



GOLD COAST
BRIDGE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

AGM REPORT

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my great honour to present to you the report for the 2018 AGM.

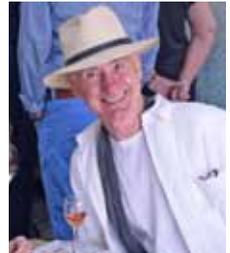
The President's year really jumped out of the blocks with lots of action, some of the highlights being:

- Our full house for the teams congress in January;
- The drama and subsequent publicity for the Club with the Grocon development on the Telstra Land;
- The sold out Commonwealth International pairs event in February;
- The full house on both days of our June congress;
- A stellar year for profit and continuing recovery in new membership numbers;
- A complete makeover of our club's online presence;
- The completion of enhanced club house security.

The club's board worked tirelessly on your behalf to continue to grow the club membership and the average attendance at play of all members. Thanks to all of you for being so welcoming and considerate. Together we have succeeded in increasing our numbers across all aspects of player participation.

During the term of my presidency, I observed that Bridge is a lot more than just playing the game – it is mostly about

connecting people, albeit in a unique domain of intellectual combat and also, as importantly, socializing after play.



However, sometimes in a busy Bridge club, such as ours, it is easy to get caught up in "fish bowl" thinking – where small issues can sometimes be blown out of proportion. Most times it's best to take a chill pill and smile graciously in the face of any real or imagined sleight, to preserve that vital ingredient of goodwill amongst the family of our members and guests. There is an old Russian saying 'that a thousand friends are worth more than a thousand roubles'. Our relationships are the most important of all.

At the end of the day, we are all ambassadors of the game, not only at play but when talking to friends and family. If we do not have something positive to say about our fellow members, then PLEASE do not say anything – malicious gossip is really social terrorism.

The clubs finances are in tip top shape and we have term deposits of \$250,000.00 plus cash reserves of \$114,000.00. What these funds represent are the life savings of our membership over the 55 years of our existence. Former Board members had suggested we seek alternative modes of investment for the term deposits, to increase their returns but this proposal

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was rejected, as it should have been. However, any change to this status quo should properly be put to the members for approval, before any change is made. However, once our reserves exceed \$400,000.00, I may vote in favour of alternative investment options for 2 different investments of \$40,000.00 each. If I may conclude my term with this one, further request, it is this: please do anything and everything you can to encourage youth bridge, for they hold the future of the game we all love so much.

JUNE DOUBLE DUMMY SOLUTION

North
 ♠ Q32
 ♥ A654
 ♦ KQ3
 ♣ AJ2



West
 ♠ 76
 ♥ Q983
 ♦ T854
 ♣ T98

East
 ♠ 854
 ♥ KJT7
 ♦ J9
 ♣ 7654

South
 ♠ AKJT9
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A762
 ♣ KQ3

South is in 7 Spades on the lead of the Club 10. There are twelve tricks off the top but the Club distribution is unfortunate, so declarer has to find the thirteenth trick elsewhere. It can't come from Diamonds because of the 4-2 break. So the only hope is a partial dummy reversal since defenders' trumps break 3-2.

At trick 1, win with the CK to maximise entries to dummy. Now play two rounds of trumps winning with the SA and SK. Win the HA and ruff a heart with the S9. Next play C3 to CJ and ruff another Heart, followed by CQ to CA and ruff another Heart. Now play D2 to DK and remove East's last trump with the SQ discarding the D6 from hand. Play the D3 to DA followed by D7 to DQ completing the successful Grand Slam.

