



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I attended my first board meeting in November as I had just had hand surgery and was unable to make the first one. What a pleasure it is to chair a meeting with so many intelligent, dedicated board members with great ideas.

We have recently had two sub-committees and both have come up with good reports.

Firstly, our 'Futures Committee' headed by Darryl Hennig produced an extremely comprehensive report, which is available for all members to read. After discussing all the proposed options in detail the board decided that option 5.1 of the report was the best for the time being. This was to do nothing, and if/when any movement in the Telstra block starts, and if noise becomes too unbearable, we will look to re-locate on a temporary basis and return when it settles. We decided that the parking problem on busy days can be overcome with volunteers guiding the cars.

The other sub-committee considered the issue of how best to invest the club's money, and I would like to thank Charles Howard and Peter Stone (and of course our hard working Treasurer) for their valuable input. We are now on the right path, and by the end of the month when some of the term deposits have matured, the club will invest in a range of reliable products with the help of a broker, and when this is done I can give you more information.

I have been contacted by the QBA who received several phone calls regarding a recent Thursday competition I directed. It was a red point event graded under 50 mps in one section and under 300 mps in the other. In our diary and on our web page it is advertised that Thursday is an open day for all who wish to play and, on the first day of the competition, four players who were ineligible to play in the competition (too many master points) turned up for duplicate. There were not enough for a separate section and I couldn't send them home, so I allowed them to play. This was incorrect on my part, and I have advised Neil (our diary producer) that in future we cannot have two graded competitions on the same day, so it will never happen again. I apologise to all the players who were disadvantaged.



This year we will have a Xmas raffle and the proceeds will go to Rosie's, a worthwhile charity for homeless. Also as usual we will have a basket out for food products for the Salvation Army.

Eva Berger



NOT-DOUBLING ENOUGH?

Sitting South with 3HCP's, I became a passenger in a competitive bidding auction, but partner kept bidding until she reached 5 Diamonds and then everybody passed. My first thought at the end of the auction was that at least we were not doubled. Here are the cards with South as Dealer and all vulnerable.

North
 ♠ AKQ
 ♥ void
 ♦ AKQJ9753
 ♣ 32

West
 ♠ J932
 ♥ AK7642
 ♦ 8
 ♣ AK

East
 ♠ 4
 ♥ T83
 ♦ 642
 ♣ QJT874

South
 ♠ T8765
 ♥ QJ95
 ♦ T
 ♣ 965

Clearly, partner had no trouble collecting eleven tricks and making her contract. This seemed to be a reasonable result; but I was wrong, which happens when you are having a bad day at the bridge table. The other seven tables were all doubled, five of them in 5DX, one in 6DX and one clever pair in 5DXX. So we obtained only 2 matchpoints. This is the first time in my 40 years of bridge that I have seen this many doubled contracts making. Perhaps I should approach my opponents and suggest that they are not doubling enough.

Tony Berger

This is my 60th newsletter and I would like to acknowledge the wonderful help that I have received in producing it each quarter from Wendy Peck at Your Local Newsletters, one of our great club sponsors.

SEPTEMBER DOUBLE DUMMY SOLUTION

North
 ♠ AK4
 ♥ 5
 ♦ 9432
 ♣ Q8752

West
 ♠ J76
 ♥ AJT643
 ♦ KJ7
 ♣ K

East
 ♠ T532
 ♥ K2
 ♦ AQT
 ♣ A643

South
 ♠ Q98
 ♥ Q987
 ♦ 865
 ♣ JT9

West is in 4 Hearts. See if you can make ten tricks, when North leads the SA and the defence takes the first three tricks. On the fourth trick South will lead the CJ. Win by unblocking the CK. Play H3 to HK and finesse the HQ on the way back with the HT, observing the bad break. Now play D7 to DT, followed by CA and ruff a little Club. Return to dummy with DJ to DQ and ruff your last Club. You have now reduced your trumps to the same number as South. Back to dummy with the DK overtaken by the DA and then lead your last Spade. You have South covered with the HA and HJ sitting over the HQ and H9.



DOUBLE DUMMY

When I mentioned to a few bridge players that I was writing an article on a Double Dummy problem, they said "I wouldn't have a clue what a Double Dummy problem was!" So here goes.

Double Dummy

For any particular deal, given the declarer & the trump suit (or notrump), the double dummy result is the number of tricks declarer will win when all 4 players can see 52 cards & each player plays to his or her best advantage.

Example

	North	
	♠ J10	
	♥ AQ54	
	♦ 76	
	♣ A10987	
West		East
♠ 654		♠ 32
♥ KJ97		♥ 1032
♦ AQ32		♦ 109854
♣ QJ		♣ K32
	South	
	♠ AKQ987	
	♥ 86	
	♦ KJ	
	♣ 654	

Contract: South is in 4S, opening lead S5.

