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President's Column

Greetings Fellow Bridge Lovers



The year 2022 is half over. How fast time flies as we age. When we were young it took forever to get to our birthday, school holidays and even longer to get to Xmas. Now we blink and here they all are.

You will have noticed the new name for our newsletter. The competition drew 16 entries. Congratulations to the winner, Angela Smyth, with her clever entry - 'The Declarer'. The committee agreed unanimously on the name with the addition of the word Sunnybank. Well done to all on the outcome.

Our Sunnybank Championship Pairs was held on the 28th May and congratulations to John Blyth and Sue Holburt for their win.

The Robinson Pairs was held in May and the winning pair was Ros Purchase and Yours Truly. Congratulations to us. May I say a big thank you to Di Robinson for her continued support of the event.

We have a new session on Tuesday nights to allow some of our newer players to get their teeth into Bridge. This is to assist if they are unable to come along during the day or just want another chance to play. Thank you to the wonderful folk who have stepped up to run and to help out during that session.

You will all have seen the new addition to our car park. The temporary Optus Mobile Phone Tower is in place. As I write this, it is not quite completed, nor up and running, but will be very soon.

Until next time Happy Bridging one and all.

Doug Matthew
President

Convenor's Report

Sunnybank Championship Pairs – 28 May 2022

Twenty pairs competed in the Championship Pairs, which was another great day at the Club. All entrants were Club members and it was a very relaxed and friendly day. The event went very smoothly thanks to Director, Jo Neary, and convenor, Robyn Chippindall.

Congratulations to our new Champions - Sue Holburt and John Blyth.



Sue Holburt and John Blyth

Robinson Pairs – 11 & 18 May 2022

This red point event was held over two Wednesdays in May. We had 18 tables over the two sessions – a great turn out for Wednesdays. Congratulations to Doug Matthew and Ros Purchase for their win.

Monday Evening Pairs

Congratulations to Lyn Crookall and Tomasina De Luca.

Australia-Wide Novice Pairs

The Australia-Wide Novice Pairs Competition is an annual national bridge event run by Australian Bridge for novices in clubs throughout Australia.

Eighteen pairs played in the Sunnybank game on 26 May. Congratulations to Alice Edwards and Robyn Chippindall who finished first EW and to Martin Wu and Lilly Jia who placed first NS. Martin and Lilly were also the top pair Australia-wide!

QCBC Graded Pairs

Congratulations to Jenny Andrews, Alice Edwards, Bernice Cooper and Judith Bramich who won the C Grade at the QCBC Graded Pairs on 12 June.

If you have news of SBC members' success in external events, please email the editor at editor.at.sbc@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Evening Pairs – Thursday 7 & 14 July

Winter Pairs – Friday 22 July & 27 July

SBC Teams Congress – Sunday 7 August

Ekka Pairs – Wednesday 10 August

The Importance of Unblocking

Interesting hands for this edition focus on the theme of unblocking, with analysis from Richard Spelman and Sue Holburt.

Unblocking is about the play of cards so that the partner with length in a suit can continue to lead that suit e.g. Qx opposite AKxx. The Q must be played first so that communication is not cut off.

The following hands are more complex, but highlight the importance of gleaning information from your partner's leads.

The first board (at right) is Board 4 from Sunnybank Championship Pairs on 28 May.

NS were defending 3NT by West. North led 6H, QH was played from dummy and South had the foresight to unblock the suit by playing the 10H.

When South gained the lead with KC, they then led JH which was covered by West with KH and won by North with AH. North then led 9H to South's 4H, then with no more hearts in the Opps' hands, North won 2 more tricks with the 8H and 2H.

If, on the first trick, South had played the 4H, their 10H would have won the 3rd trick, keeping South on lead, thus blocking hearts and leaving North unable to play their 2 winning heart tricks.

