

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC.



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President's Column

Greetings fellow Bridge lovers.

Well here we are nearing the end of May. My how time flies when you are having fun? Most if not all of our members seem to be in good spirits, our numbers seem to be still improving and our clubhouse and surrounds are in good order, with a few small improvements inside and out. The electrical system has been checked and a number of improvements have been made courtesy of the Brisbane City Council. Our gutters have been cleaned and covered with leaf guard to keep the leaves out and improve their life span. We recently had the carpets, shampooed and deodorised. They came up well and smell fresher.

On the Bridge scene the Kiss Trophy was a great success again this year. May I take this opportunity to thank the workers who assisted with the running of the day, the catering and the cleaning up? I would also like to thank Barry Koster for his continued support. Congratulations to the winners Albina Smyth and Dennis Lee. The Autumn Pairs were held over two Fridays in late April and congratulations go to Barry Koster and Barbara Mackay for their win. The Novice Pairs Congress was held in May and thanks you to Robyn Chippindall for her outstanding organization of this event. We had thirty pairs participate. Julie Jeffries directed on the day, and we always enjoy Julie directing at our events. Many people provided food and the Club provided drinks which were well received. The winners of the day were, I believe, our youngest ever. Congratulations to Paddy Taylor and Alex Wu from A Division. Second place came from B Division, Stuart Stoddart and Sue Calthrop, and third place came from C Division, George Collings and Phil Kay.

Many thanks to Alice for stepping up to put this newsletter together but we definitely need an Editor

for us to have the Sunnybank Declarer continue as Alice has plenty of Secretarial work to do already. Until next time happy Bridging.
Doug Matthew
(President).



Convenor's Report

QBA Novice Pairs Congress

Our Club hosted the QBA Novice Pairs Congress on Sunday 7th May. Entry numbers were a bit disappointing this year with entrants only from Brisbane clubs. However, it was a very pleasant and relaxed day for the 60 entrants (30 pairs) and I believe everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Entrants were welcomed by our President, Doug Matthew, and the Congress was officially opened by Jim Evans, QBA Vice President.

Many thanks to our Director, Julie Jeffries, who ensured that the day ran very well. Thanks also to Jim Evans, who stayed throughout the day, providing valuable assistance to Julie and awarding the trophy and prizes at the end of play.

And many thanks to all the club members who contributed to the day (and made my work much easier!) by helping set up and tidy up the clubrooms and/or bringing a wonderful and very tasty selection of foods for the break in play. Thanks also to Carolyn Blyth for breaking her holiday to help me all day. I could not run these events without the help and support of club members.

Congratulations to the overall winners and QBA Novice Champions, Paddy Taylor and Alex Wu, who are members of the ABF Youth.



Well done to all the winners and all the Novices who participated!!

Congratulations to our club members who won the following prizes –

Upcoming Events

- Monday 12th June 2023 - Monday Evening Pairs
- Saturday 24th June 2023 - Sunnybank Championship Pairs
- Thursday 6th July 2023 - Novice Pairs

Difficult Hand

Match 2 board 22 of the Gold Coast teams. Our partners, Kevin and Mary, were the only pair in the Intermediate section to find the 6D contract.

Nine pairs in the Open section and one pair in Restricted also found 6D but no pair was able to make their Slam.

Opening lead is the KC.

Can you find how to make 12 tricks? (Solution on page 5).



Phil Kay &
George Collings
Cat A – 3rd Prize

John Reed & Richard
Huysmans

Cat B – 1st Prize



Allie Hays & Runo
Simonsen

Cat C – 1st Prize

Kelly Hill & Claire
Neale

Encouragement Award



Robyn Chippindall
Convenor

Board 22

Dealer E

Vul E-W

♠ 7654

♥ Q92

♦ 5

♣ KQ932

♠ AJT832

♥ 8

♦ A86

♣ AT6



♠ KQ

♥ J7654

♦ K74

♣ 874

♠ 9

♥ AKT3

♦ QJT932

♣ J5

Makeable contracts

13
7 9
11

	♣	♦	♥	♠	NT
N	2	6	2	4	4
S	2	6	2	4	4
E	-	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-	-

Richard Spelman

Teacher's Corner

Penalty Cards

There are two types of penalty cards.

Minor Penalty Cards - Accidentally dropping and exposing a single card (must be lower than ten) will result in a minor penalty card. The restrictions are few and this card only needs to be played first when choosing to play a non-honour card of that suit. Discarding and trumping when unable to follow suit are legal plays.

Major Penalty Cards (MPC)- A card led out of turn, two or more cards exposed or an honour card accidentally exposed all result in a major penalty card. Declarer and dummy never have penalty cards. When the offender's partner is on lead, they must wait for lead directions/restrictions from the declarer. Failing to do this may result in their card also becoming a MPC.

Always call the director when any card has been incorrectly played or exposed.

Beginners' lessons

The beginners' lessons finished early April and are being followed with supervised play run by the two Pams and Michele. Some of our novice members are also attending and benefitting from the mini lessons presented on the day. The next set of lessons commence on July 15th and flyers will be available next week.

Post Lesson Play

A huge thanks to Pam Wood, Pam Pratt and Michele Thorne for so generously hosting novice play on Saturday afternoons, following Sue's lesson. Each Saturday arvo focuses on a particular topic, followed by play.

