



### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Wilfred Tapiolas**

Happy New Year to all and welcome to a new year of bridge in 2021.

The Australia Day Congress was a resounding success and sets the standard for the coming year.

Congratulations to all who participated and to the winners and placegetters. There was some lively and competitive bridge played with a few surprises. I know from speaking to some of our visitors from Mackay, Brisbane and Malanda that they enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the congress and will be back to play with us. Thanks to congress organiser Charlie, directors Geoff, Jan and Leigh, and to all those members of the club who worked hard before and during the event. Special mention to Carol for her wonderful display of plants and to Ann for the providoring. I can't mention everyone who helped but your involvement was greatly appreciated.

On the Australia Day holiday the club had a marquee at the Get Fit Expo at Jezzine Barracks to promote bridge at our club. I would like to thank Fay and some newer members of the club Carolyn, Mary, Toni, Maxine, Arthur and Bernie who helped with the display which promoted our new Learn to Play Bridge classes starting on 2 February. The Expo was a success in providing several prospects for the classes.

Just a reminder that there are useful links listed on the home page of our website under CONTACTS.

### **Breaking News!!**

- Effective immediately, Session players no longer need to fill in the Contact Tracing Register, but other attendees to the club (supervised play, lessons, meetings) still need to "Sign In".
- An updated Covid Safe Plan will be published on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021.  
See "**Breaking News**" on **website** for more details.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS - FEBRUARY 2021**

2<sup>nd</sup> - New Beginners commence – Intro to Bridge

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4<sup>th</sup> - Different Partners 1 (Green)

11<sup>th</sup> – Different Partners 2 (Green)

13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> CBBC Zonal Teams on, to be held at TBC venue

18<sup>th</sup> – Different Partners 3 (green)

MARCH 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed Pairs 1 (Restricted Conventions, Green)

6<sup>th</sup> GNOT Qual. 1 (Gold)

7<sup>th</sup> GNOT Qual. 1 (Gold)

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Tony Byrne  
Betty Hobdell  
Trevor Hunt  
Ian Leach  
Iris Rutherford  
Dusk Care  
John Larkin  
Pat Leighton  
John Toogood  
Lynn Richardson  
Jean Dartnall  
Lesleigh Rooney  
Ian Patterson

### DECEMBER RANKING

#### PROMOTIONS

Albert Beric – National  
Savvy Francis – Graduate


### RECENT GRAND SLAMS

Dusk Care and Felicity Horne  
Peter Hall and John Larkin  
Geoff Allen and Robyn Nolan  
Devan Mitchell and Kim Holl  
Eugene Pereira and Sumant Handa  
Sandra Bunnett and Jan Manders

### Shout out to Fay and her team! - “Get Active Expo”

Many thanks to Fay and her team for their efforts in promoting our pending lessons at the “Get Active Expo” on Australia Day. There were several expressions of interest, and Fay reckons we may have about 5 starters.

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Fay Blower and Mary Overell



# LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

INTRODUCTORY LESSON FREE

**ENQUIRES**

**FAY 0415 643 604**  
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Playing bridge => Toni Lanphier, Maxine Virgo, Mary Overell, Arthur Johnson and curious onlooker

## Who said Bridge is an easy game? by Ian Patterson

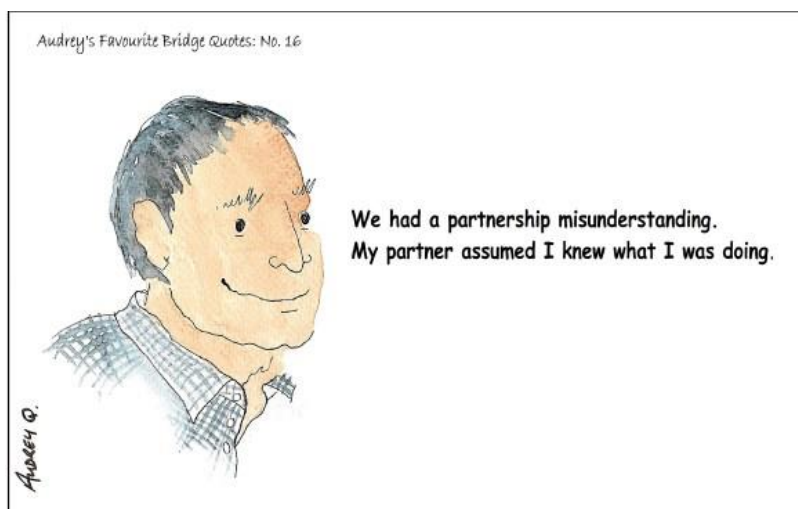
All you have to do is eliminate your errors and take advantage of those of your opponents - easy to say but hard to do. What do you bid after your partner's 3rd in hand opening of 1S, and a 2H overcall from your RH opponent, holding S: 654 H:Q86 D:Q62 C:Q1084?