In closing, let me thank everyone who has contributed so vitally to the on-going health of this wonderful club, including the following:

1. John Glennie for his outstanding contribution, mainly behind the scenes;
2. My bridge partner, Di Hodges, for the wonderful legacy she left after her 3 years as President and her enormous contribution to the success of our large events;
3. Julie Wicks for her long hours and faithful service as club secretary and teacher;
4. Leslie Sutherland for her great support at Board level and for taking up the convenor's role in Dot's absence;
5. Julian Edgerton-Vernon for his excellent work as my Vice-President;
6. Paul Brake for his continuous support and his work with our accounts, youth bridge and the Commonwealth Pairs competition;
7. Marlene Dwyer for her amazing work behind the scenes;
8. Neil Raward for his passion;
9. Cecily and Lynley for their gifted teaching;
10. Dot Piddington for the huge work she does as our club convenor and board member;
11. Lorraine De Nett for her input;
12. Tony Berger for his key role in club maintenance.
13. All of our wonderful directors of play and dealers who are a vital ingredient to the success we are enjoying.
14. Ruth Tracey, Cheryl Hensel and Sue Herse, Edith Richardson and Kym McMaster for her outstanding work on our Club Facebook page, as well as our wonderful kitchen staff, Chris and Carol.

So, in wishing you au revoir, may I also say it has been an absolute honour and a privilege to serve you all as your President over the past 12 months and it is a delight to be able to hand over management of the club affairs, in such good order, to the new board and President.

Thank you.

Philip Roberts

FINESSING PROPERLY

Hand 1 at the club on Wednesday 11 July was a beautiful example of finessing properly. West is in 6 Hearts on the lead of the C4 by North.

	North	
	♠ 965	
West		East
♠ A		♠ KJ842
♥ AJ875		♥ Q43
♦ K532		♦ A87
♣ J62		♣ AK
	South	
	♠ QT73	
	♥ K9	
	♦ QJ4	
	♣ 9873	

Check your bidding system first of all to make sure that you would have reached the Little Slam. West can see two immediate winners in each of the non-trump suits plus the HA. Therefore he or she needs five more tricks. Win the CA and finessing the HK will do it if trumps break 3-2 and the HK is doubleton with South. But DO NOT lead the HQ at the second trick because of the Rule of 12. This says that you only lead the HQ if the number of cards held in your suit plus the number of successive cards just below the K is 12 or more. In this case it is only 10, so lead the H3. When this succeeds and you see South play the H9 while North plays the H2, you now know to play the HA and try to drop the HK. This is the extra advantage gained by knowing not only that you have five trumps against you but that they are the H2, H6, H9, HT and HK. Since declarer has now made four extra trump tricks, the extra one comes

from ruffing the Spades twice to set up the SJ. As an exercise you should see if it is possible on perfect defence to make 6 Hearts if you lead the HQ.



As a further exercise Deep Finesse says that you can also make 6NT. Try it before reading on. Now you do not have the ruffs available. So where will the twelfth trick come from? Finesse properly, play the HA to drop the HK, unblock the SA, remove the pesky HT with the HQ, back to hand with the DK, run the remaining Hearts discarding S4 and S8, back to DA and CK and throw South in with the D7. South only has the SQ and ST left to lead into your SK and SJ.

Tie Rod

SEPTEMBER DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM

	North	
	♠ AK4	
	♥ 5	
	♦ 9432	
	♣ Q8752	
West		East
♠ J76		♠ T532
♥ AJT643		♥ K2
♦ KJ7		♦ AQT
♣ K		♣ A643
	South	
	♠ Q98	
	♥ Q987	
	♦ 865	
	♣ JT9	

West is in 4 Hearts. See if you can make ten tricks, when North leads the SA and the defence takes the first three tricks.

TIPS FOR THE IMPROVING PLAYER

The Third Seat Opening

You are playing Standard American 5 card majors

Sitting South you pick up this hand

♠ AKQ10
♥ 102
♦ QJ3
♣ 7652

Your partner North is dealer and passes. East also passes. Your bid.

Many players will open this hand in both first or second seat and would probably feel bound to open 1 club, but sitting in third seat, opening 1 club is less appealing. Partner has passed and the contract may well belong to East- West . If your side ends up defending what suit would you like partner to lead? A spade or a Club?

Consider the tactical opening bid of 1♠ !

The whole hand

♠ 92	♠ 8543
♥ J73	♥ Q64
♦ 10975	♦ AK864
♣ QJ103	♣ 8
♠ J76	♠ AKQ10
♥ AK985	♥ 102
♦ 2	♦ QJ3
♣ AK94	♣ 7652

Over your bid of 1♠ West overcalls 2♥ and East with 9 high card points and 3 shortage points for the singleton raises to 4♥!

