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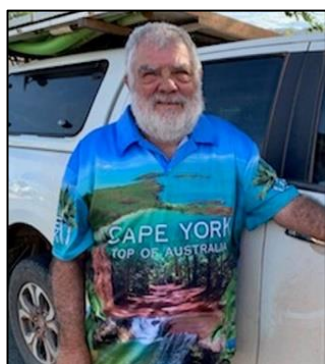
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The Sunnybank DECLARER



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President's Column



Greetings, fellow bridge lovers! As you will have noticed, I haven't been around the Club for the past six weeks, so I don't have anything to say that is bridge related.

The map below shows our adventures up through Central Queensland to the bottom of the Gulf, across to the Atherton Tablelands and up to the Cape.



On our way we visited many places of interest such as Cobbold Gorge, Mornington (home of the biggest crocodile), Karumba (prawn capital of Queensland), Undara Lava Tubes, parts of the Atherton Tablelands, up to the tip of Queensland, across to Weipa (bauxite capital), Cooktown (Captain Cook's landing spot to do

repairs to the Endeavour), down the Bloomfield Track to the Daintree River (croc spotting), on to Cairns (up the famous Kuranda Railway line, back via the Skyrail), Cairns Street Festival and a wonderful visit to the Australian Armour and Artillery Museum (rode in a Leopard Tank).

As I write this, we are on our way south to Townsville to visit our daughter, Paula, and her family.

See you in early October. Happy bridge playing.

Doug Matthew (President)



Convenor's Report

SBC Teams Congress – Sunday 7 August

This was a great day which felt like we are almost back to pre-covid days! We had our full quota of 24 teams register and then had three more teams on the wait list. In addition to our Sunnybank players, there were members from six Brisbane clubs, four Gold Coast clubs and one Sunshine Coast club. There were nine full Sunnybank teams and another seven teams containing one or more Sunnybank members.

Our Congresses are known for the excellent catering and this year was no different. Our members were very generous with their offerings and there was a wide selection of savoury and sweet food at every break and during the presentations afterwards.

The day went without a hitch, despite two people who were unable to play at the last minute but were able to be replaced in time for the event to start.

Thanks are due to our Director, Julie Jeffries, who ensured the event ran smoothly and kept on time. No issues were reported during the game.

The day would not have been possible without our Club's wonderful volunteers. While it is not possible to name everyone, there are a few people who deserve special thanks.

- Pam Pratt and Greg Holburt – caddies and general helpers on the day
- Jeanette Brine, Angela Smyth, Sue Fitzpatrick and Joan Campbell – kitchen helpers extraordinaire!
- Kath Seefeld and Anthony Marsland – who came in at very short notice to make up the required numbers
- Heather Llewellyn, who assisted in the kitchen during breaks in play in addition to providing food
- Everyone who helped in the preparation before the game and clean-up afterwards
- Everyone who brought food
- Everyone who helped in other ways

Thank you all so much – you ensured everyone had a lovely day and made the Convenor's job so much easier.

Best Team with Under 100MPs (average)

Carolyn North, Sandra Aring, Louise Purdie, Peter Fredericks

Best Sunnybank Team

Cheryl Martin, Carolyn Blyth, Richard Tarnawski, Debbie Hoogerdyk

Consolation

Sam Ng, Con Fernandez, Ismail Meman, Loretta Lovett

Plate 2nd Place

Speros Pappas, Andrea Pappas, Helen Chamberlin, Kath Seefeld

Plate 1st Place

Joan Jenkins, Alan Boyce, Susan Sharp, Andrew Sharp

Overall 3rd Place

Agnes Kempthorne, Barry Kempthorne, Jan Peach, Richard Ward

Overall 2nd Place

Watson Zhou, Charlie Lu, Therese Tully, Paul Hooykaas

Overall 1st Place

David Sarten, Susanne Sarten, Janeen Solomon, Terry O'Dempsey



2nd Place Winners – Helen Chamberlin, Kath Seefeld, Speros Pappas, Andrea Pappas



Overall 2nd Place Winners – Paul Hooykaas, Therese Tully, Watson Zhou, Charlie Lu



