

S.P.B.C. NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER.

“Remember, Remember, the 5th of November - Gun Powder, Treason, and Plot!” was the British rhyme from our childhood, commemorating Guy Fawkes. It has since been replaced by the American ‘Halloween’. (Google Guy Fawkes).

FROM THE PRESIDENT - PAT HOBSON: This month we saw the replacement of the dishwasher and the air conditioning unit in the kitchen. Both were well past their “used by” date, neither being able to be repaired. Thank you to all the people who prepared for the Congress on Sunday 28.10.12, and again, thank you to those members preparing for the Melbourne Cup event at the club.

The motion to replace the floor coverings at the club has been removed from the agenda for the AGM. The choice made by the MC was disliked by a large majority of members, and the MC feels it is far too much club money to outlay and not have the majority of members happy. Pat.

FORTHCOMING NOVEMBER COMPETITIONS:

Graded Friday Duo Pairs. Fri. 2/11, 9/11. Melbourne Cup (All day/no walk-ins/no evening) Tue. 6/11.
GNRP Regional Final at SPBC (Gold). Sat. 3/11. Swiss Summer Teams (All day/Red). Fri. 16/11.
Graded Mitchell Pairs (3 of 3). Mon. 5/11.

RESULTS OF OCTOBER COMPETITIONS.

GNRP Heat 2 (Gold) 3/10, 10/10, 17/10. Margaret Pisko and Dulcie Miller.
Graded Saturday Duo Pairs 6/10, 13/10. K. Donaldson & G. Angland (Blk); W. Dawson & L. Robinson (Red);
P. White and H. Cunynghame (Yellow).
Spring Swiss Teams 8/10, 15/10. Lyndel Watson & Dulcie Miller and Paul Rose & Ian Dickison.

SPBC Graded Teams Congress 28/10. (A) Tom Strong, Vasantha Kumar, Sanmugaras Kalamarasa, Peter Hainsworth.
“ (B) Krystyna Homik, Jane Swanson, Margaret Williamson, Lou Tillotson.
“ (C) Bastian Bolt, Margaret Pisko, Merle Bogatie, Bret Simpson.
“ (D) Brenda Butcher, Birgitt Bingham, Peter Staines, Dot Piddington.

70 %: 73.2% J.Bullock/M.Hancock 18/10. 71.5% Y.Kilvert/N.Burica 22/10. 70.8% Lurje/R.Braysshaw 25/10.
70.5% T.Strong/B.Coe 2/10. 70.2% R.Roberts/J.Glennie 22/10.

PROMOTIONS: CONGRATULATIONS FROM BEVERLEE TRAVERS & NOELINE ROSSITER.

GRADUATE: Norman Brown, Val Saunders. **CLUB:** Ivan Tatterson, Marilyn Tatterson. **LOCAL:** Pat White.
LOCAL* Mary Matchett, Saftica Popa. **REGIONAL*** Margaret Millar. **STATE:** Roxane Braysshaw, Trevor Shaw.
STATE* Brian Borrell, Dick Savage, Les Somerfield. **NATIONAL:** Noelene Gillespie, Carmen Hamilton, Mitzi Keller, Lauren Somers, Aloysius Wang. **NATIONAL*** Marian Peiris. **NATIONAL**** Peter Lloyd.
LIFE: Anna Cornell-Bray. **SILVER LIFE:** Evol Cresswell. **GOLD LIFE:** Annette Maluish.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: FROM LINDSAY KUBLER (MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY).

Tricia Mathers (Trans. from Tweed). Jennifer Finigan (Home club elsewhere). Sophie Adelerhof.
Valerie Buckland. Margaret Franklin. Maureen Kennedy.
Lauren Somers. Carol Stapleton. Joy Thorburn.
New Members for Sept/Oct 2012: = 9 (inc.1 from Beginner’s Lessons & 1 Home club elsewhere) = Total 9.
Total Membership Sept/Oct 2012: = Total 724.

WHO AM I? – GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BRIDGE MATES

I was born in Sydney in 1938. After completing my schooling at sixteen I was sent to Armidale teacher’s College. The fondest memories are of the gym on a Saturday night. This was when we wore huge belts around our tiny waists; hooped or starched petticoats and pencil lines drawn up our legs when we couldn’t afford stockings! My first teaching appointment was to Cabramatta in the western suburbs of Sydney. I had 46 children in Kindergarten, ten of whom couldn’t speak English and three who carried knives in their back pocket. As I had mostly lived on the “north side” this was quite a shock! In my second year I taught Kathy Whitlam, so had several meetings with Gough and Margaret who were very interesting people.

In 1960 I married & obtained an appointment nearer to home. When my two daughters were little I taught part time at a class for partially sighted children. This apparently qualified me to teach at the School for the Deaf, when I was ready to resume full time teaching. In 1968 we moved to Terrigal for a business opportunity. After five years of hectic juggling of career, children, & helping with the business we packed up and went travelling for 18 months, during which time I taught at a reception centre for delinquent children in inner London! When we returned to the Central Coast I resumed my career and was promoted to Infants’ Mistress and then Assistant Principal.