Saturday afternoon play helps novices build their confidence and some have ventured into Monday morning sessions. As nerve-wracking as it can be, you only have to play in a session for the first time once. Please consider making the leap. It's not fatal. ☺

Sue Holburt – Teacher



Welcome New Members

Caroline Duncan
Jayne Tattam

Promotions

Rank	Name
Silver Local	Heather Llewellyn
State	Davis Zhang
Bronze State	Robyn Chippindall
National	Derek Morris
Silver National	Ros Purchase
Silver Life	Richard Spelman
Graduate	Michele Little
Graduate	Leanne Roles
Graduate	Margaret Simonsen
Club	Ray Dowling
Regional	Eileen Cooke



March, April and May 2023

Peter Heard and Derek Morris
Sheila Parsons and Karen Moss
Davis Zhang and David Crocker
Ahmed Latif and Solly Sabdia
Carolyn Doherty and Di Robinson
Ismail Meman and Yunus Solwa
Michelle Radke and Bronwyn Macleod
Pam Warrell and Suzi Leahy

Milestone Birthdays

• Di Robinson's 80th



On 3rd May, Doug produced a wonderful birthday cake to celebrate Di's 80th birthday on the exact day. He'd braved the rain and the traffic to pick it up.

Di has been a stalwart of our club since its inception, along with her late husband, Ken. Together they, along with others, planned, worked and organized, raising funds to build the debt free club house we enjoy today. Ken would rally a band of helpers and Di would turn up at lunch time to feed the group. Even a neighbor was inspired to join in!

Ask Di sometime how she personally arranged free fill for the bottom car park. The developers of a nearby estate fell into line and next thing trucks dropped fill.

Di lived close to the club house so had a key and was always on call for emergencies – a role our President, Doug, has taken over.

Di did the scoring manually in Rap Score and dropped results back to the club even if not playing. Red point and masterpoint secretary, she put her hand up for this role after Bruce Johnson's health started to fail. She also took on Membership Secretary to relieve Betty.

Sue Ross was secretary when Ken was president and she told Ken he needed to be on email so they could communicate – Ken didn't own a computer and couldn't use one. Di became his home secretary after Sue's husband Chris came over and set them up. Di could type and soon learnt how to operate the email.

I believe before CompScore, Di and Anne Lovett figured out how to operate the dealing machine as well.

Fund raising seemed never ending – jams, fudge and lemon butter was eagerly bought. Mike Koster generously match the funds raised.

Chas Bagley helped collect and reconnect a donated kitchen given to us by a member who was renovating. Di and her helpers were pleased to see they had a kitchen. One Sunday a month Di and Ken organized a very popular BBQ. Members were charged a very small amount and we

brought our own drinks. Who can forget Di's coleslaw and Ken manning the barbecue?

All this came to the mind of some of the older members as we watched Di cut her cake and sang Happy Birthday. Thank you Di for all you have done for the club. May you enjoy many more birthdays with us.

Janet Price

Sorry, Partner.

Can't face that 5km on the treadmill, the overgrown veggie patch, that boring flight, the doctor's waiting room, the commute home? Here's something to help relieve your stress and transport you to the world of bridge.

Podcasts.

Think of a podcast as a radio chat show that you can listen to on demand. No need to tune into the wireless at a particular time. Podcasts are usually on a particular topic, like bridge.

Tere suggested a few bridge podcasts to me and Angela helped me to download a podcast app onto my mobile phone. My son blue toothed my phone to my car stereo so I can listen while I drive. You can also listen to podcasts via a computer. I subscribe to 'Sorry, Partner', a Podcast created by bridge champions Catherine Harris and Jocelyn Startz. It's free.

Catherine and Jocelyn do not tell listeners how to play bridge. They share emails from players about real-world experiences at the bridge table (often interpersonal encounters and usually funny) and interview bridge champions from all over the world. My favourite so far is with New Zealand champion, Pam Livingstone, a confessed 'nerd', who talks about neurodiversity in bridge and individual learning differences. The funniest story was about the dummy who fell asleep at the table. There are dozens of episodes and a new one is added each fortnight.

I think podcasts help keep story-telling alive. They help me feel normal (I often think, that happened at our table!!). The interviews are heart-warming and remind us that everyone was once a bridge novice.

Podcast topics are endless – politics, sport, travel, cars, learning a language or a musical instrument, crafts, bird watching, photography, dancing.....

Cut down on screen time. Learn how to access Podcasts [here](#).

Over and out. 😊 Catherine Mahoney.



Almoner's Report

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.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Someone willing to compile the club's bi-monthly newsletter.

Also

Daytime Partner Coordinator – someone willing to help Club member find a day

Solution to Difficult Hand

(From page 2) Win the opening lead with the AC. Lead the AS and trump a 2nd spade, dropping the QS and KS from East's hand. Play the AH and trump a heart in dummy. Lead the JS - if East trumps low then overtrump. Trump another heart in dummy. Lead the 10S - if East trumps low again then overtrump. If East has trumped low on both occasions, then lead a diamond to dummy's Ace dropping East's King. Trumps have now been cleared and you can discard your JC on the 8S and claim 13 tricks.

If, at any time, East trumps high with the KD you can discard your JC. Then win the next trick, clear trumps and dummy's spades will provide discards for your losing hearts. You will make your 12 tricks losing only 1 trick to the KD.

Richard Spelman.

