



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I would like to welcome Jeff Stevens to the Committee. Jeff will replace Anto Wilson who has had to resign due to work commitments.

There were a number of events held in June starting with the One Day Teams which was won by the Winter team (Kenn Winter, David North, Jayne Dalton and Jan Smith), followed by the Handicap Pairs which was won by Betty Hobdell and Ken Manders.

Numbers for the Townsville Congress held in June were up from previous years with 30 pairs and 16 teams competing. Players came from as far away as Adelaide and we had a large contingent from Mackay Bridge Club who are always good supporters of our congress. Congress results are in this newsletter. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this such a friendly congress, in particular the directors Jan Smith and Leigh Owens and congress organiser Charlie Georgees.

I hope you have noticed that the building has been freshened up. The exterior, including solar panels, gutters and paving have been washed. This operation took Andersons almost a whole day but it has been worthwhile.

The committee is in the process of submitting a grant application to upgrade the disabled toilet and replace the floor coverings. Applications close in August and results should be known by November.

Recently directors have been called a number of times for minor penalty card infractions. Audrey Ledbrook has agreed to write an article on this matter for this newsletter.

Under the terms of our lease with Townsville City Council, the club is required to display an evacuation plan in case of a fire. Two plans are now on display in the club house, one near the front door and one near the rear emergency exit.

Finally I would like to welcome all of our visitors to the club, in particular our returning seasonal visitors

Wilfred Tapiolas

Recent Grand Slams

KEN MANDERS / ANGELA LITTLE

BARRY BROWN / PHIL RAINS

VIVIENNE OTTO / BARBARA TUCK

DI GARSIDE / DONNA FITCH

CAROL BLACKMAN / DONNA FITCH

HEATHER COLBERT / SAM BISHOP

LEIGH OWENS / JO GILLIS

RECENT PROMOTIONS

Heather Colbert **National**

Terry Hughes **Local**

Annette Alchin **Graduate**

80 percenters:

Maria CHIPPENDALE and Bill BISHOP

Vivienne OTTO and Reg BURTON

SAVE THE DATE

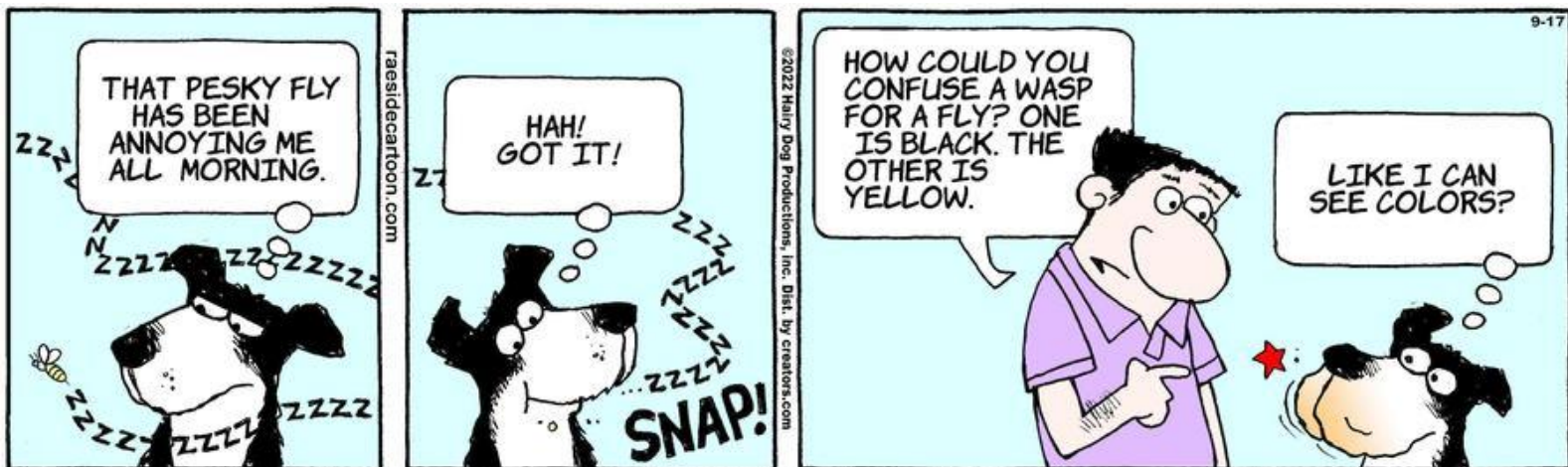
COMING UP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday

11th September 2023

Please consider nominating for an executive position or as a general committee member.