Having studied the lesson on counting losers/tricks on the board at Cleveland Bay, I decided I had 10 losers and Passed! In 2NtW, declarer (Leigh) placed most of the missing HCP with the opening hand (Betty) and finessed into my hand 3 times (with each failure, the chances of success increased?). I won all 3 Qs and the contract duly went 2 off. Just 1 finesse (Ds) the other way would have given Leigh 9 tricks. 1 person actually made 2S.

So, having achieved a coup on Board 19 (the 1st if the match) I decided to risk all by bidding Slam missing 1 Key Card (and 1 King). It was a confirmation for those players who always lead their Ace against Slams, as I lost the first 2 tricks: A, K of spades. Going off in 2 ambitious 3Nt contracts helped seal our doom.

The last match was against the always dangerous pair, Bill Redhead and Gayleen. They started the match bidding 2 Games few other would reach or make (6% and 22%) and took us off in 2 Games we bid (28% and 22%). Then came Board 26. What would you bid with S:104 H:AKQ742 D:J C:J743 after RH opponent opens a 2H Multi? Stupid here had a rush of blood and Doubled! Double shows at least 14 HCP (Vul.) and a shortage in Hs! No wonder Betty had no idea what was going on, and even after Bill bid 2S (pass or correct) couldn't fathom out that our best result was going to be a penalty double of whatever they settled into. 4CX made just 8 tricks for 0% and compounded our loss to 41/98%. Would you open 2H with S:K2 H:109863 D:Q10963 C:5? As I said: Bill and Gayleen are a dangerous (and unpredictable) pair.

Did we lose because of 2 hands? I doubt it - there were many others where a different decision would have changed the result. But then I'm sure Jan and Leigh could go through their results and find as many hands where they could have bettered their score.



Artwork by Audrey Q

### **Would you care for a friendly game of cards?' 'No, let's play bridge.'**(Kantar)

*Years ago there were only two acceptable reasons for not leading partner's suit: (1) having no cards in the suit; (2) a death wish.*

*A married couple are not speaking to each other after a horrible game and are driving home from a distant bridge tournament. They pass by a field where there are many donkeys. The husband breaks the silence by asking the wife: "Relations of yours"? "Yes" she says, "In-laws"*

Courtesy of Eddie Kantar



**Congratulations to all place winners and participants**

#### **Saturday Walk in Pairs Overall Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Bill Redhead and John Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Patricia Larsen and Bill Bishop  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Sue Reilly and Jo Gillis

#### **Australia Day - Swiss Pairs**

##### **Category A**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place –      Betty Hobdell and Rosemary Glastonbury  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place –      Bill Redhead and John Johnson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place –      Terrence Sheedy and Ian Afflick

##### **Category B**

- 1st Place      Gladys Tulloch and Cathy Crawford  
2nd Place      Geoff Saxby and Sameer Pandya

##### **Category C**

- 1st Place      Sam Bishop and Kelly Walker  
2nd Place      Ann Smith and Andree Galeano

## AUSTRALIA DAY CONGRESS SWISS TEAMS 2021

### Category A

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Bill Bishop, Pat Larsen, Alan Hamilton and June Glenn (Cat A)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Bill Redhead, John Johnson, Leigh Owens and Jan Smith (Cat A)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Geoff Saxby, Eugene Pereira, Sumant Handa and Sameer Pandya (Cat C)

### Category B

- 1st Place Ann Smith, Andree Galeano, Trudy Low and Dusk Care

### Category C

- 1st Place Peter Hall, John Larkin, Joan Elliott and Margaret Dousset



### *Fond memories from Carol Blackman*

This flag is a semi antique hand sewn red ensign used in the navy. It was donated to the club by deceased member Mal Lappin. Mal used to own and manage one of the two quality shoe shops on Flinders Street. You would often see Mal prowling up and down outside his shop when business was quiet. Mal was not the world's best bridge player and had a deep carrying voice expressing a unique point of view. Nevertheless I think of him every time we hang this flag on Australia Day



