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FROM THE EDITOR

**Current
Membership:**

273



SPECIAL EVENTS

Jan 26th

Thursday

Australia Day

9.30 a.m.

(No partner required)

Feb 8th/15th

Wednesday

9.30 a.m.

**Club Team Champion-
ship**



Hi Everyone.

All The holidays are nearly over, Grand Parent duties are nearly finished, so now we can get on to the important job of playing Bridge. I know I have missed quite a few games over this period and I am looking forward to getting back into the normal routine again.

We have had a lot of sick people in the Club the past year and a few have left us as well. Let's hope we have a better year this year.

The AGM is coming up in March (10th) and thought must be given to the people we require to steer us in the right direction for the next 12 months. We must be very active about our selection as it is too late once someone is elected and you feel that somebody else may have been more suitable. So, put your thinking caps on and either put yourselves forward or ask people who you think are suitable for the Committee, to put themselves forward with the promise of your support.

For anyone thinking about putting themselves forward for a position

on the Committee, there will be Position Descriptions and a List of Duties available for each role. These documents are being revised at the moment so they will be up-to-date in time for the AGM., and the new Committee.

The Library Ladies have asked if you could return the jigsaw puzzles when you have finished with them.

Thank you,

Jean

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our AGM on 10TH March is approaching and the Secretary will be setting up the notice board for nominations for committee positions during the week commencing the 23rd January. Nominations and formal motions, as allowed in the constitution for the AGM, will close at Noon on the 24th February.

I would encourage our younger/newer members to consider offering their past experience/s for committee positions. Whilst we are first and foremost a Bridge Club, fresh and new ideas achieved during a working life and that can be used in the club are always welcome.

The next meeting of the Management Committee will be 6th February.

The Club's Honour Boards have been updated for the year 2011. You will recall that last year a subcommittee was established by the Management Committee to review the Honour Board events, as the current Honour Board displaying the Pairs "Championship Winners", "Best Congress Pair" and "Player of the Year" would be full at the end of 2011. It was felt that it would be timely to review Honour Board events and recipients and this has been done. Members will notice that two new Honour Boards have been established: "Teams Championship" winners and "Pairs Championship" winners. "Player of the Year" and "Best Congress Pair" have been eliminated.

The first of these Honour Board events takes place on the 8th and 15th February - please start forming your Teams.

Happy Bridging

David

The results for the New Year Graded Pairs:

A Grade: Pat Back and Pat Crowd

B Grade: Pam Barnes and Norma Hornell

C Grade: Neil Casey and James Williamson

CONGRATULATIONS



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

We have just very successfully ran the New Year Graded Pairs. This is a great event for all. Graded events have the advantage of allowing you to play only against your peers.

Australia Day is nearly upon us – it is the one event of the year that you can come with or without your partner. If you have no partner we will find a fun bloke or sheila for you to play with. So put on you pink zinc and come in for a bit of Pav and a fun day.

On the 8th and 15th February we are holding the Club Teams Championship. This event has honour board recognition for the winning team. But, it is open to all players. Teams are a fun event where you pair up with another pair. The great benefit for teams is that if you have a good round against another team you can still earn masterpoints. It doesn't matter where you come at the end of the day. The majority of Teams in the event earn masterpoints. If you have never played a teams event just ask me and I can help. If you need another pair to play with put your names on the list on the Noticeboard or just ask.

If any players are planning to play in the **Gold Coast** Congress at the end of February and need any help with entering, finding teammates or questions I will be happy to help.

As you are all aware **Tuesdays** session is now Local ** and below. This means that players with up to 50 masterpoints can now play. We are also running a small (10 min) lesson prior to the start of play every week. So please if you have under 50 masterpoints give Tuesday a go. **Tip of the Month:** Do not remove or touch your cards until the opposition are at the table. Also, get in the habit of always leading your opening card face down. Life would be so much easier for you and there would be less calls for the director. Good bridging, **Val**

TALKING TO YOUR PARTNER

Cue bidding to 3NT

It has come to my notice recently that many of our members are unfamiliar with the useful bidding tool, the *cue bid*. Cue bidding means bidding a suit that the opponents have already bid. The following hand was played in a recent session, and many North-South pairs failed to find the best contract of 3NT. A likely sequence was an opening of 1 Diamond by South, and a bid of 1 Heart from West. North bids 2 Clubs and East raises Hearts. South has a minimum hand and should pass, and West also passes. North now has a problem, as game is possible, but what about the Heart suit? At this point, a *cue bid* of 3 Hearts asks partner to bid 3NT with a Heart stopper. South should now bid 3NT, holding the Heart King. The game is made easily with the fine Club suit providing 6 tricks. It should be noted that any type of cue bid must not be alerted, but opponents should inquire about its meaning.