HAVE A GO YOURSELF, BEFORE READING ON.

Win the opening lead in your hand, lead a heart to the queen, cash the ace & ruff a heart. Re-enter dummy with a spade, ruff dummy's last heart, & then draw the last trump, discarding a diamond or a club from dummy. You have now won the first seven tricks and still have the club ace and a trump to make nine. The stage is now set for winning the club ace followed by another club. If West wins, he has to lead a diamond from the AQ since he has no more clubs, hearts or spades, and your tenth trick becomes the diamond king. If East overtakes with the club king to lead a diamond through declarer, you lose your two diamonds but now make the club ten for your tenth trick.

Kathy Johnson

Special Donation

Our club has many members, most of whom play 3 times (or more) a week, usually either Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. We have two distinct groups and two very happy families that enjoy drinks and socialising on specific days with their respective groups. As one of the Club Directors I have got to know the restricted players well and am pleased when they start breaking away from their group and bravely play on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. We try to offer support and assistance whenever they ask for it.

I would like to introduce a valued and loyal member to those that probably don't know him. Bernie Nightingale is loved and respected by his bridge family. He recently lost the love of his life, Rose. I had the pleasure of knowing this amazing person. We socialised and dined together until she succumbed to cancer. Bernie was devastated understandably and I believe, without his friends at the club, would not have coped.

I am proud to announce that he has donated to our club a sum of money with instructions as to the way he would like us to invest it for an annual competition to be titled the Rose and Bernie Nightingale memorial.

Bernie, from all of us we love you, and a huge thanks. Because of your generosity, we will honour you both and keep the memory alive.

Eva Berger

TIPS FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER

WE LOVE MAKING SLAMS

This exciting high percentage slam hand came along recently at our club. Not many partnerships bid it despite holding all the Aces . All that's needed are reasonable breaks in the suits and you are assured of 12 tricks as long as you take a correct line of play.

The Auction

Many Easts led the ♥Q against the final spade contract. So it seems a very cheeky West found the 2♥ opening bid at quite a number of tables. This certainly gets the defence off to the best lead. Also the scariest one for declarer.

West deals

All Vul

♠ AK873

♥ J5

♦ J8

♣ KJ75

♠54

♥K109832

♦42

♣1094

♠Q92

♥Q7

♦10973

♣Q632

♠J106

♥A64

♦AKQ65

♣A8

With sharp values including 3 Aces , two trump honours and a valuable 5 card side suit this hand is a powerhouse. The best bid is an immediate 4NT - ROMAN KEYCARD BLACKWOOD .

South just wants to know about the Ace King and Queen of trumps and using RKB can find this out in one bid. It's a perfect hand for this convention. If partner tells you they have all

three you may even consider a grand slam. If your partnership has not considered changing from simple Blackwood to Roman Keycard Blackwood then I would recommend you do think about it. Using simple Blackwood at least you know you hold all the Aces which is a good start and certainly makes this slam worth bidding. Albeit with a little less certainty.

Let's consider our line of play against the lead of the ♥Q.

TIME FOR DECLARER TO MAKE A PLAN

1. First count your winners.

4 spades

1 heart

5 diamonds

2 clubs

= 12

2. Count your losers

2 losers : one too many

The lead will immediately expose a heart loser in the north hand. We also have a possible trump loser.

Questions we now ask ourselves.

What is the safest line knowing that we have 12 tricks as long as spades and diamonds behave reasonably?

- HOW and WHEN can we dispose of heart loser? Answer: How? On the great Diamond suit . When? Before we give up the lead
- Can we afford to lose the lead at this stage.? Answer : NO
- Can we afford to draw trumps right away? Answer " NO Not all the trumps

We could consider the trump finesse - but we cannot afford to lose the lead. If it fails (as on this hand it does) then East is poised to lead a second heart to defeat the contract.

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The Melbourne Cup Party

The GCBC has always been noted for celebrating the Melbourne Cup as the party highlight of the year and in 2018 not a truer word was said. Linda Stanton of Linda Stanton Realty fame once again stepped up to the plate by providing a very generous sponsorship for the occasion and the planning process for the gala day commenced.

Jan Palm headed this committee ably assisted by Liz Affleck and on the day the 100 members who attended were gobsmacked by the grandeur and beauty as they entered the club. The Flemington racetrack where the Cup is held is noted for the the magnificent floral display presented each year with over 15,000 roses being the centre piece and I can assure the members who did not attend that the club was equal in its presentation for the day. Congratulations crew your achievements were beyond belief.



