



# THE QBA BULLETIN

Published by the Queensland Bridge Association  
www.qldbridge.com Email: manager@qldbridge.com

September-October 2004 Volume 30 No

5

## From the President



**Keith McDonald**

THE fund raising for the World Youth Teams Championship, Sydney August 7-17 2005, has started. An astute bidder has already purchased the President for a mere \$50. This is an opportunity for you to have a game with someone you have always wanted to play with but never asked. If that "someone" is not on the auction site let Kim Ellaway know and she will make suitable arrangements.

The financial results for the inaugural fundraiser for the Prince of Wales Research Unit was an amount in excess of \$20,000. This was with clubs from NSW and the ACT playing. The event is going National in 2005, and will be run May 1-7. Again please let Kim know if you can assist us in promoting this event. It presents an opportunity for Bridge to contribute to worthy research.

Our Teams at the Melbourne ANC are to be commended on their sportsmanship. The VBA and the Organising Committee did a very good job. The Convenor Jeannette Collins has the appreciation of the QBA for a great event.

This appreciation extends to Kim Ellaway for all she did in organising arrangements for all four teams.

The Toowong Bridge Club and QCBC outperformed themselves in hosting the Qld Teams Championship and the Qld Butler Pairs Championship respectively. When you call an event a championship it seems to scare players away. I am sure all those who played in either event will attest to what a nice time they had at the events. It was wonderful to see the zonal players. The zonal players often travel significant distances and regrettably are out of pocket. The subsidy from the QBA is a help but by no means covers all the expenses involved. October sees the Qld Open and Novice Pairs (16-17), and the Qld Graded Teams Championship (22-24). Forget the word "championship" and replace it with "fellowship", and join us for both events.

The Management Committee of the QBA is conducting a planning meeting to consider a strategy for bridge in this state. If we are to be successful we need your help by submitting suggestions to Kim. Don't worry about the response the suggestion may receive just send it to us!

I had to edit this small article and remove several references such as great, wonderful.... The problem is that these superlatives do not do justice to the efforts of so many that assist Bridge in Queensland. ■

## ANC Melbourne

THE results from this year's ANC were very disappointing. The Open team came 7th (their worst performance ever). The Women's team came 6th; also below par. The seniors were also 6th; again, a disappointing performance. The Youth team was 3rd; a promising result

Why is this so? Well over the last few years, in my opinion, teams have not gone fully prepared for such a competition. They have received no expert training, no coaching, no long sessions of practice at teams and, often, have not played regularly as a partnership

Other states have months of trials practice which ensures that partnerships, even if they are recently formed, have at least played regularly together under testing conditions. This is then followed up by months of solid teams practice with analysis of each match allowing partnerships to sort out any bidding or play problems they may have encountered

It is useless merely turning up for the occasional day competition, often with members of the team playing with different partners

If the QBA is going to spend so much money (its largest outlay) on sending teams away, then they should insist that all teams practise regularly each week, and play practice matches within the four teams as though they were in ANC conditions. This way partnerships would be strengthened and the teams would be cohesive units before they go to tackle the severe conditions of the ANC comp. The Youth indeed did practise and had help (thanks to Richard Touton, Larry Moses, Peter Hainsworth, David Appleton and Mike Pemberton). They will certainly improve provided expert help is given and they remain together as partnerships

Many states (NSW, Vic and WA) have months of trials so that, instead of a random selection, the pairs that make the team have been through a thorough process. If the trials are so short, as they are now, many players enter for fun and of course skew the results dramatically. But if you had to compete for 10 weeks,

## Contents

From the President by Keith McDonald .....	1
ANC Melbourne by Bill Hunt .....	1
Reflections on the ANC by Kamal Sanmugarasa .....	4
Gold Coast by Bill Hunt .....	6
Book Review .....	7
Sunnybank by Mike Robson .....	8
Teachers' Corner by Joan Butts .....	10
Results .....	10
Director's Corner by Jan Peach .....	12
25 Years Ago .....	web version 13
Letter .....	web version 13
BBC August Swiss Teams by Richard Wallis .....	web version 13

how many non-serious contenders would enter? None, I suspect. We saw this year how at least two well-established pairs who have played the ANC on many occasions, were knocked out of the preliminary rounds because of skewing of the averages.

Either we have a sufficiently long competition, with each match being at least 24 boards, or we score against the averages taken from a large competition. (Any of the American congresses would do.) Someone might look them all up and learn those thousands of hands that may have been used. Great! That is the sort of person you want Queensland to have in their team.

Once we do have the representative teams, is enough being done to set aside individual egos to develop a team where the collective outcome far surpasses the sum of the individuals?

Queensland spends many dollars to send teams to participate in the ANC. Would spending just a little extra, before they went, and trying to achieve some goals be wasted? I think not.

This is where the bridge clubs of Queensland need to help (financially). They would feel proud to see their teams perform well.

Here are some ideas on how this can be achieved whilst also improving the standard of bridge throughout Queensland.

Start the trials immediately after the year's ANC is over; one night per week for several months. Invite people to participate who don't normally play for their state. If they know we are making the effort they may be interested. Once the teams have established, continue with the practices against peer groups and include coaching.

Other suggestions might be: have a paid team manager for all the teams; hire a sports psychologist for team building; have fund raising events to raise money for the teams so they are not personally out of pocket.

For this the team members can put something back into the bridge community. For example, tutoring developing players to improve their skills or having coaching sessions at their clubs, where hands can be discussed on par results. So although the bridge community would be helping the teams, they would be getting something back and over time the standard of bridge would improve

These are some of my ideas and there are many more from the teams that went to the ANC in Melbourne this year.

Let's hear from them with their ideas, choose the best and return to a winning formula.



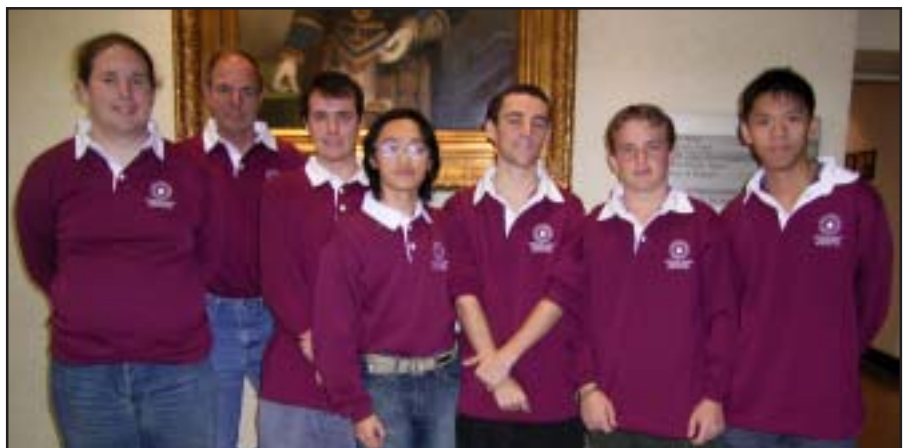
**Seniors Team:** top row

*Andrew Slater, Danny Osmond, Barry Kempthorne (npc), Keith Bishop, Ian Afflick*  
Front row: *Claire Hyne, Eva Berger*



**Women's Team:** top, from left

*Marion Cooke, Margaret Millar, Sandy Johnson, Agnes Kempthorne*  
Front row: *Therese Tully (npc), Toni Bardon, Greer Tucker*



**Youth Team:** from left

*Tim Woodlands, Richard Touton (npc), Nathan Van Jole, Kai Lin, Paul Gosney, George Bloomfield, Andy Hung*

Now for some hands of interest.  
Board 13 against ACT

Dlr N     ♠ 9832  
Vul Both   ♥ AQ9732  
           ♦ 6  
           ♣ 53

♠ AKJ76     ♠ Q5  
♥ J6     ♥ —  
♦ 872     ♦ AJ1052  
♣ K104     ♣ AQ9752

♠ 104  
♥ K10854  
♦ KQ94  
♣ J8

W	N	E	S
Moren	Thomson	Hunt	Brightling
	2H	4NT	5H
X	All pass		

You may not agree with this bidding, nor the final result, but as Neville and Magnus would say, it's your style.

