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From the President



Keith McDonald

ON behalf of the QBA I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. A little early you may well say but this is the final issue for 2005!

I think this has been a successful year with the Queensland membership in excess of 7,000 members. Included in your New Year's resolutions *must* be a commitment to encourage a friend to learn bridge in your local club. If we could all achieve this modest target it would assist club administrators. I personally wish to thank those administrators. They have all been outstanding. There are many volunteers who perform a raft of functions to assist their club, without this help we would not have the structure now in place. The Management Committee of the QBA has been tireless in assisting our efficient Manager. Kim is probably irreplaceable. I also sincerely thank the QBA Council who are constructive and have a genuine interest in seeing bridge flourish.

I acknowledge that there are areas where improvements are achievable. I would

welcome your advice on the areas you think need improvement.

My warmest appreciation to all of you who have contributed. ■

Qld Pairs



Richard Wallis

RISING costs forced the BBC to abandon the Doomben Racecourse, our congress venue for many years, and our sponsor, Conrad Treasury Hotel, offered us the use of their convention rooms for 2005 at a more competitive rate. While there were some teething problems (convention centres rarely appreciate what is required to run a bridge congress), they/we will learn from this and if it is held there again next year, the problems will be eliminated as best we can.

A few of the seeded pairs, including Tony Jackman and myself failed to make the final, but the top fancies were there and had a see-sawing battle throughout Sunday before the old stager, Mike Robson, playing with his younger partner, Betty Lee, won out in the end. Peter Hainsworth and Ralph Parker were second. As was stated in the publicity leading up to the event, the first two pairs will form the Qld Team for next year's Commonwealth

Nations Tournament in Melbourne prior to the Commonwealth Games. Neville Francis and Magnus Moren are already playing in the event courtesy of their 2nd placing in the Butler in the Sydney ANC.

The Novice Pairs was won by I Menan & P. Han with P. Gordon & K. Ward 2nd and P. Lang & G. Wardrop in 3rd place.

The difference between pairs and teams was clearly indicated by the first board of the weekend against Magnus and Neville.

Q 1	♠ Q1043
Bd 1	♥ Q8
Dlr N	♦ 1086
Vul None	♣ A1054
♠ K86	♠ A75
♥ 1073	♥ AKJ4
♦ AKJ53	♦ Q94
♣ KJ	♣ 982
	♠ J92
	♥ 9652
	♦ 72
	♣ Q763

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

Tony, East, opened 1NT and my 2D response followed by 3D showed a diamond suit and slam interest. Tony's 3S rebid was meant to show fair support for diamonds, but I took it as a cuebid, thereby denying the HA. Even if I had been on the same wavelength, I would still have signed off in 3NT as I need good support as with three heart losers, I was only interested if Tony went again.

Neville led the C3 and Tony was at the critical point of the hand at trick one. Unluckily he guessed wrong and played the CK and lost the first four tricks. He won the next to complete the game, but +400 to us would have been a very poor score, even losing out to those pairs in 5D making six. If he had guessed to play the CJ, he would have made 12 tricks for a very good score.

In teams the guess in clubs is not so critical as long as game is still made.

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Q 1	♠ AJ10943
Bd 3	♥ 874
Dlr EW	♦ K62
Vul S	♣ 10
♠ 72	♠ KQ85
♥ K102	♥ AQJ9
♦ J74	♦ A
♣ A6432	♣ QJ85
	♠ 6
	♥ 653
	♦ Q109853
	♣ K97

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

Neville, South, opened 2C, which was multi-meaning, among them, a weak 2 in diamonds. The nature of the hand was confirmed by Neville's pass of 3DX, and we bid to 5C to which Magnus led the D2.

This was a lucky hand for us as I did not really expect the club finesse to work, and nearly made the teams-based play of ace and another club, which would have enabled Neville to win and put Magnus in with the SA to get a ruff for 1 down.

However, since it was pairs, I took the club finesse after all, because if I was the only one not to take it and it worked, I was on a sure bottom.

Neville covered the CQ at trick 2 and when I won and saw the CT drop on my left, I led the S7 at trick 3. Magnus rose ace and gave Neville a spade ruff, but that was with his natural trump trick, so I finished up with +600.

3NT by West was going to be an easy make at those tables where South did not show his diamond suit, but not at our table.



John Stacey (BBC President) with winners Betty Lee & Mike Robson

Q 1	♠ AQ104
Bd 5	♥ 82
Dlr N	♦ KJ83
Vul NS	♣ 1083
♠ 6	♠ KJ98
♥ A1093	♥ K54
♦ Q10652	♦ A974
♣ K65	♣ AJ
	♠ 7532
	♥ QJ76
	♦ —
	♣ Q9742

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

On this board we were booked for a poor score even when North gave the diamond position away with a double, but when North cashed the SA and generously led another spade, I was in with a chance.

Tony had his minimum 16 HCPs for the 1C opening, and when I showed my second suit with 3H, would have been more advised to bid 3NT rather than 4D.

North should have been relieved that we were not in 3NT and taken whatever came his way in 5D, but could not resist the double. The lead of the SA was normal, but the second spade giving me a free finesse was ill-advised. I won the spade cheaply in dummy, having played the S8 not thinking it likely that North had led away from the SQ, and led to my HA to advance the DQ, covered. The presence of the D9 in dummy was a real bonus and I made 11 tricks for +550.

Sometimes you should leave well enough alone and this board (next column) was one such board.