Odette Hall, Neil Raward and Valerie Reuter-Buck at the Melbourne Cup party)

Linda provided the champagne for the day which commenced upon arrival, champagne and canapes at 9am. Now that is the lifestyle I love. Bridge commenced at 9.30am and a buffet lunch was provided by Spits and Pieces (another sponsor of our club) and more champagne. Linda presented six bottles of French champagne to the winners of the fashions of the field. Many sweeps and a calcutta added to the atmosphere. Thanks goes to Margaret Day (god bless her enthusiasm) and her merry band of helpers for organising the sweeps.

Every year the running of the cup provides the highlight of the day and this year was no exception what a race with all members cheering on the horses they had drawn in the sweeps. Unfortunately the day had to come to an end and everyone that left the club will treasure the day for many years to come. Thank you Linda for your wonderful support for our club and we look forward to your ongoing sponsorship in 2019. Bring it on.

- Neil Raward



The perfect solution on this hand is to refuse the trump finesse altogether. Draw two top trumps leaving the ♠Q outstanding. This gives you an extra chance also. If he Queen falls doubleton you have no trump loser and can now make 13 tricks.

All you need now is that the diamonds survive 2 rounds. Play the ♦J and a small diamond to the Ace. If they both follow you are home. When you lead the Third diamond, pitching the losing heart, an opponent is welcome to trump with their Queen. It was always making a trick anyway. But that's the only trick for the defence.

(incidentally I would recommend this same line regardless of the lead)

This is known as ***a safety play***. It removes the risk of the finesse. It guards against unwanted roughs from either opponent with tiny trumps. On the other hand if they have to use the ♠Q to rough with we don't care. It was a trick we were prepared to lose. Additionally it leaves an extra trump in each hand to take care of any unexpected surprises because we only need to draw two rounds of trumps. ***Now you're thinking like a bridge player!***

Precision Part 3 ...(Opening One of a Major)

This is the second most frequent opening in the Precision system. Opening 1H or 1S requires the hand to contain 11 to 15 HCP's and at least five cards in the major suit. With two five-card majors, open 1S first of all as one would do in Standard bidding. The first responses (R1) without interference:

Pass (0 to 5 HCP)

Pass (6 to 8 HCP with only a 2-card major support)

Pass (6 to 8 HCP with a 3-card major support without an Honour)

2 H/S (6 to 10 HCP and 3-card support with Honour)

2 H/S (9 to 10 HCP and 3-card support without Honour)

3 H/S (6 to 10 HCP and 4-card support)

4 H/S (6 to 10 HCP with 4+-card support and singleton or void)

Delayed raise to 3H/S (11 to 12 HCP and 3+-card support)

Delayed raise to 4H/S (13 to 15 HCP and 3+-card support)

1NT (5 to 9 HCP, 0 or 1-card support, another 5-card suit, forcing for one round)*

2 C/D (10 to 15 HCP, no support for major or delayed raise)

1S over opener's 1H (5 to 15 HCP, 4+ Spades)

2NT (16+ HCP, balanced or major support) Jump shift in another suit (16+ HCP, 5+-card suit)

Double jump shift (Splinter bid, 12 to 15 HCP, 4+-support)

*This is a rare bid and cannot be made if responder has passed ahead of the opening. Also a 1S response takes precedence.

First Responses (R1) after interference:

(a) Interference is a double (X).

XX (10+ HCP)

2 or 3 or 4 H/S (as without interference, but only 6 to 9 HCP)

1NT (balanced, 6 to 9 HCP, not forcing)

New suit at 2 level (5 card suit, 6 to 9 HCP, must ALERT and opener must PASS)

(b) Interference is an overcall.

X (10+ HCP)

2 or 3 or 4 H/S (as without interference, but only 6 to 9 HCP)

1NT (balanced, 8 to 10 HCP, one stopper)

2NT (balanced, 11 to 12 HCP, two stoppers)

Cue bid (13 + HCP, game force)

New suit at 2 level (5 card suit, 6 to 9 HCP, must ALERT and opener must PASS)

Some special sequences

(Op1) 1H/S - Pass -

(R1) 1NT (ALERT) - Pass

(Op2) 2C (ALERT)- Pass -

(R2) (Pass or 2 level bid with other 5 card suit)

(Op1) 1H/S - Pass -

(R1) 2NT - Pass

(Op2) 3C (ALERT) - Pass -

(R2) 3NT (2 small in the major)

3+ Major Fit (Gamma question asking

Opener to describe their major holding.

This will be explained with the section on opening One Club.)