How did South know to unblock? South knows from North's lead that they most likely hold 4+ hearts and an honour in the suit. After seeing the Queen in dummy and holding J,T, South knows that West will have at best one honour - the ace or the king. Using the rule of 11 (see Teacher's Corner for more info) also reveals that West has only 2 cards higher ranked than the 6H (opening lead). South cleverly worked out they would win the 3rd lead of hearts, so played the higher cards on tricks 1 and 2, leaving a small card to return the lead to partner and unblocking the suit. North can then win the 4th trick in hearts.

South's unblocking resulted in NS taking 6 tricks, defeating EW's contract, and making the top score for the board. Well done, Richard and Janet!

BOARD 4					
BD: 4	♠ T842				Dir: W
	♥ A9862				Vul: ALL
	♦ 8				
	♣ J94				
♠ AQJ9				♠ 653	
♥ K73				♥ Q5	
♦ KT76				♦ AQ5	
♣ 87				♣ AQ632	
	♠ K7				
	♥ JT4				
	♦ J9432				
	♣ KT5				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	-	-	-	-
S	-	-	-	-	-
E	3	4	1	4	3
W	3	3	1	4	3

The second board (next page) is a case of failing to unblock as Declarer.

East is in 4H and since EW are playing Match Points they've decided that they should take all their finesses.

South leads AD which is trumped by East, who then leads 3H, clears trumps and reduces their trump cards to two.

East then plays JS, losing to North's QS. North plays a D, which is trumped by East, reducing their trumps holding to one.

East plays QC, which loses to North's KC. North plays another diamond, which East trumps (also discarding a spade from dummy).

East has taken six tricks with hearts and still has AS in dummy and 3 winning club tricks in their hand, but they have blocked themselves with AC in dummy and cannot cash their club tricks. If East had foreseen the danger when they trumped the 3rd diamond, and discarded the AC from dummy, they would have unblocked that suit.

BOARD 1					
BD: 1	♠KQ87				Dlr: N
	♥86				Vul: None
	♦9432				
	♣K32				
♠AT9542				♠J63	
♥A4				♥KQJT32	
♦T76				♦	
♣A5				♣QJT9	
	♠				
	♥975				
	♦AKQJ85				
	♣8764				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	-	2	-	-	-
S	-	2	-	-	-
E	1	-	4	4	1
W	1	-	4	4	1
					8
				12	10
				10	

Don't Cause a Ruffle - just Shuffle



How often have you taken the cards out of the pocket of the board only to find them already sorted? The Gods must have been kind to you. No! The cards were not shuffled before being replaced into the pocket.

Sometimes you will notice that every hand you play in a session has not been shuffled or shuffled only minimally.

You are receiving information as to how that board was played at the previous table. To ensure fairness and even playing conditions for all, every player must shuffle every hand before replacing them into the pocket of the board. To not do so is in breach of Law 7 C (see below).

Note also the second sentence of this Law. A sit-out pair must not remove cards from the boards at their table; many fouled boards have resulted from this action.

Happy bridging. Ken Clem (Directors Coordinator)

LAW 7 - CONTROL OF BOARD AND CARDS

C. Returning Cards to Board

After play has finished, each player should shuffle his original thirteen cards, after which he restores them to the pocket corresponding to his compass position. Thereafter no hand shall be removed from the board unless a member of each side, or the Director, is present

Welcome New Members!

New members who have joined in the past two months include:-

- Peter Baverstock
- Lynn Banner
- Des Banner
- Janelle Reed

Thanks to all members for their support and encouragement for new players.



MAY and JUNE 2022

Derek Morris / Di Robinson
 Heather Llewellyn / Brenda Wilson
 Solly Sabdia / Brian McMahon
 John Blyth / Sue Holburt
 Lynne Day / Paul Griffin
 Robyn Chippindall / Anne Lovett
 Kevin Lethlean / Ishwar Mehta
 Doug Matthew / Derek Morris

Managing the Bridgemate



Do you avoid sitting North so you don't have to manage the Bridgemate?

What will you do if a Howell Movement puts you in North one day and it's your job?