♠ 1065	Dlr: South
♥ 72	Vul: All
♦ AQ	
♣ AK10987	
♠ J742	♠ Q93
♥ QJ1064	♥ A53
♦ K94	♦ 10765
♣ Q	♣ 532
	♠ AK8
	♥ K98
	♦ J832
	♣ J64

BEGINNERS CORNER

Takeout Doubles

The Takeout Double is the most common way for a partnership to compete in the bidding, and to find their best suit or in other words, their best *fit*. When the bidding is opened on your right, you may have an opening bid yourself, perhaps with shortage in the opponent's suit, and with at least 3 cards in the other 3 suits. The best way to tell your partner about your hand is to double which asks partner to name his best suit. If the opponent has bid a major suit, you should have 4 cards in the other major.

What to do when your partner makes a takeout double? **Do not pass**, however weak your hand may be, unless your right-hand opponent makes a bid.. Bid your longest suit, with preference for a major (hearts or spades) if there is a choice. A bid by you at the lowest level promises nothing, as you were forced to bid. If you happen to have 9 or more points, make a jump bid, and your partner will take appropriate action.

Patricia Back



TUITION



Tuesday morning players have shown a strong interest in improving their bridge and are enjoying the mini lessons before play each week. A special morning was organised on Tuesday 10 January for each of the novices to have an opportunity to play with an experienced player. Feedback from this session has been very positive so it is planned to hold another similar event in a couple of months. Sincere thanks goes to all those experienced players who came along to help our novices. If anyone feels that they would like to mentor a beginner or novice on a more regular basis, please make contact with me so that I can put you in touch with an appropriate person.

The supervised play group continues on Tuesday afternoons. Attendances have been down due to the holiday season but we hope to be back to full strength soon.

A small group of enthusiastic new beginners has started lessons on Wednesday evenings and will continue for six weeks.

Deirdre



Once again we celebrate Australia day dressed as an Aussie and eating our favourite foods. Join us on Thursday January 26th for a game of bridge, a morning tea of vegemite sandwiches, lamingtons, meat pies and pavlovas...please bring a plate for all to share.

See you there for a good game of bridge as well.
Judy

FIRST AID KIT



With the alterations and additions to the kitchen cupboards being completed, the first aid kit is now located in the cupboard against the Storeroom wall behind the door marked with the "First Aid" sign.

The First Aid Kit is checked on a regular basis for content, quality and quantity and use by date.

John Florence

WEDNESDAY EVENING BRIDGE

Wednesday Evening Bridge is becoming a real "night out" for many of us. Table numbers are constantly around the 7 mark. In November we had 9 tables one evening.

The 6pm dinner at \$1.00 contribution is growing in popularity and variety of cuisine and our

cellarmaster has increased his choice of wines.

Two new "trainee Directors" are ensuring a smooth operation of play.

Lessons for beginners have commenced and Vince has offered to give lessons in card play prior to 6pm for those interested.

SO COME JOIN US

Trevor



NEW MEMBERS

We have 2 new Members:

Victor Henshaw

And one other

Welcome to the Club.



NEW YEARS EVE BRIDGE

FOR THE FIRST TIME



What a bash! New Year's Eve evening bridge was a great success with lots of fun had by all! It was an opportunity for those, who would otherwise be home alone, to come and celebrate the New Year in a friendly environment.

There were 26 who attended so we played a 6.5 table Howell from 8.00 till 11.00 and everyone got to see everyone else. Play was relaxed and a bit chatty with many laughs coming from different tables. I anticipate there will be lots more people next year when word gets out that it was so much fun. A sheet on the board allowed for people to partner up in advance and to arrange a lift if required so it was all pre arranged and ran very smoothly.

There was a New Year Quiz with a bottle of wine as a prize donated by the club. There were also prizes each round for partners who achieved certain contracts eg 3NT making 11 etc. Prizes for these were my homemade Baklava.

Everyone brought a plate and there was a delicious feast at 11.00pm. Wine, champagne and drinks were supplied by the club. We even helped Peter Neville celebrate his birthday. The television was set up and we watched the countdown and Sydney fireworks at midnight, sang Auld Lang Sine, shares some hugs and kisses, and went home about 12.30am.



Thanks go to Ros, Keith, Sylvia, Ruth and the many helpers on the night. I am hoping that it will become an annual event and be listed in the calendar.

Avra Bowler



New Year's Eve Party

Thanks to Avra Bowler for organizing a great New Year's Eve Party. The Bridge was fun especially for those who had a few drinks during the night. (It was O.K. for some who had organized a driver). Avra had arranged a Quiz for the night so after each round there were questions relating to New Year and at the end most people went home with a prize. Probably the best part was the supper, all kinds of food from savoury to sweets. Thanks to all who contributed. We saw in the New Year with the fire works on T.V. and of course some Champagne and "Auld Lang Syne". For me it was the 1st night since 2000 that I had seen the New Year in. (that was on the beach at Surfers Paradise). If it had not been for Avra and her organization then I am sure most of us would have gone to bed and let it happen but instead we had great company, good bridge (most of us), a few laughs and great food.

Ros Putland



That is all this month,

Adieu,

Jean