

S.P.B.C. NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

From the President- Pat Hobson

Thankyou to all the members who attended the AGM. Sincere thanks to those who have come forward to join the incoming committee. I am hoping for an uneventful year ahead for us all. Sincere thanks to the outgoing members of the 2013 committee. It certainly was a year of great volunteering from all of you. It is with great sadness that we, as members accept the resignation of Faye Atkinson, who has done a wonderful job of Secretary of SPBC for the past seven years. Thank-you from us all Faye.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and great cards for us all at SPBC in 2014

Pat

A Bridge Quiz

Think. Guess. Calculate. But don't cover through sheer force of habit. (Bird & Smith)

A. How would you play the following combinations of cards to make the most tricks?

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| 1. KQxx | 2. K432 | 3. AQ42 | 4. AT65 | 5. AQT3 |
| Jxx | Q765 | J53 | QJ32 | 965 |

B. How would you play these combinations of cards for a ruffing finesse?

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| a) AQJT | b) AKJT |
| x | xx |

C. If you have broken honours such as in these combinations, how would you play?

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| 1. A432 | 2. Q98 |
| QT65 | T74 |

Answers later!

Melbourne Cup Day. A great day was had at the club on Melbourne Cup Day. All arrivals were greeted with a glass of bubbly to get us in the mood. Sweeps were sold, bridge was played, an excellent lunch was served. The winners of our own "Fashions in the Field" were:

Best Hat Merlene Paul	Lady with most sparkles on her dress Carole Stratagos
Best Dressed Lady Fay Dickson	Best Dressed Couple Astrid Goncharoff & Roy Roberts
Filly of the Field Jean Troughton	

Many thanks go to the organiser, Jan Palm, and to her hardworking team of helpers.

Major sweepstake prizes 1st Ann Elliott 2nd Kirsty Dawe 3rd Pam Lorne-Tait

Membership Details.

Total Members 726 Total Home Club 571 Total Life Members 24

Total Non Affiliated 155 Total Non Financial 84

Those members who are still unfinancial as at 1st December this year will not be allowed to purchase tickets or enter competitions

Getting to know our new committee members.

In 1988 I moved from Christchurch NZ to settle on the Gold Coast. The Gold Coast weather and lifestyle were contributing factors for this.

Having worked in the Real Estate Industry in Christchurch for several years I continued that career path when, with my husband Hermann, we opened HR Realty on the Gold Coast in 1991. The business was very successful, but we sold it in 2004 to semi-retire and pursue other interests.

Bridge was one of the things on my "to do list" so towards the end of 2007 I took lessons at our club, and now, 6 years later, I still find the game of bridge a never ending challenge.

The SPBC is a great club and one to which I am privileged to belong. Who Am I?

General News.

The Community Benefit Fund of the Office of Liquor and Gaming has deposited \$31810 into the club's bank account for the purchase of new chairs. A physiotherapist has already provided advice re suitable chairs.

Each GCCC alderman has a fund to be able to help clubs upgrade their premises. From Lex Bell's office we have been successful in receiving \$4000 to be used for a covered walkway from the start of the carpark to the club house. We will need to go tender and get GCCC approval of our proposal. The club owes Trevor Fletcher a real vote of thanks for his work in pursuing these grants for us.

U3A North Gold Coast would like tutors (and students) in a range of subjects eg languages, photography, yoga, art, and any other suitable subjects.

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From The Editor..... Jenny Sawyer. Thankyou to all of those who have contributed to this issue of the newsletter. It is my first edition as editor and I have a few housekeeping items to which I must attend. Firstly, as our email list is a little out of date, I will apologise if you have received the email incorrectly. Please let me know if you do not wish to receive the newsletter and I will delete you from the mailing list. There will be a book at the bridge club for you to amend your email address or for new members to provide their email address to be included on the mailing list. My email address is jjsawyer@tpg.com.au and I would be happy to hear from you with contributions to the newsletter. It may be a good idea for you all to place my email in your address book to ensure the newsletter doesn't go to your junk mail.

This month's featured new committee member is Gaynor Rogers.

Bridge Quiz Answers

A.

- 1) Play small to the King twice
- 2) Play small to the King and then small to small
- 3) Play small to the Queen and then try to drop the King with the Ace
- 4) Play small to the ten looking for a singleton King

Play small to the Queen hoping that KJ is held

B.

- a) Play the Ace and run the Queen unless it is covered
- b) Play the Ace and King and run the Jack unless it is covered

C.

- i) Play the ten and let it run
- ii) Play the ten and let it run

