

S.P.B.C. JULY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT - PAT HOBSON.

Thank you to Rosemary and David Chalk for their rejuvenation of the front gardens.

How lucky is our club? Rosemary and David supplied the plants, did all the gardening, left it looking even more wonderful than it was before, and then went home!!!

If you are not a regular at our club on Saturday, feel free to call in during the morning and view the activity.

* Beginners' Lessons have recommenced under the guidance of Jan Pearson, and 18 people have signed up.

* Birgitt Bingham has a 2nd group who have left Beginners and are now learning more complex play.

* The 3rd group is Supervised Play under the guidance of - Pat Behrman, Paula Bloor, Brenda Butcher, Vi Grady, Ron Hayes, Yvonne Morris and Jenny Simmons. Kaye Donaldson has Saturday morning running like clockwork. **Thank you from all of us to every person involved in Saturday Bridge Education...Pat.**

FORTHCOMING JULY COMPETITIONS.

GNOT Heat 3 at GCBC (3 of 3) Gold MP. - Monday 2/7.

Club Chsp. Graded Teams (1 of 2) S.G. - Wednesday 4/7 & 11/7.

Graded Friday Duo Pairs (1 of 2) Red Pt. - Friday 6/7 & 13/7.

Graded Mitchell Mon Pairs (1 of 3) Green. - Monday 9/7, 16/7 & 23/7.

Red Eclectic Tuesday (1 of 2). - Tuesday 10/7 & 17/7. (Restricted is also Red).

Red Eclectic Tues. Eve (1 of 2) - Tues Eve 24/7 & 31/7.

S.P.B.C. Congress Butler Pairs All Day (R) - Saturday 28/7. Sponsored by Bank of Queensland.

S.P.B.C. Congress Swiss Teams All Day (R) - Sunday 29/7. " " " " "

RESULTS FROM JUNE COMPETITIONS.

May Monday Eclectic 2012. - Kaye Donaldson & Liz Jones 67.5%.

May Eclectic 2012. - Kaye Donaldson 62.7%.

Twin Tuesday Eclectic May 2012. - Tom Strong 61.7%

Red Eclectic Saturdays 16/6 & 23/6. - Rita Morris & Angus Lightbody 62%

Aveo All Day Red Teams 20/6. - C. Lewis, C. Cooke, D. Turner, C. Stratigos.

Plate " " " " 20/6. - A. Lightbody, R. Morris, K. Cohen, B. Wilson.

Club Championship " 20/6. - J. Dawson, S. Chapman, M. Bernau, G. Jewell.

June Eclectic 2012. - Kaye Donaldson 61.6%.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 70 PERCENTERS.

Kaye Donaldson & Danny Osmund 72.8%.

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

John Nielsen	944	John Donnelly	844	Anne Westlake	784
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Frances Jackson	946	Margaret Donnelly	710	Sylvia Fox	1157
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New members for June 2012: Home Club Members 4; Home Club elsewhere 2; Total = 6.

Membership as at June 2012: Home Club 546 (inc Life 29); Non Affiliated 164; Total = 710.

Non Financial Members as at June 2012: Total = 0.

PROMOTIONS :CONGRATULATIONS FROM BEVERLEE TRAVERS & NOELINE ROSSITER

<u>Local:</u>	Anne Cosgrave	<u>National:</u>	Liz Jones
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<u>Local*</u>	Kathleen Wilman	<u>National*</u>	Trevor Derryhouse & Rita Morris.
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"REQUEIM FOR A GENTLEMAN" .

In the Newsletter I emailed out this morning, Murray Anderson was featured in *Who Am I?* Sadly, I have just this moment learnt that Murray passed away yesterday. I have fittingly renamed it *Requiem for a Gentleman.*

"I was born overseas and married an Australian girl 55 plus years ago. I have 2 children, one an accountant and the other a lawyer. I have 4 grandchildren - 3 girls and a boy. I came to live in Australia permanently in 1959 and eventually became a partner in an international firm of Chartered Accountants. I retired in 1992.

I am an average Bridge Player but heavily involved in sub-committees at the SPBC. I have always been involved with a number of non-profit organisations on a voluntary basis, but much of this is about to stop. I have a very keen interest in all sports, and I've been community active over the years in soccer, tennis, cricket, snooker etc. I have an inability to say "No!" and have always adopted the principle that "To do nothing is to be nothing!"