Best Sunnybank Team – Cheryl Martin, Carolyn Blyth (absent), Richard Tarnawski, Debbie Hoogerdyk



Overall 1st Place Winners – Susanne Sarten, David Sarten, Janeen Solomon, Terry O'Dempsey



Consolation Prize Winners – Ismail Meman, Loretta Lovett, Sam Ng, Con Fernandez



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

- Club Members enjoying the Teams Congress



Jenny Andrews, Judith Bramich, Alice Edwards



Sue Holburt, Richard Tarnawski, Cheryl Martin, Carolyn Blyth



Pat Bos, Jan Parker, Daphne Young, Margaret Low



Bronwyn Taylor, Robyn Chippindall, Lee Pitt

Evening Pairs – Thursday 7 & 14 July

1. Sue Holburt - John Blyth
2. Andrea Pappas – Speros Pappas
3. Doug Matthew - Ken Clem

Winter Pairs – Friday 22 July & 27 July

1. Lilly Jia - Michael Fernon
2. Judith Heck – Joan Gentner
3. Janice Fawcett – Brian Fawcett

Ekka Pairs – Wednesday 10 August

- NS – Dennis Lee – Albina Smyth
 EW – Janet Price – Richard Spelman

Novice <50Mp's (at 30/6/22) – Thurs 18 August

- NS – Greg Holburt – Catherine Mahoney
 EW – Alice Edwards – Judith Bramich

External Events

Congratulations to SBC members Watson Zhou and Charlie Lu who came 1st in the Eric Parsons Open Pairs at the Barrier Reef Congress in Townsville in May 2022. Read about the Congress on page 5 of the [QBA Bulletin May-July edition](#).



Watson Zhou and Charlie Lu – 1st in Open Pairs, Barrier Reef Congress

Upcoming Events

- Novice Pairs (<100 MPs at 31/7) – Thursday 8 & 15 September
- Sunnybank Championship Teams – Saturday 15 October
- Spring Pairs – Friday 21 October & 28 October

Difficult Hand from SBC Teams Congress – 7 August 2022

BOARD 6		
BD: 6	♠ A53	Dlr: E Vul: EW
	♥ T6	
	♦ AKQ82	
	♣ 984	
♠ JT64		♠ 87
♥ KQ7		♥ AJ9852
♦ 53		♦ J74
♣ JT73		♣ K5
	♠ KQ92	
	♥ 43	
	♦ T96	
	♣ AQ62	

The 4/3 fit

It is inevitable that at some time you will find yourself in a 4/3 fit. They can be quite daunting and the key to playing them is to maintain control of the trump suit.

In match 1 board 6 of the Sunnybank Congress (7 August) a couple of tables found themselves in this situation.

East had opened a weak 2H and South ended up in 4S in a 4/3 fit. Missing 6 cards in the trump suit the odds of a favourable 3/3 break are only 36% so it is best to plan for the most likely scenario of a 4/2 split.

And since you have only the top 3 honours you can expect to have a trump loser as well as the inevitable 2 heart losers.

On the board above it will be necessary to run dummy's diamond suit for discards without them being trumped. This means you will need to clear trumps first before playing on diamonds.

West leads KH, then QH and then switches to a diamond to your Queen.

If you now lead out your Ace, King and Queen of spades, West will be left with the top spade. He will be able to trump the 3rd diamond and lead back another heart.

You can trump this with your remaining spade but now have no entries to dummy to continue diamonds.

However, if instead when you win the 3rd trick with the QD you immediately concede a spade trick to the opposition, you will be able to win the subsequent trick and then be able to clear the trump suit.

The way is now clear for you to run the diamond suit and take the club finesse.

You will lose only 2 heart tricks and 1 spade making 10 tricks and the 4S contract.

The **key lesson** from this board is if you do have a loser in the trump suit you should consider conceding it early. Losing control of trumps is a recipe for disaster.