Say if I double 2H, take-out, would that show this type of hand? No.

Yet 4NT does. It shows lots of minors and an opening hand at least, few spades and fewer hearts. South did jam the auction but what would you do sitting West? Please send replies to Phil Squire.

**Pottage Strikes!**

Dlr S     ♠ 94  
Vul None   ♥ Q109  
           ♦ AKQ5  
           ♣ AJ73

♠ 108     ♠ AKQ7652  
♥ 765     ♥ A2  
♦ 942     ♦ J83  
♣ Q9652     ♣ 4

♠ J3  
♥ KJ843  
♦ 1076  
♣ K108

W	N	E	S
Moren	Thomson	Hunt	Brightling
P	1NT <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>	XX <sup>3</sup>
All pass			

<sup>1</sup> 15-17  
<sup>2</sup> Penalty  
<sup>3</sup> We're OK  
Result: +600 to EW (Qld) In the other room East also doubled for penalty. In a very competitive auction EW got to 4SX for -300, so the the total was 15 IMPs for QLD. This was one of our few good boards and yes, you may well ask why we did not win the event. Now that is another story.

Dlr S     ♠ Q6  
Vul EW   ♥ AQ2  
           ♦ KJ102  
           ♣ AQ98

♠ J953     ♠ 1072  
♥ 10875     ♥ K  
♦ 4     ♦ A987  
♣ K1052     ♣ J7643

♠ AK84  
♥ J9643  
♦ Q653  
♣ —

W	N	E	S
Gumby	Moren	Lazer	Hunt
P	1C	P	1H
P	2D	P	2S
P	4H	P	?

Magnus and I play Acol with a weak NT, 4-card majors and some Mickey Mouse bids. As South I felt my hand was a little too poor to open (no pips). Too many little cards Yes, I know that according to the Law of Whatever and Whatever, my hand may open. Once Magnus opened the bidding I thought we were going places.

What is his 4H? Is this now fast arrival or what? Surely my hand was worth a further bid and yes, folks we finished in slam for -100.



**Open Team:** from left.  
Darko Janzekovic, Magnus Moren, Keith Mac (npc), Bill Hunt, Neville Francis, Kamal Sanmugarasa, (Janeen Solomon was the other member of the team)

**TEC** Toowong Bridge Club  
TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB INC

**Australia-Wide Pairs**  
Wednesday Oct 27 (day)

**Queensland-Wide Pairs**  
Wednesday Nov 24 (day)

**Both are Red Point events**  
**Novice Teams**  
Sunday Dec 5

All enquiries to Glenda Edge  
Secretary, TBC on **3378 3835**

**2005 Bridge Challenge for Brain Research**

This event will be going national next year and will run May 1-7 2005. It is conducted by the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute which does neurological-based research into healthy ageing and how the brain works.

By comparing "normal" people with people with neurological disorders they can address issues helping us to retain a functioning brain for longer. Bridge players are participants from a group who function at a high level and will be valuable contributors to this research.

**Congress Director Accreditation**  
exam will be held on  
October 23

Dir W     ♠ 3  
 Vul Both   ♥ QJ98  
              ♦ J73  
              ♣ Q7532

♠ K74     ♠ 10852  
 ♥ AK76   ♥ 10432  
 ♦ K10952   ♦ 86  
 ♣ —     ♣ K104

♠ AQJ9  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ AQ4  
 ♣ AJ986

doubled. West led the HA and now was end-played so tried a low spade to my SQ. Now with some ruffing finesses, trumps drawn etc etc, Bingo! and +750 to the good guys. Is there a way to beat 5C?

■ Bill Hunt

(Bill Hunt has been a member of two successful ANC teams; once for the ACT and once for QLD.)

## Reflections on the ANC

W	N	E	S
1D	Moren P	P	Hunt 2C
X	4C	P	5C
X	All pass		

**D**ESPITE the poor overall standing in the interstate championships this year, the Queensland Open team played in some memorable matches against the fancied teams. We beat ACT, the champions this year, and WA who were runaway leaders at the halfway stage. We came very close to beating NSW (losing by 6 IMPs). Against VIC, who were the runners-up in the championship, we had such a tight match that 18 of the 24 boards were flat! In the remaining 6 we had small gains in 2 boards while the Victorians had big gains in the other 4. So the "tight match" resulted in a "big loss", but how unlucky we were on those 4 boards! In one of those boards both EW pairs reached 4S, after a pre-emptive 3C opening by North.

Dir N     ♠ 52  
 Vul None   ♥ 104  
              ♦ 632  
              ♣ AK6532

♠ AQ83     ♠ K10976  
 ♥ Q75     ♥ AK2  
 ♦ Q954   ♦ K108  
 ♣ J7     ♣ 94

♠ J4  
 ♥ J9863  
 ♦ AJ7  
 ♣ Q108

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

The defence on both tables took 2 club tricks and switched to a trump. Both declarers now stripped spades and hearts and touched diamonds nervously. Yes, it all depended on locating the DJ. Adam Sarten (VIC) at our table got that right and earned 10 IMPs.

On another deal that mattered my partner invited me to slam after I responded 1S to his opening 1C bid. But with my JTxx holding in spades, I decided to stop in 4S. The Victorians pushed on to slam.

In the other room my hand did open the bidding and they too finished in slam; +100 to Qld. So a flat board. How would you bid it?

You may not agree with my 2C bid as a re-opener with 18 HCP but I figured that the bidding would not stop there and if I had made a take-out double partner would very likely bid hearts anyway which is of no use to my hand. Magnus made a very good bid with 4C so I added the extra and bid 5C. West said 'you got that wrong' and

Dir W     ♠ A987  
 Vul Both   ♥ AKQ  
              ♦ Q  
              ♣ KQ1076

♠ KQ52     ♠ 4  
 ♥ J10     ♥ 876532  
 ♦ K874   ♦ 109652  
 ♣ J52     ♣ 9

♠ J1063  
 ♥ 94  
 ♦ AJ3  
 ♣ A843

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

Dummy went down revealing the crucial S9. With the KQ of spades favourably placed 12 tricks made, and another 13 IMPs down. If the EW hands were swapped we would have gained 13 IMPs instead.

We had drama on our table when we played WA. The Western Australians played 'Moscito' and 'Forcing Pass' systems that I have never come across. But I soon realized that their relay bids were skewing our bids. So I decided to get into the action, with some "modified bids", before the opponents could let their



**Winners of the Youth Pairs:** Paul Gosney & Nathan Van Jole

mosquitoes fly! My bids ranged from opening "rubbish" weak-2s with 5 cards to light suit overcalls that I wouldn't do against the normal systems.

The Western Australians picked this up and cried foul. I continued my ways. They now challenged that they will make me pay for this. The next couple of deals I was quiet, and then came this deal:

Dlr S	♠ KQ9743		
Vul EW	♥ J53		
	♦ —		
	♣ J942		
♠ 6		♠ A105	
♥ AK8		♥ Q107642	
♦ QJ96532		♦ K4	
♣ A5		♣ 83	
	♠ J82		
	♥ 9		
	♦ A1087		
	♣ KQ1076		

W	N	E	S
3D	4S	All pass	3C

Holding 5-4 in minors in the South seat as dealer, I could sense the opponents going onto game in a major. With the challenge thrown at me, and taking advantage of the favorable vulnerability, I decided to make it tough for them.

When I spread the dummy I tried my best to stretch out my club suit, but it didn't take long for the opponents to notice the club length. They'd had enough of me by now. The director was summoned and was notified that I had psyched 5 times so far in one match. I was cautioned that my "quota" was over. But I knew that the smart director would have felt that 3C wasn't all that bad a bid! I explained later to the directors the reasons why I had to resort to some "modified bids". On this particular board the bidding in the other room was more orthodox and our team-mates were able to get in with hearts early and bid up to 5H doubled and made. We had beaten the leaders WA by 16 IMPs.