In 1986 I remarried a Queenslander and moved to the Gold Coast. I taught at Bilambil and Tweed Heads until retiring in 1996. After a knee injury I stopped playing tennis and took up Bridge, which has been my greatest challenge yet!! Now I enjoy time with friends & family (we have a total of 8 adult children, 14 grand children & one “great” who calls me G.G.) I enjoy reading; movies; church activities; swimming; travelling; lunches & afternoon teas. **Who am I?**

GENERAL NEWS:

- ***Happy Birthday to You!!!** * Val Huntley 9/11 * Bob Bertram 27/11 * Carolyn Cooke 29/11 * Carolyn Lewis 30/11. We hope you all have a great day (perhaps even win)! If you would like a mention on your Special Day - let me know.
- ***Attendance Analysis:** From Oct/2011 to Sep/2012 = 42356. For the same period last year = 42896. Down 540.
- ***AGM and Open Forum** Saturday 10.00 am, 10/11. Bridge to follow immediately after the meeting for attendees, then further sessions at the usual time. There are 2 motions to be voted on (1) That hot water be re-installed in the men's toilet and (2) Proposed honorary life membership for Michael and Joan Kent. See the Notice Board for details.
- ***Parking:** Pauline & Rob McLachlan's new car was recently vandalised in the Bridge Car Park. The vandal(s) used a key (?) to make a deep scratch along the side of the car, which was parked near the toilet block. The only way to monitor the safety of your car is to get in early and park where it can be seen from inside the Club. The GCCC advise they will not fine SPBC Members if they park in BBC marked bays, as long as our ABF card is displayed on the dashboard. However, they do ask us to park in another space if one is available. They expect car-parking issues to be resolved when the 2 hour restriction signs are erected. (MCM minutes).
- ***Volunteers:** On behalf of the Members, I wish to thank all the Volunteers who have worked so hard for the Club during the last year. Firstly, those individual Members who gave so freely of their time and special expertise (inc. the Volunteers for the two Working Bees). Secondly all the Members of the Sub-Committees, and last but not least the Management Committee. It is safe to say that without your input the Club could not function. Thank you very much.
- ***Thank you** to Nancy Cameron for her kindness in offering Fascinators to the Members to wear on Melb.Cup Day.
- ***Congratulations** to Brittany Broben (grand daughter of Club Member Lillian Hannon), who recently came 3rd in the World Diving Titles (under 18) in Adelaide. Brittany will also be competing in the Australian Open next month.
- ***Vale:** Our condolences to Reva Pelton on the passing of her husband, John. John was a club member before his illness.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE M.C.M. (FAYE'S FULL REPORT ON THE NOTICE BOARD).

- ***The Treasurer's Report** was tabled for the 12 months to 30/9/12. Angus noted the \$8,504 surplus for September and a \$17,261 surplus for the year. He also noted that attendances were down 500+ on last year.
- ***A Training Course** for players interested in becoming a Director will be conducted at the GCBC, and Trevor advises the course is expected to run from Feb/2013 to June/2013. I contacted Bob Wales for a comment and he advised that if anyone is interested they should approach one of our SPBC Directors.
- ***Information Technology:** John Glennie is attending to the purchase of Kaspersky internet security. Michael, upon Bob Wales return, will liaise with the Directors and Peter Lloyd regarding back-up programs.
- ***Melbourne Cup:** The charge for the Melbourne Cup Party is \$25 which includes food, drink, & 24 boards of Bridge.
- ***New Beginner's Classes** are underway with eight new players and one repeat. Both supervised play groups are going well, and Birgitt continues with her Saturday group.
- ***Thanks to the Committee:** Pat thanked the Committee for their amazing support and hard work throughout the year. She wished retiring Members (Angus, Michael, Barry and Sandra) well for the future.

WHAT IS A SELF SUFFICIENT SUIT IN BRIDGE ? - FROM KAYE DONALDSON.

A self-sufficient suit is one you can play without a fit from your partner or indeed without your partner having any cards in the suit. This is interesting because we always look for a fit with our Partner or we play no trumps. A hand with a self-sufficient suit should always play a contract in that suit. So, count the cards you have in the suit and add on the number of honour cards you have in the suit. If the total comes to 10 or more, you have a self-sufficient suit. e.g. AKQ86543 = 8 cards + 3 honours = 11...a self sufficient suit. Kaye.

"PLAY BETTER BRIDGE" - BY RIXI MARKUS. Rixi Markus was one of the most successful women bridge players of her day, and played with many world champions. She has written a book about her experiences, and I've selected a few of her personal views about the game and its players.

1.Bridge: One of the best advertisements in favour of bridge as a principal hobby is that bridge players seldom need to feel lonely. Wherever they go in the world they can usually find a place to play bridge, where they can guarantee finding company and friendship, as bridge is a common bond with a language of its own.

2.Partnerships: Your attitude towards your partner is almost as important as your technical skill at the table. Even when you know they could have done better, refrain from saying so - to point this out will almost certainly make them play even worse on future hands. If you wish to discuss hands, wait until the end of the session.

3.Play: I've always preferred a relatively simple system as I want to keep my brain fresh to deal with the problems which occur during play. The first basic requirement is accurate counting, and the second is concentration. Champion Tim Seres said you win at bridge by avoiding errors, rather than by being brilliant. The expert may display glimpses of genius or elegance, but he owes his pre-eminence to the fact that he makes fewer mistakes than his fellow players. (Thanks to Contributor Toni Landis).

FROM THE EDITOR.....MERLE GOLTZ.

Thank you to Beverley Tulloch for her interesting story of life as a teacher, wife and mother. Liaising with delinquent children at a Reception Centre in inner London must have been quite an experience! Contributions to *Who Am I* are always welcome, as are your email addresses (book on table near reception). Thanks for your support, Merle.