Counting winners in a suit contract

Board 1		♠ J963									
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		♦ AK7									
		♣ A1042									
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♥ J1076		♥ 9									
♦ J104		♦ 8652									
♣ Q863		♣ KJ95									
		♠ 852									
		♥ AKQ542									
		♦ Q93									
		♣ 7									

Challenge

Partner has opened 1C and you playing South have gone to 4H. Opening lead is the JD. You have 3 certain spade losers and with the bad break in trumps must also lose a heart trick. How can you possibly make this contract?

Answer

Instead of counting your losers, try counting your winners. You have 4 winners in the side suits. If you can add 6 trump tricks by taking 3 ruffs in South's hand this will bring the total to 10 tricks. Win the opening JD lead in your hand with the QD. Play off the AH and KH revealing the bad 4-1 break in trumps. Cross to the AC then ruff a club. The AD and KD provide entries for two further club ruffs and you are pleased to see that West must follow suit. QH now provides you with your 10th trick and you have made your contract.

Thanks, Richard Spelman.

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Please welcome the below to our Club:-

- Davis Zhang
- Phil Kay
- George Collings
- Tere Wotherspoon
- Kathleen Clifford
- Michael Fernon
- Zhuqiang Tian

Social Sub-Committee

A number of members suggested to the Committee that the Club occasionally host social events for members e.g. a BBQ lunch after a morning session, post-play drinks on a Sunday or a trivia night.

If you would like to be part of a small sub-committee (3-4 members) that will meet to explore the idea further, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Club noticeboard.



July and August 2022

Sheila Parsons / Karen Moss
 Lynette Crookall / Tomasina De Luca
 Lee Pitt / Sue Barnes
 Anne Lovett / Paul Griffin
 Diane Tierney / Wendy Carter
 Ros Purchase / Margaret Low
 Sherrell Cardinal / Peter Lang
 Sheila Parsons / Tomasina De Luca
 Peter Heard / Derek Morris
 Sue Holburt / John Blyth
 Kathleen Wooler / Michael Fernon
 Stuart Bell / Ken Clem
 Loretta Lovett / Ismail Meman

Quiz Answers

1 - J	6 - A	11 - L
2 - O	7 - C	12 - F
3 - E	8 - N	13 - D
4 - B	9 - M	14 - G
5 - I	10 - K	15 - H

Teacher's Corner

Should responder rebid their major suit with only 5 cards?

Some will say yes, and others believe no, saving it for showing a six-card suit. I fall into the latter group but not always. When partner's rebid is 1NT and I have 10 HCP or less, I will rebid my major suit with only five e.g. 1D, 1H, 1NT, 2H. It is likely partner has a fairly balanced hand.

Conversely, if opener bids a second suit or repeats the first (showing more distribution), it is a better option to prefer one of partner's suits. A contract with a 5/1 fit is not nice!

NEW MINOR FORCING is a great convention that can be used when responder has 11+HCP and asks partner about the length of the major suits and their point range. It is used when partner opens a minor suit, then rebids 1NT after you bid a 5-card major suit.

For example, 1C, 1S, 1NT, 2D. The 2D bid is artificial and alertable. Opener has can show 3 card support or 4 of the unbid major but must also jump bid with 14/15 HCP. With neither, opener bids NTs or repeats their own suit. This convention is a great way for finding 5/3 major fits and the major rebid now shows 6 cards.

Beginners' Lessons

The lessons are underway after a delayed start. We have a small class of ten enthusiastic students (a few below).



Promotions – June and July 2022

Name	New Rank
Li Haijai	Graduate
John Reed	Club
Solly Sabdia	Local
David Crocker	Regional
David Green	Regional
Michele Thorne	Bronze Regional
Andrea Pappas	Bronze State
Sue Holburt	National

Almoner's Report

Club members wish Ishwar Mehta all the best in his recovery.

Members were glad to see Lesley Focks back at the Club at the end of August.

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

Youth Bridge

Please encourage the youngsters in your life.



FRIDAY NIGHT
YOUTH BRIDGE

FREE PIZZA DINNER INCLUDED

EVERY FRIDAY | 6:30PM TO 9PM
QUEENSLAND CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB
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Need a partner?