## DID YOU KNOW?

When the face of a single non-honour card becomes visible to partner during the auction, the card remains on the table for the rest of the auction. There is no penalty on partner during the auction. The card becomes a minor penalty card should its owner become a defender.

Dlr W	♠ 84		
Vul None	♥ K632		
	♦ Q543		
	♣ QJ9		
♠ 72		♠ KJ96	
♥ AJ95		♥ 4	
♦ A		♦ K9862	
♣ A108643		♣ K52	
	♠ AQ1053		
	♥ Q1087		
	♦ J107		
	♣ 7		

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

Noting that my spade call was overwhelmed by the 2NT bid by East, I led the H10. Declarer's HJ was covered by the king, and partner returned the S8. I covered the SJ with the queen and exited with a diamond. Declarer now played clubs and when my partner got in with the CQ, he pushed through another spade to down the contract. Our team-mates were in the same contract and made 10 tricks for an 11 IMP gain.

■ Kamal Sanmugarasa

## BBC August Swiss Teams

This article is available on pages 13-15 of the web version

## Queensland Bridge Association Inc

The QBA can produce copies of "Bridge Directing Complete" by Ian McKinnon (in its 1979 format)

Cost: \$45.00 (including GST)

This includes a postage and handling cost of \$5.00

Orders and payment details to

QBA Manager, 22 Mareeba Court, Arana Hills 4054

Ph: (07) 3351 8602 or Email: manager@qldbriidge.com

## QCBC NATIONWIDE PAIRS

Will be held at QCBC

Fri	7.30pm	5 November
Sat	1pm	21 November
Fri	7.30pm	3 December

- You can check your results against all participating clubs on the internet.
  - Green points are given at the Club and Red points by the ABF.
  - QCBC is the only Club in Queensland running this event at the moment.
  - No prior entry is necessary
  - The cost is \$5 table fees + \$1 entry fee
- Enquiries - contact Toni - 3391 3241

## QUEENSLAND GRADED TEAMS

Sunday October 24 - \$88 per team

## QCBC PAIRS

Sunday November 7 - \$44 per pair

## QCBC NOVICE PAIRS 0-99 MPs

Sunday November 28 - \$44 per pair

Enquiries - contact Toni - 3391 3241

## Gold Coast

**T**HE top seeds were Pryde, Hunt, Ward and Croft. The Croft team (Dennis Croft, Michael Kent, Janeen Solomon and Neville Francis) flew from the gates running and were never headed. All the rest could hope for was a place and these were taken by Hunt and Brown.

Now for some hands of interest that were played over the 2 days. We start with 'El Freako'.

Dir W	♠ 5432		
Vul Both	♥ 2		
	♦ K		
	♣ AKJ7654		
♠ AK7		♠ QJ1098	
♥ Q9		♥ 87	
♦ AQJ83		♦ 10642	
♣ Q83		♣ 109	
	♠ 6		
	♥ AKJ106543		
	♦ 975		
	♣ 2		

W	N	E	S
1NT <sup>1</sup>	2C <sup>2</sup>	2H <sup>3</sup>	P
2NT <sup>4</sup>	3C	P	4H <sup>5</sup>
X <sup>6</sup>	All pass		

<sup>1</sup> Normal 16-18 HCP

<sup>2</sup> Pottage; single suiter

<sup>3</sup> Not alerted so ??

<sup>4</sup> Partner, I am max with a club stopper

<sup>5</sup> I think I know what is happening

<sup>6</sup> No way - this will cost you

East had nowhere to go so +990 for NS.

If you are playing gadgets make sure you *a/ways* remember them.

Here is one for the gadget people.

Dir N	♠ J82		
Vul None	♥ J10764		
	♦ Q7		
	♣ 1042		
♠ KQ976		♠ A10543	
♥ A2		♥ 9	
♦ A102		♦ 65	
♣ KJ7		♣ A9853	
	♠ —		
	♥ KQ853		
	♦ KJ9843		
	♣ Q6		

W	N	E	S
4S	All pass	P	3D

Would you, as East, open this with a Multi? 99.5% of players would but this East didn't. I (Bill Hunt) was sitting South in 3rd seat and decided to open an off-beat Multi. Why? To take up as much bidding space from the EW as possible particularly as East had shown some pain before passing. West now had a problem with the fattest strong NT you have ever seen. Some more discomfort was shown by this player before the bid of 4S. Now this caused an even larger problem for East as his hand had just become a monster; but what about the 2 little diamonds? So - pass.

Bridge is reckoned to be 65% skill - 35% luck but a little bash and guess work gets you the same result.

Dir N	♠ KQ932		
Vul None	♥ 98		
	♦ KQ763		
	♣ 8		
♠ 764		♠ AJ1085	
♥ J10765		♥ 32	
♦ 52		♦ J1098	
♣ A105		♣ 93	
	♠ —		
	♥ AKQ6		
	♦ A4		
	♣ KQJ7642		

W	N	E	S
All pass	2S <sup>1</sup>	P	6C <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Just another Multi - 5+ spades & 5+ minor; 6-10 HCP

<sup>2</sup> Trust me - lets hope the gods are with me.

As West, what would you lead? If you are a firm believer in leading a doubleton if you have one, you have just found the way to beat this contract as you prevent the losing heart being discarded. So give me something a little harder. However, at my table or our team-mates' it wasn't found - flat board.

♠ AKQ  
♥ AQJ10543  
♦ A102  
♣ —

♠ 4  
♥ 2  
♦ KQJ72  
♣ J98643

Sitting North and holding one of the biggest hands you have ever held - what to bid? Alas, my partner was the dealer but I could wait. What? Partner opened 2NT, one of our gadgets (5/5 in the minors, 6-9 HCP). Pass by RHO.

I know that partner has at least 5 diamonds opposite my A 10 2 but I have a near solid heart suit. Although partner may be void, so what. So bid like you mean it - 6H, and with all the luck going my way I made 13 tricks; +1460.

When my team-mates returned to score up I was a little disappointed when they said -1460, for another flat board.

■ Bill Hunt

## QBA Auction

**All proceeds will go to the World Youth Event to be held in Sydney 2005**

Do you wish you could play with some of the best? You can. Some of Queensland's past and present champions have put themselves up for auction.

You bid for who you wish to play with - all bids remain anonymous. The first bid must be \$25 and thereafter in lots of \$5.

In December, when a closing date for those putting their names up for sessional play is decided, the successful bidder will be advised and they can organise a session of their choice with the nominee. However, it must be in the nominee's home town.

Other choices are Sydney experts who are putting themselves up for auction for the walk-ins being played at the Gold Coast Congress.

Visit the QBA website at [www.qldbidge.com](http://www.qldbidge.com) and make your bid. If you do not have access to the Net ring the manager on 3351 8602 and make your bid.

### DID YOU KNOW?

As a matter of courtesy a player should refrain from paying insufficient attention to the game.

Varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent is a violation of procedure.

## Book Review

### The Fun Way to Better Bridge Play

Harry Lampert

**T**HIS 2002 publication follows up on the author's earlier "Fun Way" series for beginning bridge players. The clever cartoons add to the presentation and make the topics a bit more memorable. From the moment the student learns to play bridge, some knowledge of card play becomes essential.

This book covers basic declarer play such as finesses and suit establishment, but it also has one chapter on some slightly more advanced techniques such as end plays and "loser on loser". The final three chapters cover basic defence including opening leads, and third hand play and basic signals.

Each example hand is clearly explained beginning with a plan of attack. There are plenty of summaries and checklists to assist the memory and build up good habits. The language is clear and plain, in a good sized and well spaced font that is easy to read.

This book is perfect for the beginning bridge student, even if they are still in classes.

