

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow bridge lovers. As you are all well aware, Covid keeps changing the rules on us. We were lucky enough to play three and a half sessions without masks before they were back on again.

The Xmas party looks like it will be well supported, provided it is allowed to go ahead Covid permitting. There was some school of thought that we should go back to Xmas at the Club. This is not possible in these strange times. We cannot meet the health rules. There was also a little confusion re the cost on the invite. Each member can bring a partner at a cost of \$25 each. If you want to bring more than one friend the cost for them will be \$35 each.

Those observant will have noticed that our flagpoles have gone missing. They have not been used for a long time and they were casting shadows on our new solar panels. Even a small amount of shade reduces their production. The new system is working very well and will reduce our power bill significantly.

It was a great shame our teams' congress was not able to go ahead in August, but we have two more chances at team events in October.

First our practice day on the 9th October, 2021 with free bridge and a chance for our players and director to gain experience is being well supported but it looks like we need one more team to make the numbers even.

Then later in the month the Sunnybank Championship Teams will follow on the 24th October 2021. Note the requirement to have played at least six SBC green point sessions during the twelve months before the 31.8.21 to be eligible.

Wishing you all happy, enjoyable and successful bridge.

Doug Matthew (President)



DIRECTOR IS CALLED

Revoke

JOHN MCILRAITH

The **DIRECTOR IS CALLED** because a player has revoked, ie they have failed to follow suit, when still able to. The most important question for the Director is "**Has the revoke been established?**"

The revoke is **ESTABLISHED** when:

1. The offender or their partner leads or plays to the next trick. 2. If the offender was declarer and plays or nominates a card to be played to the next trick.

Up until the time of establishment, the revoke must be **CORRECTED**;

a. by a defender, by playing a correct card and the withdrawn card stays on the table as a penalty card.

b. by declarer or dummy, by playing a correct card and replacing the withdrawn card in their hand.

(When corrected, non-offending players may change any subsequent card played to the trick and, if they do, then so can the offending side but the original card played becomes a penalty card).

Trick Adjustment Following a Revoke

A revoke is not always subject to a trick adjustment. Therefore, the Director must establish the following facts to decide whether 0, 1 or 2 tricks are transferred to the non-offending side.

1. Did the offending **SIDE** win the trick on which the revoke occurred or any subsequent tricks? If the answer is **NO**, then **NO** tricks can be transferred.

2. Did the offending **PLAYER** win the trick? If so, there is a transfer of **ONE** trick **AND** if the offending **SIDE** won any more tricks, there is an additional one trick.

3. The offending **PLAYER** did not win the trick. Then there is a transfer of **ONE** trick - only if the offending **SIDE** won that trick or a subsequent trick.

NB. 1. No more than two tricks can be transferred and you cannot take away any more tricks than were won from the time of the revoke to the completion of the hand. 2. If the Director considers that the **AUTOMATIC TRICK ADJUSTMENT** is insufficient to the non-offending side, then an adjustment score **MAY** be awarded.

TRIBUTE TO GWEN GREEN (Harms)



Front: Gwen Green. Behind: Daphne Jones and Pam Wood. Back: Roslyn Purchase.

Gwen was one of those unassuming members who quietly contributed much to the club, joining when the club played at the Sunnybank Bowls Club. Gwen, Pam and Daphne volunteered to teach in the new clubhouse in 1989 to attract new members. Over several years, friendly lessons followed by encouraging supervised play saw the trio grow the membership by over a hundred.

Pam relates how during one lesson she, with a broken arm, took the lesson, while Gwen with a sore throat, was the scribe on the latest technology, "The White Board."

Gwen took Ros Purchase, a new member "under her wing," and they forged a lasting partnership and friendship. Ros remembers one of her favourite quips was, "Don't be a hero!" That is, in No Trumps, get your contract first (most likely one of the reasons her name is on the Honour Board)

And so, we remember one of those people, who gave so much, and was rewarded with wonderful friendships and success.



TEACHER'S CORNER

After a delayed start due to Covid-19 uncertainties and lockdowns, the August beginners' lessons are almost complete.

We have approximately three tables of people attending the current lessons.

After this, SBC will again be providing supervised play sessions to help our newer players gain confidence and to hone their newly learned bridge skills before joining our regular sessions.

The very able Pam Wood, Pam Pratt and Derek Morris, along with their regular helpers will be running these sessions on a Saturday afternoon starting on October 16th (see the website for exact time). Sue Holburt would like to thank all her wonderful helpers from both the August and February lessons this year.

The next beginners' lessons will commence Jan 2022.



Request From the Treasurer

Can I please request that we all try to minimize coins, especially silver coins, when paying for table fees, lessons etc at the club.

Obviously at times that is not possible (comp fees for example) but I would like to point out that apart from yourself there are four other times those coins have to be counted before reaching the bank.

I would appreciate your effort and thanks in advance.

Jenny Andrews



ALMONERS' REPORT

Ken Robinson has had a few more falls and has been in hospital but fortunately is back at home. Kay Peachey sadly lost her partner of many years and we hope she will return to bridge when the time is right.

Gwen Green passed away recently and was a long time member of this club and at one stage was part of the teaching group.

Fortunately there was not as much to report this time which is good.

