



**GOLD COAST**  
BRIDGE CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

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## *President's Message*

### **New Members and Table Courtesy**

The recent Andy Hung bridge lessons inspired by Cecily and Lynley were an outstanding success, with 30 people attending, including Wendy Lemon's granddaughter, Jessica, who is a 13 year old straight A student. We could anticipate receiving about 10-15 new membership applications, following Andy's lessons and must ensure that we have no instances of poor bridge manners, including impatience and rudeness. Please remember, we grow or we die- that place in between is called la la land...

### **International Pairs**

This event was held at our Club on Tuesday the 13th of February and ran from 5-8 pm, with drinks and supper afterwards, co-sponsored by the QBA. The entries reached capacity (34 tables) days before kick-off and we were still receiving requests, right up until the last moment. If you check the entries on our website, you will see just about all the Commonwealth countries were represented. Of those attending, about half were from our Club and those players had the benefit of playing against some of the best bridge players in the world. One of the players was the Principal of All Saints Anglican School, where we run a bridge program.



*Paul Hackett, Patrick Wallis, Joan Butts, Ron Klinger and President, Phil Roberts*

The work done by all of those who helped make this such a wonderful night, was absolutely monstrous (Di Hodges, for example, put in a 15 hour day). On a personal note, I must confess that the pressure of my Presidency had been wearing out my enthusiasm for the game. But then I kibbitzed at Paul Hackett's table for about 5 minutes and found my love of the game reignited.

The upsides for our Club are the experience for our members and the positioning for our Club in the competitive bridge market.

*Philip Roberts*





# Director's Corner

## *Have a Nicer Day*

Some suggestions that will hopefully make your bridge session more pleasant. Sometimes the Laws can get a bit involved. I have tried to make it simpler. But if not explained adequately ask me or your Director.

One of the more common calls to the Director is the Revoke. It is quite a complex matter with Laws cross referenced and more than one consideration involved.

When the Director arrives at the table for a Revoke call often cards are turned up and discussion can be loud. Cards can ONLY be turned up by instruction from the Director.

So, if there could be a problem call the Director – before doing anything!

**Everyone should be aware of Law 11A.**

‘The right to rectification of an irregularity **may be forfeited** if either member of the non-offending side takes any action **before** summoning the Director.’

So if you think there is something wrong, *and you are NOT dummy*, then call the Director.

Do not be concerned about calling your Director.

*Directors are there to ensure the orderly conduct of the game.*

Dummy has qualified rights. That means less rights than declarer or either defender.

Dummy may ask declarer if he has failed to follow suit - eg ‘Having no diamonds partner?’.

Dummy may try to prevent an irregularity.

Dummy may NOT call attention to an irregularity during play - ONLY after the play has concluded.

Dummy may NOT call the Director. Unless another player has drawn attention to an irregularity.

So back to the Revoke... Basically a Revoke is a failure to follow suit.

Law 44 says ‘In playing to a trick, each player must follow suit if possible. This obligation takes precedence over all other requirements of these Laws.’

But a Revoke also includes ‘the failure to lead or play, when able, a card or suit required by law or specified by an opponent when exercising an option in rectification of an irregularity.’

Revoke is covered mainly under Laws 60-64. Some other Laws are also cross referenced.

**LAW 60 - PLAY AFTER AN ILLEGAL PLAY**

**LAW 61 - FAILURE TO FOLLOW SUIT - INQUIRIES CONCERNING A REVOKE**

**LAW 62 - CORRECTION OF A REVOKE**

**LAW 63 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOKE**

**LAW 64 - PROCEDURE AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOKE**

So lots to read! If you are really interested...

First, a revoke **MUST** be corrected, *by the Director, if discovered before it is established.*

Established means – when the offending player or then partner plays to the NEXT trick or names a card to be played the Revoke is established. Also when the offending side make a claim.

If the Director instructs a Revoke to be corrected the card played for the revoke becomes a major penalty card. A penalty card must be played at the first legal opportunity. And if the offender's partner is on lead then they cannot lead until declarer has the chance to apply lead restrictions arising from the penalty card. Note that declarer does not incur penalty cards. But the defenders are allowed to know that declarer holds the card that is withdrawn.