Courtesy Adrian Raeside

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION – payable by 30 September 2023

The Subscriptions will soon be payable. Below is a summary of the breakup of the subscription:

Home Club Subscription

Subscription for year ended:	31 August 2024
Membership Type:	Home
Club Annual Subscription:	\$25.00
State Annual Subscription:	20.00
ABF Annual Subscription:	20.00
Amount payment by 31 August 2023	\$65.00

Non-Home Club Subscription

Subscription for year ended:	31 August 2024
Membership Type:	Away
Club Annual Subscription:	\$25.00
State Annual Subscription:	\$0.00
ABF Annual Subscription:	\$0.00
Amount payment by 31 August 2023	\$25.00

Courtesy of Artwork Audrey Q



Our dealers work quietly in the back room to ensure boards are ready for every session. Thankyou



All members should familiarise themselves with the evacuation plan in the case of a fire. A larger version of this document is displayed near the front door and near the rear emergency exit door

EVACUATION DIAGRAM Townsville Bridge Club

IN CASE OF FIRE

- R**EMOVE PEOPLE
from immediate danger
- A**LERT THE FIRE SERVICE
break manual call point
call 000
- C**ONFINE FIRE & SMOKE
close doors and windows
(if safe to do so)
- E**VACUATE
to the ASSEMBLY AREA

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

- STAGE 1:- Removal of people from the immediate Danger Area**
Occupants and staff in the immediate danger area are to assemble a safe distance away from the fire and smoke. When the area has been evacuated all doors and windows should be closed to contain fire.
- STAGE 2:- Removal to a Safe Area**
If the severity of the smoke or fire warrants further evacuation, occupants should be moved through fire/smoke doors to a safe area.
- STAGE 3:- Complete Evacuation of Entire Complex**
Should the emergency necessitate evacuation of the whole building, the Director or the Fire Service will direct occupants from the safe place to the **ASSEMBLY AREA**.
- STAGE 4:- Roll Call.**
To be conducted as soon as possible and to ensure all Persons are accounted for. Report all missing persons to **FIRE OFFICERS**.

Site Location:
126 Wellington St, Aitkenvale, QLD 4814
Lat/Long : -19.29226, 146.77252

Mobility impaired persons should evacuate immediately on hearing the fire alarm assisted by a nominated person.



Equipment key:

- Water
- Powder
- Fire Blanket
- First Aid Kit
- Fire Hose Reel
- EXIT
- Assembly Area
- Exit Path
- Alternate Exit Path

LIKE TO SHARE ANYTHING?

If anyone has any photos, jokes, birthday wishes or ideas for the newsletter, then please contact Albert Beric on 0403 153 211 or email me - aberic@tpg.com.au



TOWNSVILLE BRIDGE CONGRESS

Walk-in Pairs



North South

1st Place Charlie **Georgees** and Jan **Smith**

Phil **Rains** and Peter **Elliott**

3rd Place Max **Holewa** and Diane **Holewa**

East West

1st Place PAT LEIGHTON - ROBYN NOLAN

2nd Place Tex **Sheedy** and Janelle **Conroy**

3rd Place Ian **Patterson** and Ched **Twyman**

Swiss Pairs

Category A

1st Place Tex **Sheedy** and Janelle **Conroy**

2nd Place Charlie **Georgess** and Pat **Larsen**

3rd Place Ian **Patterson** and Ched **Twyman**

Category B

1st Place Max **Holewa** and Diane **Holewa**

2nd Place Gloria **MacDonald** and Peter **Housden**

3rd Place Di **Garside** and Donna **Fitch**

Category C

1st Place Jan **Harris** and Janine **Rodgers**

2nd Place Ann **Smith** and Robyn **Green**

3rd Place Ken **Manders** and Janelle **Kipping**



SWISS TEAMS



1st Place

Janelle **Kipping** (sub) - Bill **Bishop** -
Terry **Hughes** - Maria **Chippendale**
- Ken **Manders** (Cat B Team)