**The Fun Way to Better Bridge Play** is available from John Hardy for \$28.60 – phone **0409 786 050**.

## Brisbane Bridge Centre

104 Frederick St, Annerley. Ph: 3392 7933

<b>Play Sessions</b>	Tuesday	9.30 am 7.30 pm
	Wednesday	10.00 am
	Thursday	7.30 pm
	Saturday	1.00 pm

**Coaching Sessions & Beginners' Classes** Monday 10.00 am  
Tuesday 7.30 pm

Enquiries for coaching & beginners' classes: **3371 2383**



**ANA HOTEL GOLD COAST**  
*We'll remember you*



## 2005 Gold Coast Congress

February 19-26

There are many changes to next year's congress -  
check the QBA website for all the details



# Queensland Open & Novice Pairs Championship



will be held at Doomben Racecourse on

## October 16-17

**Director: David Anderson**

Enquiries: Lorna Newnham phone **3371 2383** - email [launan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:launan@optusnet.com.au)

# Sunnybank

**A** FIELD of 26 tables competed in the Sunnybank Swiss Pairs Congress on Sunday, August 1.

A fine winter's day enabled players to enjoy the club's garden areas during breaks in play and for the prize presentation and drinks at the end of the day.

Jan Peach and Geoff Slack-Smith directed in their usual friendly and capable style, ensuring a smooth running, happy event.



Congress winners:  
Peter Hainsworth & Alan Smith

As in previous years, Sunnybank members contributed generously with their time and supplies of delicious food. Their willing workers in the car park, the kitchen and caddying all combined to make the day a successful one.

We gave the eventual winners, Peter Hainsworth and Alan Smith, a leg up with this hand.

Dlr N	♠ 10		
Vul None	♥ KJ92		
	♦ AK1043		
	♣ J109		
♠ AJ98		♠ K64	
♥ 8643		♥ Q5	
♦ J75		♦ 8	
♣ A4		♣ KQ87652	
	♠ Q7532		
	♥ A107		
	♦ Q962		
	♣ 3		

W	N	E	S
P	1D*	P	1S
	1NT	All pass	

\* Precision  
Maybe one of us should have bid 2D, but playing pairs it is always tempting to play in NT. On this occasion the opposition took the first 10 tricks which was not good when we could have made 5D.

A defensive error enabled Peter Hainsworth to make a risky 3NT.

Dlr W	♠ J1096		
Vul NS	♥ K		
	♦ AKQJ543		
	♣ 2		
♠ Q32		♠ AK54	
♥ QJ85		♥ 10432	
♦ 8		♦ 96	
♣ AJ1053		♣ K74	
	♠ 87		
	♥ A976		
	♦ 1072		
	♣ Q986		

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

Peter, South, got the lead of the CJ and East correctly went up with the king but erred at trick 2 by leading back the C4 instead of cashing the SA and then leading the C7. Peter played the queen taken by the ace and then followed with the C9 on West's ten. Of course West, seeing the C4 from East, followed by the C7 thought his partner had the C8 and led a 4th club to put Peter in and he promptly cashed a further 9 tricks for a very good result.

Finally a well played hand by Ralph Parker against Tony Jackman and Allan Richardson.

As West, playing in 4S, Ralph got the obvious HK lead which he won and drew

Dlr W	♠ 873		
Vul Both	♥ KQJ32		
	♦ AJ		
	♣ Q73		
♠ AKQJ54		♠ 92	
♥ 10		♥ A874	
♦ Q93		♦ K764	
♣ A102		♣ K95	
	♠ 106		
	♥ 965		
	♦ 10852		
	♣ J864		

trumps with South discarding an innocuous heart on the third round. Leading toward the DK, North went up with the ace and continued with a second heart which was ruffed by West. After the DQ and DK followed by a heart ruff this was the situation.

	—	
J	—	
	Q73	
J	—	
—	8	
—	7	
A102	K9	
	—	
	10	
	J86	

On the play of the last trump North had to hold his heart so gave up a club leaving South squeezed in clubs and diamonds. 12 tricks to the Parker combination.

■ Mike Robson

## ORDER NOW!!

“Better Bidding for Improving Players” by Ross Dick

Publisher: Queensland Bridge Association Inc

For all intermediate-level players who aspire to advance their bidding skills

**Topics include:**

- When to pass and when to open 1 in a suit with borderline hands
- When to open 'light' in third seat and when not to
- Opening 1NT with hands that may contain a 5-card major, Stayman and transfer bids
- Benjamin Twos • Multi-twos • Takeout Doubles
- Negative Doubles • The Law of Total Tricks
- Balancing basics • Several other useful conventions
- Teams play and tactics – an introduction

Price: A\$20.00 (Free postage and handling within Australia)

Orders with payment to: Queensland Bridge Association  
22 Mareeba Court, Arana Hills 4054  
Phone: 07 3351 8602 Mobile: 0412 064 903  
Email: [manager@qldbridge.com](mailto:manager@qldbridge.com)

## Club News

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

### Gold Coast

The 40th Anniversary Birthday Teams attracted 26 teams which enjoyed a wonderful day and anniversary cakes.

We now have a new President and Vice President.

Seps Retravision in Bundall generously donated a 51cm colour TV to the club.

### QBA

Total membership as at June 30 - 6862.

## QBA Website

[www.qldbridge.com](http://www.qldbridge.com)

Great changes make this a must-see website for all bridge players

All the latest information from the bridge world

### Going to the Gold Coast next year?

The Gold Coast Booking Centre manages 15 properties. The properties in Surfers are

**Moroccan  
Crown Towers  
Chevron Renaissance  
Imperial Surf  
St Tropez  
Aloha  
Enderley Gardens  
Equinox**

Website [www.gcgc.com.au](http://www.gcgc.com.au)  
Phone 1300 553 800 and this is a local call cost.

## WANTED Youth Players

The QBA would like to hear from players under 25  
Please contact Kim Ellaway on 3351 8602

## QCBC

Ph: 3391 3241 Email: [qcbc@powerup.com.au](mailto:qcbc@powerup.com.au)

Sessions: Mon 10.30 am 7.30 pm  
Tue 10.00 am 7.30 pm  
Wed 10.30 am 7.30 pm  
Thur 10.30 am \*For evening times see below  
Fri 10.00 am  
Sat 1.00 pm  
Sun 1.00 pm

Supervised: Mon 7.30 pm  
Wed 10.00 am  
Fri 9.30 am  
\*2nd & 4th Thursday 6.00 pm - Coaching  
\*3rd Thursday 7.30 pm - Teams

## Barrier Reef Gold Point Congress 2005

June 10 - 13

Swiss Teams and Walk-In Pairs  
to be held at Townsville Entertainment Centre - Accommodation available at Townsville Casino

## Q B A

Email: [manager@qldbridge.com](mailto:manager@qldbridge.com)  
Phone: 07 3351 8602  
Mobile: 0412 064 903  
Fax: 07 3351 8603  
Web site: [www.qldbridge.com](http://www.qldbridge.com)