Once a revoke is established **it cannot be corrected.**

Except if is the 12th trick - which **MUST** be corrected [without rectification] if discovered before all hands are returned to the board.

**So play should continue to the end.** THEN call the Director.

Rectification means any adjustment by the Director. The new 2017 Rules avoid the word Penalty.

Rectification is usually one trick for the Revoke and two tricks if the revoke trick was won by the offending side - provided tricks were won after the revoke trick. If the revoke trick was not won nor any others subsequently then there is **NO** rectification. If the next board has bidding started or the round has ended - also no rectification. And there are other conditions too. Further, the Director may award an adjusted score if the rectification is deemed insufficient.

I hope you have survived all that!

Happy bridging.

John Glennie, Tournament Committee

# 2018 February Beginners' Classes –

Sundays February 4th & 11th : Teacher Andy Hung

24 absolute new beginners participated in the classes (this included 13 year old Jessica Moore, Wendy Lemon's grand-daughter). Five more registered but did not attend. Plus there were 3 repeat students from previous classes. A number of members who wished to sit in on the classes also attended. At least 8 tables of very keen students both days! Some even kept playing until nearly 4pm on the 2nd Sunday! So we do mean keen!

Help with Play (with Lynley & Cecily) is now being held both Wednesdays (9.15-11.30am) and Saturdays (9.00-11.30am). The new players will be attending. They'll also be playing in regular sessions very soon.

The 2 Sunday format again proved very popular. The next set of lessons have been organised for July with Andy Hung as teacher again.

**The dates for the mid-year Beginners' lessons: Sundays 15th & 22nd July 10am – 3pm.**

Start spreading the word! More grandchildren perhaps?? Youth players (under 25) can attend the lessons free of charge – it's a great opportunity for young players to discover bridge at no cost to parents.

*Lynley & Cecily, GCBC Education Co-ordinators*



## CONGRESS RESULTS



### **Open Teams Championship**

Jessica Brake, who has just moved from our club to Sydney, was in the team that finished 4th after the twelve qualifying matches.

### **Novice Teams Championship**

Bain team was 3rd. Lynn Bain, from Tamar Club and also an Away Member of GCBC, was partnered by Mardi Hogarth (also from Tamar Bridge Club). Their Team mates are all GCBC Home Members : Pamela Hare, Lesley Sutherland and Lance Workman.

### **Ivy Dahler Swiss Pairs**

Odette Hall and Cheryl Hensel were a very close 4th.

### **Bobby Richman Intermediate Pairs**

Jane Swanson and John Sear finished 3rd in Section C.

# The Fickleness of Bridge

I was playing the West hand in the Club's Team Congress on 7 January with my partner Lou Tillotson, who was sitting East. Our opponents were Seigreid Konig (North) and Geoffrey Thomas (South) from Brisbane. Board 16 came up with me as dealer and E/W vulnerable.

North  
 ♠ KJT  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ JT8643  
 ♣ AJ7

West  
 ♠ Q4  
 ♥ KJT97  
 ♦ AKQ5  
 ♣ 54

East  
 ♠ A9752  
 ♥ AQ64  
 ♦ 972  
 ♣ T

South  
 ♠ 863  
 ♥ 852  
 ♦ void  
 ♣ KQ98632

The bidding went along the following lines:

W	N	E	S
1H	P	3C*	P
3D**	P	4H	P

## MARCH DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM

South is in 4 spades and West leads the DA.

North  
 ♠ 432  
 ♥ 543  
 ♦ 853  
 ♣ AK65

West  
 ♠ T98  
 ♥ JT98  
 ♦ AKT2  
 ♣ 87

East  
 ♠ 76  
 ♥ Q6  
 ♦ 9764  
 ♣ QJT94

South  
 ♠ AKQJ5  
 ♥ AK72  
 ♦ QJ  
 ♣ 32

\*Mixed raise, 6+ HCP, 4 card support for Hearts

\*\* 15 to 17 HCP

It seemed to Lou that 4 Hearts was a sensible contract to be in. South passed, I passed, but North suddenly entered the bidding with 4S (note that he only had three Spades in his hand). Lou decided to pass and wait for my double which she would leave in for penalties, but I could not read the Spade situation and just passed after South passed. So North played in 4S and went off five tricks giving us 250. However N/S can make 5C by cross-ruffing, since South might have run to 5C if we had doubled them. As it was, 4H cannot make on good defence and goes off one trick.