An alternative approach is for East to cuebid the opponents suit by bidding 2♠ showing interest in game.

Partner will lead the ♠9, which is top of a doubleton. You should win this with the ♠Q the lower of touching honours. *See Note below.

You now continue with the Ace and King of Spades . You can now continue with a fourth round of Spades forcing West to ruff , hoping partner can overruff. On this hand the contract is defeated. If West ruffs with the ♥9 partner will overruff. If West ruffs with the ♥A or ♥K partner simply discards and eventually gets a trick with the promoted ♥J.

This defensive play is known as a **Trump promotion**. On this hand it works a treat!

If you had opened 1♣ instead of 1♠ partner would probably lead the ♣Q, top from a solid sequence . Declarer can then ruff a Club, discard a Club loser on a Diamond , draw trumps and claim 10 tricks. Easy!

Another exciting variation of Trump Promotion is known as the Uppercut.

Here is an example

♠ 432	♠ Q6
♠ J5	♠ AK10987

In a Spade contract, West leads a suit in which East and South are both void. East ruffs with the ♠Q, thus ensuring a trump trick for the defence. If South overruffs, the Jack will eventually win a trick.

Message: *A defender with a completely useless trump holding should usually ruff with his highest trump if he gets the opportunity. Sometimes a ruff with a card as low as a 6 can effect an uppercut and promote a trump trick for the defence.*

It's a wonderful game!

*Note : Whilst when leading this suit you should start with top of your sequence by leading the Ace , when winning the trick, do so with the lowest of touching honours. Proper carding in Defence helps partner to understand which winners you may hold in the suit.

Lynley Jenkins

Two for One

Consider the following where South is trying to make 6 Spades on the lead of the Heart Queen (HQ) by West.

	North	
	♠ A42	
	♥ 842	
	♦ 53	
	♣ AK543	
West		East
♠ 5		♠ 763
♥ QJT5		♥ 976
♦ QT972		♦ K864
♣ J98		♣ QT7
	South	
	♠ KQJT98	
	♥ AK3	
	♦ AJ	
	♣ 62	

Declarer wins the opening lead with the HA and plays SK noting that both opponents follow. Hence there are only two trumps outstanding with the defenders. Declarer now plays the C6 towards dummy and ducks when West plays the C8, East playing the C7. West shifts to a Diamond probably, but it doesn't matter if he plays any other side suit. Declarer wins, plays the SQ, noting that the last trump is with East. She then plays the C2 to the CA, then the CK discarding the DJ. Another club is played and declarer ruffs, whether or not East ruffs. A spade to the SA removes the last trump and the H3 is discarded on the last winning little Club. Two losers discarded for the price of one lost Club trick. Good value!

JET FLY MINER



NO GUESS

Declarer is in 5Hearts on the lead of the S4. The bidding was

East	South	West	North
Pass	1H	2H*	3H
4S	5H	Pass	Pass
Pass			

*(5 Spades and 5 of a minor)

Declarer's Hand:

♠ 6 ♥ AKQ86 ♦ AKT ♣ J865

Dummy's Hand:

♠ T82 ♥ J432 ♦ 5 ♣ KT974

East wins the SA and returns the D4. Time for declarer to think!

West must have 5 Spades and 5 Diamonds because I can see 9 Clubs. We have 21 HCP's and East did not open. They bid to 4S so the points are probably split 9/10 or 8/11 with West/East. Now West will have an honour in Spades and didn't lead the SK. Hence he does not have the SQ. So East has the SA and SQ and maybe the SJ. The Diamond honours are also probably split. That gives East 8 or 9 points so far. Hence West has the CA.

Declarer wins the DA, plays the HA and HK noting that West has only one Heart. Therefore West has the CA and a little one, with East holding the CQ and a little one.

Continue with the HQ to remove the last trump, and lead the C5. West wins, if not, play the CK and then the C4. Eleven tricks to South.

Val Paulings



Director's Corner

The Rights and Responsibilities of Dummy

Try to answer these questions to see if you understand your role as dummy.