## Coming Events

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| <b>Oct 2</b> | <b>Tamborine Swiss Teams</b>                           |
| <b>3</b>     | <b>Redlands Swiss Pairs</b>                            |
|              | <b>Tamborine Novice Swiss Teams (0-99 MPs)</b>         |
| <b>9</b>     | <b>Mackay Teams</b>                                    |
| <b>9-10</b>  | <b>Dalby pairs 7 Teams</b>                             |
|              | <b>Gold Coast Butler Pairs &amp; Teams</b>             |
| <b>10</b>    | <b>Cleveland Bay Teams</b>                             |
|              | <b>Gympie Graded Pairs</b>                             |
|              | <b>Arana novice Teams (0-99 MPs)</b>                   |
| <b>16-17</b> | <b>BBC Pairs (inc Qld Open &amp; Novice Pairs)</b>     |
| <b>22-24</b> | <b>Magnetic Teams (Townsville)</b>                     |
| <b>24</b>    | <b>Qld Graded Teams (QCBC)</b>                         |
| <b>30-31</b> | <b>Hervey Bay Pairs &amp; Teams</b>                    |
|              | <b>Northern Suburbs Pairs</b>                          |
|              | <b>Central Qld Teams (Mackay)</b>                      |
| <b>31</b>    | <b>Surfers Paradise Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)</b>        |
| <b>Nov 7</b> | <b>Cleveland Bay Anniversary Pairs</b>                 |
|              | <b>QCBC Pairs</b>                                      |
| <b>13</b>    | <b>Townsville Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)</b>              |
| <b>14</b>    | <b>Gold Coast Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)</b>              |
| <b>20</b>    | <b>Mackay Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)</b>                  |
| <b>21</b>    | <b>Qld Seniors' &amp; Youth Pairs C'ship (Surfers)</b> |
|              | <b>Coolum Graded Pairs</b>                             |
| <b>21-28</b> | <b>Qld-wide Pairs</b>                                  |
| <b>27-28</b> | <b>Bowen Coral Coast Teams</b>                         |
|              | <b>Noosa Butler Pairs</b>                              |
| <b>28</b>    | <b>QCBC Novice Pairs (0-99 MPs)</b>                    |
| <b>Dec 5</b> | <b>Toowong Novice Teams (0-99 MPs)</b>                 |

## Teacher's Corner



Joan Butts

LAST issue I suggested using Drury for unearthing possible light (or otherwise) 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> seat major suit openings. Here's another gadget you might find useful. Known as a "game try" or a "help suit trial bid", it's used to reach slim games, by asking partner to focus on their holding in a new suit bid after a fit in a major has been found and raised.

Say the bidding goes: 1♠ P 2♠ P 3♣. Clearly spades are trumps, so the 3♣ bid becomes a "try" for game asking partner to bid 4♠ with help in clubs, regardless of points. What does "help" mean? Something like KJ10, Axxx, QJ10x; or maybe a singleton or doubleton. If responder has a maximum for their raise they should go to game, or holding another suit of interest instead of the trial bid, it's ok to bid that suit, to show a good holding there. If none of the above, just bid 3 of the major suit.

To make the game try bid past 2♠, opener is showing a hand that's better than minimum, but without quite enough points to bid game opposite any old 2♠ response.

The bidding goes: 1♠ by pard, 2♠ by you, 3♣ by pard, to you?

(a) ♠Q10x ♥xxxx ♦xx ♣Axxx

Regardless of the fact that you have only 6 HCP, you should bid 4♠, as partner has specifically asked you about your club holding.

(b) ♠Q10x ♥xxx ♦AQ10xx ♣xx

Even though you can't help in clubs, try 3♦, saying that you have a maximum raise to 2♠, and values in diamonds.

(c) ♠Q10x ♥Kxxx ♦QJx ♣xxx

Here you have nothing to help pard with in clubs, or a suit of your own, so bid just 3♠. If partner had asked in diamonds, you would have bid game, but not in clubs.

The hand that makes the try will look like:

♠AKxxx ♥Ax ♦xx ♣KJxx

Game tries happen in competitive situations too. In both cases, a rebid of the trump suit (instead of a new suit) (1♠ P 2♠ P 3♠) is merely competitive, NOT asking responder to bid game, but showing six trumps, in keeping with the Law.

Eg ♠AKxxx ♥xxxx ♦Ax ♣x

The only time responder should bid game is when they're holding four trumps rather than three. ■

### DID YOU KNOW?

A 2C opening that shows 6 clubs or 5 clubs and a 4-card major must be alerted.

## QBA BEGINNERS TEACHING KIT

- **Student text** "PLAY BRIDGE: a Workbook for the Absolute Beginner" by Joan Butts – modern approach – starts with Mini bridge – 15-17 1NT, 5 card majors, emphasis on play. (\$19.95)
- **Teachers' Manual** chapter-by-chapter guide to effective teaching methods, student-centred approach, plus hand records, and disc for dealing machines. (\$14.95)
- **Summary of the Basics** for students at the table. "A Guide by Your Side" by Joan Butts & Kathy Johnson, covers basic bidding and card play tips. (\$9.95)
- **"Help with Play"** – 32 hands with analysis prepared for supervised sessions after the beginners' course (\$14.95)

Up to 50% discount teachers and bridge clubs. Free copies of "Play Bridge" for school students. Buy all four items in the kit (valued at \$59.80) for SPECIAL price of \$45.00

Order through Joan Butts. Tel: 07 3357 4824. Mobile: 0413 772 650

Email: [joaneb@uq.net.au](mailto:joaneb@uq.net.au) Website: [www.uq.net.au/cards](http://www.uq.net.au/cards)

## Results

### Lockyer Swiss Pairs July 11

- 1 N & A Tuxworth
- 2 M Dyer A McKay
- 3 P Hainsworth R Parker

#### Plate

- 1 J Erlandson W Higgins
- 2 I Jesser R Brilliant
- 3 H Morris J Parker

### Coolum Teams July 11

- 1 L Moses S Moses  
C Howard K Wood
- 2 B Hunt M Moren  
J Solomon S Kamalarasa
- 3 A Maltby D Maltby  
W Hiddins D Smith

#### Plate

- 1 E Stringfellow D Stringfellow  
T Goedhart A Van Wensveen
- 2 J Cain J McFadden  
G McAuliffe D Tannahill

#### Restricted

- 1 G Gulley A Gulley  
J Mitchell G Mitchell
- 2 J MacLennan P Mitchell  
S Warren L James

### Moreton Bribie Congress July 24-25

#### Pairs

- 1 N Pye J Keim
- 2 K Dawson A Kelly
- 3 P Hawkins C Reed

#### Plate

- 1=R Perry M Dakin
- 1=L Bourne G Kruz
- 3 C Woolley C Woolley

#### Teams

- 1 P Barnett R Green  
L Sanderson D Harris
- 2 B Mitchell L Marshall  
B Wilson V Acklin
- 3=R Parker S Parker  
J Mills C Green
- 3=J Manton M Lynch  
P Hawkins C Reed

#### Plate

- 1 L Bourne G Kruz  
N Pye J Keim
- 2 D & E Stringfellow  
N & A Harington
- 3 R Perry M Dakin  
J Beck T Black

### Mackay Novice Pairs Aug 7

- 1 K Cupples B Hilse
- 2 R Taylor T Wotherspoon
- 3 E Baker D Vassella

## Toowoomba Swiss Pairs Aug 1

- 1 V Buchanan L Hore
- 2 E Busch J Rose
- 3 J Kemp I Murtagh

### Plate

- 1 J Erlandson W Higgins
- 2 M McConachy J Todd

## Qld Butler Pairs C'ship (incorporating Qld Women's & Men's C'ships) Aug 14-15

- 1 R Morawiecki D Janzekovic
- 2 R Parker P Hainsworth
- 3 T Jackman A Richardson
- 4 N Francis A Pryde

### Restricted

- 1 C Bloomfield P Woods
- 2 K Moschner V Croft

### Qld Women's Pairs Championship

- R Clayton C Green

### Qld Men's Pairs Championship

- R Morawiecki D Janzekovic

## Sunnybank Swiss Pairs Aug 1

- 1 P Hainsworth A Smith
- 2 T Jackman A Richardson
- 3 H & R McLauchlan

### Plate

- 1 K Hewings M Stoneman
- 2 J Johnston R Maple
- 3 N Donald I Meman

### Best unplaced Sunnybank pair

- D Robinson K Robinson

## Maryborough Congress Aug 7-8

### Pairs

- 1 J Dooner R Lorroway
- 2 R Green M Jakes
- 3 P Gordon K Ward

### Plate

- 1 R & S Feige
- 2 F Arnold R Graham
- 3 B King A McGhee

### Teams

- 1 G Kellerman R Davenport  
F Arnold R Graham
- 2 R Lorroway J Dooner  
L Bonnick A Bonnick
- 3 R Green M Jakes  
P Barnett D Harris

### Plate

- 1 M Behrendorff C Strookman  
D Dwyer G Flynn
- 2 M Lynch P Sykes  
J Manton I Brown
- 3 K Bell J Bell  
B King A McGhee