My 2H opening was weak and Tony elected not to try for game and South balanced with 2S. When 2S came back around to Tony he felt fairly confident of beating this, so doubled for penalty. North's redouble was not clear opposite a passed partner, even with the sight of all 4 hands, but it achieved a good result when Tony had second thoughts upon being told it showed confidence that 2SX was going to make(??) and bid the obvious 3H.



Winners of the Restricted: Ismail Meman & Paul Han

Q 1	♠ Q10
Bd 7	♥ J95
Dlr S	♦ A742
Vul Both	♣ K985
♠ 32	♠ KJ98
♥ K87432	♥ A10
♦ J106	♦ Q5
♣ A2	♣ QJ1073
	♠ A7654
	♥ Q6
	♦ K983
	♣ 64

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

North led the SQ and in the fullness of time I lost a spade, a trump and 2 diamonds for +140, but 2S was not even on the list of making contracts and appeared to have 7 top losers so we could have netted +200 even undoubled.

Q 1	♠ A876
Bd 11	♥ —
Dlr S	♦ K97653
Vul None	♣ 1072
♠ K	♠ 5
♥ A9642	♥ J108753
♦ A	♦ J84
♣ AQJ853	♣ 964
	♠ QJ109432
	♥ KQ
	♦ Q102
	♣ K

W	N	E	S
			1S
X	4S	5H	5S
6H	All pass		

With my long suit poised over the opening bidder and good controls I had high expectations when I doubled on the first round. These expectations were raised considerably when Tony made a free bid of 5H over the raise to game by North. Thus I bid 6H expecting it to be almost lay-down, and from Tony's reaction when I placed the dummy on the table my assessment was right.

However, when the hearts broke 2-0 we proved to have a loser in both majors and we were 1 off. Undoubled, this was only -50 against -450 if I had passed 5S since the 2-0 hearts break makes this contract cold.

An interesting hand in that both NS and EW have an 11-card fit and both contracts are cold at the 5-level, but only because

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spades were 1-1 and hearts were not. If spades had also been 2-0, 6H may have been cold.

The complete article and Richard's report on the BBC September Swiss Teams are available as supplements on the website.

Play a pre-emptor who leads his suit for a singleton trump.

Andrew Robson

Cuppaidge's Column



George Cuppaidge

The need to discard deceptively

Dlr N	♠ A104		
Vul Both	♥ J9		
	♦ KQ876		
	♣ 954		
♠ K75		♠ J982	
♥ AK8762		♥ 543	
♦ 54		♦ AJ103	
♣ 32		♣ J10	
	♠ Q63		
	♥ Q10		
	♦ 92		
	♣ AKQ876		

As South I opened 1C in third position. West bid 2H and my partner 3H. This was a little frustrating as that was the bid I wanted to make if North had sufficient values to respond. North, of course, does not have the values for this bid, rather, he should content himself with a natural 3D. This is a perfect description, he holds a five-card suit and an absolute maximum pass. Further, it is wise to be conservative responding to a third-in-hand opening bid.

Over 3D and my 3H bid, North could do no more than bid 4C which would end proceedings. As it was, with three quarters of a stopper and six running clubs, I could not resist 3NT, which I bid. West, not unreasonably, led a low heart and I won, perforce, the trick. It was immediately clear to me that the contract was cold if the clubs broke and West held the spade king. I run all my clubs and if West has not parted with a heart I simply cash the SA to fell the king. West however

discarded in the normal, wooden fashion coming down to SKx and four hearts. I exited with a heart and made my SQ and SA at tricks twelve and thirteen. "Bad bid, good play," said my partner. "Which bid?" I said, not really expecting a self-effacing reply. "Your 3NT bid," he said. "I asked you to bid 3NT with a stopper." I was reminded of the Irish cue-bid wherein the bidder announces that he holds a stopper and that partner should bid 3NT if they can provide eight tricks. In this particular case, North provided no stopper and just one trick, the ace of spades. If there was a bad bid it was 3H! The last making spot is 3C.

An experienced West would defeat this hand. On the third round of clubs West can see that declarer holds at least eight top tricks and plenty if he holds the ace of diamonds. If declarer does not hold the DA, West must do something clever or he will suffer the fate described. He must give the impression that he has come down to four hearts and SKx while in fact coming down to four hearts, SK and Dx. This will be the position as he cashes his fourth heart.

A10	
—	
K	
—	
K	J
2	—
4	AJ
—	—
Q6	
—	
9	
—	

West takes four hearts and his partner, two diamonds for down two.

The defence to 4C is quite delicate. Assuming the play begins in the normal way, HA, HK and a trump switch, declarer draws trumps and leads a diamond to dummy's king. If East wins he must exit with a heart or a spade! Any diamond exit is fatal. If East ducks the first round of diamonds and declarer continues with a low one, again East must not play another one.

Optimism justified by good play

Dlr S	♠ A964		
Vul None	♥ 1065		
	♦ AJ7		
	♣ AJ6		
♠ 83		♠ J2	
♥ KJ		♥ Q1087432	
♦ K109843		♦ —	
♣ K75		♣ 10983	
	♠ KQ1075		
	♥ A		
	♦ Q652		
	♣ Q42		

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

Not playing Jacoby, 2C was my only real option as North. Possibly on the basis of the imagined club fit, South bid Blackwood. Holding three aces I did not see 5S as the end.

Although the play looked impressive I would expect most readers to find it automatic. Declarer won the trump lead and drew trumps in one more round. He now cashed the HA and led a club to the CJ which won. A heart was ruffed and a diamond played to the DJ, also winning and exposing the situation. The last heart was ruffed and now ace and another club end-played West.