It's probably a good idea to get your head around the Bridgemate and one of the best ways to do this is sit North to gain the experience. Others at the table will help you.

What's the best way to use the Bridge Mate? Efficiently, to save time, is the trick. At the beginning of a round, use the bridge mate to check that the right players are in the right position at the table, and that you have the right set of boards. Discovering after the first board that the wrong boards are at the table (it has happened) means the players have lost six minutes and the Director has a problem to fix.

1. Enter the board number at the **beginning** of each Board
2. Enter the contract once it's decided
3. Enter the lead card
4. Enter the number of tricks won, press OK
5. Ask West to verify and accept the entries

If you're dummy, a good time to do Steps 2 & 3 is after West plays the lead card and you've put down your dummy hand and declarer is planning the play. If you're *not* dummy do Steps 2 & 3 while the dummy hand is going down.

Are you West and the verifier?

If you're sitting West, North may ask you to verify the Bridgemate entries after each board. It's important that you understand what you're verifying. You can use the bidding slip to verify North's entries. Once you hit 'Accept' only the Director can fix an incorrect entry so please ensure you check carefully before accepting.

Happy Birthday SBC!!!

Members celebrated the Club's 41st birthday on Sunday 15 May. Any excuse for a party and some yummy cake!



Promotions

Well done to the following members for their promotion from May to June 2022:-

Name	New Rank
Dawn Glancy	Graduate
Di Tierney	Club
John Aitken	Local
Cheryl Martin	Regional
Col Seed	Regional

Almoner's Report

Any member with news about the health or wellbeing of current or past SBC members can contact Ros Purchase, the Club's Almoner, on 0411 546 921.

Teacher's Corner

Lessons for Beginners

Our next set of lessons for beginners commence on Saturday 16 July. The main source of attendees is through word-of-mouth so please help by advertising at other clubs or groups you are involved with. You can find flyers on the table near the main entrance of the clubhouse.

New Supervised Play Session - Tuesday Evenings

Each week includes a mini lesson or discussion of hands from the previous week. It is wonderful to have people in our Club who are happy to devote extra time helping to nurture our newer players.

On 21 June, four tables of beginners attended and most have already become SBC members. Thank you to Pam Pratt, Michele Thorne and Derek Morris for their help with this new session. Thanks also to Pam Wood for co-running the Saturday supervised play sessions after the lessons.



First Tuesday night supervised play session 7 June '22

Rule of Eleven

Apply this rule when partner's lead is fourth highest from an honour card. It enables you, as third hand player, to count how many cards declarer holds which are higher than the opening lead.

1. Subtract the opening lead card from 11
2. Subtract the number of cards in dummy that are higher than the card led
3. Subtract the number of cards in your hand that are higher than the card led

This number equals how many higher cards declarer holds in the suit.

Example:- Partner leads the 5S. Assuming this is a fourth-highest lead, how many spades are in declarer's hand which are higher?

	Partner	
	♠5	
Declarer		Dummy
♠?		♠T74
	You	
	♠KJ8	

1. Partner's lead is 5S so $11 - 5 = 6$
2. Dummy contains two spades higher than 5S so $6 - 2 = 4$
3. You hold three spades higher than the 5S so $4 - 3 = 1$

Therefore, declarer holds exactly one card higher than the 5S, assuming partner's lead was fourth-highest.

The full hand:

	Partner	
	♠Q875	
Declarer		Dummy
♠A42		♠T93
	You	
	♠KJ6	

Sue Holburt – Bridge Teacher

Quick Quiz - Bridge Movies

What's the movie title?

HINT – it contains the word 'bridge'.

BOMC (Meryl Streep)
BOS (Tom Hanks)
ABTF (Sean Connery)
TBOTRK (William Holden)
MAMB (Paul Newman)

Solutions on last page



Thank you to everyone who contributed content for this newsletter. A great team effort.