1. Should you regularly remind declarer which hand to lead from?
2. Is it OK to play a singleton without declarer calling for it?
3. If declarer calls for a Diamond and there is more than one, is it alright to ask which one?
4. If you see a revoke, is it OK to call the director immediately?
5. Can dummy ask declarer or defender if they have a card in a suit when they have failed to follow?
6. Is dummy entitled to see the cards as they are played by defenders?
7. When declarer is playing a no-trump contract, can dummy spread the suit led on the right?

If you only answered 'yes' to question 6, you understand dummy's rights very well.

1. No. You may only try to prevent an irregularity if you observe declarer about to lead from the wrong hand.
2. No. Dummy may only play a card when told by declarer.
3. No. If declarer only names a suit, dummy is required to play the lowest ranking card without asking.
4. No. Dummy may only call the director at the end of the play of the hand.
5. Yes and no. Dummy may only ask declarer, not either defender.
6. Yes. Dummy should keep track of tricks and watch for revokes.
7. No. dummy may not aid declarer in this way.

Precision Incision With No Indecision

This is the first of five articles on the basics of the Precision System of bidding. Let us start with some history.

The Precision System was developed by C.C.Weï in 1963 with some assistance from Alan Truscott. It was used successfully by the team from Taiwan at the 1967, 1968 and 1969 Far East Bridge Championships. It attracted international attention when the Taiwanese team finished second in both the 1969 and 1970 Bermuda Bowl, the World Teams' Bridge Championship. In 1972 the Italian Blue team used a modified version of Precision and won many titles with it. There are many versions of Precision, but they are all based on the original version, which you can find in C.C. Wei's book "Matchpoint Precision".

The strength of the system is that it can open the bidding earlier than other systems, it can cope easily with interference by the opposition, and it has a revealing question and answer network which describes the partnership's possibilities in precise detail.

Openings at the one level will be considered in future articles, plus partner's possible responses with or without interference. For the hands that they open, Precision bidders open 1 Diamond in about 40% of them, open 1 Heart or 1 Spade in roughly 30% of them, open 1 Club in about 10% of them and open 1NT in no more than 5% of the remainder. In the version to be described, all opening bids above 2 Clubs are distributional and weak (6 to 10 HCP's). This leaves them open for any option (including Multi-two's or not) and keeps it simple and clear. They will not be discussed. On page 8 in this newsletter, the 1 Diamond opening and responses will be considered, together with some special re-occurring situations.

Tie Rod

• RESULTS •

JULY 2018

ECLECTICS

Monday Eclectic

1st TRISH ANAGNOSTOU
=1st RITA KAHN

Monday Evening Eclectic

1st LOU TILLOTSON
=1st ROGER WEATHERED

Tuesday Eclectic (Open)

1st ODETTE HALL
2nd MARY JOJKITY
=2nd COLIN LEWIS

Tuesday Eclectic (Restr)

1st FRANCES TAYLOR
=1st ETHNE HUDDLESTON

Wednesday Eclectic

1st MERLE BOGATIE
=1st TONY BERGER

Thursday Eclectic (Open)

1st WENDY WALSH
=1st JANET PEZARO

Thursday Eclectic (Restr)

1st MARGARET BILLS
2nd BEV PAYNE
=2nd MARION RIDGE

Thursday Evening Eclectic 1st

SUE ROBINSON
=1st LOU TILLOTSON

Friday Eclectic

1st EVA BERGER
=1st TONY BERGER

Saturday Eclectic (Open)

1st RITA MORRIS
=1st LAUREN SOMERS

Saturday Eclectic (Restr)

1st PETER ULDRICH
=1st DI COURT

SPECIAL EVENTS

Gold Coast Zone Teams of 3 - A

1st JANET JOHNSON - JAN RALPH -
PAULINE MOORE - WENDY JUDGE
2nd MARGARET PISKO - LIZ MOSS -
PETE WYBER - LOURIE STEWART
3rd TREVOR FLETCHER - JULIET ROGERS -
ETHNE HUDDLESTON - JAN JENNINGS