East was unlucky, in a way, that his void was in diamonds and not clubs. He announced that he had wanted to make a Lightner double of 6S but feared that this would direct his partner to lead clubs, dummy's first bid suit. The contract cannot be made after a diamond lead even though East will ruff "the air." West, for his part, said he would recognise the double as calling for a diamond.

The September bulletin published my article, "A new comprehensive set of responses to 1C." For the purposes of the article, a NT range of 15-17 was assumed. The opening bid of 1C, and never 1D, was recommended on all balanced hands outside the NT range. The responses are geared to an opening strength range of 10-19. To recap, here are the responses again. Using them in an uncontested auction was the substance of the September article.

- 1D Natural, forcing, and nominally 6+ points
- 1H Natural, forcing, and nominally 6+ points

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- 1S Natural, forcing, and nominally 6+ points
 1NT 6-9 points 3-3-3-4 distribution
 2C 10-12 points 3-3-3-4 distribution
 2D 6-11 points 4+4+ in the majors, not balanced
 2H 6-11 points, 4 hearts and a longer minor or 1-4-4-4
 2S 6-11 points, 4 spades and a longer minor or 4-1-4-4
 2NT 10+ points, 5+ clubs, no 4-card suit outside
 3C 0-9 points, 5+ clubs, no 4-card suit outside
 3D 0-5 points, 7+ hearts
 3H 0-5 points, 7+ spades
 3S 10-19 points, any 7-card solid suit, no ace or king outside.
 3NT 0-5 points 7+ clubs or diamonds

Competition is the life-blood of bridge so the responses are useless if opponents' intervention neuters them. Just the opposite is the case. Because the responses are so well defined it is not our side which will be inconvenienced. We look at them in order.

Be prepared to pass quite strong balanced hands with no fit. Two cards are sufficient to raise a (five-card) major and three cards to raise 1D which will never be based upon balanced filth. Double or redouble always shows any 12+ so all other responses are limited to 11 points.

1. The opponents double 1C. Nothing to think about.
2. Intervention of 1D. Ditto.
3. Intervention of 1H/S. The bids of 1S or 2D over 1H and 2D or 2H over 1S are now natural non-forcing, the cuebid is reserved for limited hands with 44 or longer in both minors and as always 2NT is a good club raise.
4. After 1NT responder doubles with 12+, passes with balanced hands with no primary club fit and up to 11 points.
5. With higher levels of interference it is always "system on." Double remains as all 12+, new suits are five cards long at least and not forcing, while jumps have their original meaning raised by the level of the interference. 2NT always shows a good raise, 3NT is for play only when it is **not** a jump, when a jump it shows the minor suit pre-empt.
6. Over opponents' bids which show specific two-suiters we use their suits to show the other two, H=C, S=D. The suit we show is five plus, the other may contain only four cards. So after 1C (2C) the majors, 2H shows 5+clubs and 4+diamonds. Simply to bid our suit is single-suited. Double is still all 12+
7. If opponents play natural overcalls of 2C over 1C or 2D over 1D we can show

limited 5+5+ two-suiters in two of the remaining suits.

After 1C (2C), 2D, 2H and 2S are natural then

2NT shows diamonds and spades

3C shows diamonds and hearts (C=H)

3D shows both majors (similar to 1C-2D)

After 1D (2D), 2H, 2S and 3C are natural

2NT shows clubs and spades

3D shows both majors
 3H shows hearts and clubs.

3S as always shows any solid suit
 3NT a minor suit pre-empt.

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

Frank Stewart

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Gold Coast

THE GCBC ran its weekend of Butler Pairs on Saturday, Oct 8 (34 pairs), and Swiss Teams on Oct 9 (24 teams) After negotiating the car into the limited space car park (oh for a small car) we settled into playing amongst a good quality field, always smoothly run by Alan Gibson.

Everyone talks about slams. Well, there was a plethora of them on Saturday. Our partnership bid 2 slams successfully, one unsuccessfully (wasn't there), one missed by being pre-empted by the eventual winners disallowing us to find our controls (that's our excuse anyway), one sacrificial slam (good judgment by my partner) and one let through when we didn't lead away from KJxxx on the opening lead. I couldn't help but rush for the printout to see if I could have made the unsuccessful one even though I hate 'Deep Peek' with a passion. Such a know-it-all!

One difficult hand for my partner was hand 24 in the morning. We were playing Precision.

Dlr W	♠ J10982		
Vul None	♥ K6		
	♦ AJ8		
	♣ J73		
♠ K7543		♠ AQ6	
♥ 943		♥ AQJ52	
♦ 75		♦ K109	
♣ Q108		♣ A4	
		♠ —	
		♥ 1087	
		♦ Q6432	
		♣ K9652	

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

If she had opened a multi 2D, I would have been playing the hand using puppet Stayman.

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

* 5 hearts

I could also transfer to spades which would have been an impossible contract as well. Either way, I was saved the indignity of playing the hand as 'IT' says West can't make either contract.

Partner had to make the right decision at trick one with the C5 lead. Do you play the

10 or Q? Unfortunately she played the 10 and couldn't recover. After winning the CA she played a diamond, taken by South with the queen who led another diamond back to her partner's ace. A spade came back for a spade ruff by South who cashed the CK and smiled sympathetically.

Bad result, bad day, back again for more.

■ Kathy Johnson

25 Years Ago

The Queensland Pairs Championship played at Manning Street on the 8th and 9th of November resulted in a narrow win by Brisbane pair, Betty and David Lee, over Barry Kempthorne and Sean Mullamphy from Townsville. The Plate was won by Margaret Drake and Jenny Ling of Brisbane from Brian Blyth and Steve Brookes of Mackay.