Birthday Celebrations



Sheila Parsons, Tomasina De Luca and Leanne Roles combined their birthday celebrations and shared a cake with the gang at the Thursday night session on 26 May. Happy birthday, ladies!



Need a partner?

Here are some options

1. Invite someone you've met at sessions or lessons
2. Contact Tomasina De Luca on Mob: 0450 644 749 (for a day partner) or Jan Parker on Mob: 0434 127 741 (for a night partner).
3. Use Pianola to publish a Partner Finder Advert (instructions in May newsletter)

Table Vouchers

Buying a book of table vouchers is a great way to save money (you get 11 games for the price of 10) and avoid the risk of being caught short of cash before a game. A book of vouchers is \$50. Members can pay cash at the club or pay online. The Club's bank account details are: **BSB** 484-799 **Account No.** 000860772. If you pay online, please include your name and the word "voucher" as a transaction reference.

Bridge: A Mind Sport for All (BAMSA)



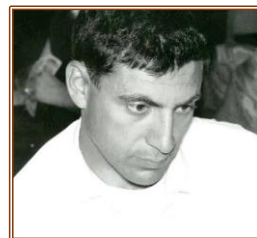
BAMSA began forming when an academic from the University of Stirling in Scotland, Professor Samantha Punch (also an avid and passionate bridge player), was driven by a desire to undertake sociological research into the game of bridge. Samantha was overwhelmed with support from fellow academics and the international bridge community. With donated funding, BAMSA was fully launched in 2020. As a result, there is a new field of academic research - the Sociology of Bridge.

BAMSA's website offers access to a range of fascinating resources including videos, journal articles, academic papers (many with practical one-page summaries), blogs, podcasts and more.

Some of the more thought-provoking topics include the relationship between playing bridge and individual well-being, gender differences in bridge and emotions in elite level bridge.

You can access the resources on BAMSA's website [here](#).

Vale Eddie Kantar



American bridge great, Edwin (Eddie) Kantar passed away on 8 April 2022 at the age of 89. Eddie, a two-time World Champion, wrote 25 bridge books including the popular *Bridge for Dummies*. His writing is imbued with great wit and humour. Eddie amassed more than 10,000 Master Points during his playing career and achieved Grand Master status in the World Bridge Federation rankings. Bridge was not the only

thing Eddie excelled at. Watch [this video](#) (4:41) to find out what other World Championship he competed in.



Become a World Class player online!

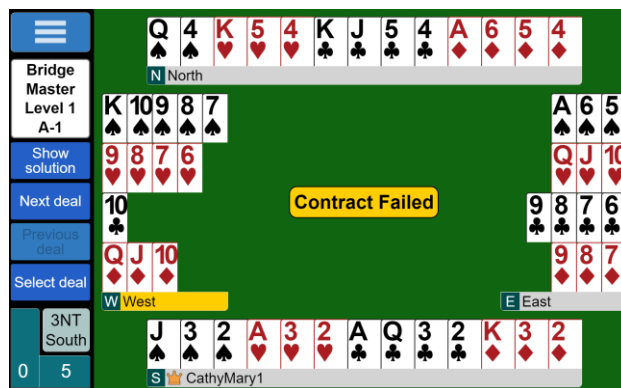


Bridge Base Online's (BBO's) Bridge Master gives you practice playing hands. In Bridge Master, the contract has already been decided and you are the Declarer. The application is free to use.

Search for the BBO website and simply click on play on the Bridge Master tab. It is not necessary to register but there are more options available if you do.

