

S.P.B.C. OCTOBER NEWSLETTER.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - PAT HOBSON.

During September Kaye Donaldson had a lesson on a Saturday morning...84 people attended, the biggest number we have had to any lessons for a long time. Thank you Kaye, and a very special thank you to all your helpers. The beginners lessons run by Jan Pearson were also a great success. The education offered is just wonderful and of course our Club numbers are being boosted by all of this.

Friday last was a lovely friendly "drinks and nibbles" at the Club, after play. The event sponsored by Tandoori and "The Club" was a great success. Pat.

FORTHCOMING OCTOBER COMPETITIONS.

GNRP Heat 2 (Gold)	Wed. 3/10, 10/10, 17/10.
Graded Saturday Duo Pairs (Red)	Sat. 6/10, 13/10.
Spring Swiss Teams (Red)	Mon. 8/10, 15/10.
Graded Mitchell Pairs (Green)	Mon. 22/10, 29/10, 5/11.
SPBC Graded Teams Congress (Red)	Sun. 28/10, All Day.

RESULTS OF SEPTEMBER COMPETITIONS.

GNRP Heat 1	4/8, 11/8 & 25/8.	Trevor Fletcher & Lauren Somers (apologies-error last month).
GNOT Heat 4	22/8, 5/9 & 29/8.	D. O'Hara & L. de Nett and G. Wilkinson & C. Wilkinson.
SPBC Butler Pairs Congress	8/9.	Annette Maluish and Neville Francis.
SPBC Swiss Teams Congress	9/9.	P. Hainsworth & N. Van Jole and P. Wyer & P. Chakradeo.
Graded Mitchell Pairs	12/9, 19/9, 26/9.	Gwenda Jewell & Stephanie Chapman.
GNOT Zone Final GCBC	15/9.	N. Francis, A. Maluish, K. Steffensen, C. Miller, S. Kamalarasa.
GNRP Heat 2 GCBC	25/9.	Trevor Dwerryhouse & Noriko Nishigami.
Graded R.R. Red Teams	17/9, 24/9.	Orange: S. Purnell, T. Shaw, K. Watkinson, M. Peiris.
"		Blue: J. Beck, W. Hanmer, P. Hobson, P. Lloyd.
"		Red: D. Miller, K. Arbuckle, L. Walsh, L. Watson.
"		Black: G. Wilkinson, C. Wilkinson, S. Spurway, J. Jones.
Tandoori - Across the Field	28/9.	<u>N/S</u> : A. Lightbody & J. Simmons. <u>E/W</u> : E. Parsons & J. Morris.
70% percenters.	15/9.	Danny Osmond and Linda Osmond - 70%.

Yeppoon Inaugural Congress:

Angela de Marr and Noelene Gillespie came first in the Plate, then teamed up with Adele Wegner and Bev Travers and came 7th in the Teams in a very competitive field. Congratulations and well done to you all.

David Read Invitational Teams: Tweed Heads.

Congratulations to the S.P.B.C. team for bringing home the David Read Trophy for the **first time since 1994!**

Green team: Placed first - Barbara Rydon, Rosemary Chalk, Trevor Shaw, Jenny Simmons and Felicity Wilkes.

Blue Team: Placed fourth - Julia Howe, Kathleen Wilman, Vivienne Morris, Roxane Brayshaw.

Red Team: Placed fourth - Marlene Bernau, Gwenda Jewell, Joann Dawson, Stephanie Chapman.

The final points from all three categories were then added together, and the Club with the highest total was the winner - and that was the S.P.B.C. Congratulations again to all thirteen S.P.B.C. players - you did us proud!!!

WHO AM I? – GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BRIDGE MATES I was born in Launceston, Tasmanian in 1944. My Father was born in Scotland and the family name belongs to Clan Mackintosh. I worked in the Tasmanian Dept. of Agriculture as a Technical Officer before going to the new Agricultural Science faculty of Tasmania University in 1967. After graduating I moved to Nambour & worked in Pineapple research for 15 years, and visited most countries that grow pineapples, many on aid projects - Fiji, India, Vanuatu, Antigua, Hawaii, Malaysia, Jamaica, and Thailand.

In 1970 I married Helen and have two sons. Nigel is in San Francisco as Senior Manager for Cisco Corporate Communications, and Derek is a Leading Teacher in Melbourne. Having started Bridge at Uni., I played next on the Sunshine Coast, where I was Club Champion (I was told this recently - I had forgotten). I was a regular Director there and ran their early mini Congresses - before computers, so was still hand scoring at 4am! It was great to represent the club in 1976 against Omar Sharif's Bridge Circus in Brisbane. We sat against Belladonna and Forquet - Forquet went down in 6H when I held the DA and he did not finesse my trump Q. Our team came 2nd in the Queensland Open Teams a year or so later.

We moved to Melbourne in 1985 where I worked for Elders IXL on pineapple in South Africa, China and Brazil. In 1987 I moved into the Elders malt business on projects including computerizing the company and as a director of the new malt house being built in Uruguay. In 2000 I decided to get out of the rat race and moved to the Gold Coast, where I worked for many years at Marymount College maintaining and developing their school network before retiring in 2010 and returning to Bridge after a long break. I first played Standard American, moved to Precision and then on to Blue Club before taking on a more sophisticated system. Who Am I? (See from the Editor – back page).