Gold Coast Zone Teams of 3 - B

1st LARRAINE DE NETT - VIRGINIA SANDERS -
PAULINE GREIG - ALAN TOOHEY
2nd EDDA STRONG - HELEN ROSS-JOHNSON -
BARBARA GRANT - MARGARET BILLS
3rd ALLISON WILLIAMS - DAVID STENT -
RUSSELL REARDON - SUZANNE BENDING

Club Pairs Championship

1st KATHY JOHNSON - LOIS STEINWEDEL
2nd EVA BERGER - TONY BERGER
3rd MARGARET PISKO - TRISH ANAGNOSTOU



Precision (Part 2) ...The One Diamond Opening

This is the most frequent Precision opening and is a bit like the One Club opening in Standard systems, but more precise as you will soon observe. To open 1D as a beginning bid (Op 1), the hand must have 11 to 15 HCP's, no 5-card major or better, and no more than eight losers. The number of Diamonds is unspecified and could be zero.

First responses (R1) without interference:

- 1H or 1S (5+ HCP and at least 4 cards in the suit)
- 1NT (6 to 10 HCP and no 4-card major)
- 2C or 2D (11 to 15 HCP and no 4-card major)
- 2H or 2S (16+ HCP and at least 5 of the suit)
- 2NT (16+ HCP and no 4-card major)
- 3C (16+ HCP and no 4-card major but long Clubs) (RARE)
- 3D (6 to 10 HCP and at least 6 Diamonds) (RARE)
- 3H or 3S (0 to 7 HCP, long major to play at this level) (RARE)
- 3NT (13 to 15 HCP, balanced, no 4-card major)

First Responses (R1) after interference:

- (a) Interference is a double (X).
 - XX (10+ HCP)
 - 1H or 1S (5+ HCP, and at least 4 cards in this suit)
 - 1NT (6 to 9 HCP and no 4-card major)
 - Pass otherwise
- (b) Interference is an overcall.
 - X (10+ HCP or 4-card Spade suit over 1H overcall promising 6 to 9 HCP)
 - 1S (over 1H means 5 or more Spades and 6 to 9 HCP)
 - 1NT (9 to 10 HCP and one stopper)
 - 2NT (11 to 12 HCP and two stoppers)
- Cue bid (13+ HCP, game force)
- 2 level call (5 to 9 HCP, 5 or more cards in this suit, partner must ALERT and Pass)
- Pass otherwise

Some Special Sequences (without interference)

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|-------|--|--------------------|---------------|------|
| (Op1) | 1D | Pass | (R1) 1H | Pass |
| (Op2) | 2H (4 Hearts) | | | |
| | 1S (4 Spades) | | | |
| | 1NT (2 or 3 Hearts) | | | |
| | 2C (0 or 1 Heart, and no 4-card Spades, longer Clubs, ALERT) | | | |
| | 2D (0 or 1 Heart, and no 4-card Spades, longer Diamonds, ALERT) | | | |
| (Op1) | 1D | Pass (R1) 1H or 1S | | Pass |
| (Op2) | 1NT | | | |
| (R2) | PASS (0 to 10 HCP) | | | |
| | 2H or S (at least 5 of the major) | | | |
| | 2C or 2D (11+ HCP, second suit) | | | |
| (Op1) | 1D | Pass | (R1) 1NT | Pass |
| (Op2) | 2D (promises at least 5 in the suit) otherwise PASS | | | |
| (Op1) | 1D | Pass | | |
| | (R1) 2C or 2D | Pass | | |
| (Op2) | 2H or 2S or 2NT (11 to 13 HCP with stoppers in H or S or both) | | | |
| | 3H or 3S or 3NT (14 to 15 HCP with stoppers in H or S or both) | | | |
| (Op1) | 1D | Pass | (R1) 2H or 2S | Pass |
| (Op2) | Alpha response about the major bid including holding in the suit and the number of controls in the hand where each A = 2 and each K = 1. | | | |
- This will be discussed in more detail during the 1 Club opening bid.
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|-------|--|------|----------|------|
| (Op1) | 1D | Pass | (R1) 2NT | Pass |
| (Op2) | 3C or 3D (no majors stopped) | | | |
| | 3H or 3S or 3NT (stoppers in H or S or both) | | | |

Tie Rod

