

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow Bridge lovers.

Well, here we are in May already and lots of things have happened. As many of you will know, SBC ran a very successful novice Congress which was very well received by all participants. The catering for this function was a good covid safe practice for the upcoming Sunnybank Teams' Congress on the 1st August.



While speaking of covid safe, we have had a return of the Birthday cake for 80 year olds and tea/coffee for all of our sessions.

I would like to thank all of our Directors for giving up their time to direct our games and thank them for encouraging players to keep talk to a minimum and encourage players to arrive in a timely fashion.

Thank you also to the organisers for the improving play lessons with Richard and Andy.

Work being done around the club includes the updating of our fire equipment (thank you, Col Seed), working with the Council to have the driveway lights fixed and the building checked for termites and other vermin and also finding the dead rat in the air-conditioning compartment, which was making it very unpleasant to play for a few days.

I have worked with the plumber to clear the tree roots from the storm water drains and arranged for him to put new drainage in the area near the bbq, to reduce the risk of any flooding during heavy rains.

We have had a quote to have our club house repainted outside around the middle of the year and we hope that will give our home a fresh look.

Early in June, our ageing solar system, which is not fulfilling our needs for solar input to the club, is set to be replaced with a much bigger and more efficient

system. The hope is that this new system will go a long way to negating our power bill.

This year has only begun and we as a team have achieved so much. Thank you to all my helpers and I wish everyone happy, cheerful and successful bridge.

Doug Matthew



DIRECTOR IS CALLED

JOHN MCILRAITH

Lead Out Of Turn By Declarer Or Dummy

- A. During the course of play, the declarer, **WINS** the trick in dummy but then leads from his hand, or **WINS** the trick in hand and calls for a card from dummy. The **DIRECTOR IS CALLED**.

There are two options, either:

- i) The lead can be accepted by defenders either verbally or by the next player in rotation playing to the trick. Whichever action takes place first will have precedence.
- ii) If the lead is not accepted, then the card played is returned to declarer's or dummy's hand. (Note that it is not necessary to lead a card of the same suit).

N.B. Dummy may warn declarer about leading from the wrong hand, but not after declarer has led.

- B. During the course of the play North, the declarer, **DOES NOT WIN** the trick, but leads to the next trick from either their own or dummy's hand. The **DIRECTOR IS CALLED**. The options are exactly as in i) or ii) above.



CONVENORS' REPORT

QBA Novice Pairs Congress

The Novice Pairs was held on Sunday 2nd May at Sunnybank and was an outstanding success!

President Doug welcomed players from 16 other clubs (and Sunnybank members), Director Julie Jeffries and QBA Vice President Jim Evans.

Jim officially opened the event and was pleased to tell entrants that this year the QBA is offering the winners the wonderful prize (in addition to being State Champions) of –

- two economy return air tickets from (capital departure city) to Perth PLUS
- \$250 for each player to help with other expenses. PLUS
- paid entry into the ANC Restricted Butler Pairs event held during the ANC

We had 22 tables and the entrants ranged from those with years of experience to new players who had never competed in a major competition before.

This year, it was more challenging hosting the event, thanks to Covid restrictions and we were unable to provide our usual spectacular food offerings at every break. Providor, Cora Taylor, sourced a wonderful lunch which was individually packaged and delivered to players at their table. All the club's covid protocols were adhered to, and in addition to the lunch, drinks and nibbles (individual packets of chips and cheese & biscuits) were provided at the end of play.

The Championship was won by Dianne Hiles and Richard Booth of Tamborine Bridge Club. We were pleased to have Sunnybank members Martin Wu and Lily Jia come 3rd in the overall section. In addition to the cash prizes awarded to the three overall winners, there were cash prizes in the Under 50MPs and Under 25MPs. There were also two additional prizes for Most Improved (bridge books) and an Encouragement Award for the pair who entered with the least number of points (bottles of wine).