*Roger Weathered*

## DECEMBER DOUBLE DUMMY SOLUTION

South is in 6 Hearts with West leading the CQ.

North  
 ♠ KQJ43  
 ♥ 32  
 ♦ 6543  
 ♣ 742



West  
 ♠ 84  
 ♥ void  
 ♦ QJT75  
 ♣ QJT985

East  
 ♠ AT75  
 ♥ 98765  
 ♦ 982  
 ♣ 6

South  
 ♠ 62  
 ♥ AKQJT4  
 ♦ AK  
 ♣ AK3

Win the Ca. Draw five rounds of Hearts to eliminate the defence's trumps. Play DA then DK. Next the CK followed by the S2 to the SK. (East will duck or it is all over.)

On trick eleven ruff the D3 with the H4, your last trump. Now the S6 to SQ won by East with the SA, and he must return a Spade to your Jack for your twelfth trick.

# • RESULTS •

## **DECEMBER 2017**

### **ECLECTICS**

#### **Monday Eclectic**

- 1st EVA BERGER
- 2nd TONY BERGER
- 3rd MERLE BOGATIE

#### **Monday Evening Eclectic**

- 1st JANE SWANSON
- 2nd TREVOR HAIGHT
- =2nd ANN HAIGHT

#### **Tuesday Eclectic (Open)**

- 1st DI HODGES
- =1st PHILIP ROBERTS
- 3rd CHERYL HENSEL

#### **Tuesday Eclectic (Restr)**

- 1st MAUREEN SMITH
- =1st LORRAINE TWYFORD
- 3rd DOBY STEPANEK

#### **Wednesday Eclectic**

- 1st ROMAN MORAWIECKI
- =1st LESLEY KENYON
- 3rd MERLE BOGATIE
- =3rd TONY BERGER

#### **Thursday Eclectic (Open)**

- 1st MARGARET WATSON
- =1st JULIE HEIB
- 3rd GRACE HENRY

#### **Thursday Eclectic (Restr)**

- 1st MAUREEN SMITH
- =1st LORRAINE TWYFORD
- 3rd BARBARA HUDDY
- =3rd CHARLIE DACEY

#### **Thursday Evening Eclectic**

- 1st EVA BERGER
- =1st TONY BERGER

#### **Friday Eclectic**

- 1st EVA BERGER
- =1st TONY BERGER
- 3rd KATHY JOHNSON

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Christmas H'cap Pairs**

- Restricted -
  - 1st DIANNE MORRIS - LYSETTE WOODMAN
  - 2nd ROSE CORCORAN - BILL CORCORAN
  - 3rd JULIET ROGERS - ANTHONY DONKERSLOOT
- Open -
  - 1st JUDI ELLISSON - PETER STAINES
  - 2nd DALE WELLS - KAY SIMPSON
  - 3rd VEENA CHOTAI - ASHOK CHOTAI