2nd Place

Charlie **Georgees** - Pat **Larsen** -
Robyn **Nolan** - Pat **Leighton** (Cat A
Team)

3rd Place

Max **Holewa** - Diane **Holewa** - Tex **Sheedy** - Janelle **Conroy** (Cat A
Team)

Category B

1st Place

Sandra **Bunnett** - Carol **Blackman** - Trudy **Low** - Barbara **Tuck**

Category C

1st Place

Helen **Tapiolas** - Wilfred **Tapiolas** - Anne **Murphy** - Roslyn
Sneddon

BOWEN CONGRESS

1st Place

JOHN **TREDREA** / IAN **PATTERSON**

2nd Place

BEVERLEY **SCHULTZ** / BARBARA **ELWIN**

3rd Place

DIANE **HOLEWA** / MAX **HOLEWA**

1st Place Category C

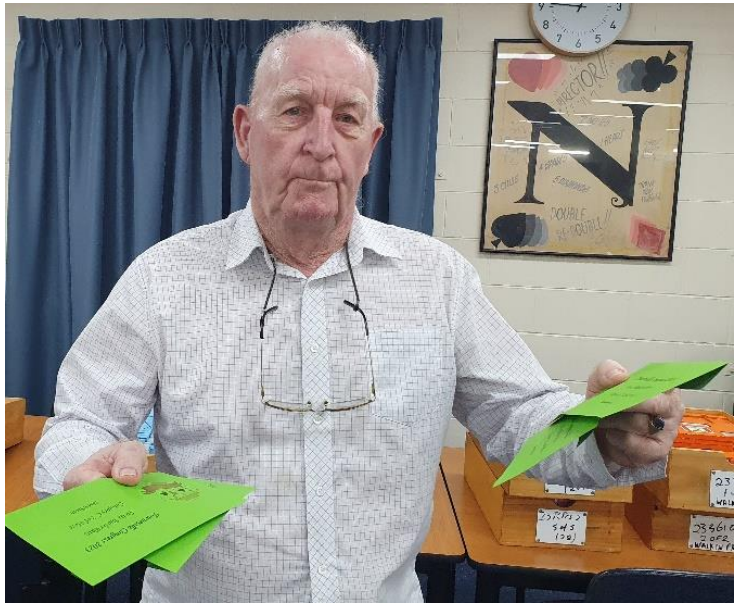
ANN **SMITH** / ANDREE **GALEANO**



COLAGE OF PHOTOS FROM TOWNSVILLE AND BOWEN CONGRESS







**Thankyou to all the Directors, helpers, visitors and participants
for making this a great and successful Congress.**

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

Member Profile: **FELICITY HORNE**

When and where did you first play Bridge? 1999 at the Townsville bridge club.

Who introduced you to bridge? My mother (Sylvia Golding) got me started.

Who taught you to play bridge? Keith Ramsbotham.

Tell us some of your family background, for example where did you grow up, what is your favourite childhood memory? Grew up in Halstead Street Gulliver. When we went to the Rockpool for a swim.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Vacuuming and mopping.

Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?

Snorkelling, painting and cooking.

If you could be an animal what would it be and why? Eagle. Freedom.

What is your favourite song? Blue Spanish Eyes.

What personality trait has got you in most trouble? Not listening.

Who is the most famous person you have met? Bob Hawke.

What the best advice you ever had given to you or your Motto is? Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

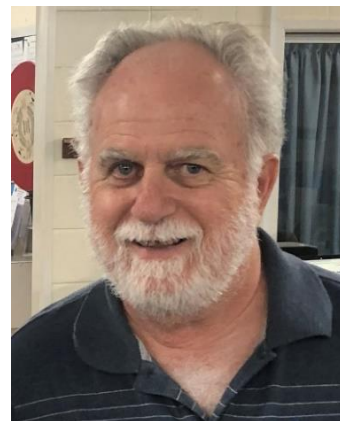
If you could invite three famous people for dinner (dead or alive) who would it be? Karen Carpenter, Elvis Presley and Elizabeth Taylor.

Best advice for your bridge partner? Go slow and think.