The day ran very smoothly and we received numerous positive comments and compliments, both on the day and since. Several emails were sent congratulating the club for the great day, and Julie Jeffries wrote a very positive report to the QBA with the final comment statement saying -

‘All in all, a very enjoyable congress played in the spirit of friendly competition.

Sunnybank are to be congratulated on the high standard set in hosting this event.’

Many thanks are owed to Julie Jeffries, who ensured that the play stayed on time and that any calls of

‘Director please’ were dealt with promptly and efficiently. Thanks also to Jim Evans, who stayed throughout the day, providing assistance to Julie, and awarded the trophy and prizes at the end of play. Thanks, especially, to Doug Matthew, Janet Price and Di Robinson for their work throughout the day, which ensured everyone had a wonderful time.

Coming events –

- Nationwide Pairs resumed post covid and will continue monthly Thursday 3/6 (pm), Thursday 1/7 (pm) and Thursday 5/8 (pm).
- Monday Evening Pairs – Monday 14/6
- Winter Pairs 2 week event Friday 23/7 & 30/7.
- Teams' Practice Day - Sunday 24/7
- SBC Teams Congress – Sunday 1/8
- **Improvers' Lessons –**
- Richard Fox's four weeks of lessons finished on 12 May. All feedback was very positive.
- Richard has agreed to hold more lessons later in the year.
- Andy Hung lessons for Advancing Players – Sundays 20/6, 27/6 & 4/7.
- Andy has agreed to give more lessons on Sundays 26/9 & 3/10. There may be a lesson on Sunday 10/10. This lesson will be dependent on whether there is a Festival of Bridge novice event on that day.

Robyn and Jane (Convenors)

GARDENING

Our gardens continue to flourish under the care and hard work of Bernice Cooper and Joan Campbell.

Many are commenting on how pleasant it is to see the landscape looking so welcoming. A big Thank You.



ALERT !! ALERT !!

A few members have noticed a bleaching effect after hand sanitiser gel has dripped on their clothes. To be on the safe side, please be careful using this product and ensure none gets on your clothing. It could be coincidence.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE COMPETITION WINNERS

Charlie Lu tops the honours' list winning many outside club comps. Here are the rest of us!
KISS Trophy -2nd - **Anne Lovett** . BBO Pairs March Winners - **Kath Seefield & Kay Mukai**. BBC Easter Pairs B grade 1st – **Barry Koster & Jeff Conroy**. Redlands Team Novice - 1st **Don Weerheim/ Lilly Jia & Martin Wu**. Barrier Reef Congress Restricted 3rd **Mary Simon & Kevin Hamilton-Reen**. Qld Novice Pairs - 3rd **Lilly Jia & Martin Wu**. Autumn Pairs -**Janet Price & Narelle McIver**. April Thursday Night Eclectic - **Sue Holburt & John Blyth**. April Friday Eclectic – **Doug Matthew & Roslyn Purchase**. Robinson Pairs- 1st **Pam Wood & Lesley Focks**. 2nd – **Janet Price & Richard Spelman**. 3rd - **Narelle McIver & Bernadette O'Connell**. GNOT Qualifying Heat 1st - **Janet /Richard /Jim & Cora**. 2nd – **Don W/Don P/ Lilly & Martin**. 3rd –**Doug/Roslyn & Loretta & Ismail**. Apologies to anyone we may have missed.



Congratulations Octogenarians!! Of 2021

June Cross, John Collins, Solly Sabdia, John Bowen and Ron Cross.



Congratulations Nonogenerian!! Of 2021

Pam Wood



Top Scores of the Month

Monday (am) - 12th April.

71% - **Cheryl Martin & Brenda Wilson**

Monday (pm) 19th April.

70.3% - **Carolyn & John Blyth**



The **LIBRARY** is now back in operation!



New Members

We would like to welcome **Catherine Mahoney, Stella Jenks, Runo , Meg Simonsen, Diane Stewart & Diane Sakzewski** to the Sunnybank Bridge Club and hope that their stay will be a long and happy one.



