

# SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



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## NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow bridge lovers. Well here we are fast approaching the end of another unusual year. Anyone coming to the Club lately I am sure will have noticed how good the building and particularly the surrounding gardens look. I would like to thank Bernice and Joan for their wonderful efforts to brighten our flower beds. I would also like to thank Greg Holburt for his continued efforts to keep most of the leaves out of the carpark.

We had another great Melbourne Cup Party this year. Thank you to the organisers and particularly to Heather for her catering expertise.

A number of members and I went to Ron Cross's funeral service and were part of a huge send off to a very popular man. There were many people from family and his varied interest groups attending. Our thoughts go out to June and family.

It has been great to see so many new players starting to enjoy Bridge. Thanks to Sue and her helpers with teaching. I have even seen some hearty souls braving the days with more experienced players. I am sure I am right in saying we are all fully supportive of this happening and I would personally welcome all members to any day of their choosing as this is clearly one of the ways to build our club's future. I am sure all of our more experienced players will welcome them with open arms and give them kind and courteous advice.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Party.

Wishing you all happy, friendly, enjoyable and successful bridge.

Doug Matthew

### CLAIM OF OUTSTANDING TRICKS

The declarer or either defender may make a claim about winning the remaining un-played tricks.

It refers to tricks other than the one currently in progress. Most importantly the claim must include **clarification** of how the tricks will be won (see below).

**Claim:** A statement by declarer or a defender to the effect that a side will win a specific number of tricks is a claim of those tricks. A player also claims when he suggests that play be curtailed, or when he shows his cards (unless he demonstrably did not intend to claim)

**Clarification:** A claim should be accompanied at once by a clear statement of the line of play or defense through which the claimer proposes to win the tricks claimed, including the order in which the cards will be played. The player making the claim faces his hand.

Play is suspended after the claim.

Sometimes the claim is disputed and either the director is called or if agreed by all four players, play may continue, and the claim is cancelled.

When the director is called, they will request that the line of play to be restated. The director will decide the number of tricks won.

If there was no clarification given and/or no mention of outstanding trumps, then if by careless play tricks could be won by the opponents then the director will award these to the opposition.

This is a summary only, of Laws 68,69&70 from **The Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017**.

If you wish to read the full version of the laws, please go to <http://www.worldbridge.org/the-wbf/by-laws/2017-laws-of-duplicate-bridge/>



# DIRECTOR IS CALLED

JOHN MCILRAITH

## Pass Out of Rotation

**Note:** Whenever there has been a call out of turn, the first option is for the Left Hand Opponent (LHO) to accept the call and the bidding continues in rotation.

### A. RHO'S Turn to Call

When a pass out of rotation is made at offender's RHO's turn to call, the offender must pass at his turn to call.

### B. Partner's or LHO's Turn to Call

When the offender has passed at his partner's turn to call, then

- a) Offender's partner may make any legal call at his proper turn,
- b) Offender may make any legal call at his correct turn and:

- i) When the call is a "comparable" call there is no further rectification.
- ii) When the call is not a "comparable" call offender's partner must pass when next it is his turn to call.

## Bid Out of Rotation

**Note:** Whenever there has been a bid out of turn, the first option is for the LHO to accept the call and the bidding continues in rotation.

### A. RHO's Turn to Call –

When the offender has called at his RHO's turn to call, then:

- 1) If that opponent passes, offender must repeat the call out of rotation
- 2) If that opponent makes a legal bid, double or redouble, offender may make any legal call:
  - i) When the call is a "comparable" call there is no further rectification.
  - ii) When the call is not a comparable call offender's partner must PASS when next it is his turn to call.

### B. Partner's or LHO's Turn to Call –

When the offender has bid at his partner's turn to call, or at his LHO's turn to call if the offender has not previously called, then:

- 1) Offender's partner may make any legal call at his proper turn,
- 2) Offender may make any legal call at his correct turn and the Director rules as in A2(i) or A2(ii) above.



# Melbourne Cup Hats

Our Melbourne Cup Hat Parade this year was well represented by both ladies and gentlemen showcasing their hats.

However, when it came to the judging of the 3 best hats, it was the ladies Heather, Michelle and Andrea who raced past the winning post with their headgear.

You may notice each lady is holding the same accessory. Guess in years to come it will be easy to identify in which era this picture was taken.

Anne Lovett



Heather, Michelle & Andrea



Before I teach at Leisure World, a retirement community in Southern California, I am told not to use the term "drop dead bid".





# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

## Spring Pairs Final



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Richard Spelman, Janet Price, Laurelle and Neville McDonnell

# CONGRATULATIONS OCTOGENERIANS!



Congratulations June



Congratulations Solly



Congratulations John



Congratulations Kathy

## Championship Teams



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Peter Heard, Derek Morris, Sue Holburt & John Blyth

October Eclectics:  
Thursday AM **Ishwar Mehta & Kevin Lethlean.**  
Friday AM **Janet Price & Richard Spelman.**  
Moore Trophy **Ken Clem & Gary Volz**

## ALMONER'S REPORT

Since the last newsletter the following has occurred :  
Ken Robinson has had to go into a nursing home as his health has deteriorated.  
Sadly Ron Cross has passed away loving husband of June Cross.  
Max Worthington had also had to go to hospital and I spoke to Joyce and he was just waiting to go into rehabilitation.  
Lastly I am just out of hospital myself (Jeanette) having had some major surgery and will be recovering for a few more weeks yet but will be bouncing back early January.

Jeanette Brine (Almoner)



## I'm Giving up Bridge

I'm giving up bridge, tonight's my last night  
It's Amen to Stayman, I give up the fight  
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles  
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten, who's  
played, what's trumps, and what's gone on my right  
So for now it's all over and I'm off to the backwood  
I'm bidding goodbye to Gerber and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle, I can't stand the pain  
I'm getting those bad cards again and again  
I'm giving up bridge tonight's a bad night  
Declarer in hand and nothing's gone right.

My partner's a dope and I'm losing all hope  
And when she says double I know we're in trouble  
My points are not high, and I'm wondering why  
She kept on bidding right up to the sky.

We're in 7 spades and all hope fades  
When surprise, surprise, her bidding pays  
We're winning all tricks, the defenders feel sick  
And I have to admit my partner's a brick.

But I'm giving up bridge, tonight's my last night  
Farewell to conventions – I give up the fight  
So I leave you with a few words, but some that are  
true

Bridge is a game, not for me but for you.

So be kind to your partner and don't mind their cheek  
For it's only a game. ....Oh and see you next  
week.

Author Unknown (Sourced by Heather Llewellyn).



Man and woman who have never played before get involved in a heart-spade war each trying to outbid the other. Finally the woman who has a terrific hand, bids 7H. Not enough, her partner bids 7S. When the dummy comes down he sees that 7H is cold and 7S doesn't have a prayer. He knows there is going to be trouble after the hand so he begins his apologies early by saying: "Sorry, I should have withdrawn." "You should have withdrawn?" says the lady, "Your father should have withdrawn!"

## Nationwide Pairs

Every month our club enters the nationwide pairs' competition, one Thursday night and one Sunday afternoon. These are advertised in our calendar. Currently ten clubs are participating but the numbers vary. There is an extra dollar charged with table fees as this is a red point event.

The web page is easy to google. Red points don't get posted for a few weeks after the event and take one or two months to be added to your ABF points. The percentage and place you receive at our club change when they get mixed with the other clubs. If for example you are the only one to call a slam amongst the clubs, this can have a dramatic influence on your overall ranking. Some players may wonder why their place varies to their club ranking and this is why. Have a look at the web page and check where you came, if you aren't doing it. (Any questions please ask me.) Everyone's name who played is posted.

There were 126 pairs' entrants for this particular event. Toowoomba normally enters. (Pre Covid more clubs joined in.) Janet Price

Place	Players	Club	Score	Percentage
1	Race, Parkin	Yarra Valley Bridge Club	2664.612	68.253
2	Bolt, McCombie	The Sapphire Coast Bridge Club Inc	2649.145	67.857
3	Friesen, Roberts	Commercial Club Bridge Club Albany	2548.036	65.267
4	Sheedy, Baldry	Mackay Contract Bridge Club Inc	2515.217	64.427
5	Pitt, Spelman	Sunnybank Bridge Club	2509.280	64.275
6	Ruderman, Thomas	Cairns Bridge Club	2492.595	63.847
7	Bentley, Bonney-McCoy	The Sapphire Coast Bridge Club Inc	2469.471	63.255
8	Conroy, Brown	Mackay Contract Bridge Club Inc	2455.457	62.896
9	McIver, Price	Sunnybank Bridge Club	2432.215	62.301
10	Webb, Hardman	Mandurah Bridge Club Inc	2417.881	61.933
11	Larsen, Manders	Townsville Bridge Club	2417.316	61.919
12	Manley, Seychell	The Sapphire Coast Bridge Club Inc	2375.077	60.837
13	Long, Lusk	Cairns Bridge Club	2361.314	60.484
14	Hardie, Kemmer	Mandurah Bridge Club Inc	2342.240	59.996
15	Shaw, Wright	Yarra Valley Bridge Club	2341.585	59.979
16	Stewart, Sheafe	Yarra Valley Bridge Club	2317.964	59.374
17	Burrows, Adams	Yarra Valley Bridge Club	2314.691	59.290
18	Snamidlo, Rusher	Kenmore Bridge Club	2302.356	58.974
19	Twyman, Allen	Townsville Bridge Club	2287.215	58.586
20	Crookall, O'Connell	Sunnybank Bridge Club	2258.094	57.841
21	Brown, Ingle	Commercial Club Bridge Club Albany	2223.643	56.958
22	Robinson, Carless	Mackay Contract Bridge Club Inc	2220.161	56.869
23	Darley, Poole	Mackay Contract Bridge Club Inc	2212.773	56.680
24	Johnson, Mackall	Townsville Bridge Club	2206.448	56.430

