

S.P.B.C. NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

When I joined our wonderful club in 1995, Helen Fitzpatrick was my sponsor. I would now like to thank her for her tolerance in the last months, when maybe my head was full of club doings. I am off to Hobart for a family Christmas, and I hope you all enjoy a Happy Christmas with family and friends. After many years of wonderful service at the front desk Nona Jones & Barbara Wilson are retiring. Thank you both from all of us.

FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS IN DECEMBER AT S.P.B.C.

Monday 5th December - Duo Pairs 2 of 2 and Wednesday 7th December - Duo Pairs 2 of 2.
Wednesday 28th December - Summer Pairs All Day (green points).

COMPETITION RESULTS FROM INOVEMBER AT SP.B.C.

G.N.P. Final - Norman Sprintall and John Hosking.

Swiss Summer Teams - Liz Jones, Jacqueline Sault, Gwenda Jewell and John Masters.

The October Eclectic (not finalised in time for November's Newsletter) was won by Kaye Donaldson.

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

Allan Tarry and Marion Tarry...Phone 0400692622.

The total number of Members as at 14/11/11 is 723, of which 57 are nonfinancial.

PROMOTIONS : BEVERLEE TRAVERS & NOELINE ROSSITER (MASTERPOINTS TEAM).

GRADUATE MASTER: Dorothee Minto. **CLUB MASTER:** Helen Bennett.

LOCAL MASTER: Keith Thorburn. ***LOCAL MASTER:** Neil Dorrell. ****LOCAL MASTER:** Graham Ardern.

REGIONAL MASTER: Julie Nyst. **NATIONAL MASTER:** Noriko Nishigami.

GENERAL NEWS.

*Iris Jones and husband Peter had a bittersweet experience recently when Peter, who is the Queensland President of the Australia - Britain Society, was honoured to be one of only 100 Queenslanders invited to lunch with her Majesty the Queen and his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, during their visit to Brisbane. Unfortunately partners were not invited, so when Peter learnt that guests were to be taken by coach to a secure venue, he could not attend as he could not cope physically without Iris. (Bad luck Peter).

*Full details of all income/expenditure for October/November will be on the Notice Board after approval by the Committee (meeting to be held on 14th December). Thanks to the Finance Sub-Committee.

*Doreen Hinton's Christmas gift suggestion is a Voucher from the Javeenbah Theatre. Single Show Vouchers are \$20; Full Season Vouchers (6 shows) are \$100. Email Doreen (taurus28@virginbroadband.com.au).

*The S.P.B.C. Monthly Lunch will be held at noon on Thursday, 22nd December at our local Benowa Bowls Club. Those wishing to attend please contact Eve Colhoun on 55-387863 for catering. All welcome.

*The AGM was held on 12/11/11 and the minutes are on the Notice Board. Briefly, some suggestions were: Installation of Solar Panels; Publication of a defence system for Moscito; Request for more Volunteers; and a request to reconsider the decision not to allow the selling of Avon products for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There were 14 nominations for the Management Committee all of whom were elected unopposed.

*Attendance Analysis Printout for October 2011 shows 3770 attendees, compared to 3767 in October 2010.

*Thanks to Michael Kent, who is working hard on updating and improving our web site.

WHO AM I?

I was born in Brisbane during the 2nd World War to a 17 year old mother and a father on active duty in the Middle East. At the end of the war my parents, younger sister and I moved to Sydney where we stayed until 1964. Card games were played at the juvenile level. Bridge, if thought of at all, would have been considered fuddy duddy and not for me. I went on to marry, have children and work, with little time for card games.

It wasn't until moving to the Gold Coast 15 years ago that Bridge found me. On the 2nd day of my arrival here, an S.P.B.C member asked to use my phone to call the R.A.C.Q. While waiting for the mechanic Bridge was mentioned, and I thought 'that is something I could do in my retirement!' In a very short time after lessons I was addicted. Much more difficult to master than I'd ever imagined, but always engaging in pleasant company and surroundings.

Now I am at the club every other day and thank God that Bridge found me. (Who am I? See editor's note.)

VALE. Condolences to Mike Dib on the recent passing of his wife, Laila.

WHAT IS A PARAPROSDOKIAN? FROM BEVERLEE TRAVERS.

A paraprostdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; it is frequently used in a humorous situation. For example:

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

CRO GERBER - FROM KAYE DONALDSON.

If Gerber is your system of asking for aces, then you may be interested in CRO Gerber which gives more specific responses. The 4c bid is an ace ask and 5c is the king ask.

CRO stands for same **C**olour (red or black), **R**ank (majors or minors), **O**dd (neither).

Responses to 4c

4D = 1 or 4 aces

4H = 3 or 0 aces

4S = 2 aces same **C**olour

4NT = 2 aces same **R**ank

5C = 2 aces of **O**dd rank/colour

Responses to 5C.

5D = 1 or 4 kings

5H = 3 or 0 kings

5S = 2 kings same **C**olour

4NT = 2 kings same **R**ank

6C = 2 kings of **O**dd rank/colour

Just remember not to ask for kings unless you have an ace missing in a void suit. Good bridging, Kaye.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER WITH ERIC PARSONS – CONDUCT & ETIQUETTE AT THE TABLE.

Bridge Laws 74.A.1.&2. Require players to “maintain a courteous attitude at all times” and “be careful to avoid any remark or action that might cause embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.” (this may also include an incident at another table). Our club policy is “Zero Tolerance” for bad behaviour at the table with appropriate score results penalty for the offending side. If you wish to curb unpleasant behaviour you may call the Director immediately, or report the incident after play. If you would like to keep the matter more private you may report the incident directly to the Recorder. The Recorder at our club is Michael Kent.

DEFENSIVE BIDDING SYSTEMS - FROM MICHAEL KENT.

It is wise for regular partnerships to have defensive agreements to counter bidding conventions that are used by opponents. At the AGM Forum there was a request to publish a possible defence to the *Moscito System which opens 1C with 15+, any shape, and uses transfer responses. So a response of 1D promises 4+ Hearts. One counter could be to X to show a take out of Hearts, bid 1H to show Spades and a minor, 1NT as though Hearts had been bid and 2D and other suits natural. A full suggested defence is on display on the Competition Notice Board and copies available from Kaye Donaldson.

The key is to be proactive and give thought to your defence. Complex bidding systems often succeed because opponents are unprepared. For instance the Precision System swept the world until opponents constructed defensive action.

*Moscito - Major Orientated Strong Club is about finding your major suit fits early - Paul Marston.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE – PINCHED FROM THE GUARDIAN ANGELS NEWSLETTER.

Mrs. Brown went into her country Butcher's shop and asked for a large chicken. The Butcher obliged. "I'm sorry," she said, "that won't be big enough. The family is coming up for Christmas Lunch." The Butcher returned to his cold room, only to find that that was his last chicken. He thought for a while then returned to the counter with the same chicken, weighing it again with the help of his finger on the scales. "Oh Dear, that's still not big enough." said Mrs. Brown. The Butcher explained they were the only 2 he had. "Well then," she said, "I'll just have to take them both!" Oops!

FROM THE EDITOR – MERLE GOLTZ.

At any time Members wanting the Newsletter to be emailed to them can leave their address in the email book kept permanently on the table near the kitchen. Thank you very much to Margaret Chesser, who is this month's Who Am I? (All contributions to Who Am I are welcome). A very happy Christmas to everyone, and thank you all for your support and encouragement.