CONGRATULATION TO THESE PLAYERS WHO HAVE GAINED PROMOTIONS

Before 31st May

Silver National: **Kiku Mukai**

Silver Local: **Bronwyn Taylor**

Bronze Local: **Cheryl Martin**

Bronze Local: **Judith Bramich**

Local: **Noel Durnford**

Club: **John Atkin**



Etiquette Reminder

It is polite to be sitting at your table at least ten minutes before play.

Please greet everyone at the table.

Remember if the opposition plays particularly well, it is nice to congratulate them. It is not good manners to high five yourselves!

North should place the bridgmate in the centre of the table for all to see the results. It is not a closely guarded state secret!

Boards should not be discussed until the end of the movement, if time permits, and only quietly.

Also please keep coffee/tea counter clean behind you.



A member is selling **HONEY**, with committee approval. It is an honour system.



A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game and are driving home from a distant bridge congress. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife: “ Relations of yours”?
“Yes” she says, “In -laws”.



When dummy comes down weaker than expected, tell your partner: “Where is the hand you held during the bidding”?



Almoners' Report

Nice to see Ken Robinson back at bridge since his bad fall.

Michelle Thorne has come through two recent knee replacements with flying colours.

Good to see Bernadette O'Connell back at bridge after her hip operation and coming 3rd in the 2 week Robinson pairs with Narelle McIver, and 2nd in the BBC gnot with Narelle, Janet & Richard.

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Graham Wilson. Sincere condolences to Brenda and his family and friends.

Until the next newsletter please all stay well and warm.

Jeanette Brine



TEACHERS'S REPORT

Bridge Lessons

The next bridge beginners' lessons, starting Tuesday August 3 at 7pm, have now been added to our website in the lessons' section.

There are currently 12 people who may be interested and the next beginners' lessons' flyer will be available early June. I am planning to advertise on community radio. There is no cost. Other options are for members to please post on their local community FB groups and for members to be encouraged to take flyers to other groups they participate in. Please help advertise our lessons.

Supervised Play

Pam Pratt and Pam Wood have very kindly offered to run supervised play on Saturday afternoons for at least 6 - 8 weeks. The main purpose is so the new players have access to 2 supervised play sessions. The Pams are being supported by other club members so the hands may be scored on the computer as well as making full tables. Pam will have a weekly topic and discussion to reinforce material covered in the lessons.

There is no plan for master pointing these sessions at the moment. Information about this session has also been included on our website.

It is great to see some of the "lesson graduates" joining in regular sessions including Thursday morning.

Sue Holburt



FAVOURITE RECIPES

Spinach & Feta Muffins

375g (2 ½ cups) s/r flour	375ml buttermilk
1tbs cut fresh dill & chives/	125mls olive oil
1tbs parsley	1 large egg
½ tsp b/c soda & bl pepper	½ cup cut olives/
1 tsp each salt & sugar	sun dried tomatoes
2tbs finely grated parmesan	150gm feta crumbled
250gm English Spinach finely shredded, cooked & drained (if frozen thaw & drain thoroughly).	

METHOD: Preheat oven 220°C Makes 12muffins. Mix dry ingredients, add dill and chives,spinach,feta parmesan and stir to combine. Use a fork to whisk milk, butter and egg until well combined. Add milk mixture and use a metal spoon until just combined, (do not overmix). Spoon mixture into greased muffin pans or cupcake muffin papers. Sprinkle with extra parmesan. Bake 20 mins. Serve warm. **Allie Hayes**

PORK JERKY

1kg minced pork	2 tbsp light soya sauce
½ tsp cinnamon pdr	2 tbsp fish sauce
¼ tsp 5 spice pdr	1 tbsp hua tiao wine
½ tsp coriander pdr	1 cup raw sugar
½ tsp white pepper	1 dsp dark soya sauce

Mix well and spread thinly over 2 trays lined with wax paper.