## Chocky Rock Biscuits

250g margarine or butter      2 eggs  
1 cup castor sugar              2 cups S.R. Flour  
1/2 teasp. vanilla essence      4 cups corn flakes  
Half a packet choc bits  
Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy.  
Add eggs one at a time, beat well.  
Add vanilla and blend in the sifted flour and choc bits  
and half the corn flakes.  
Form into balls and roll in the corn flakes.  
Flatten a little with a fork and bake on a greased tray  
160 degrees for 15-20 mins. Cool on racks.

Kath Seefield



## BRIDGE HAND

Have you been guilty like we are of walking past our library at the club and not borrowing anything?

Two really good books we recommend are Patrick O'Connor's "A First Book of Bridge Problems" and his follow up one.

We have two books of each in our library. Each book covers 50 hands and it's a good book to pick up over a cup of coffee. I'm sure many of you will want to buy your own copies. It won best bridge book one year by the American Teachers' association.

Below is one of the 100 hands covered in the two books

### Problem 47 You are South, declarer in 4♥.

North ♠ KQ76 ♥ 986 ♦ AK53 ♣ 32

South ♠ J2 ♥ AKT53 ♦ J74 ♣ AT4

West	North	East	South
		pass	1♥
pass	1♠	pass	1 NT
pass	4♥	all pass	

You have a minimum hand balanced hand with five hearts so you open 1♥ and after partner responds 1♠ you bid 1 NT. Partner has an opening hand with three hearts and raises you to game.

West leads ♦ 10. What is your plan?

**Analysis:** You have one loser in ♠, one in ♦ and two in ♣ as well as one in ♥ and only if they behave. A ♣ loser can be ruffed in dummy so you need to eliminate one more. What is the best way to proceed?

### Solution 47

♠ KQ76  
♥ 986  
♦ AK53  
♣ 32

♠ A85  
♥ QJ4  
♦ T9  
♣ Q9865

♠ T943  
♥ 72  
♦ Q862  
♣ KJ7

♠ J2  
♥ AKT53  
♦ J74  
♣ AT4

You should knock out the ♠A and discard a diamond loser on the third round of spades. It is best to do this early because the opponents may lead another diamond when they get in.

Take the opening lead with the ♦A in dummy and lead a low spade to the ♠J in your hand. West will most likely win this with the ♠A and lead the ♦9, which you will take with the ♦K.

Now you can afford one round of trumps, so lead a small heart to the ♥A in your hand. Since you need to ruff a club in dummy later and you are going to have to lose the lead to achieve this, you cannot afford a second round of trumps. When the opponents get in they can lead a trump and you won't have one left in dummy to trump your club loser.

Next, lead the ♠2 to the ♠K in dummy and discard the ♦J on the ♠Q. That gets rid of your diamond loser. Now you can turn your attention to the club loser. Lead a small club from dummy to your ♣A and then duck a club. You can win any return and then ruff a club loser. You will end up with only three losers – a spade, a heart and a club.

**Key Point** Delay drawing trumps if necessary, in order to establish a winner in a side suit on which to discard a loser. Supplied by Richard Spelman



## Beginners' Lessons for 2022

The next set of bridge lessons commence on January 15th 2022, at 1:30 pm.

The club needs your help to promote the lessons. If you know of any local "Over 50 Lifestyle Villages" please contact Sue Holburt so we can organise a letterbox drop.

There will also be the usual flyers available at the club to give to prospective bridge players.



## Farewell

This will be our last edition as editors of our newsletter. We wish the new editors good fortune in keeping us all up to date with our bridge club news. The new editor/s are welcome to ask us for advice if they desire and we would like to thank those of you who have helped with contributions and put the newsletters out.

Janet Price & Cora Taylor





# A Very Successful 2021 Christmas Party

