of a convention), without prior announcement, providing that such call or play is not based on a partnership understanding." Law 75B says, in part, "A player may violate an announced partnership agreement, so long as his partner is unaware of the violation (but habitual violations within a partnership may create implicit agreements, which must be disclosed)."

In 1999 Directors were reminded that, if playing a Green, Blue or Red system, a non-systemic opening at the one level

with fewer than 18 OPs would be regarded as a psyche. It's timely to mention this again but please, no correspondence about all the 7-6 hands that every man and his dog would open at the one level with only 17 OPs. A line in the sand had to be drawn somewhere and an occasional hand that requires this degree of judgment shouldn't cause much bother.

■ Jan Peach

I Take it to Be ...

MANY bridge players think they have to give their idea of what partner's bid means, even if they have no systemic understanding concerning a particular bid. These players can be heard saying, "I take it to be ...," when their partner makes a bid for which they have no systemic understanding.

In many cases it has got to the stage where players expect a bidder to have a guess. This is a hand from a recent event.

Dir S	♠ AQ98		
Vul None	♥ Q762		
	♦ Q954		
	♣ 8		
♠ 65		♠ K1042	
♥ J9853		♥ A4	
♦ K63		♦ J102	
♣ QJ10		♣ K652	
	♠ J73		
	♥ K10		
	♦ A87		
	♣ A9743		

W	N	E	S
P	2C	P	1NT
P	P		2D

¹ 11-14

² Stayman

³ No major

At this stage, East enquired about North's pass. South said they had no systemic understanding about the sequence. East persisted with his enquiry and South finally had a guess that partner had a weak hand of less than 7 HCPs.

The subsequent bidding was

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

John Hardy

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The 3CX contract went 2 off. East/West called the director, claiming they had been misled by South's guess. The director's view was that the bidding clearly showed that North had a club shortage and was seeking a contract better than no trumps. He counselled all players that, in these circumstances, South should merely repeat that there was no systemic agreement involved in the auction. If pressed further South should make no further statement, on the basis that "your guess is as good as mine".

■ Alan Maltby