**AROUND THE CLUB – CHRISTMAS 2020**

***Elaine Brown Marie Stabler Peter Housden, Val Staneke***

***Pat and Geoff Allen***



***Lina Diqer, Shirley Strike, Margaret Wilkinson, John Johnson and Delma Johnson***



***Cathy Crawford (centre) with  
representatives from  
Women's Shelter***



## MEMBER PROFILES

### SHIRLEY STRIKE

**When did you first play Bridge?**

55 years ago

**Where did you grow up?**

Railway Estate – Townsville

**What is your favourite colour?**

Blue

**Did you have a nickname at school?**

No, but in later years I was called Social

**What chore do you absolutely hate doing?**

Using the vacuum cleaner

**If you could be an animal what would it be?**

My daughters Golden retriever who is a very pampered dog

**What is your favourite song?**

Silver Bells

**What personality trait has got you in most trouble?**

Being Impetuous

**Who is the most famous person you have met?**

Queen Elizabeth

**What the best advice you ever had given to you or your Motto is?**

Do unto others as you would have them do to you

My mottos is growing old gracefully

**If you could invite three people for dinner (dead or alive) who would it be?**

- Ita Buttrose
- Ruth Cracknell
- Maggie Tabberer

**Best advice for your bridge partner**

Enjoy



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### WENDY COLLARD

**When did you first play Bridge?**

I started my lessons in February 2019 with Clive

**Where did you grow up?**

Railway Estate – Townsville

**What is your favourite colour?**

Green

**Did you have a nickname at school?**

Not really, but my family called me Wendy Woo

**What chore do you absolutely hate doing?**

Ironing

**If you could be an animal what would it be?**

My dog Bonnie, as she is spoilt rotten

**What is your favourite song?**

When the War is Over by Cold Chisel

**What personality trait has got you in most trouble?**

My OCD to be in control

**Who is the most famous person you have met?**

Dawn Fraser

**What the best advice you ever had given to you or your Motto is?**

Be kind to your mother

**If you could invite three people for dinner (dead or alive) who would it be?**

- My Dad
- My Mum
- My mother in law  
(All passed away)

**Best advice for your bridge partner**

I will always give you my best effort





## **MAKING FEWER MISTAKES**

*"It is not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones."* (Alan Sontag)

The American Contract Bridge League Bulletin of July 2007 had an interesting article about how to improve your game. 10 common errors and how to avoid them were mentioned:

### **1. PLAYING TOO FAST**

Whether you are declaring or defending you are allowed to stop and think at trick 1. As declarer you should be developing a plan and this plan may determine where you win the first trick.

So – slow down and think about the hand.

### **2. CASHING TRICKS TOO EARLY**

Try to establish extra tricks, not just cash the ones you started with. Aces are made to take kings, not spot cards. This applies to both declarer and defenders. Work on your long suits – whether by losing a trick or by trumping.

So – plan ahead both as declarer and defenders.

### **3. TRUMP MISMANAGEMENT 1**

One error is having winners trumped because you failed to remove the opponents' trumps.

So – if you have winners outside the trump suit, remove the outstanding trumps so your winners are not ruffed.

### **4. TRUMP MISMANAGEMENT 2**

Another error is drawing too many rounds of trumps.

So – if you need to cross-ruff the hand or if you need to trump losers, do not draw trumps until after those jobs have been done.

### **5. BAD BIDDING AFTER DOUBLES**

Remember what your partner's takeout doubles show, and bid accordingly. If you know you belong in game, let partner know you belong in game (i.e. bid game yourself).

So – do not make partner guess what to do; tell her what you've got instead.

### **6. BAD BIDDING AFTER OVERCALLS**

Support your partner's overcall if you have support. Treat an overcall as an opening bid until you find out otherwise.

So – when partner overcalls, respond as if it was an opening bid.

## 7. BAD PENALTY DOUBLES

Do not penalty double the opponents based on points only. Long suits are not winners – they are likely to be trumped. You need tricks and usually some trump tricks to make penalty doubles.

So – do not double for penalties just because you have a strong hand.

## 8. DESCRIBING v. DECIDING

Overbidding or underbidding occurs because you are each ‘describing’ or neither of you has taken a ‘deciding’ role.

So – describe your hand to your partner and then let partner decide where you belong.

Similarly, when partner has finished describing their hand to you, you must decide the final contract.

## 9. TELLING THE SAME STORY TWICE

Don't rebid 5-card suits if there is a reasonable alternative. Either introduce a second suit or rebid NT.

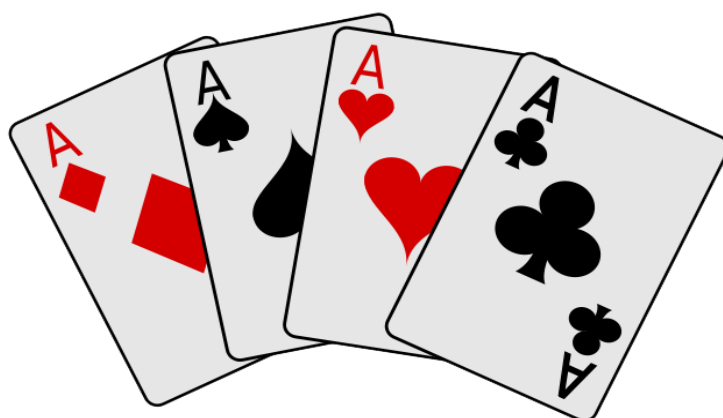
## 10. PHYSICAL or MECHANICAL ERRORS

Slow down and concentrate on what you are doing.

Check it is your bid, check what you bid, check you have followed suit.

This way you can minimise ‘silly’ errors.

*Source: Barbara Travis - [bridgeatbeaumont.com](http://bridgeatbeaumont.com)*



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