One hand of interest was this slam, optimistically bid by several pairs but rather difficult to make. You are West in 6H and North leads the H2.

	♠ K98542		
	♥ J92		
	♦ J85		
	♣ K		
♠ —		♠ AQJ7	
♥ AKQ1085		♥ 764	
♦ K74		♦ Q2	
♣ AJ95		♣ Q764	
		♠ 1063	
		♥ 3	
		♦ A10963	
		♣ 10832	

You win in hand and then what? Test the hearts to see if there is any chance of a diamond ruff as an extra entry to dummy to finesse the clubs, and you are disappointed as they break 3-1. With defenders of the calibre of Pam Brown and Verna Graham, it seems unlikely that you will be allowed to establish the DQ as an entry, so the only way to make the contract is to drop the singleton CK offside. So, lay down the CA and, sure enough, the king appears.

I showed this hand to my learned brother who was full of all sorts of boring suggestions about the H7 being an entry to dummy (on the opening lead of the H2) enabling you to take the club finesse, which is the percentage play. But who wants to hear all that when you've just dropped a singleton king!

Another hand illustrates the effectiveness of forcing declarer in trumps as opposed to the seemingly more

aggressive approach of playing for defensive ruffs.

	♠ K985		
	♥ 976		
	♦ A10		
	♣ Q543		
♠ A10		♠ 764	
♥ Q10843		♥ J5	
♦ KQ94		♦ 8765	
♣ A7		♣ 9862	
		♠ QJ32	
		♥ AK2	
		♦ J32	
		♣ KJ10	

West is in 2HX.

North has a choice of an aggressive lead of the SA followed by the D10, or the more passive forcing leads of either a small spade, club or a trump.

As it happens, with best defence, the two different approaches result in +200 (a bottom, as 3NT was being made by some NS players on a non-heart lead) or +800, a top. Life is full of little ironies, as I remarked to my partner after we settled for +200 and a bottom on this hand.

I hasten to add that the person who perpetrated this disaster was myself and not my redoubtable partner, Lindy Ward, who *always* leads trumps!

Before finishing, let me say that this Championship is an excellent weekend's bridge and thank the QBA for running it. One request only; could they organise for prizes down to third place next year?

Two guesses who finished 3rd. Ed.

■ Lindy Vincent

Director Training Workshops in NQ

Geoff Slack-Smith and I did a quick dash to NQ early in November to hold director training workshops in Cairns, Atherton, Tully, Townsville, Proserpine and Mackay. It was most encouraging to have many interested players attend as well as directors. Most sessions developed into general discussion of the Laws rather than directors just talking shop.

It was interesting that directors share the same problems wherever they are. Accommodating the needs of slower players without losing the ones who play like the wind, giving proper time to rulings knowing their own game is being disrupted, inappropriate timing of questions during the auction and play, trying to handle the nasties of rudeness

and deception fairly and without offending further.

We were sorry not to be able to spend more time in the north but our own directing commitments required us to be back home quickly. Every club was most welcoming. I thank the NQ clubs for their enthusiasm and hospitality and hope that our trip has furthered their interest in getting rulings right.

■ Jan Peach



Roland Taylor of Mackay

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Teacher's Corner



Joan Butts

It's often said that people become good players by being in bad contracts and learning to make them. I'm sure it's true. Have you ever played against a really good declarer and you double because you can't believe they could possibly make a particular hand, and then, infuriatingly, they DO!

Knowing the techniques for taking the maximum number of tricks is something we need at our fingertips. I was playing at a local club recently, and this hand came up.

<p>♠ 9852 ♥ 10743 ♦ KJ108 ♣ 8</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	<p>♠ J104 ♥ AKJ85 ♦ 72 ♣ QJ6</p> <p>♠ 76 ♥ Q ♦ AQ543 ♣ 109542</p> <p>♠ AKQ3 ♥ 962 ♦ 96 ♣ AK53</p>
N						
W						
E						
S						

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

* transfer

West generally led the singleton C8, and declarer played as follows.

He won the CK in hand and led a heart to the jack, losing to the queen. A low club came back. (Lavinthal, asking for the return of the lower suit, ie diamonds, after ruffing.)

West trumped and dutifully returned a diamond. Now another club ruff, and EW take their second diamond winner.

Two down, EW taking five tricks; the HQ, two ruffs and two diamonds. This was the result at most tables. A disaster that *should* have been avoided.

Declarer can make all 13 tricks, unless a diamond is led and continued, in which case it's 11.

Here's how it *should* be played.

Win the club with a high honour in hand and play a heart to the ace or king. You should *cash one of the top honours first* before taking the finesse if no HQ appears.

In this case, the HQ drops. So: West started with 4 hearts (10743). Cross back to the SA, play the H9 and you can pick

up all the hearts. Later you throw your two diamond losers on the fourth spade, and the fourth club; 13 tricks. What a difference correct play made here.

The lead of the singleton club is not best either. With four trumps, play a *forcing* defence. Start with a *long suit*, hoping to gain trump control when declarer has been forced to ruff. ■

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The QBA is seeking the services of an operative to assist with the maintenance of the QBA website.

