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President's Column

Greetings fellow bridge lovers. Well here we are three quarters of the way through the year. Again we have run a number of special competitions as well as all the regular sessions. Good to see we are all still enjoying our favourite game.

In response to our survey regarding our Xmas Party, the committee has taken on board your suggestions and this year we are having Christmas lunch back at the club with outside caterers. The Club is subsidising the cost back to \$30 per person for members and a significant other. The Club will also provide beer, wine and soft drinks for the lunch. I look forward to seeing many members join us for this festive occasion. Being on a Saturday this year, it will not replace the regular Sunday bridge.

If there are sufficient people interested, we can also play bridge on Saturday after the Xmas party.

I will leave Robyn to comment on past and future bridge events. (See the convenor's report)

As usual I am always so grateful to all of our many members who do the work to keep our club running smoothly.

I look forward to our Christmas Party so I can say hello to the members who play on the days that I don't.

Doug Matthew

Who Am I?

Unscramble the letters to reveal a member's name.

1. lolly on a rock
2. a phony nudge
3. sort rye bark
4. nettle nova

Answers on page 4

2024 Promotions

JUNE	
Bronze National	Davis Zhang
JULY	
Graduate	Kevin Lehmann
Club	Michelle Little
Bronze Local	Bob Ren
Silver Local	Haijai Li
Bronze National	Derek Morris
Bronze Life	Pam Wood
AUGUST	
Club	Peter Baverstock
Local	Colin Chesher

Bidding Challenge

Can EW get to slam on this hand? South opens 3S, pass by West 4H, by North. (See last page)

BOARD 19					
BD: 19	♠ Q876			Dlr: S	
	♥ AJ963			Vul: EW	
	♦ 8				
	♣ A87				
♠ J943				♠ AKT52	
♥ T				♥	
♦ AJ52				♦ KQT974	
♣ Q964				♣ K3	
	♠				
	♥ KQ87542				
	♦ 63				
	♣ JT52				
	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N			5		11
S			5		8 15
E	5		6		6
W	4		6		



Social Committee Report

This year the social club has run two successful events. Following the success of last year's Trivia Night, another fun-filled quiz night was held in April. Teams excelled once again, not only with their brilliant minds, but got into the swing of things by dressing up in an array of themed fancy outfits. Michele, our quizmaster stumped us with some cognitive challenges to sort the sheep from the goats.

Enthusiastic members are already considering startling outfits for Trivia Night 2025.

In August, a small number of board game fanatics attended our Board Game Spectacular afternoon. It was another pleasant, successful event, and members generously brought a range of board games, new and old favourites for us to enjoy.

Over a delicious afternoon tea, we got to chat and introduce ourselves to members who normally play bridge on other days. Socialising with members is one of the Social Committee's goals.

Please keep your eye on the Social Committee notice board as we are planning another visit to Toogoolawah Bridge Club in early November. Last year twelve adventurous members drove to the Toogoolawah hotel where we were very warmly welcomed. We purchased lunch from the pub, played bridge in the hotel garden and then finished the afternoon with a very generous and wonderful country afternoon tea.

Toogoolawah Bridge Club is keen for us to revisit this year, so it would be great if members could attend. The drive is not too far and if you are keen, you might make a weekend of it and stay overnight at either the hotel or local motel, as a couple of members did last year. I would like to sincerely thank all the club members who attended our functions this year and the committee for helping organise the events. Getting to socialise with each other outside of bridge playing days is really rewarding especially for newer members, so please consider attending future events.

SBC Social Committee



Card Play Challenge

Level- Beginner to Novice

Dealer N

The bidding: 1C, 2D, 2NT, 6D (EW pass throughout)

North \heartsuit 532 \spadesuit KQ3 \heartsuit A92 \clubsuit Q942

South \heartsuit AKQT976 \spadesuit J5 \heartsuit K65 \clubsuit A

Lead \heartsuit Q

North optimistically bids to 6D. What should you do first? See answer on page 4

Pianola

Sunnybank Bridge Club uses pianola for a variety of reasons. It allows us to send out bulk emails to members and probably the best feature is the partnership finder tool yet so few members take advantage of this.

It is possible to select a group of players who can see your partnership request or alternatively you may block players that you have no interest in playing with. If you need help to log in to pianola or have never logged in, please contact Alice Edwards (Club Secretary).



Convenors Report

QBA Teams of 3 – Saturday 27th July

This is the first year that Sunnybank has hosted this event for Novices with less than 50MPs.

Three novice players teamed up with an expert captain (provided by QBA). Each novice had a turn playing with the captain.

Twenty-four teams competed and the club received lots of praise about the day and many comments from the novices on how valuable the experience was.

The event was a challenging one to organise, but well worthwhile. Many thanks to Director, Julie Jeffries, QBA Representative Richard Ward and the 24 expert captains who gave up their afternoon to assist the Novices.

The field was divided into three sections and Sunnybank players placed well in the C Grade.

