

Trumpit

January 2016

Happy New Year

2015 has come and gone. I hope everyone had a safe and good holiday. New Year's Eve Bridge at the club, went well and everyone had a good time. Thanks to Avra for organizing the evening.

Once more I need to stress how important it is that you get to bridge in a timely fashion--at least fifteen minutes before the start of play. Recently, many players have been arriving late, or one partner arrives on time and the other partner does not arrive when one is expected. Then phone calls are made just to find out someone has the wrong date. Now the directors have to scramble to reset the movement. This all takes time. Also, when you arrive at the club, please sit down at your table so the director can see if tables are full or half tables. Remember the directors do have the right to refuse play if you and your partner are not seated 15 minutes before play. I have not seen a director do this, but I have seen frustration and exasperation on their faces as they struggle to get the session going on time as we expect.

I have taken over as Congress Convenor from Marianne Ross, who had been doing the job for many years, thank you Marianne. And as mentioned in a previous *Trumpit*, Joy Welsford is the new catering manager for our congresses, taking over from Margaret Hunt--thank you Margaret. We will both need your support and will be asking for help when our congresses roll around.

Molly



IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE

Patricia Back

Delay Drawing Trumps

It is common for inexperienced players to draw trump too soon before examining the whole hand. Recently at our Club this hand was played in 6 Hearts, and failed by 1 trick.

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠J2	♠A87653
♥AK9654	♥Q72
♦AK2	♦987
♣AK	♣Q

This is an excellent slam bid by the West hand, and declarer should pause to count the tricks before drawing trumps. There are 11 tricks on top, with 2 losers, a spade and diamond. There is no way to avoid a spade loser, but the diamond loser can be avoided. It is OK to draw 2 rounds of trump with the Queen and Ace, but the trumps are 3-1. Before drawing the last trump, play the Ace and King of Clubs, throwing a diamond from dummy. Then play the Ace and King of Diamonds and ruff your third diamond in dummy, so that you make 7 trump tricks.

Announcing a Void

Many players insist on announcing that they are void in a suit. This is incorrect, and when defending, it is illegal. It is up to your partner to ask you whether you are void in that suit.

Beginner Lessons

3 February, Wednesday, 2:00 pm, six weeks, \$50. Call Deirdre on 0412 131

Keith and Anne retiring from Directing

After many years the Ormerods' are hanging up their Laws of Bridge book and just relaxing at the club. I understand from a little bird that if we get



in a pickle with not having enough directors they might very well step up. I hope this is not necessary because they have gone above and

beyond the call of duty.

The club needs more directors desperately, especially with this retirement, so please think about becoming a director—talk to any director about how you go about becoming one. A **big thank you** from the committee and all the members of club to Keith and Anne.



Welcome to New Members

Malcolm Moffatt, Dell Moffatt,
Robina Cooper, Janice
McSherry, Ann Shotter, Graham
Applegate, Doug Back, Angela
Garske

Australia Day Celebration

We will be holding our annual Australia Day celebration on Monday, January 25. Food has been organized and we are asking everyone to wear green and yellow, or red, white and blue. As part of our celebration this year the club is taking part in a charity event where money collected will be donated to Save the Children. Trevor Strickland will direct and give a written commentary on the hands. This foundation is close to Trevor's heart and we appreciate the time and effort he has put forth to help the children of the world.

Graded Teams Congress, 6 December

28 Teams entered the congress this year and ten of the teams were from our club. Ian Afflick's team won in the A Grade. Second place in the B Grade was won by Deirdre Giles/Jan Argent/Barbara McKay/Leigh Dominikovich. We swept the C Grade with Shirley Burgess/Di Elliott/Lynne Layton/George Gibson taking first place and Bruce Johnman/Josh Davis/Carol Ludlow/Dianne Osborne capturing second. Congratulations to all. Many thanks to all who helped organize the congress and the catering crew for doing an excellent job. The committee voted that the money earned from the raffle will be donated to the Cancer Council to help fight Prostate Cancer.

Library

We have many excellent books in the library. Information about bridge, both playing and defending, can be found in the books that we have available. The committee would like to increase our library holdings. If you are aware of any bridge books that may be a valuable addition to our library, please let a committee member know

Coming Events

New Year's Graded Pairs
Monday, Jan. 11 and 18

Australia Day
Monday, January 25

Club Championship Teams
Friday, February 5 and 12

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 5 March 10:30am