

Beerwah Bridge Club



Newsletter October 2023

President's Report

Greetings to all Bridge Club Members

We continue to have good, regular attendance on Tuesdays and Fridays, sometimes having up to 7½ tables.

To support our membership Tom has completed a training session for new players where we have picked up 3 new members.

Unfortunately, several of them have either moved or had an extended trip abroad. However, some of our existing members have introduced relatives or friends to increase our numbers.

Other events through the year have included:

**A fantastic Christmas Party at the Landsborough Hotel.*

**Random Pairs in April.*

**Christmas in July at the Glasshouse RSL*

We also continue to support 3 children through Learning for life, with Anev and Pippa being half sponsorships each and Imani a full sponsorship.

This Friday 13 October is Black Friday. Consider dressing up as a demon, or some other fearsome creature. There will be prizes and play will be followed by drinks and nibbles.

Best wishes and happy bridging

Jillian Major (President)

Members Corner

Dianne C. has been in a fight with her stepladder and did not come out as the winner. We wish you a speedy recovery Dianne, can't wait to see you back at the bridge table.



*A warm welcome to our new member Di Viterale
We hope that you enjoy playing in our club.*

Birthdays for October – November - December

October 22	Ann	November 2	Andrew	December 3	Jackie
October 27	Faye	November 25	Roger	December 9	Bev F-S
October 31	Joanne			December 11	Jillian
				December 12	Tom
				December 12	Neville
				December 13	David H.
				December 6	Nell

They say "what comes up must come down" but that doesn't apply to age.

Happy Birthday to all of you.

Upcoming Events

Friday 13 October: Random Pairs, drinks and nibbles after bridge.

Tuesday 7 November: Melbourne Cup Day, play to start at 10 am, sandwiches and drinks after play.

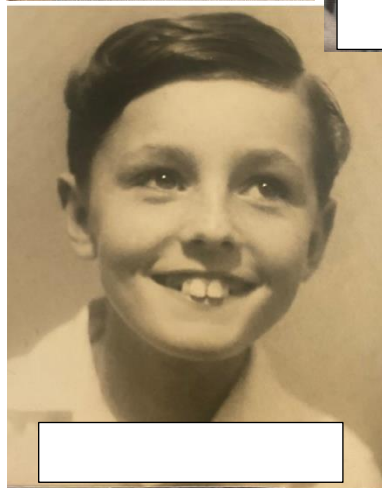
Friday 17 November: AGM. After playing bridge, nomination forms will be on the table closer to the date.

Christmas Party: Date to be announced after consultation with the Golf Club.

You remember that "some time ago" we were all very young and cute. Can you recognise who is who?



Judith
Graham
Faye
David Ha
Tom
Barbara
Jim
Jillian
Martine
Kathy



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Who is in this family photo?

We have a price for whoever guesses most names correctly.



*Always remember you're unique,
just like everyone else*

A word about rules, regulations and a little bit of etiquette...

Calling the Director: We all have little lapses from time to time, but when this happens, rather than a peremptory “Director!”, how about a pleasant “Director, please”?

And even if you know the rules (or think you know), you should still enlist the Director’s assistance when necessary, rather than trying to sort it out yourself ...

Be polite: You are an ambassador for the game, so smile no matter how many times your partner doesn’t lead back to you ...

Giving praise (or criticism) : Say “well done” to your opponents if it’s appropriate – don’t praise your partner or gloat about getting the best board until you are moving to the next table or your opponents have left your table. And don’t castigate your partner at the table.

Discussions about hands: Best to leave this until the round is over - make a note to yourself if there is something in particular you want to discuss with your partner.

Bidding systems: If you and your partner are using a bidding system different from the system we have been taught and are accustomed to using, you must use the “Alert” card as soon as an unnatural bid has been made by your partner and before the next player makes a bid. An unnatural bid is a bid of a suit when you don’t necessarily have 4 or 5 of that suit. For example, my partner opens the bidding with 2 diamonds.

Before the next player has a chance to bid, I must place the black “Alert” card on the table. At that point, the next bidder can ask me what I understand by that bid.

In this case, I would answer that it is a strong bid of 22-24 high card points.



How true sometimes. The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.