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE M.C. MEETING 27/6. (FULL REPORT ON NOTICE BOARD 4/7)

- ***Treasurer Angus Lightbody** acknowledged the \$2,935 surplus for May. He explained that this was brought about by the extremely profitable May Congress and proceeds from the raffle, however May attendances were still down. A budget deficit of some \$10,000 was forecast for 2012, but this is being whittled down by savings in our insurance premiums and the expected reduction in electricity charges.
(Attendance Analysis: May 2012 - 3754 Attendees. May 2011 - 3863 Attendees. Down - 109. From stats.)
- ***The Club** will trial a Restricted Section on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for players with less than 100 mps. The Section should have a minimum of six tables and will be reviewed in three months.
- ***Car Park:** Nathan Griffith, representing the Gold Coast City Council, attended the meeting in an effort to find a solution to our car-parking problems. Several ideas were put forward, and Nathan advised that after he had further investigated all the options discussed, he would get back to us for a final decision.
- ***David Read:** Teams that have qualified for "David Read" at Tweed in September are the Bernau Team (Open), the Howe Team (Restricted) and the Rydon Team (Novice). Congratulations and good luck to all.
- ***A Working Bee** will be held on Tuesday 10th July at 1.30 pm. A notice will be put on the Board asking Members to express their willingness to help spruce up the club for our July Congress.
- ***Red Points for Restricted Section:** The Director for Saturday 23/6 advised that red points were allocated to the Restricted Section, but with a lesser weighting than to the Open Section.

GENERAL NEWS:

- ***Commendation for Distinguished Service for the Australian Army** was awarded to Brigadier Bruce Andrew Scott C.S.C. Queensland, for Distinguished Performance of Duty in a war like operation as Deputy Commanding General in Afghanistan, from October 2010 to October 2011. (Congratulations to Brigadier Scott, who is the son of S.P.B.C. Members Judy and "Buddy" Scott).
- ***Last month was the 30th Anniversary of our Club.** The Club was founded on 13th June 1982, and before commencing play on Wednesday 13th June 2012, President Pat Hobson led Members in a round of applause in memory and appreciation of our Foundation Members.
- ***Congratulations to Anne & Tony Ghusn** who won the Restricted Section of the Barrier Reef Congress on 8/6/12. This was no mean feat, as Players with up to 300 points were eligible to play in this Section.
- ***The Volunteers:** This month we want to thank all the Volunteers who man the front desk, collect the table fees, or read out the notices. Your work helps to maintain an efficient and organized office.
- ***Doreen Hinton advises:** *The Odd Couple* (Female Version) plays at Javeenbah Theatre Nerang 19-21 July at 8pm, & 15 July at 2pm. For **Special Price Tickets** the booking number is 5596 0300 password 'Doreen'. It is the funniest show by far this year. Cheers Doreen, 07 5668 8625 or taurus28@virginbroadband.com.au.
- ***Vale: David Matthews** passed away on 30th May. David played at the Broadwater Club and the S.P.B.C., and was always a gentleman at the table. We offer our condolences to his wife, Anne. R.I.P. David.
- ***Vale: Elaine Taylor** passed away on 17th June. Elaine played regularly with Tony Chrisp and her home club was Surfer's Paradise, where she attained the rank of Gold Life Master. R.I.P. Elaine.

COMPETITIVE BIDDING - FROM KAYE DONALDSON (TEACHING CO-ORDINATOR).

Imagine that one hand is played twice, with each side having a turn at playing in their preferred trump suit.

The Law of Total Tricks states that the total number of tricks the two sides will make is approximately equal to the sum of their trump fits. So, if the total of the trump fits is eight (hearts) plus nine (spades) = 17, the Law predicts that together the two sides will make 17 tricks. The way the 17 tricks split depends on which side has the honours, whether the honours lie well or badly, and how the suits break. When you are in a competitive 2/3 bidding auction, ask yourself....

How are you most likely to get a plus score? Going for the maximum is wrong because you are pinning all your hopes on one outcome. It's like the bookmaker on the track. Bookmakers aim to make a steady profit no matter which horse comes in, while punters try to pick the winner. Punters have their successes, but at the end of the race meeting the bookmakers drive home in their BMWs and the Punters catch the bus. Similarly with gambling bids in bridge - they come off every now and then, but at the end of the game....

More next month - play for a plus score, Kaye.

FROM THE EDITOR - MERLE GOLTZ.

Murray Anderson was the Chairman of the Finance sub-Committee when I started the Newsletter last October, and he very patiently helped me to understand Finance Reporting Procedures. On behalf of our Club, I send our condolences to Joan and her family at this time of great loss. Merle.