Further details may be obtained from the QBA Manager at 07 3351 8602

Coming Events

Dec	2	Old Mixed Teams C'ship - Rd 4 - QCBC
	4	Toowong Swiss Pairs (restricted <150 MPs)
	28-Jan	1 Brisbane Festival of Bridge
	31-Jan	2 Tablelands Pairs & Teams
Jan	8	Gold Coast Swiss Teams
	15	QCBC Swiss Pairs
	18-30	ABF Summer Festival of Bridge
	22	Ipswich Swiss Pairs
	26	Townsville Aust Day Teams
	27-29	Townsville Aust Day Pairs
	29	Northern Suburbs Teams
Feb	5	Toowong Swiss Pairs
	6	QBA Selection Trials Information Night

Club News

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

Arana

We are sad to report the death of our President, Neil Hamilton. Our condolences to all his family and friends.

Gold Coast

The Gold Coast Board has introduced bidding boxes and they have been well accepted. Sunday Bridge has been re-introduced.

QCBC

Marion Cooke is the new Chairman. A QCBC Cook Book is being published.

Rockhampton

Denise O'Regan is the new Chairman.

Surfers Paradise

President Dawn Turner requests members to ask the question, 'What can I do for my club?' rather than, 'What can my club do for me?'

News from the Manager's Desk

The Queensland Commonwealth Nations Representative Team has been selected. The members are, Mike Robson (playing captain), Betty Lee, Peter Hainsworth & Ralph Parker.

The Individual Competition is to be held on December 18 - enquires to the manager.

Selection Trials entry forms are available on the website.

As at 2006 a subsidy will be available to all Queenslanders playing in the Australian Bridge Federation Selection Trials - written applications to the Manager.

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The Klinger Tour to North Queensland is in March. Any clubs wishing more information, contact the manager.

The Lavings Tour to the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay Zones is in January. Any clubs wishing more information, contact the manager.

Well done to Therese Tully and Bill Haughie, Queenslanders playing for Australia in the World Team Championships.

Gold Coast Entry Forms and Accommodation Guide are available on the QBA website.

The calendar for 2006 is available on the website.

Results

Qld Senior Pairs C'ship Nov 19-20

- 1 M Kent R Slobom
2 R Wallis T Jackman
3 I Afflick P Collins

GNOT

All the finalists are listed on the QBA website at www.qldbriidge.com

Caloundra Congress Sept 17-18

Pairs

- 1 I Dahler A Mayers
2 K Daws C Schwabegger
3 W Hiddins D Smith

Plate

- 1 P Buch C Masters
2 R Green M Jakes

Teams

- 1 A Pryde P Gosney
N Francis M Moren
2 S Mabin M Callander
K Daws C Schwabegger
=3 A Kelly C Fludder
I Dahler A Mayers
=3 R Green M Jakes
P Barnett D Harris

Plate

- 1 R Trollope S Regan
J Keim T Walford
2 I Halford S Brookes
M Radke V Brookes

Noosa Swiss Teams Sept 25

- 1 L Norden B Hunt
R Lachman J Parry
2 A Mayers R Crowley
C Fludder A Kelly

- 3 R Green m Jakes
P Barnett D Harris

B Section

- 1 C Reed P Hawkins
J Fell I Brown
2 D Quigley H French
C McDonald D McGhee
3 C & C Woolley
J & J Steele

BBC Teams Sept 25

- 1 R Wallis T Jackman
N Francis P Hainsworth
2 J Pritchard B Barden
D Janzekovic J Han
3 D Croft J Solomon
E Berger T Berger

Plate

- 1 R Touton R Touton
T Strong K Steffensen
=2 E Gibson N Gibson
A Clayton A Nichols
=2 M Corner J Gardiner
D McAdam P Evans

Novice

- 1 P Newnham A Williams
R Lynch T Lehane
=2 K Dean G Roberts
J Correy C McPaul
=2 E Duveck B Murchison
E Bennett M Bennett

Tamborine Swiss Teams Oct 1

- 1 J Pritchard B Barden
D Janzekovic S Kamalarasa
2 J Luck I Luck
J Leung R Clayton
3 R Milward H Milward
T Strong K Steffensen

Plate

- 1 N Rossiter J Morris
M Rossiter D McLaughlin
2 B Stuthe W Stuthe
J Knight H Morris
3 M deMestre N deMestre
J Wallis S Wismer

Consolation

- 1 V Roland P Collins
M O'Donoghue P Thompson
2 H Braithwaite W Natrop
M Gordon E Meade

Best Tamborine

- D Cowsls D Donaldson
W Wales B Wales

Arana Novice Teams Oct 9

- 1 P Evans M Pritchard
M Owen A Murphy
2 G Hull A Norman
R Cowie D Lehmann
3=R Matthew R Matthew
P van Eden P Whittaker
3=G Macionis A Guminski
G Wardrop P Lang

Gympie Swiss Teams Oct 9

- 1 G Hart P Barnett
M Jakes D Harris
- 2 M Daly P Cross
P Tall S McCulloch
- 3 David Anderson A Kelly
R Perry W Hiddins

Plate

- 1 N Harington A Harington
D Stringfellow E Stringfellow
- 2 B Theodore L George
P Gordon K Ward

Best novice team

- M Virtue C Maertens
Y Welch A Costin.