Here are some options

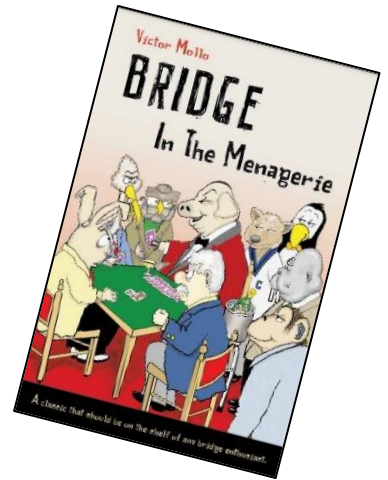
1. Invite someone you've met at sessions or lessons
2. Contact Tomasina De Luca on Mob: 0450 644 749 (for a day partner) or Jan Parker on Mob: 0434 127 741 (for a night partner).
3. Use Pianola to publish a Partner Finder Advert (instructions in May newsletter)

Club Library – new book!!!

Bridge in the Menagerie

“We, at the Griffins Club, have never subscribed to the view that kibitzers should be seen and not heard. Why should they be seen?”

Victor Mollo (1909–1987) was a British bridge player and journalist who authored many books on bridge. Most well-known is 'Bridge in the Menagerie', first published in 1965 and **available soon from the Club's library**. Mollo's book features vivid characters from the fictional Griffins Bridge Club, whose mannerisms satirise real-life players who Mollo encountered in his bridge life.



“Success at bridge, depends less on winning than on extracting the last ounce of pleasure from losing. And this is one of the reasons for the superiority of the Griffins over other clubs. Nowhere else will you find such keen, contented losers, who can savor to the full every luscious blow that fate or partner can inflict.”

Top Marx for this bridge game



Marx Brothers fans will get a chuckle out of this 5 minute 'snip' from the 1930 movie, *Animal Crackers*. Not a director in sight, so they get away with everything! Not very politically correct by current standards but classic Marx Brothers' humour. Watch the video [here](#).

Quiz

How well do you know your fellow Club members? Match a member's name (orange column) with a set of information they shared (blue columns).

Examples:

Blue Row A - Who practised accounting, was born in Warrington, England, and loves knitting and crocheting?

Blue Row K - Who was born in Monselice, Italy, was once a pet shop owner and loves golf, gardening and walking their dog?

SBC Member	Main career/occupation	Place of birth	Main hobby/passion/pastime outside bridge (current or former)
1. Carolyn Blyth	A. Accounting	Warrington, England	Knitting, crochet
2. Con Fernandez	B. Administration Membership Officer	Brisbane, Queensland	Spending time with family
3. Dawn Glancy	C. Bank Manager	Townsville, Queensland	Lawn bowls
4. Deb Hoogerdyk	D. Boilermaker	Tonder, Denmark	AFL
5. Janelle Reed	E. Bookkeeper	Chinchilla, Queensland	Mahjong, Grandchildren
6. Jenny Andrews	F. Industrial Relations	Brisbane, Queensland	Kids, cheering on grandkids who play netball and rugby league
7. John Blyth	G. Lab Technician	Melbourne, Victoria	Hockey, gardening, bird watching
8. Ken Clem	H. Site Engineer	Durban, South Africa	Travelling, reading, grandkids
9. Michele Thorne	I. Nurse	Brisbane, Queensland	Gardening
10. Pat Boss	J. Office administration	Brisbane, Queensland	Arts and craft
11. Peter Heard	K. Pet Shop Owner	Monselice, Italy	Golf, gardening, walking the dog
12. Roy Best	L. Production manager in workwear companies	Preston, Victoria	Horse racing, poker, cricket, golf
13. Runo Simonsen	M. Teacher	Brooklyn, New York, USA	Dancing, needlework, netball, squash
14. Sue Holburt	N. Teacher	Ipswich, Queensland	Electronics, photography
15. Osman Khan	O. Mental Health Nurse	Malaysia	Squash, softball, soccer, badminton

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THANKS SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED. WE'LL INCLUDE THE NEXT GROUP OF 15 IN THE NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN, PLEASE EMAIL editor.at.sbc@gmail.com