1st - Mary Langler, Ray Langler and Dianne Arthur with Richard Fox (Captain)

2nd – Stella Jenks, Lynda White and Liza Kirwan with Paul Collins (Captain).

Sunnybank Teams Congress – Sunday 4th August

As always, this day was a wonderful success. Julie Jeffries, the director, ensured the play ran smoothly and efficiently.

Our wonderful members, who provided a superb array of food for the breaks, earned the club many compliments on the catering.

Twenty-six teams entered with ten full teams of Sunnybank members.

Many thanks to Sue Holburt (Recorder and Caddie) and all the members who contributed to the day's success - those who helped in the kitchen, those who contributed their time (and expense) to bring in delicious food and those who helped with prior setup and the clean up after the event. Our club would not manage without the help of these wonderful volunteers!

The Championship winners were :

Charlie Lu, Martin Qin, Watson Zhou and Eileen Li
Both Charlie and Watson are members of Sunnybank, so it was great to have two club members in the winning team.

Other Sunnybank winners were:

Plate (Section B) 1st Place - Tere Wotherspoon, Kathleen Clifford, Peter Lang, Sherrell Cardinal
Consolation (Section C) 1st Place - Cheryl Martin, Carolyn Blyth, Ken Clem, Gary Volz

Best Sunnybank Team (not receiving any other prize)
Lilly Jia, John Morris, Barry Koster, Barbara Mackay
Congratulations to all the winners.

Coming Events

 – See Events Noticeboard for more information

Sunnybank Championship Teams – 5th October

Entries now closed

Teams Practice Day – Sunday 3rd November

12:45 for 1:00pm start - Green Points
This event replaces the normal Sunday afternoon pairs session.
SBC MEMBERS ONLY and players MUST enter prior to the event.

Brisbane Interclub Teams – Sunday 17th November

Register now to be selected to represent our club in the Brisbane Zone Interclub Event.

There are 3 categories

- Open
- Under 400 MPs
- Under 100 MPs

Robyn Chippindall - Convenor

Members may now click on a link at the bottom of the results page if they would like a copy of the day's hand record.



Directors' Corner

Incorrect lead from declarer

When declarer leads a card from the wrong hand then either defender may accept that lead or require it to be retracted. If the defenders disagree on this, it is the player next in turn to the irregular lead that has the final say.

When the lead card is not accepted the incorrect lead card is returned to dummy's or declarer's hand, whichever is applicable.

Declarer NEVER has a penalty card.

Major and minor penalty cards (PC)

When a defender exposes two cards by accidentally playing them simultaneously, they may choose which one they wish to play. If the unplayed card is lower ranked than a ten it will become a minor PC. This also applies if a single card is accidentally dropped onto the table, including during the auction, if that player becomes a defender. Any time a player has two or more PCs, they will all be major PCs irrespective of how they occurred.

A card that is deliberately exposed such as a lead out of turn (that is not accepted) is always a major penalty card.

Treatment of the two types of PC is different. The only restriction for a player with a minor PC is when choosing to play a non-honour card in the same suit as the PC. The minor PC must be played. It is acceptable to play an honour card in that suit or to discard in a different suit while the minor PC is still on the table.

A major penalty card must be played at the first legal opportunity and there may be lead restrictions on the offender's partner.

Always call the director to get the correct ruling.

Sue Holburt – Director

Who Am I? – Answers

1. Lyn Crookall
2. Daphne Young
3. Barry Koster
4. Anne Lovett

Keeping our clubhouse tidy

How can you help?

Before the session

- Empty the dishwasher
- Check if more glasses or mugs need to be put out.

After the break

- The sit out pair should tidy the tea/coffee area.
- If you drop crumbs vacuum please them up.

At the end of the session.

- Put your glass or mug in the dishwasher.
- Neaten your table and remove any rubbish from the side tables.
- Push your chair in.
- Turn the dishwasher on if needed

Thank you to all those that already help with these tasks .

Bidding Challenge Solution

East has a very nice two-suited hand and doesn't need much from partner to make game in either suit. The options are to overcall one of the suits and hope for the best or to double for takeout hoping to find the spade fit. (A lot of experienced players use the takeout double up to 4H).

Author's choice - Double and if West replies 5C, it may be corrected to 5D.

West should reply 4S after the double and East now has interest in slam.

4NT- East (ace asking), 5C - West(RCKB) 1 ace.

6S - W A little risky but it is likely N/S have the ♥A

If the opponents bid 5H, it may be impossible to find slam.

Card Play Challenge Solution

The first thing you should do is MAKE A PLAN.

South has two potential losers, 1 spade and 1 heart. The heart loser may be discarded on a spade winner in dummy. This hand is about entries. You need to preserve an entry to dummy. If you play the ♥A on trick one you have a problem. You may be able to force out the ♠A by leading the jack to set up the K,Q but more experienced players will duck the first lead of spades then play it on the next. Dummy is now cut off and the contract will fail.

