

MORETON-BRIBIE BRIDGE CLUB

NEWS LETTER



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President's Contribution



Our new Committee has hit the ground running. All members have willingly taken ownership of separate parts of the overall responsibilities of a management group. Our meetings have been constructive and focused on improving the Club, while also not limiting our discussion and being prepared to look outside the square if necessary for the improvements we seek.

In our efforts to ensure transparency, you will have noticed it is our intention to email monthly meeting minutes to members to keep everyone informed of our decisions. Of course for those of you who do not have internet access, the minutes will be displayed on the notice board as usual.

Speaking of internet! We have been handed a large challenge by the NBN. The Club has had no internet access since 9th March. This is because the NBN cut our access at the node on that date and Telstra is unable to reverse this action. Despite many phone calls the problem will not be remedied until 5th April - all going well. At this point I must mention the great effort expended by Robert Cowley (our Committee technology administrator) to investigate all avenues in the search for a way to restore communication. He is currently using a dongle which will allow results to be slowly uploaded to the web. Thank you Robert. You are a legend! Be assured that all results are safely stored and will be available when our communication is finally restored.

Plans for our Congress are underway. Our convenor Lorraine Carr is working behind the scenes preparing for the weekend of 24th, 25th June. As we do not have a provedore this year, catering will be more difficult. We do encourage as many of our players as possible to support our Congress by nominating for the events. We would prefer that our Congress is not just for the benefit of outsiders but is an opportunity for our members to compete against outside players. Great experience!

It would seem that the decision to encourage the use of Pianola by discontinuing the standby facility for six months, has been well received. I would hope that no player has been unable to play because they could not find a partner. Any member of the Committee will always ensure that your partner requirements are advertised on Pianola.

Richard Medhurst - our Grants Officer continues to progress our current application for a new cook top and tiling for the kitchen and hallway floors.

The Committee is very focused on encouraging members to play at our Club as often as possible. Larger fields ensure better competition. However, our Club is an affiliated Club and events are run in accordance with QBA regulations. As you know, Bridge is a game requiring concentration and it is incumbent on Directors to ensure that the correct environment is in place for good bridge playing for everyone. The Committee is also very aware of the need to create an environment for social interaction at the Club. It is a fine line that a Director walks. Please be mindful and considerate of other players and recognise that others' perception of the timbre of your voice may vary considerably from your own perception. If you are sitting out, there is always the option of using the office for conversation.

Should you have any suggestions for improving our Club, please take the time to communicate with the Committee. All suggestions will be treated as positive, objective feedback and considered accordingly.

May you always have Love to share, Cash to spare and Friends who care.

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2016.

Jennifer Borowski, Lyn Cullinane, Maria Coman-Buisine, Janice Jefferies, Ken Mander-Jones, Stephanie Maller, Shelley Pasche, Marjon Robken, Michael Turner, Pauline Wilkins.
Our very best wishes to them along with our hope that they have many happy days playing bridge.



Shelley Pasche who has joined our club this year was to be our provedore. Sadly for us, Shelley returns to our sister country New Zealand. We experienced her wonderful catering skills on Saturday after the 3rd. GNOT . Thank you and very good luck for the future, Shelley.

Director's Corner.

Two items will be discussed in this issue.

(A) Early claim by the declarer. This is the situation which occurs when the declarer makes a statement regarding the remaining tricks before completion of play. i.e. a claim. There is nothing illegal about claiming, in fact the laws state that a claim should be made when the outcome of play becomes obvious. The opponents always have the right to oppose the claim and in that situation **play must cease** and the director called. The director will examine the case and make a ruling either to grant the claim or award the opponents an appropriate number of tricks.

It should be noted that when a declaration is made the declarer must clearly state his plan for the remainder of the play. If there is an outstanding trump held by the opponents he/she must state this and his intentions regarding it. Failure to do this may give cause for the director to award a trick to the opponents in some circumstances.

Premature claiming should be avoided as the consequent discussions and deliberations by the director could well waste more time than would be saved.

(B) The One No Trump response after an intervening call.

An example is as follows. North bids **One Club**, East overcalls **One Spade** and South responds **One No Trump**. This bidding indicates South with 6-9 hcp and a stopper in spades. A stopper could be ace, king doubleton, three spades to the queen or perhaps four to the Jack. Some partnerships have an agreement whereby the 1NT bid by South does NOT show a stopper but perhaps only hcp. This is perfectly legal provided the 1NT bid is **alerted** by the partner. If not alerted and South's hand does not contain a stopper then EW have cause to claim possible damage.

Did you know about the lady who went down 1 in 3NT? She followed the principle of eight ever nine never.



Congratulations to the Club winners of the GNOT for 2017 Alan, John, Shirley & Chris.

The Zone semi finals of the GNOT will be held on Sunday June 11th at the Sunshine Coast Bridge Club. The National finals will be held in Tweed Heads at the end of November.

Kitchen Roster for April:

David Brady

Michael Turner

Dawn Quinan

Lorraine Ward

Janette Youens

Lenore Wilson

Mary Arthur

Sandra Allen

Elaine Seeney

Irene Best



End Play!!!

Anne accompanied her Bridge partner George to the doctor's surgery last week

.After his check-up, the doctor called Anne into his office alone.

" I'm afraid that George is suffering from a very severe stress disorder, Anne. If you don't follow my instructions carefully, he will surely die. Never point

out any mistake he makes at the bridge table. Be pleasant at all times. Don't burden him with conventions and bidding systems. Always give him a hug when he feels down, and never discuss the hands. If you can do this for the next few months, I believe George will regain his health completely."

On the way home, George asked Anne "what did the doctor say to you?"

He said "you are going to die!"

Date Claimers:

Sunday 23rd April Redcliffe/Caboolture/Bribie Pairs (at Caboolture)

Sunday 21st May Caboolture/Bribie Teams (at Bribie)

Please try to be available for these events to support our Club and enjoy a great day of Bridge.

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