The Rest Are Mine. John Crawford achieved considerable notoriety as a “clever” card player. According to a legend, he was once in a hopeless four-spade contract. About midway through the play this exchange takes place: Crawford: The rest are mine, making five. Opponent: what do you mean! I still have a trump trick. Crawford: Oh, you’re absolutely right. Great defence too, to hold me to four. Opponent: Thank you.



“It is not usually the first mistake that gives you a bad board, it’s the second one. you often make the second mistake because you are still focusing on the first one. Don’t let one mistake cause another!”

A man is reading his newspaper and says to his wife: “Michelle look, here is an article about how women use twice as many words per day as men do. The wife responds: “That’s because we have to tell you everything twice”.

The bride came down the aisle and when she reached the altar, she saw the groom with a deck of bridge cards in his tuxedo pocket.

She said, “Darling, what are your bridge cards doing there?”

He looked her right in the eye and said.

“This is not going to take all day, is it?”

I hate the sad moment when you return to ordinary life after reading an awesome book.

A lady is playing her first game in a bridge club and hears an opponent say: "Alert". The lady says: "I am alert".

THE CHINESE FINESSE The Chinese Finesse, like the Chinese Cut in cricket, appears to be so called as it has no connection whatsoever with China.

The Chinese Finesse occurs when Declarer holds an unsupported Ace opposite to an unsupported Queen and attempts to make two tricks by leading the Queen e.g. Dummy Qxx Declarer (South) Axx

This play fails when East holds the King and covers the Queen as he usually should. It obviously fails when West holds the King.

The correct play of course is to lead low from Declarer's hand (either before or after playing the Ace) and to play the Queen unless West goes up with the King.

This play has a 50% chance of making two tricks which is much better than the 0% chance offered by the Chinese Finesse.

Of the most common addictions —tobacco, alcohol, drugs etc.—bridge is clearly the most socially acceptable.

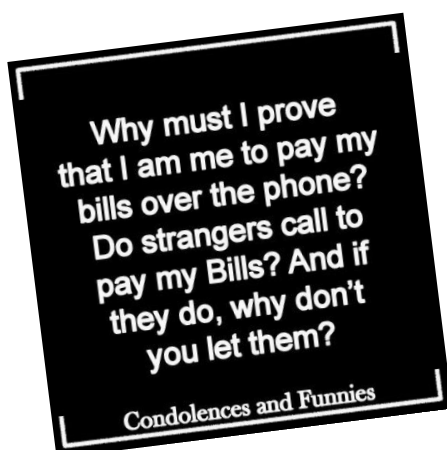
It's Not All About HCP High card point guidelines for opening, over-calling, responding, or balancing are important, but there are other factors of importance.

Hand evaluation approaches that factor in HCPs, where your values are, your distribution, and your losing trick count tend to yield better results in the long run.

A study in Bridge Buff looked at 6,458 hands played at tournaments.

The conclusion was that shape, finding fits, and having your values in your longer suit(s) were responsible for 60% of good results.

Good hand evaluation is mainly about estimating the trick-taking potential of your hand and partners.



Contract 6 Clubs X by South.

Bidding slam with a Yarborough. Showing that points are not everything.

North

♠ =
♥ 84
♦ A976543
♣ K1083

West

♠ AQ106
♥ Q6532
♦ KQ
♣ A

East

♠ KJ9
♥ AKJ1096
♦ J108
♣ QJ



South

♠ 875432
♥ =
♦ 2
♣ 976542

NS had only 7 points and South had a yarborough (void) yet the contract makes!

West led AS, which declarer trumped. He led a small club and West played his singleton Ace. West returned KD and lost to declarer's Ace, who then played KC which took East's Queen.

Declarer then cross trumped: Diamond, Spade, Diamond, Spade, leaving 3 established Diamond tricks in dummy and the last 2 trumps.

A small slam with a yarborough and 33 missing points.

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
2 ♣	2 ♦	2 NT	3 ♠
Db1	4 ♦	Db1	5 ♣
5 ♥	6 ♣	Pass	Pass
Db1	Pass	Pass	Pass

Dealer: West Contract: 6 clubs X

Life is not a matter of holding good cards but playing a poor hand well.