Mackay Teams Oct 8

- 1 Gibbs Parsons
Knapman Woodward
- 2 McNee Wotherspoon
Carroll Spencer
- 3 Baldry Robinson
Bryce Brown

Qld Pairs Championship Oct 15-16

- 1 B Lee M Robson
- 2 P Hainsworth R Parker
- 3 N Francis M Moren

Plate

- 1 D Croft J Solomon
- 2 P Maddigan S O'Brien
- 3 S Birrer J Morris

Consolation A

- 1 R Ashman S Dean
- 2 E & T Berger
- 3 A Brown L Pollock

Consolation B

- 1 H Glatter B Theodore
- 2 J Gough G Thomas
- 3 A & N Tuxworth

Novice Pairs

- 1 P Han I Meman
- 2 P Gordon K Ward
- 3 P Lang G Wardrop

Consolation

- 1 G & K Twaddell
- 2 P Van Eden P Whittaker
- 3 D Rogers B Williams

Qld Graded Teams Oct 23

Life & Grand

- 1 D Janzekovic S Kamalarasa
B Barden J Pritchard
- 2 A Pryde J Cater
J Mills C Green
- 3 R Parker P Hainsworth
N Francis P Gosney

Below Life

- 1 G McCartney B Carroll
J Power P Roberts

- 2 J Rohde L Ranke
M Cullen R Shelbourn
- 3 C Bloomfield P Woods
A Moroney Ken Moroney

Below 100 masterpoints

- 1 G Macionis A Guminski
G Wardrop P Lang
- 2 G Roberts K Dean
J Swanson G Yates
- 3 M Elkington J Parker
H Morris B O'Connell

Northern Suburbs Butler Pairs Oct 29-30

- 1 D Appleton P Hainsworth
- 2 I Afflick P Collins
- 3 N Francis P Gosney

Plate

- 1 R Dick A Slater
- 2 C & C Woolley
- 3 H & R McLauchlan

Restricted

- 1 Y Coroneo J Farquhar
- 2 H Kruse S Solo

Surfers Paradise Novice Teams Oct 30

- 1 M Smith J Smith
K Pope M Bower
- 2 J Swanson K Homik
G Yates B Bolt
- 3 D Temple R Lynch
P Thomson W Harvey

Plate

- 1 R Maple D Manwaring
A Chan L Kwok
- 2 A Johnson P Roberts
M Congreve M Goltz
- 3 R Rooney B Hunt
D Piddington N Cameron

Warwick Spring Butler Pairs Nov 13

- 1 N Francis R Parker
- 2 J Roe R Clayton
- 3 E Josey V McClement

Plate

- 1 N Collins D Moran
- 2 M & W Brough
- 3 E Booth C Dodd

Consolation

- 1 K Nicoll D McCown
- 2 D Anderson M Cusack
- 3 G Collins G Francis

2005 James O'Sullivan Award at Oct 31

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| ALL GRADES | Francis Neville |
| SILVER GRAND | Francis Neville |
| GRAND | Pritchard John |
| GOLD LIFE | Janzekovic Darko |
| SILVER LIFE | Jakes Maureen |
| BRONZE LIFE | Birrer Sharyn |
| LIFE | Gosney Paul |
| **NATIONAL | Alp Peter |
| *NATIONAL | Moschner Ken |

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| NATIONAL | Wells Peter |
| *STATE | Penlington Paul |
| *REGIONAL | Walker Margaret |
| STATE | McCarthy Gayle |
| REGIONAL | Thompson Philip |
| **LOCAL | Hung Andy |
| *LOCAL | Swanson Jane |
| LOCAL | Congreve Michael |
| CLUB | Hoare Rob |
| GRADUATE | Osmund Linda |
| NIL MASTER | Balci Hedо |

Hervey Bay Congress Oct 29-30

Pairs

- =1 A Mayers R Crowley
=1 D Harris G Hart
3 C Reed P Hawkins

Plate

- 1 P Rogers J Valentine
- 2 F Melhuish M Wares
- 3 B Theodore L George

Novice

- 1 M Gilmore J Logan

Teams

- 1 G Kellerman R Davenport
D Gehrke FArnold
- 2 A Maltby D Maltby
D Harris GHart
- 3 A Mayers R Crowley
R Green M Jakes

Plate

- =1 H Baker A Dennis
D Dwyer C Struik
=1 A McGhee B King
K Bell K Bell
3 H French E French
D Stagg J Dalziell

Redlands Graded Teams Oct 12

- 1 M Robson B Lee
N Francis M Moren
- 2 P Hale T O'Dempsey
P Schoen J Wang
- 3 S Birrer J Morris
D Cullen S O'Brien

B Grade

- 1=L Eaves J Williams
H Kruse S Solo
1=C Bloomfield P Woods
A Moroney A King
3 A Chan L Kwok
P Pratt L Crookall

Coral Coast Teams Nov 12-13

- 1 A Brown F Brown
B Baldry J Robinson
- 2 F Blower N Massey
R Nolan L Richardson
- 3 M Nicol J Wright
B Hobdell K Ramsbotham

Best Under National

- B Wright B Gage
Y Buckley L Maltby

QBA CALENDAR 2006

Novice Events are <100 MPS unless stated

JANUARY

Dec 28 - Jan 1 Brisbane Festival of Bridge
Dec 31 - Jan 2 Tablelands Pairs and Teams
Jan 8 Gold Coast Swiss Teams
Jan 15 QCBC Swiss Pairs
Jan 18-30 ABF Summer Festival of Bridge
Jan 22 Ipswich Swiss Pairs
Jan 26 Townsville Aust Day Teams
Jan 27-29 Townsville Aust Day Pairs
Jan 29 Northern Suburbs Teams

FEBRUARY

Feb 5 Toowong Swiss Pairs
Feb 6 (Mon) QBA Selection Trials Information Night
Feb 11-12 QBA Senior Teams - Sun Coast
Feb 12 Warwick Swiss Pairs
Cairns Novice Pairs
QCBC Novice Pairs
Feb 18-25 QBA GOLD COAST CONGRESS