## Toowong Novice Teams Aug 8

- 1 B Gama Silva W Thomson  
K Lunqvist J Nicholas
- 2 J Williams A Hogan  
E Meldrum C Newbery
- 3 T Duffy P Evans  
J Hay C Adamson

## Cairns Festival Congress July 18-19

### Pairs

- 1 M Sexton P Hausmann
- 2 H Thompson P Hooper
- 3 H Schipke E Turner

### Teams

- 1 A & P Hooper  
F Whitaker A Monks
- 2 M Sexton P Hausmann  
H Schipke E Turner
- 3=T Conlan P Flanagan  
J Trigg E Berger
- 3=A Brown E Scholtz  
B Gibson P Bruce

## BBC Graded Teams Aug 22

- 1 B Hunt R Lachman  
M Pemberton P Hooykaas
- 2 J Pritchard A Tuxworth  
N Tuxworth D Janzekovic
- 3 G Lee A Currie  
S Moses L Moses

### Plate

- =1 S Brookes V Brookes  
I Halford M Radke
- =1 M Corner J Gardiner  
J Evans D McAdam

### Consolation

- 1 M Dyer A McKay  
M Adams N Adams

### Restricted

- 1 T Duffy P Evans  
J Hay C Adamson
- 2 H Kruse P Lang  
G Wardrop S Solo
- 3 M Munro R Curtin  
J Lane V Lane

### Plate

- 1 H Morris J Parker  
K Pope M Bower

## Sunshine Coast Novice Pairs Aug 8

- 1 A Dunlop K Hobson
- 2 K Steffensen V Roland
- 3 P Lang G Wardrop

## GNOT Brisbane Zone

- 1 L Moses R Touton  
B Hunt R Lachman
- 2 P Hainsworth P Gosney  
C Green J M
- 3 D Brinkworth C Schoutrop  
K & C Bedi

## Sunshine Coast Teams Aug 29

- 1 P Gosney R Parker  
N Van Jole P Hainsworth
- 2 A Mayers R Crowley  
A Kelly C Fludder
- =3 J Cain J McFadden  
F McKinnon B Nielson
- =3 D Borchardt N Holloway  
Y Hawthorne P Eckersley

### Plate

- =2 R Busch J McPheat  
C Critchley L Jenkins
- =2 I Halford S Brookes  
V Brookes M Radke

### Consolation

- 1 G Mitchell J Mitchell  
P Clouston M Joyce
- 2 G Thomas A Hogan  
M Stoneman J Williams

## Qld Teams Championship Toowong Sep 4-5

- 1 T Strong T Strong  
R Morawiecki D Janzekovic
- 2 S Konig J Wallis  
M Moren D Priest D Appleton
- 3 M Robson B Lee  
R Parker P Hainsworth

### Plate

- 1 A Remedios M Walters  
K Dawson A Kelly
- =2 C Schwabegger K Daws  
P Hale T O'Dempsey
- =2 R McLauchlan H McLauchlan  
A Tuxworth N Tuxworth

### CONSOLATION

### Consolation

- 1 E Willey B Meakins  
M Trada C Snook

## Brisbane Festival (QCBC) 11-12 Sept

### Pairs

- 1 N Van Jole P Gosney
- 2 D Janzekovic R Morawiecki
- 3 Sylvia Sender K Moschner

### Plate

- 1 M Kendall P Han
- 2 G Slack-Smith J Peach
- 3 H Standfast I King

### Teams

- 1 C Howard K Wood  
L Farnden I Afflick
- 2 R Parker S Parker  
P Hainsworth A Hodgkinson
- 3 B & A Kempthorne  
L Vincent R Ward

### Plate

- =1 B Stacey E Spiro  
F Landy B Holdord
- =1 S O'Brien P Maddigan  
C Hyne K Bishop
- =1 M Dyer A McKay  
L Fredericks G Wardrop

## Directors' Corner

**S**OME months ago I received an email suggesting that players don't have ethics anymore. It's a bit of a hot potato. Did he mean cheating? A knowing disregard of the laws and regulations? Acting on unauthorised information? A secret understanding of system? Not giving a full explanation of an auction on request?

From the dictionary definition, ethics concerns moral principles and rules of conduct. As players move from lessons into perhaps a semi-social duplicate session, there is often an acceptance of ethical standards that would not be tolerated at more serious levels.

Beginners are often not told about the breaches of propriety that might lead to suspicion. Heavy confident bids followed by light hesitant bids; mannerisms; asking questions for partner's benefit; breaking tempo for no bridge reason, not just in the auction but in the play as well; gratuitous comments; detaching cards before one's turn to play; looking intently at another player for the purpose of gaining information, to mention a few.

Are your club teachers and directors doing enough to make sure new players understand the ethical requirements of the game? The WBF Code of Practice suggests that players who conform to the laws and regulations are not subject to criticism.

Being considerate of opponents is part of good ethics. How ethical is it to enter an important competition with a poor understanding of your system? Is it acceptable to frequently get favourable "rub of the green" results because of your forgotten agreements or undiscussed methods?

To quote from the QBA Alerting Regulations, "You should follow the principle of full disclosure (as required by the Laws) in following these Regulations and in explanations of calls. Your principle should be to disclose, not as little as you must, but as much as you can, and as comprehensibly as you can." And, "Your agreements include not only specific agreements appearing on your system card but also partnership understandings which have arisen through partnership discussion or experience. The opponents are entitled to know about these understandings. General bridge inferences, like those a new partner could make when there has been no prior discussion, are not alertable, but any inferences that can be drawn from partnership experience must be disclosed."

Do you give the opponents every snippet of information partner's calls mean to you, or as little as possible? Answering a question literally is not always enough as in, "It's weak." "It's a cue bid." Is it easier to win if you withhold a clue or two?

The torture finesse is alive and well. Three were taken against me in just one congress recently. Declarer leads a card towards dummy. LHO plays smoothly. Declarer sits for 30 seconds or more hoping to see a fidget or wriggle to indicate which opponent has the important card. This is not a bridge reason to justify a break in tempo. Taking action (or is it not taking action?) to try to disconcert the opponents is in breach of the laws.

The QBA Tournament Committee has proposed a change to Clause 8 Section H Page 2 of the QBA Regulations. Should it be adopted at the September Council Meeting, it will affect some people who would not otherwise be able to sit the Congress Director accreditation exam on 23rd October.

Clause 8 concerns accreditation as a Congress Director. The proposed change is, "*Must have passed the QBA Congress Director Accreditation Exam. Candidates for this exam must have had at least 12 months directing experience as accredited QBA Club Directors, or demonstrate comparable accreditation and experience from other states.*"

Directors wishing to sit this year's exam subject to this change being adopted should contact Jan Peach [jpgss@uq.net.au](mailto:jpgss@uq.net.au) or 3352 6929.

■ Jan Peach

### Editing of Material

Contributors should note that the right to modify submitted material is retained by the QBA.

**D E A D**

**NOV 15 (noon)**

Contributions to:  
33 Royal Pde  
Ashgrove 4060

Ph/Fax: **07 3366 1292**

Email:

[psquire@acenet.net.au](mailto:psquire@acenet.net.au)

**L I N E**

## Bridge Software to Improve Your Game

### Card Play

By far the best software to improve in declarer play is the highly regarded Bridge Master 2000. It contains 180 set contracts to test the student's declarer play, in five levels of difficulty. The reason it is so good is that the programme defends perfectly, so you can't get away with any sloppy technique. Going down in what seems a simple contract is a short, sharp lesson that will soon be remembered. The correct technique is explained step by step, card by card in the hand replays.

