

Hi All

Well we got moved, but it wasn't easy, not that moving should be easy, but it shouldn't be so hard. We are getting use to the new place which is in Cleveland. It is funny when we lived in Shailer Park, about 20-25 minutes away we were always early for bridge but now that we are so close it seems we are always running late. Go figure.

I heard Ros make an announcement last week requesting new trainee directors. I must say a lot of times I don't listen to the announcement but this is really important. Without directors there will be bridge. So think about getting involved by learning to be a director.

Molly

FROM THE PRESIDENT--

Doug Sands

My grandmother and my father taught me the basics of Bridge when I was a young teenager, but when she passed away we no longer had four to play. I can remember when I used to read the Sunday Mail magazine which each week had a Bridge hand to give insight to grand-master play. Alas I had no further opportunity to play for many years.

When I retired, one of the things that I wanted to do was to play cards. I must admit that I was drawn to this club as it had an air-conditioned clubhouse!

I joined RBC and was soon able to start the Joan Butts' introductory classes to learn systematic Bridge. I progressed into supervised play where Deirdre was a patient

and thorough teacher. My partner at the time, Jim, encouraged me to start playing competitively on Tuesday mornings. My head was swimming with what seemed at the time complicated conventions and processes. I remember one day George giving me practical advice to just remember and apply the basics. Gradually things became clearer.

Soon Jim encouraged me to start playing in Monday's C section. It was a nervous and stressful transition but over time playing became more comfortable. Opposition players such as Ron, John, Keith, Maudey and many others have given me practical tips and reinforced earlier learnings. Along the way I met many lovely people.

I apologise if my story has been boring. But to long established Club members, I wanted to say thanks for the friendliness you have shown and help you have given me over the five years since I joined RBC. To the newer players, I wanted to encourage you to step up from supervised play to Tuesday mornings, and to step up to stronger sessions. The club as a whole and club members are willing to help you, but the decision to take the challenge is yours. And that is one of the aspects of a satisfying life, to accept challenges and stretch ourselves, regardless of our age.

In the latest ABF newsletter, club membership as of 31/12/14 was listed along with the increase for that year. Of the 334 clubs registered with the ABF, 155 increased their membership over the year, with RBC increasing its membership by 29 to 297. This was the 11th highest increase of all the Australian clubs and the second highest in Queensland after Kenmore.

ANZAC DAY



FROM THE COMMITTEE

On Saturday, 25 April the club will celebrate Anzac Day. It is requested that everyone bring a plate (with food on it--☺) for afternoon tea. Also we are encouraging members to bring any memorabilia that you would like to share with the rest of the club.

Based on the survey and the submissions of several members, the committee has decided to have leave Saturday Bridge at 12:30 pm.

The Honour Board have been updated for 2014.

Four chairs have been donated to the club but need to be re upholstered. If anyone knows anyone who can do this please contact Doug.

Upcoming Events

President's Pairs

Thursdays, April 23 & 30
9:30 am

Anzac Day Remembrance

Saturday, April 25
12:30 pm

Bridge for Brains

Friday, 9:30, May 1st

Marie Currell Novice Pairs

Honour Board Event
Monday, May 4th & 11th
12 noon



LEADING FROM HONOURS

Patricia Back

Recently at sessions at our Club I observed some unusual leads. In both these cases, the lead was an Honour card. The lead of an Honour card (A,K,Q,J) is usually made from a sequence, with the exception of the Ace, say from A2. All other Honour leads should indicate the next lower Honour is held. e.g. Queen from QJ. One of these unusual leads was the King from K7643, the other was Jack from J9876. In each case the correct lead would have been the 4th highest card in the suit. Leading the King means you are very unlikely to make a trick with that card, whereas you are very likely to make it if declarer leads the suit to you. The lead of a King promises either the Ace or Queen. The only exception is if you are leading a suit bid by your partner, then the King is **from a doubleton**. On the other hand, if you hold K92 in your partner's suit, you must lead the 2, which indicates 3 to an Honour, or better. In the case of the lead from the Jack, partner will expect you to have the 10.

Raffle Money

I often wondered how the money generated by the raffle run by the club is spent. At the recent committee meeting I got my answer. The money is allocated into three areas: books for the library; education/teaching supplies; and the charities that the club support. I'm passing the information along in case anyone else was interested. Now we all know and I personally think this is a good use of the raffle money. So let support our raffle!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ian Argent, Maryke Boegheim, Henry Boegheim, Barbara Finlay, Diana Hugo, Dianne Little, Helen McCarthy, Ina Mollee, Ave Plummer, Lorna Ward, Helen Watt

Upcoming Lessons—with Joan Butts

Card Play Technique; April 21 mini lesson
April 28: **Doubles**; May 5 mini lesson