From Ian Patterson



A LEAD PROBLEM? Against a 1Nt contract by your RH opponent, what card do you lead from AK1092 when you have no outside entry?

1. Many players are leading their 4th highest, but in this case the 9 isn't very encouraging.
2. An alternative is to lead the 10 (top of an internal sequence) which will work if partner has Qx and rises with the Q to return the suit (assuming he recognizes the possibility of the lead).
3. Another lead could be the A (or the K, depending on your leads, e.g. K from AKxx). In either case, partner with Qx should drop the Q under your honour (to unblock) which requires you to find a switch so that partner can lead a second card into your tenace once they are on lead.

Obviously, there are many hands for which any 1 choice may be superior to another. Allowing for information garnered from the bidding is a key, but otherwise the important thing is to be consistent.

Sound words of Advice – *Source Australian Bridge Federation Website*

Don't criticise yourself at the table, because even a little self-condemnation can get out of hand. First we think that we simply made an unlucky lead, next we consider that it helped declarer make the contract. Then we reflect that we never seem to make a good lead. In fact, we don't really understand the game at all...perhaps we just don't have the ability to play a good hand of bridge...

Timothy Gallwey, who wrote "The Inner Game of Tennis", puts it like this:

"First the mind judges the event, then groups events, then identifies with the combined event, and finally, judges itself. As a result, what happens is that these self-judgements become self-fulfilling prophecies" We should take a non-judgemental approach at the bridge table, both of our partner and ourselves!

Bridge for Beginners and Beyond

Minor Penalty cards

It's been noted that quite a number of people are uncomfortable around Minor penalty cards. To try to clear it up here's a brief description of the law.

The Director must be called to designate it as either a MAJOR penalty card or a Minor penalty card.

A single card below the rank of an honour exposed unintentionally (as in playing two cards to a trick, or in dropping a card accidentally) becomes a minor penalty card however any card of honour rank, or any card exposed through deliberate play (for example in leading out of turn, or in revoking and then correcting), becomes a major penalty card;

A player may not play any other card of the same suit BELOW THE RANK OF AN HONOUR until the penalty card has been played, BUT an honour card may be played instead.

A minor penalty card does not HAVE to be led if you are on lead. A minor penalty card does not HAVE to be discarded. No lead restrictions or Unauthorised information laws apply.

Here is a brilliant flowchart describing the decision-making process from New Zealand Bridge

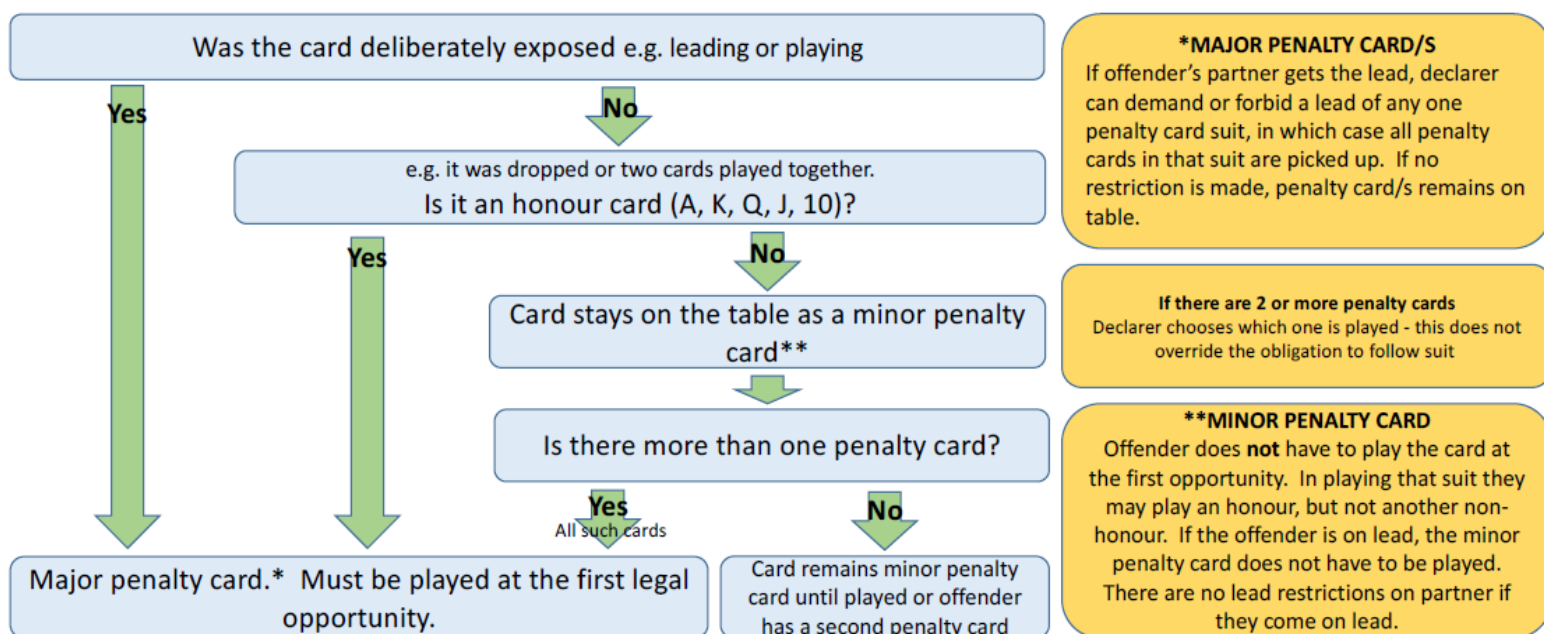
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Approved by: M. Wiggins