Let it stand for an hour and then bake @180' for 20-30 mins.

Cut pork into square slices, brush with warmed honey and grill for 2 min on each side. **James Lee**

Tomato and Vegie Soup

420g diced Tomatoes	3chopped spring onions
420g beef consomme	1clove crushed garlic
1/2 pkt Instant noodle (incl. all seasonings)	
1 cup mixed frozen veges	1 tsp olive oil

Fry garlic in olive oil. Add diced tomatoes. When hot add beef consomme. Bring to the boil and add frozen vegetables, noodles and spices, heat until cooked and sprinkle with chopped spring onions. **Jeanette Brine**



Permanent Partnerships

If you are looking for a casual or permanent partner could you please contact Tomasina to see if she can match you up with someone suitable.

BRIDGE HANDS

Board 25 KISS Trophy

South has bid aggressively to 6♠ - lead is 3♣

♠ 86 ♥ QT9 ♦ K432 ♣ Q543	Dir: N Vul: E-W	♠ QT5 ♥ A86 ♦ T76 ♣ JT92
♠ K94 ♥ 53 ♦ QJ98 ♣ A876	♠ AJ732 ♥ KJ742 ♦ A5 ♣ K	



Planning the play: -

When playing these difficult hands you need to assume that the cards needed to make the contract are favourably located and plan the play accordingly and it is usually imperative that you take your tricks in the correct order

On this board you must lose a trick to the A♥ and cannot afford any other losers

Consequently, you will need spades to break 3/2 with East holding the Q♠ and you also need East to hold the A♥ to try and keep heart losers down to 1

This will necessitate leading twice from dummy to finesse both the J♠ and the K♥

Currently you have only 1 entry to dummy with the K♠, but dummy's heart shortage creates the opportunity for a 2nd entry

Therefore, you will need to play on the heart suit first to create that 2nd entry

* win K♣ and cross to K♠ – lead a heart to the King (East will probably hold up the Ace but makes no difference if he plays it)

* after winning with the K♥ - concede a 2nd heart (West will probably take this trick with the 10)

* whatever West returns, you can win and trump a 3rd heart in dummy. The fortunate 3/3 break means your remaining 2 hearts are now winners

* play off the A♣ to discard your 5♦ then take the finesse to your J♠ and play the A♠ to clear trumps

* all your remaining cards are winners and you have made your Slam

note 1: an opening lead of a trump would have made things awkward. It would require the foresight

in planning to win in dummy with the K♠ rather than take the free finesse of the A♠.

note 2: whether playing in a suit contract or NT's, if you have a long suit as in the case with South's hearts here, this is usually where your extra tricks will come from.

A very good player in Peter Evans advised me to give priority to establishing your long suit.

By Richard Spelman

A Case for 2/1

GNOT Qualifier Match1 Board 1

♠ 54 ♥ KQ96 ♦ K5 ♣ AQ964	Dir: N Vul none	♠ AK873 ♥ AJ82 ♦ J6 ♣ K2
♠ T62 ♥ T3 ♦ AQ843 ♣ T73		

N	E	S	W
Pass	1S	Pass	2C (1)
Pass	2H (2)	Pass	3H (3)
Pass	3S (4)	Pass	4C (5)
Pass	4NT (6)	Pass	5S (7)
Pass	6H		

1. 2C response is 2/1 13+pts GF (min 3C).
2. 2H shows 2nd suit (or bid 2NT).
3. 3H agrees Hearts is the suit.
4. 3S shows 1st/2nd control with a 6 loser.
5. 4C shows 1st/2nd control also 6 loser.
6. 4NT is RKCB
7. 5S shows 2 controls with Q trumps.

Play is straight forward. With an AD lead 12 tricks are cold. Any other lead you can make 13 tricks.



I think we are all a little masochistic. Otherwise, why would we continue to play bridge?

If there was a twelve step program to help bridge addicts, the first step would involve counting to 13.