Jeanette Brine



CONVENOR'S REPORT

Coming events –

Spring Pairs – Fridays 1/10 & 8/10

Thursday Evening Pairs – Thursdays (PM)
14/10 & 21/10

Sunnybank Championship Teams Sundays -
24/10 & 31/10

Teams Practice Day - Saturday 9/10

The second practice team event for Jo Neary is just 1 week away and we have seven teams registered. As the Championship Teams is being held on the last two weeks of October, it is very important that this practice event goes ahead.

We are happy to accept teams, pairs and solo nominations.



Improvers' Lessons -

Andy Hung has completed his second set of three lessons. While not as popular as the first set, they were very well received by the attendees.

There was only a small loss overall, which we believe was justifiable and well worth it.

We hope to look at further lessons next year.

Jane and Robyn



Congratulations to the following:

Novice Pairs(<50MPs) **Donald Weerheim & Lilly Jia**
September.

Thursday Eclectics PM **Ahmed Latif and Ismail Meman**

Thursday Eclectics AM **Cheryl Martin and Judith Bramich**

Wednesday Eclectics **Roslyn Purchase**

The Brisbane GNOTS' final was held at QCBC over the final weekend in August.

There was some very strong competition.

SBC1 Team **Janet, Richard, Jim & Cora** 8th.

SBC3 Team **Doug, Roslyn, Ishmail & Loretta** 32nd

SBC2 Team **Don, Lily, Martin & Rob** 34th.

SBC4 Team **Kevin, Mary Narelle & Natasha** 43rd.

(The top five teams all came from QCBC).



Date and Ginger Loaf

½ cup chopped dates

½ cup chopped preserved ginger,

1 teaspoon ginger powder,

1 tablespoon butter,

½ cup sugar,

1 small teaspoon bicarbonate of soda,

1 cup boiling water.

Stir well. Allow to cool.

Add 1 ¾ cup of SR flour and pinch salt.

Add chopped walnuts and a grated apple if desired.

Cook in slow oven approx. 45 minutes.

Serve buttered when cool.

Janet Price



JINGLE BELLS

As you know, our club has always run (before Covid) Xmas raffles as a fund raiser for the Salvos' Xmas appeal. We would like to keep this tradition going, as in the past we have raised considerable funds for this very worthy cause, with all your support.

Next month you will see three decorated boxes to put your donations in for first, second and third prizes - things like Xmas goodies, hand crafts, jams, grog, plants, anything that a recipient would enjoy winning. (Please, no secondhand items.) There will be tickets and a container for money beside them when we are ready to start selling.

All enquires to Di, Janet or Cora. We are thinking tickets should be \$1 each. We will draw the raffles at our Christmas party at the Runcorn Tavern on the 12th December.

We hope you will support this charity. It will add to the festive atmosphere in the club.



Sunnybank Club Welcomes

The rejoining of **Helen Cleave & Camille Moran**.

May their stay be a long and happy one.



Regardless of what sadistic impulses we may harbor, winning bridge means helping partner avoid mistakes.

-Frank Stewart



Playing the Odds

Bridge is a game of percentages and if you use them to your advantage you will invariably do well. It is useful to know the odds of how the missing cards will break against you.

Cards	Most Likely	Next Likely
2	1-1 52%	2-0 48%
3	2-1 78%	3-0 22%
4	3-1 50%	2-2 41%
5	3-2 68%	4-1 28%
6	4-2 48%	3-3 36%
7	4-3 62%	5-2 31%
8	5-3 47%	4-4 33%

Another useful guide when deciding whether to play for a drop or take a finesse is the **Principle of Restricted Choice**.

It states that when a player follows suit or wins a trick with one of two equal cards the probability of the player having both cards is halved. For example, South leads a low spade, West plays a low one, North plays the queen, East wins with the king. The ace and king are equivalent cards; East's play of the king decreases the probability East holds the ace and increases the probability that West holds the ace.

Match 8 Board 19 from the Brisbane Zone GNOT Finals is an example of combining these two guidelines to help make a 3NT contract.

♠ Q97
♥ AQ2
♦ Q42
♣ 9632

♠ KJ106 Dlr: S ♠ 432
♥ 107 ♥ Vul: E-W ♥ J854
♦ K109 ♦ 873
♣ AQ105 ♣ J74

♠ A85
♥ K963
♦ AJ65
♣ K8

South is in 3NT on the lead of 5C to the Jack & her King.

A heart is played to the Ace and the diamond finesse loses to the King. Three club tricks are then taken before West exits with the 10 diamonds. Declarer takes three diamond tricks and leads a heart to dummy's Q (West playing the 10H and East the 5H). 2H is then led to South's K9, East playing the 8H.

Declarer must now decide whether to take a finesse against the JH or play for the drop.

With 6 cards missing - the odds of a 3/3 break are 36% while the odds of a 4/2 break are 48%.

Also, the Principle of Restricted Choice means that with West having played the 10H then East is far more likely to have the JH.

Playing the odds, you successfully finesse the K,9 making 1 spade trick, 4 hearts, 3 diamonds and 1 club for 9 tricks and your 3NT contract

By Richard Spelman



Melbourne Cup



Covid permitting, we are hoping to have a simple celebration on Melbourne Cup. We will be running sweeps and hope you get into the mood and wear a hat as there will be a hat parade with prizes. Gentlemen, this includes you!

Bring a plate to share lunch. (We will be watching the race after cards and lunch.)

A list for those who hope to attend to sign, Covid permitting of course, to help in planning, will be on the notice board. Please add your name.



South: Alert! East: Yes? South: I'm requested to further misdescribe my hand.



Know the difference between a serial killer and a bridge partner? Answer: You can reason with the serial killer.