Ref: World Bridge Federation Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 – Laws 50-52

NZBridge

Director's Quick Reference Guide Penalty Cards (Laws 50 - 52)

These Laws only apply to cards exposed by the defending side. The declaring side does not have penalty cards.



From **Audrey Ledbrook – Director**

♠♥♣♦ ♠♥♣♦ ♠♥♣♦ ♠♥♣♦ ♠♥♣♦

Memories..... Princess cruise to Fiji - 2010



Devan Mitchell, Yvonne Houbolt, Judy Hunt, Nini Perkins

Kath Peever, Keith Ramsbotham, Richard Perkins and Barry Brown

DID YOU KNOW? The Fisher Schwartz Scandal



The Fisher and Schwartz cheating scandal in tournament bridge was a major event that shook the world of competitive bridge in 2015. The scandal involved two top players, Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz, who were accused of colluding and cheating during the Spingold Knockout Teams quarterfinals.

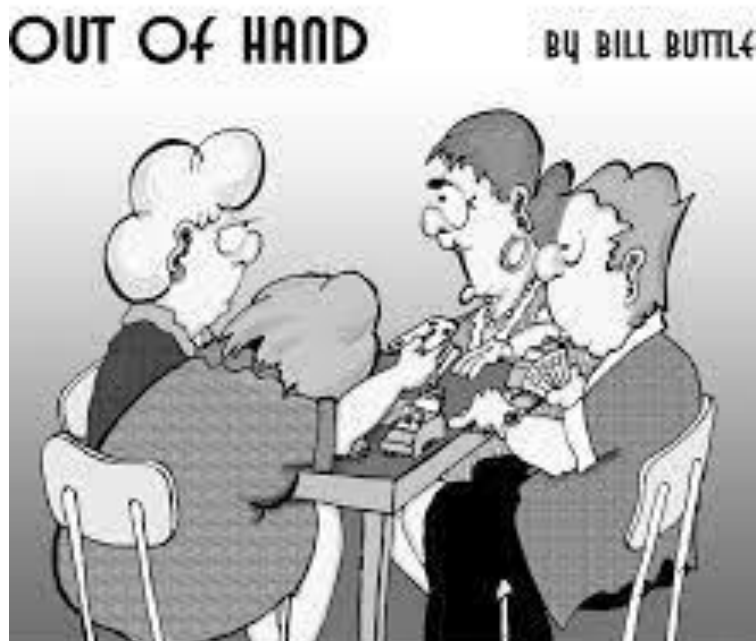
The incident caused a rift in the bridge community and led to widespread condemnation of the pair.