MARCH

Mar 4-5 QBA Selection Trials - Open (Day 1 and 2)
QBA Selection Trials - Women (If Required)
Mar 5 Toowong Novice Swiss Pairs
Broadwater Swiss Pairs
Mar 7-12 Commonwealth Nations Bridge Champs
Mar 11-12 Rockhampton Butler Pairs
QBA Selection Trials - Women (If Available)
Mar 12 Dalby Swiss Pairs
Arana Swiss Teams
Mar 16-20 ABF Open/Womens Play Off
Mar 19 Sunshine Coast Graded Butler Pairs
Surfers Paradise Graded Teams
Mar 25-26 QBA Selection Trials - Open/Womens (Day 3 and 4)
Proserpine Teams
Mar 26 Coolool Swiss Teams
Mar 26 Toowoomba Novice Pairs

APRIL

Apr 1 QBA Select Trials - Open/Womens (Day 5)
Apr 2 Northern Suburbs Pairs
Townsville Pairs
Apr 8-9 QBA Selection Trials - Seniors (Day 1,2)
Gympie Butler Pairs and Swiss Teams
April 9 Redlands Novice Teams
Apr 14-17 Townsville Pairs and Teams
Apr 16-17 BBC Graded Pairs & Graded Teams
Apr 22-23 QBA Selection Trials - Seniors (Day 3, 4)
Cleveland Bay Diggers Pairs
April 25 Anzac Teams - QCBC
Cleveland Bay Diggers Teams
Apr 28-May 1 Mackay Pairs and Teams
Apr 29-May 1 Toowoomba Swiss Pairs and Teams
Apr 29 Colin Stone Teams Rd 1 (Toowong)
ABF Senior Play Offs April 13-17 or 20-24

MAY

May 6 Colin Stone Teams Rd 2 (Toowong)
May 6-7 Caloundra Teams
May 7 BBC Graded Swiss Pairs
May 13 Surfers Paradise Swiss Teams
May 20-21 QBA Mixed Pairs - Toowong
May 21 Toowong Novice Mixed Pairs
May 27-28 QBA Squad Training
May 27 QBA Mind Games - Teams
May 28 Northern Suburbs Novice Pairs

JUNE

June 3-4 Arana Swiss Pairs and Swiss Teams
June 4 Redlands Novice Pairs
June 9-12 QBA Barrier Reef Congress (Cairns)
June 11-12 QCBC Pairs and Teams inc Rest Section
June 17-18 Sun Coast Swiss Teams and Butler Pairs
June 18 Toowong Swiss Prs inc Rest. Section
June 24 QBA Club Directors Exam
June 24-25 Gold Coast Swiss Teams
Bowen Pairs
June 25 BBC Novice Pairs (<75 MPS)

JULY

July 2 QBA Graded Pairs (QCBC)
July 8 Colin Stone Teams Rd 3 (Toowong)
July 8 Mackay Pairs
Caloundra Novice Pairs
July 9 Lockyer Pairs
Noosa Teams
July 15 Colin Stone Teams Rd 4 (Toowong)
July 15-16 Bundaberg Pairs
July 16 Broadwater Swiss Teams
Ipswich Novice Pairs
July 21-Aug 5 ANC (Adelaide)
July 21-22 Cairns Pairs and Teams
July 22-23 Goondiwindi Swiss Pairs
July 23 BBC Graded Swiss Teams
July 29-30 Moreton Bribie Pairs and Teams
July 29 Mackay Novice Pairs
July 30 Northern Suburb Novice Teams
Toowoomba Swiss Teams

AUGUST

Aug 5-6 Reliable Carrier Pairs - Cleveland Bay
Maryborough Butler Pairs and Teams
Aug 6 Sunnybank Swiss Teams
Aug 12 Townsville Novice Pairs
Aug 12-13 Rockhampton Swiss Teams
Surfers Paradise Teams
Aug 13 Toowong Novice Teams
Aug 19-20 QBA Butler Pairs (QCBC) inc Rest. section
Aug 25 QBA Mixed Teams Rd 1 (QCBC)
Aug 25-27 Tully Pairs
Aug 27 Sunshine Coast Swiss Teams
Redlands Pairs

SEPTEMBER

Sept 2-3 QBA Qld Teams (Toowong)
Sept 9-10 Brisbane Festival Pairs & Teams (QCBC)
Sept 10 Townsville Teams
Sept 16 Cleveland Bay Novice Pairs (<50 MPS)
Sept 16-17 Surfers Paradise Butler Pairs and
Birthday Teams
Caloundra Pairs and Teams
Sept 22 QBA Mixed Teams Rd 2 (QCBC)
Sept 23-24 Mackay Barometer Pairs
Sept 24 Noosa Swiss Teams
Sept 30 Colin Stone Teams Rd 5 (Toowong)

OCTOBER

Oct 1 Cleveland Bay Teams
Dalby Swiss Pairs
Tamborine Swiss Teams
Oct 7 Mackay Teams
Oct 7-8 Gold Coast Butler Pairs and Teams
Oct 8 Arana Novice Teams
Gympie Swiss Teams
Oct 14-15 QBA Pairs (BBC)
Oct 20 QBA Mixed Teams Rd 3 (QCBC)
Oct 20-22 Townsville Magnetic Teams
Oct 21 QBA Congress Directors Exam
Oct 22 Surfers Paradise Novice Teams
Oct 28 Mackay Novice Teams
Oct 28-29 Hervey Bay Pairs and Teams
Cairns Pairs
Oct 29 QBA Qld Graded Teams (QCBC)