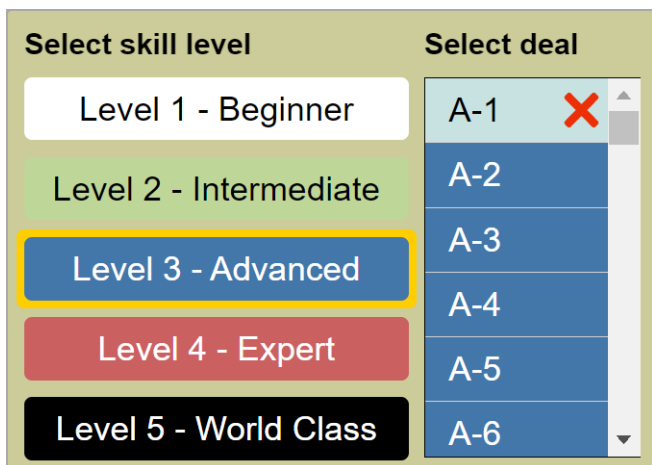


If you fail the make the contract, you'll see something like this

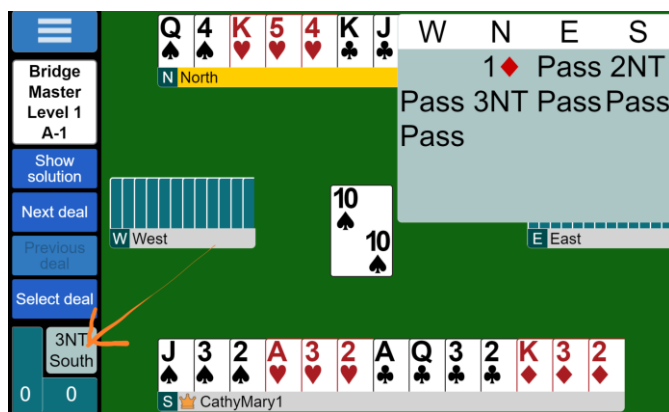


You can play any hand again by clicking on Select Deal, then clicking on the same level; or you can click on Show Solution to be guided through how the hand might have been played. You may move on to a new level at any time to play more difficult hands.

There are over 500 levels! Once you master the final BBO will consider you a World Class player!



Select the level you'd like to start at e.g. **Level 1 – Beginner**. This stage alone has 66 levels!! If you start with Level 1 – Beginner, click on A-1 you will be taken to a table and very briefly shown how the bidding went and what the final contract is, and then you will then become Declarer. If you want to see the bidding at any time, just click on the contract box (see orange arrow in the pic below) and it will pop up. Click again to collapse the 'pop up'.



Now, play the game as declarer and as soon as you make the required number of tricks, the game will stop and you'll see something like this.



Camera Shy?

If you'd prefer not to be included in images the Club's newsletter please let the Newsletter Editor know at editor.at.sbc@gmail.com).



Bridging the Generation Gap

Henry Rose (Junior National Tournament Player, England), agrees to play bridge with his Mum, Helen Rose, as a 'special treat'. Bless him. Watch the YouTube video [here](#) (1:46).



David Bakhshi (a bridge professional) and his daughter, Jasmine Bakhshi (an international bridge competitor), answer questions about each other's bridge lives and compare the results. Watch the video [here](#) (2:01).



Bridge Quiz Solution

The Bridges of Madison County
Bridge of Spies
A Bridge Too Far
The Bridge on the River Kwai
Mr and Mrs Bridge

Five-suit Bridge anyone?

In 1937 Vienna, Walter Marseille (a German-American psychoanalyst) and Paul Stern (an Austrian lawyer and bridge player) developed rules for five-suit bridge. The fifth suit was called Leaves.

In 1938, the British company, De La Rue, published five-suit bridge cards and the fifth set was called Crowns. The Americans caught on in 1938, manufacturing cards with a fifth suit called Eagles.

The rules are not entirely clear but here's how it seems to have gone. The fifth suit ranked higher than Spades but lower than No Trumps. With five 13-cards suits (65 cards), 16 cards were dealt to each player with the extra card dealt face-up in the middle of the table. Whoever won the auction could discard a card (face up) and pick up the one from the table.

Not surprisingly, due to its complexity, the popularity of five-suited bridge took a dive within a year and the five-suit decks became collectors' items.

Here's what Mrs J Kruttschnitt of Brisbane had to say about five suit bridge in 1938.



(Mackay Daily Mercury 27 May 1938 p.9