In those 2015 quarterfinals, the team led by Richie Schwartz lost to the team headed by Jimmy Cayne. Following the loss, a member of the Schwartz team - Boye Brogeland - investigated the hands and found many irregularities committed by two players in Cayne's team. Their names? Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz, two young Israeli players who had enjoyed a meteoric rise to success beginning in the early 2000s. Brogeland publicly accused Fisher and Schwartz of cheating (which in itself is a serious act), and even created the website bridgecheaters.com to denounce the pair.

It has been speculated that Fisher and Schwartz used a combination of coughing signals and/or board placement signals to convey illegal information.

The accusations were escalated to the ACBL's Ethical Oversight Committee, which made the following decision in July 2016 – ".....Overwhelming evidence establishes that charged parties Lotan Fisher and Ron Schwartz engaged in collusive cheating" (Source - ACBL Daily Bulletin, Volume 61, Number 9. 2016).

Article - courtesy Jeff Tang (Bridgebum.com)



Source – Bill Buttle. We also acknowledge the kind consent given from Linda Buttle to publish.

* Our bridge teacher says you're to make the opening lead face down! *



HOW WOULD YOU BID and HOW WOULD YOU PLAY?

You are North and hold:

♠ A 9 8 6 4

♥ K Q J 10 9 3

♦ 8

♣ 5

With no opposition bidding, partner opens 1♦. You respond 1♥ and partner rebids 1NT. How are you going to continue the auction?

This 5-6 hand is strong enough to reverse, despite the lack of points. Firstly, 6-5 (in this case, 5-6) hands are stronger than their point count; secondly, that heart suit is basically self-supporting.

So you should rebid 2♠, a responder's reverse, at this stage showing 4 spades and 5 hearts with game forcing values. Opener rebids 2NT, so now you can rebid 3♠. Now, you are showing 5 spades but, since you reversed your first suit is longer, so you have 6 hearts.

Partner now raises you to 4♠. Here's the auction:

North	South
	1♦
1♥	1NT
2♠	2NT
3♠	4♠

East leads the ♣J and you see this 'not very suitable' dummy:

♠ J 7 3

♥ A 6

♦ K Q J 9

♣ Q 7 3 2

You could sit and stew, thinking, "4♥ would have been better, because you could use some of those diamonds to discard spades," but your time is better spent working out how you can make this hand (and, really 4♥ is the same). You have to lose the ♦A, the ♣A and hold your spades to one loser.

[Note: This is NOT a hand where the defence should hold up a minor suit Ace. You know North holds a 5-6 shape, and therefore has only 2 minor suit cards!]

This trump suit is a text-book 'suit combination'! Cashing the Ace will only work if one opponent holds the doubleton King-Queen (very small odds). Instead, the recommended play is to lead a small spade from North, towards the Jack in dummy. You are hoping that East holds the K-10 or Q-10 and jumps up with their honour (and, of course, sometimes defenders play the Queen here with Q-x-x!). On the next round of trumps, you lead the Jack from dummy, finessing West's honour and crushing East's 10. Whilst it won't work all the time, it gives you a very satisfying feeling when successful.

Here's the hand:

	♠ A 9 8 6 4	
	♥ K Q J 10 9 3	
	♦ 8	
	♣ 5	
♠ Q 5 2		♠ K 10
♥ 7 4		♥ 8 5 2
♦ 7 5 4 3 2		♦ A 10 6
♣ A 8 6		♣ K J 10 9 4
	♠ J 7 3	
	♥ A 6	
	♦ K Q J 9	
	♣ Q 7 3 2	

Classic... 4♠ makes if you play the trump suit according to the recommended line.

Classic... Nobody made 4♠.

If East can hold his nerve and play the ♠10 on the first round, declarer may decide it's a singleton and finesse the next round. However, most club players (at least) will rise with the King (and especially so with the Q-10 doubleton.)

Source: Barbara Travis SA Bridge Federation January 2023 Newsletter



bridging the past.....

Pat Duckworth



Verna and Steve Brookes, Beth Whebell

????



Moya Gabbert, Lynn
Richardson, and
Denise Bayliss



Margaret Foster and Mac
Stoneman





THE WIFE, WHO GETS BAWLED OUT FOR THE SLIGHTEST ERROR, HEARS HER HUSBAND LAUGH OFF A MAJOR CRIME

LESTER
L.K.