**Bridge Master 2000 ..... \$104.50**  
(IBM PC only)

### Bidding

Almost everyone loves to play special conventions in the bidding, and there is a really good product which explains and drills the student in the correct use of dozens of popular conventions. **Mike Lawrence's Conventions: And the Judgement to Make Them Work**, is the perfect interactive tool for home study. Each convention is clearly explained, and there are hundreds of example deals, and thousands of interactive quizzes. Jacoby 2NT, Splinter Bids, various kinds of doubles, and D.O.N.T. are just some of the conventions included, and in addition, Mike reveals some professional secrets to help you improve.

**Mike Lawrence's Conventions ..... \$99.00**

### News Flash!

**2005 Daily Bridge Calendar \$22.00 plus \$6.10 postage (QLD)**

Available in October – order yours now to avoid disappointment. Order in bulk to save on postage.

Visit my WEBSITE for more product information or to download a pricelist  
<http://www.uq.net.au/~zzjhardy>

To order, telephone, fax, email or write.

John Hardy

63 Tristan St. Carindale Q 4152

Ph: **07 3398 8898**

Mob: **0409 786 050**

Fax: **07 3395 2261**

Email: [J.Hardy@uq.net.au](mailto:J.Hardy@uq.net.au)

## 25 Years Ago

**T**HE 1979 ANC was its effervescent, evergreen self, made up of the usual mixture of has-beens, would-bees and never-wases, all egotistically determined to prove that they were really the best in Australia.

Saturday saw the start of the Pairs event, where this hand saw my downfall. I think I should have solved it at the table but try it double-dummy and see how you do.

♠ J9	♠ KQxx		
♥ x	♥ AJ10xx		
♦ AQ10xxx	♦ x		
♣ 10xxx	♣ J9x		
	♠ Axxxxx	N	E
	♥ Qxxx	W	S
	♦ Kxx		
	♣ —		
	♠ x		
	♥ K8x		
	♦ xxx		
	♣ AKQxx		

I reached 5C from the South hand, after West had opened the bidding with a weak 2D.

West led the DA, followed by the SJ, covered in dummy and taken by East's ace who then returned a spade.

How do you play the hand?

At the table, I discarded a diamond and won the spade in dummy, I then crossed to my hand with a trump and discovered the bad trump break.

With a known 6 diamonds, 4 clubs and 2 spades, it was obvious that at best West had a singleton heart, so I ruffed my last diamond, played the CJ and the HJ off the table hoping East would be foolish enough to cover, but he didn't and having no other way back to hand to draw trumps, I played the HK hoping to drop a singleton queen and of course eventually went one down.

The correct play, of course, is to ruff the spade return, ruff a diamond, play the CJ and draw trumps. Enter dummy with the HA, play the SQ, discarding a diamond and take the certain finesse in hearts for 11 tricks.

The following Saturday was the day of the mixed pairs and George Cuppaide, playing with Barbara Gill of NSW, was narrowly beaten into second place by the Borins of Victoria whilst the Robsons made fifth.

An excellent dinner dance rounded off an enjoyable week.

■ Mike Robson

## Letter

FIRST I would like to thank the QBA for the monetary payments without which people like myself with little spare cash would be able to take part.

Next I would like to thank all members of the Queensland Senior team. We all worked as a team in a friendly atmosphere in what I found to be an exhausting five days.

The Victorian Bridge Association did a very good job in running the whole event.

What can be done to improve our teams' chances in the future?

1. We need to play many more teams competitions and not merely 8 or 9-board matches but a minimum of 16 boards and 20 would be even better.
2. The top players should be encouraged to play against each other more often.
3. The systems in use should be looked at carefully to see if they could be made more flexible.
4. We need to generate more interest in schools and universities. Bridge could even be put into the curriculum with one or two lessons in each week. Something needs to be done now and not left until about three months before the 2005 ANC.
5. Mental and physical fitness must be an important factor in the performance of a bridge player as it is in any sport. Of course, physical fitness becomes more and more difficult to maintain as we get older but even a small amount of effort will enable that person to sleep better and longer and of course this will aid concentration.

I trust that these remarks will be accepted from a person that has been playing for nearly 70 years.

Keith Bishop

## BBC August Swiss Teams

**A** RECORD entry of 42 teams contested the August Swiss Teams this year at the Brisbane Bridge Centre, 26 in the Open and 16 in the Restricted. My team (Wallis, Richardson, Parker and Hainsworth) had an up and down day, but in the last round faced the Hunt team (Hunt, Lachman, Pemberton and Hooykaas) with a reasonable win needed to go from second to first. Alas, it was not our day, and a bad loss reinforced Hunt's win and left us out of the prizemoney.

The Qld bridge calendar is becoming increasingly congested, and two other teams events in close proximity to Brisbane on the same weekend in August 2005 has forced BBC to move its annual Swiss Teams for 2005 to September.

On board 5 in match 1 a failed grand slam suffered the fate of many similar ventures, when a simple slam would have been enough to gain 13 IMPs.

M 1	♠ AKJ1076		
Bd 5	♥ K		
Dlr N	♦ A8		
Vul NS	♣ AQ65		
♠ 2		N	♠ Q43
♥ 9832		W	♥ J10754
♦ KQJ932		E	♦ 105
♣ 74		S	♣ J102
			♠ 985
			♥ AQ6
			♦ 764
			♣ K983

	W	N	E	S
		2C	P	2NT
P		3S	P	4H
P		5C	P	6C
P		7S	All pass	

Alan's 2C was artificial, and my 2NT was not discussed, but by convention, shows a positive response and no biddable 5-card suit. 4H and 5C were ace cue-bids, and when I showed the CK with 6C (2NT will normally preclude a singleton), Alan knew that he had no club losers, and my HA was a parking place for his losing diamond.

The only fly in the ointment was a possible trump loser, and I may have had the SQ, or it may drop, so he bid the grand.

Afterwards we realized that he missed a simple grand slam try of 6H, which would have certainly propelled me to the grand if I had the trump queen. It was ominous when he did not receive a trump lead, and since they played in only 4S at the other table, it was 13 away instead of 13 in.

# Q B A

**Email:**  
manager@qldbridge.com

**Phone:** 07 3351 8602

**Mobile:** 0412 064 903

**Fax:** 07 3351 8603

**Web site:**  
www.qldbridge.com

M 1      ♠ 3  
 Bd 7      ♥ KJ95  
 Dlr S      ♦ 9864  
 Vul Both ♣ AK43  
 ♠ KQJ54      ♠ 10987  
 ♥ A1043      ♥ 72  
 ♦ Q2      ♦ K10753  
 ♣ J7      ♣ 85

N	E
W	S

♠ A62  
 ♥ Q86  
 ♦ AJ  
 ♣ Q10976

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

A normal 1S overcall by West was enough to warn us off 3NT, and the 3S pre-empt by East after Alan's negative double made it impossible for us to accurately investigate our prospects in 5C.

We grabbed the normal team's philosophy of bidding tight games, and this time the luck was with us, when after the SK lead, I had a play for 12 tricks. Similar bidding at the other table resulted in a flat board.

M 2      ♠ K652  
 Bd 10      ♥ 10  
 Dlr E      ♦ AQ84  
 Vul Both ♣ AJ98  
 ♠ J94      ♠ 1073  
 ♥ QJ953      ♥ K762  
 ♦ KJ53      ♦ 76  
 ♣ 5      ♣ 10643

N	E
W	S

♠ AQ8  
 ♥ A84  
 ♦ 1092  
 ♣ KQ72

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

On this board we had the mechanism to get to the good 6C, but lack of partnership practice meant that the opportunity was missed.

We were playing a 2S response to 1NT as a range ask, and after the 2NT minimum response, 3C by North would have initiated Baron suits up the line, and my 3NT would show clubs as my only 4-card (or longer) suit. However, I assumed that 2S was a 5-card suit, but maybe not

forcing, so I gave Alan a chance to pass with 3S. 4C could be a cue-bid or offering another contract, so I declined to show my HA and signed off in 4S.

East led the H2, and Alan won in dummy and led the DT, covered by the jack and queen. Next was the good news about the trumps, and he then led the D9 from dummy, covered again and the DA won the trick. After cashing the 4 club tricks, finishing in dummy, Alan had a chance for a once-in-a-lifetime finesse of the D4 against the D5 to take all 13 tricks, but he contented himself with 12 tricks and 2 IMPs.