## **JANUARY 2018**

### **ECLECTICS**

#### **Monday Eclectic**

- 1st KATHY JOHNSON
- =1st EVA BERGER

#### **Monday Evening Eclectic**

- 1st JOHN SEAR
- =1st BARRY COE

#### **Tuesday Eclectic (Open)**

- 1st JEFF WICKS
- =1st JULIE WICKS

#### **Tuesday Eclectic (Restr)**

- 1st BARBARA HUDDY
- =1st CHERYL MILLAR

#### **Wednesday Eclectic**

- 1st GUVEN KADEM
- =1ST RICHARD MISIOR
- 3rd MERLE BOGATIE

#### **Thursday Eclectic (Open)**

- 1st JENNY LYNTON
- =1st DANIEL R. HATCHER
- 3rd LANCE WORKMAN

#### **Thursday Eclectic (Restr)**

- 1st MAUREEN SMITH
- =1st LORRAINE TWYFORD

#### **Thursday Evening Eclectic**

- 1st ROGER WEATHERED
- =1st BIRGIT BINGHAM

## **Friday Eclectic**

- 1st EVA BERGER
- =1st TONY BERGER
- 3rd LOIS STEINWEDEL
- =3rd KATHY JOHNSON

## **Saturday Eclectic (Open)**

- 1st TONY PEARLMAN
- =1st PAMELA JESSEP

## **Saturday Eclectic (Restr)**

- 1st BOB STILL
- =1st LESLEY SUTHERLAND

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Gold Coast Graded Swiss Teams Congress – January 7, 2018**

- 1st ANDREW BRAITHWAITE - PAUL HOOYKAAS - PELE RANKIN - NEVILLE FRANCIS
- 2nd RICHARD WARD - THERESE TULLY - JILL MAGEE - TERRY STRONG
- 3rd DAVID MCLEISH - PAULA MCLEISH - JAN CORMACK - FRED WHITAKER

### **Surf Parade Pairs**

- Open
  - 1st RITA KAHN - MARGARET PISKO
  - 2nd ODETTE HALL - CHERYL HENSEL
  - 3rd ALAN JONES - DOT PIDINGTON
- Restricted

- 1st JULIET ROGERS - MARGARET DAY

- 2nd VAL GIBNEY - SUE DEAVES
- 3rd EDIE TONKIN - WENDY CLARK

### **President's Cup 2018**

- 1st LOIS STEINWEDEL - ROSS STEINWEDEL
- 2nd ROMAN MORAWIECKI - LESLEY KENYON
- 3rd TOM STRONG - EDDA STRONG



# Snippets!

Bob Hunt and Jane Swanson won the Qld Wide pairs achieving 70.75% beating Queensland representative players Richard Ward and Therese Tully, who achieved 69.99%. The event was held over the week starting 20/11/17.

There were 342 pairs sitting in the N/S seats as were Jane and Bob. There were 351 pairs sitting in the E/W seats won by a couple from Maryborough with 71.86%. It was very exciting and Jane commented that they obviously had a bit of luck on that night.



Jessica Brake was a member of the winning team at the National Open Women's Team event at the Canberra Festival of Bridge in January.



In a field of 72 pairs, Krystyna Homik and Sue Spurway, both members of our club, finished fourth against many international players.



The Sri Lankan Team

# A Tricky Slam

I blew this slam the other day, because I didn't look to find the only way that it could possibly be made. Here are the North/South hands.

North ♠ K9873 ♥ KQJ92 ♦ 9 ♣ K2

South ♠ T64 ♥ AT3 ♦ AQ7 ♣ AQ76

North opened the bidding with 1S. Whatever system you play (Standard, Acol or Precision), you will almost certainly end up in 6S, for partner will eventually let you know that she has three Aces and support for your Spades. East led the H8 telling West that he had nothing in this suit, and dummy was tabled. I could see five Heart winners, one Diamond winner and three club winners and therefore only needed three Spade winners. But hang on! If the defence makes two Spade winners I will be one down. I delayed playing Spades, but should have thought along the following lines. My Spades have lots of holes in the suit, and the defence has the SA, SQ, SJ, S5 and S2. How can I give them only one Spade trick and make the contract?

Have you worked it out? I have to place the SQ and SJ by themselves with East in the following arrangement of the Spades.

	K9873	
A52		QJ
	T64	

The only possible way is for the defence to make a simple mistake when I lead a Spade from dummy towards the SK. If West covers with the SA I should duck and watch to see if East drops an Honour. I will win the return in any other suit and should now play the SK dropping the other Honour in East's hand. This is how I could have made my twelve tricks, as that was exactly the Spade layout. Note that there is still a chance of making the contract if West does not play SA on the first Spade lead. But now declarer has to win the first trick with the SK and cross back to dummy and lead another Spade. If West plays the SA this time, then all is well.

Tie Rod