Tie Rod



SNIPPETS

In the recent Queensland Senior Pairs held at the club we had the following successes:

2nd Kathy Johnson and
Lois Steinwedel

3rd Lou Tillotson and
Roger Weathered

• RESULTS •

SEPTEMBER 2018

ECLECTICS

Monday Evening Eclectic
1st LOU TILLOTSON
=1st ROGER WEATHERED

Tuesday Eclectic (Open)

1st GRACE HENRY
2nd SUE HERSE

Tuesday Eclectic (Restr)

1st NOLA SAUNDERS
=1st CAROLINE AUSDEN

Wednesday Eclectic

1st KATHY JOHNSON
2nd LOL GARNETT

= 2nd LOUISE GARNETT

Thursday Eclectic (Open)

1st LINDELL DAY
=1st LISA BASILE
3rd TRISH MILLER

Thursday Eclectic (Restr)

1st MARION RIDGE
=1st BEV PAYNE

Thursday Evening Eclectic

1st TOM STRONG
= 2nd KEVIN DEAN

Friday Eclectic

1st KATHY JOHNSON
2nd LOIS STEINWEDEL

Saturday Eclectic (Open)

1st RICHARD MISIOR
=1st EDUARDO BESPROSVAN
3rd ODETTE HALL

Saturday Eclectic (Restr)

1st CHERYL MILLAR
2nd PENNY GRACE
= 2nd KERRIE GOLDSTON

SPECIAL EVENTS

Stan Pogacic Memorial Pairs

1st EVA BERGER - KATHY JOHNSON
2nd CORAL AIKIN - MICHAEL AIKIN
3rd LYNLEY JENKINS -
MARGARET WILLIAMSON

OCTOBER 2018

ECLECTICS

Monday Eclectic

1st KATHY JOHNSON
=1st EVA BERGER

Tuesday Eclectic (Open)

1st STUART WISMER
=1st WILLIAM GUTHRIE

Tuesday Eclectic (Restr)

1st MAUREEN SMITH
2nd EDIE TONKIN

Wednesday Eclectic

1st MERLE BOGATIE
=1st TONY BERGER

Thursday Eclectic (Open)

1st JUDY FITZGERALD
2nd TRISH MILLER

=2nd MARIE ORME

Thursday Eclectic (Restr)

1st GRAHAM MALE
2nd ANNE BROOKER
=2nd MAUREEN SMITH

Thursday Evening Eclectic

1st KEVIN DEAN
=1st TOM STRONG

Saturday Eclectic (Open)

1st TONY BERGER
=1st EVA BERGER

Saturday Eclectic (Restr)

1st PETER ULDRICH
=1st DI COURT
3rd LORRAINE TWYFORD

SPECIAL EVENTS

Anniversary Teams

1st EVA BERGER - KATHY JOHNSON
- ROSS STEINWEDEL - LOIS STEINWEDEL
2nd CAROLYN MILLER -
KEVIN STEFFENSEN - KERRY WOOD
- CHARLES HOWARD
3rd RAJ LIMAYE - JOHN GLENNIE
- TONY BERGER - MERLE BOGATIE

Friday Red Point Pairs

1st TONY BERGER - EVA BERGER
2nd ERIN WATERHOUSE -
ROSS STEINWEDEL
3rd LOIS STEINWEDEL -
KATHY JOHNSON

GCBC / Ballina Interclub Teams

Team A

1st TREVOR FLETCHER -
JANET JOHNSON - CORAL AIKIN -
MICHAEL AIKIN

Team B

1st LORRAINE MILLER - MARK MILLER -
NICK HUMPHRY - LOLA HUMPHRY

Team C

1st MARGARET FAULKS - WENDY DOYLE
- CHRISTINE PEZZUTTI -
HELEN PEARCE

Inter Club Teams Challenge

For several years the GCBC and Twin Towns Bridge Club engaged in an inter club teams challenge, The format for the event was 3 teams (under 200mps), 3 teams (under 600mps) and 3 open teams in a round robin format for each division with the GCBC switching positions for the afternoon contest. The VP scores for each division were totaled and a winning club declared. Unfortunately with TTBC declining membership the competition was abandoned for 2018.



Trevor Fletcher, Neil Raward, Coral Aitkin, Janet Johnson, Michael Aitkin

The Ballina Bridge Club has always had a close and friendly relationship with our club with many players from the club competing in our congresses and when approached they were eager to become part of this annual event. Following board approval Ballina became our new combatants and I was humbled when the board approved that a trophy should be



Handing over the trophy to Ballina

provided for the contest. So the Neil Raward Inter Club Teams Trophy emerged which added increased vigour and rivalry to the contest.

The rest is history our club was soundly walloped in the October contest with only the open team being able to hold their heads high following their division win with Trevor Fletcher, Janet Johnson, Michael and Coral Aitkin being the leading team.

Short of burglary we must get the trophy back in the 2019 September challenge as my pride was shattered when we had to hand over the trophy to the victors. Strategies are already being formulated with the long team goal for a GCBC victory. May the best team win and the GCBC will be the winners in 2019.