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

Ivan Tatterson (transfer from Vic).	Marilyn Tatterson (transfer from Vic).	Chris Holloway (transfer GCBC).
Erica Joyce (transfer BBC).	Anna Heppleston (transfer GCBC).	Mary Purchase (transfer GCBC).
Wendy Harrison (transfer GCBC).	David Gillard (transfer GCBC).	Christina Bergmann (trans GCBC).
Pat Gilmore.	Janet Jeffries.	Lindy O'Hara.
Kim Reeder.	Astrid Goncharoff.	Don & Wendy Reid (home club othr).

GENERAL NEWS:

- ***BEGINNER'S LESSONS:** Do you have any friends, relations, or acquaintances you think might like to learn Bridge? The next group of Beginner's lessons, conducted by Kaye Donaldson, will commence on Saturday, October 6th at the Surfer's Paradise Bridge Club. The times are 9.30 to 11.30 am, and the first lesson is free. That means they can "try before they buy!" They can find out about the game, how it's played, and see if they might enjoy playing it. If they don't like it they can walk away, no problem. If they think they would like it, the remaining 7 lessons will cost \$80. Phone S.P.B.C. 5597 0085, Fax 5597 1172, email mail@surfbdge.com or visit our website at www.surfbdge.com
- ***Attendance Analysis:** August 2011 - 4,033 Attendees. August 2012 - 3,977 Attendees. Down 56 (Computer stats).
- ***Dorreen advises:** Ashmore Lions Club would like to invite you to their Annual Charity Night on Thursday the 1st of November, in aid of their Hearing Dogs Programme (www.hearingdogs.asn.au). Showing at the Spotlight Theatre will be the Broadway Musical "**Hairspray**" which won 8 Tony awards, & will start at 7.30 pm (bar 6.30). Price \$25 incl. supper (open.night \$35 + booking fee). Phone Doreen 566 88 625 or email taurus28@virginbroadband.com.au
- ***Just for Laughs: One liners from Eddie Kantar's Bridge Humour:**
Says the Opposition: "I'd like a review of the bidding please, with all of the original inflections!"
Says the Husband: "Your play was much better tonight...and so were your excuses."
Says the Teacher: "Alert!" The beginner he is playing with replies defensively, "I am alert!"

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE M.C.M. 19/9/12. (FAYE'S FULL REPORT ON NOTICE BOARD).

- ***Parking in Benowa Bowls Club designated parking spaces.** After correspondence between the Bowls Club and the Bridge Club, a Representative from the Bowls Club addressed Bridge Members before play on Wednesday 26/9, and advised that these designated Bowls Club parking spaces were not for Social Members, but for Bowlers and Administrative Staff of the Bowls Club only.
- ***Treasurer's Report** was tabled for the eleven months to 31/8/12, and Angus reported a \$687 surplus for August. For attendance figures see General News.
- ***The September Congress** was successful and went well. Faye reports that some players queried why the Pairs were Swiss when they were advertised as Butler in our diary. The reason was that the QBA approved a Swiss Pairs event earlier in the year, but the diary advertising Butler Pairs had already been printed by then. Jan reports that the Members were generous with their donations of cakes and slices, and the volunteers worked well together and made the weekend enjoyable for all. Thanks to all concerned.
- ***Solar Panels** were installed by one of our Members, and Trevor advises that Infinity Solar has given the Club \$100 for referring the Member to Infinity (That's a nice unexpected bonus, Trevor!)
- ***The Carpet and Vinyl flooring throughout the club** will be replaced and the Committee will seek approval for this expenditure at the next AGM.
- ***A third Pencil and Stationery stand** will be ordered and placed near the Results Notice board.
- ***Some aspects of Cleaning need attention.** Evol will liaise with the cleaner regarding the standard of the cleaning.
- ***The recent Raffle** made a profit of \$750 (Well done Jan!). It was decided not to have a raffle for October Congress.
- ***Melbourne Cup:** It was agreed to charge \$25 for Melbourne Cup, which includes food, drink & 24 boards of Bridge.

COMPETING AT THE FIVE LEVEL: FROM KAYE DONALDSON (BY PAUL MARSTON).

When the opponents have the higher ranking suit, you have to bid to the five level to compete. To do this you should have 10 trumps, but that's not all! The best safeguard you can have, beyond your ten card fit, is a shortage. Good things are always possible when you have a shortage. When you have no shortage, you should stay out of the five level. Balanced hands rarely produce 20 total tricks, no matter what the Law says. As for bidding five over five you need something like a 10 card fit and a void to be in the market. Always consider vulnerability, not to mention who you are playing against when you bid over game contract. Kaye.

BEWARE OF HANDS WITH A LOT OF QUACKS – FROM MARTY BERGEN.

The traditional 4,3,2,1 point count overrates queens and jacks. Too often these cards are not worth their assigned values. That is especially true when they are not accompanied by higher honours. To express my disdain for queens and jacks, I often refer to them as "quacks". When I have a hand that is dominated by quacks I subtract a point (or two) and treat the hand as if it had fewer HCP than its traditional point count would indicate.

FROM THE EDITOR.....MERLE GOLTZ. Thank you to the Volunteers who answered my plea for *Who Am I?* stories - including this month's contributor, John Glennie. Your responses were very much appreciated. Thanks for your support, and as always contributions to *Who Am I?* and email addresses (book near reception) are welcome. M.G.