NOVEMBER

Nov 4-5 Northern Suburbs Pairs
Nov 5 Cleveland Bay Anniversary Pairs
Nov 11-12 Coral Coast Teams - Bowen
Nov 12 Warwick Pairs
Nov 17-20 GNOT Final
Nov 18 Colin Stone Teams Rd 6 (Toowong) if req.
Townsville Novice Teams
Nov 18-26 Qld-wide Pairs
Nov 18-19 QBA Senior Pairs and Youth Pairs
Nov 25-26 Central Qld Teams (Mackay)
Noosa Butler Pairs
Nov 26 QCBC Novice Teams

DECEMBER

Dec 1 QBA Mixed Teams Rd 4 (QCBC)
Dec 3 Toowong Teams
Dec 10 Redlands Graded Teams
Dec 17 QBA Individual

QBA Council meetings: January 26, March 30 (AGM), May 25, July 20, Sept 28, Nov 30

Director's Corner

SLOW play, which is never our fault, can mar a session. Every club is different as to its style and the expectations of its members. There is no right amount of time to allow. Directors should be running their sessions in accordance with their club's policy or house rules. Players appreciate consistency and unfortunately, sometimes not getting our own boards played is part of the price we pay as playing directors.

Some boards take longer than others. Everyone should keep the game moving all the time so that, when someone has laboriously cuebid through six rounds of the auction to 7NT there is still time to play the hand with due care and attention. Save time on the bread and butter boards so there is more time for the difficult boards.

Bridge isn't like some other card games for which trying to mislead opponents by our demeanour is a legitimate ploy. Feigning delight or horror at seeing the dummy, pretending to have a problem when you don't and deliberately breaking tempo to mislead, are deceptions not permitted in our game.

Law 73 D 2

A player may not attempt to mislead an opponent by means of remark or gesture, through the haste or hesitancy of a call or play (as in hesitating before playing a singleton), or by the manner in which the call or play is made.

On the other hand it is perfectly okay to use legal calls and plays to try to deceive opponents.

Law 73 E

A player may appropriately attempt to deceive an opponent through a call or play (so long as the deception is not protected by concealed partnership understanding or experience). It is entirely appropriate to avoid giving information to the opponents by making all calls and plays in unvarying tempo and manner.

Also, 75 B

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). No player has the obligation to disclose to the opponents that he has violated an announced agreement and if the opponents are subsequently damaged, as through drawing a false inference from such violation, they are not entitled to redress.

Players should always avoid giving partner unauthorised information, as set out in Laws 73 A 1 and 2.

Communication between partners during the auction and play shall be effected only by means of the calls and plays themselves.

Calls and plays should be made without special emphasis, mannerism or inflection, and without undue hesitation or haste etc

Players who do wriggle, squirm, gasp, frown, add full stops to bids, write heavily then lightly, write large then small etc etc place a burden on partner because of Law 73 C.

When a player has available to him unauthorised information from his partner, as from a remark, question, explanation, gesture, mannerism, special emphasis, inflection, haste or hesitation, he must carefully avoid taking any advantage that might accrue to his side.

Players who adopt obscure methods, or who alter common conventions, must be particularly aware of the requirement to pre-alert and to make delayed alerts as detailed on Page 3 Section G of the QBA Regulations:

At the start of a round or match, pairs should acquaint each other with their basic system, length of their one-level openings and the strength and style of their opening 1NT. Subsequent questions about these, whilst legal, may be regarded as unauthorised information.

This is the stage where you should draw the opponents' attention to any unusual agreements you have which might surprise them, or to which they may need to arrange a defence. Pay particular attention to unusual self-alerting calls. Examples: transfer pre-empts, unusual two level openings, canapé style bidding, very unusual doubles, unusual methods over the opponents' 1NT or strong club openings, unusual cue bids of the opponents' suit, etc. These should appear on your system card, but should also be verbally pre-alerted.

Highly unusual carding (e.g. leading low from doubletons) should also be pre-alerted at this stage.

Also:

At the end of the auction, the declaring side should draw attention to any unusual features, particularly any unusual non-alerted calls. Upon inquiry, you must disclose fully, not only the specific meanings of all calls, but also any inferences you have drawn from the auction based

on partnership experience (as distinct from general bridge knowledge). These explanations may occasionally need to include negative inferences, such as hand types partner probably does not have for his bidding. Defenders must not, at this time, draw attention to their own calls, nor voluntarily offer explanations (they must of course fully disclose upon inquiry).

Takeout/negative-type doubles and penalty doubles do not require a delayed alert. If interested, the opening leader should enquire before leading, or his partner may enquire after the opening lead has been made face down.

If a possible mis-explanation emerges during the delayed alert stage the Director should be called before the opening lead is faced. Defenders however must wait until the play of the hand is completed before calling the Director to report any mis-explanation by their partner.

Andrew Pryde has given me some examples of a few calls that are more likely to mislead and which therefore require particular attention in pre-alerting and post auction explanations.

Red suit Texas, eg 1NT P 4H;

Weak Jump Shift response, eg 1D P 2S;

Highly modified BERGEN style raise, eg 1S P 3C = Jacoby;

Very unusual 3-way Inverted raise, eg 1D P 3C;

Rank-Colour-Odd overcalls of Artificial Strong openings;

Unusual range Flannery, eg 11-13 or even 8 - 11;

Diamond Bust or Anything Bust - where responder can reply with 0 hcp;

Unusual range Negative Free Bid, eg 0 - 10;

Unusual carding, eg agreement to lead 4 from 9 4

Should the declaring side draw attention to an unusual call by placing "+" inside its box, it is still important for the defending side to keep their interest in the auction general. Just say, "Would you explain your auction please," not "OK, what does 2D mean?"

■ Jan Peach

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JAN 9 (noon)

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