On the following board I broke a basic rule and paid the penalty of a phantom sacrifice.

M 3      ♠ J86432  
 Bd 24      ♥ 53  
 Dlr W      ♦ J  
 Vul None ♣ KJ92  
 ♠ Q975      ♠ K10  
 ♥ KJ762      ♥ AQ1084  
 ♦ KQ10      ♦ 63  
 ♣ A      ♣ 8753

N	E
W	S

♠ A  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ A987542  
 ♣ Q1064

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

\*Bergen  
 I am happy to be in 5D with a 7-4-1-1 distribution, but with 2 aces, this was not a good time. 3D by East was artificial showing a limit raise in support of hearts. (With this hand I would have just bid 4H and not given partner a chance to pass.) I bid my 7-card suit and West was happy to double.

I went only 2 off, thanks to the good clubs on the table, and a flat board. However the defence to 4H is very easy after cashing the DA and seeing partner's obvious singleton, the next step is to cash the SA and give partner a ruff and receive a spade ruff for the setting trick.

*Singleton leads are more likely to be effective on bad hands than good ones. The fewer high cards you have yourself, the better you chance of finding partner with the entries he needs to give you ruffs.*

Victor Mollo & Nico Gardner

M 4      ♠ Q109762  
 Bd 5      ♥ 93  
 Dlr N      ♦ 105  
 Vul NS      ♣ Q74  
 ♠ A8      ♠ 4  
 ♥ AKJ4      ♥ Q1076  
 ♦ J7642      ♦ Q983  
 ♣ 105      ♣ A862

N	E
W	S

♠ KJ53  
 ♥ 852  
 ♦ AK  
 ♣ KJ93

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

The 4S contract is very pushy, and went 1 off, undoubled. Luck was with us, however, as at the other table, Ralph and Peter bid to the cold 4H, so we picked up 8 IMPs.

M 4      ♠ 543  
 Bd 6      ♥ 872  
 Dlr E      ♦ AJ9  
 Vul EW      ♣ A1052  
 ♠ J86      ♠ AKQ7  
 ♥ A5      ♥ QJ4  
 ♦ 7653      ♦ KQ2  
 ♣ Q973      ♣ KJ8

N	E
W	S

♠ 1092  
 ♥ K10963  
 ♦ 1084  
 ♣ 64

W	N	E	S
3NT	All pass	2NT	P

Declarer passed the first test in their 3NT contract when they rose with the HA at trick 1, but they failed when they next attacked clubs instead of diamonds.

Alan won the club and led a heart, which I ducked and declarer could only cash 8 tricks before leading a diamond. Alan won to lead a heart and I could cash out for 1 off.

At the other table, Peter also rose with the HA, but South did not duck the heart return from North, and had no entry for the established heart tricks.

If declarer wins the opening lead on the table and leads a diamond, North must duck, otherwise there are 3 diamond tricks to go with the 4 spades and 2 hearts, and after winning the DK, declarer can go back to clubs for the other 2 tricks.

M 5      ♠ 10953  
 Bd 9      ♥ 1096  
 Dlr N      ♦ 852  
 Vul EW    ♣ AKQ

♠ QJ42      ♠ K  
 ♥ AQ43      ♥ KJ85  
 ♦ 7          ♦ 1064  
 ♣ 5432      ♣ J10876

N	E
W	S

♠ A876  
 ♥ 72  
 ♦ AKQJ93  
 ♣ 9

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

Alan (North) considered his 4-3-3-3 shape and poor spade suit after my 1D opening and responded 1NT, which I was happy to raise to game with my 7 tricks.

This looked shaky when a heart was led, but when the hearts broke 4-4 he was able to claim the remainder of the tricks and +400.

At the other table North responded 1S and were raised to game in spades. This contract had no chance, even on a 3-2 break, and finished 2 down for +100, so we gained 11 IMPs.

M 5      ♠ 76  
 Bd 16     ♥ A874  
 Dlr W     ♦ KJ74  
 Vul EW    ♣ Q103

♠ KJ      ♠ Q954  
 ♥ 1096    ♥ J53  
 ♦ 10653   ♦ Q982  
 ♣ J754    ♣ A9

N	E
W	S

♠ A10832  
 ♥ KQ2  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ K862

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

After I opened in 4<sup>th</sup> seat Alan was confident that I would have a reasonable hand, so upgraded his hand slightly and responded 2NT, which enabled us to get to game.

Winning the opening diamond lead on the table, he immediately led to the CT, and when that forced the CA and the hearts were 3-3, he had 9 tricks and 6 IMPs when they did not bid game at the other table.

M 6      ♠ Q962  
 Bd 17     ♥ KQ82  
 Dlr N     ♦ KQ4  
 Vul None ♣ J10

♠ AK74      ♠ 108  
 ♥ J4          ♥ 763  
 ♦ 8763      ♦ A1092  
 ♣ Q73      ♣ 9642

N	E
W	S

♠ J53  
 ♥ A1095  
 ♦ J5  
 ♣ AK85

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

Alan opened 1H as North and my 3H response was natural and forcing, but with nothing extra he signed off in game. Looking at all 4 hands, 4H is a quick one off on the spade ruff, and that is what happened at the other table, although if playing 5-card majors, North was probably forced to open 1D, and with South the declarer, West has an easy opening lead.

At our table, East elected to play safe with a club lead, and when West rose when a spade was played from the table, 10 tricks were easy for 10 IMPs.

Balancing is a difficult concept for some people to master, and that appears to be West's problem on this board.

M 6      ♠ J974  
 Bd 21     ♥ 63  
 Dlr N     ♦ Q83  
 Vul NS    ♣ AK74

♠ 32      ♠ A6  
 ♥ KQ1075 ♥ AJ984  
 ♦ K42      ♦ 1076  
 ♣ QJ10    ♣ 932

N	E
W	S

♠ KQ1085  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ AJ95  
 ♣ 865

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

After both North and East passed, I opened 2S as South, showing at least a 5-card suit and about 7-11 HCPs. West and North passed and East balanced with 3H. I do not know whether West lost sight of the fact that East passed initially, or was enamoured with his great support, but he raised to game that had no chance.

Luckily for EW, even 3H has no chance, so nothing much was lost this time.

At the other table the hand was passed in, so we gained 3 IMPs.

M 7      ♠ Q92  
 Bd 28     ♥ KJ964  
 Dlr W     ♦ K3  
 Vul NS    ♣ 1054

♠ K1054      ♠ 763  
 ♥ Q852      ♥ A1073  
 ♦ 764        ♦ Q985  
 ♣ 62        ♣ 97

N	E
W	S

♠ AJ8  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ AJ102  
 ♣ AKQJ83

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

Sitting South, I had high aspirations when I first looked at my hand, but Alan's 2H opening was not encouraging, and his 3NT response showed a 5-3-3-2 distribution and 10-11 HCPs. With heart honours (especially KQJ) likely to be wasted, and no way to find out where his other values were or what his doubleton was I elected to pass, and was extremely disappointed when dummy was revealed and 6C was obviously cold. The slam was bid at the other table, and we lost 12 IMPs.

M 7      ♠ 97  
 Bd 31     ♥ K865  
 Dlr S     ♦ K10932  
 Vul NS    ♣ 82

♠ 10653      ♠ AKQJ42  
 ♥ Q109      ♥ J74  
 ♦ J865      ♦ Q4  
 ♣ 94        ♣ 105

N	E
W	S

♠ 8  
 ♥ A32  
 ♦ A7  
 ♣ AKQJ763

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

I had another big club hand, but Alan's 2D response and the 2S overcall made slam unlikely, so I settled for 5C.

This time there was no legitimate play for the slam, but West was pseudo-squeezed and let a diamond go, so I was able to ruff out the suit for 12 tricks and 1 IMP.

■ Richard Wallis