



PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Wilfred Tapiolas

Beside our normal club sessions, February saw two competitions held at the club. The Cleveland Bay Bridge Club conducted the zonal teams event to select a team to represent the northern zone at the Queensland Festival of Bridge. The event was well supported and had to be limited to 16 teams. It was good to see a team come down from Ingham to compete. Winners were the Hobdell team who unfortunately can not attend the final. The runner up, the Owens team, accepted the offer to represent the zone and will attend the final. Congratulations to both teams. Our thanks go to John Tredrea and Jan and Leigh for their work to ensure the smooth running of the event. Thanks also to our dealer Robert.

The Thursday Different Partners event was held over three weeks and was won by Charlie Georgees. Congratulations Charlie. As far as I know this event is the only one we run that produces one winning player. You will hold that crown till next year.

You will be pleased to know our used packs of cards are now being put to good use. In response to requests from teachers at St Michael's School at Palm Island and Southern Cross College at Annandale for used cards to aid in teaching maths, we have sent fifty packs to Palm Island and Cleveland Bay Bridge Club will send their used packs to Southern Cross. Thanks to Maria for arranging free delivery to Palm Island and to Robert, Lee and Jan for providing the cards.

Finally, our partners organiser Sam Bishop has requested that if your regular partner is away, or if you need a partner for a session please don't hesitate to contact her on 0409518214.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2021

10th Wed Pairs 2 (Restr. Conventions, Green)
13-Mar-21 TBC Sat Pairs 1 (Red)
17th TBC Wed Pairs 3 (Restr. Conventions, Green)
20th 21 TBC Sat Pairs 2 (Red)
27th TBC Sat Pairs 3 (Red)
10th TBC One-Day Matchpoint Pairs (Red)

APRIL 2021

10th TBC One-Day Matchpoint Pairs (Red)
17th -21st INGHAM GNOT Qual. 2 (Gold) (2 days)

IMPORTANT NEWS!

On Thursday April 22 there will be no normal session of bridge but there will be walk in pairs for the Diggers Congress. This is a Cleveland Bay bridge club event which is being played in our club rooms. The start time is 1 pm and the cost is 20 per pair and red points will be awarded.

JANUARY RANKING PROMOTIONS

John Larkin - Bronze National
Anne Murphy – Club
Ann Smith – Bronze State

RECENT GRAND SLAMS

Sharon Morley **and** Heather Colbert
Angela Hall **and** Carol Blackman
Carol Blackman **and** Pat Allen
Marie Stabler **and** Betty Hobdell
Maria Chippendale **and** Clive Bunnett
Barbara Tuck **and** Dusk Care
Audrey Ledbrook **and** John Johnson
Lesleigh Rooney **and** Gloria Macdonald

Audrey's Favourite Bridge Quotes: No. 25



Most bridge players prefer consistency in their partners rather than brilliance.

Matthew Granovetter



WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

As our Birthday list is dated we think its timely to update our list.

If you would like to have the month of your birthday acknowledged in the newsletter, then please let us know either by email (townsvillebridgeclub@gmail.com) or by adding your details to the Birthday List displayed on our News Board.

2021 ZONAL TEAMS

Winning Team - CLIVE BUNNETT, MARIA CHIPPENDALE, DONNA FITCH
and BETTY HOBDELL (JACKIE SEGANFREDDO absent)



SHARON MORLEY, KEN MUHLING, ANN BARRON
and ALAN GILES (The Ingham Team)



ANN SMITH, TRUDY LOW, ANDREE GALEANO and DUSK CARE



PHIL RAINS, JUDY HUNT, LESLEIGH ROONEY and ANGELA HALL

CATHY CRAWFORD, GLADYS TULLOCH, JENELLE DALTON, PAT LEIGHTON and BARBARA HOSPERS



Understanding the Laws



INADVERTENT BIDS

- If you make a bid that is inadvertent (rather than just careless), it may be possible for it to be altered without penalty.
- Whether or not your pen is still on the bidding pad is not relevant.
- The Director will need to decide whether the inadvertency provisions applied.
- Inadvertency may still apply even after LHO has called.



- ❖ *Know the difference between a serial killer and a bridge partner? Answer: You can reason with the serial killer*
- ❖ *Two wives were discussing whose husband plays worse. Wife #1 says it isn't even close, hers does. Wife #2 doesn't agree and says listen to what my husband did last night playing 7NT. He had 11 tricks outside of spades and the dummy had the AQ of spades and the spade finesse was onside and he had plenty of entries to his hand to take the finesse, but instead of taking the spade finesse he went to dummy and led the SQ from the dummy! "What's so bad about that"? wife #1 says, "Against my husband that play works."*
- ❖ *Another thing to tell your partner after dummy comes down weaker than expected: "Where is the hand you held during the bidding?"*

[Courtesy of Eddie Kantar](#)

BRIDGE *You sit round a table, your cards in your hands. It's only a card game but makes such demands. Enough points to open or should I just pass? Or perhaps try a pre-empt - that would cut quite a dash! I'm not the dealer - opener bids first. They open one heart and I fear the worst. Now a double from partner - for takeout that's clear. Things look a lot brighter - four spades could be near. They push us to five and lead out two aces But I trump the second - the look on their faces! Drawing trumps is no problem, the split isn't bad And a long suit in dummy - more tricks to be had. I get rid of my losers - they should have led clubs. It's a top, not a bottom, so we're off to the pub! Anon*

Source: SABF

DECEPTION AT BRIDGE by Ian Patterson

Contract Bridge is a game founded on rules, the upshot of which is that your opponents have a right to know everything there is to know about the system you share with your partner and even your style of bidding. It also includes the agreements you have about leads, signals and card play. You are allowed to deceive the opposition with your bids (psyches) and your card play (not giving the agreed count?) but only if your partner is likewise in the dark.

In this article I want to focus on the play of cards in hand from a sequence and what that play promises or denies. I had a disagreement with Bill Bishop over this one. As a defender, I lead a suit (which he had bid) and he won the trick with the Ace and switched to another suit. In the end play we needed to take one more trick to defeat the contract with me on lead. I did not lead the bid suit again because, as far as I was concerned, **he did not have the King**. When or where I don't remember, but I learnt very early on that:

As DECLARER you do your best to deceive the opponents by playing **the HIGHEST card necessary** (from your hand - the unseen cards) **to win a trick** or force the opponents to win. e.g.: If you hold Q J 10 in a suit your RHO has lead, play the Q. Let them guess who has the J or the 10. If you play the 10 and it holds the trick, RHO will assume his partner doesn't hold a higher honour and may not lead the suit again.

But, **as a DEFENDER** you try to deceive Declarer by playing **the LOWEST card necessary**. With the same holding (Q J 10), play the 10. When you play the 10 and declarer wins the Ace, partner can assume you have at least 1 higher honour. If you play a 10 and declarer holds up, you can then continue the suit to show your holding. e.g.: 10 followed by Q suggests you also hold the J. The point is (if this is your agreement), the play of an Honour **denies** the honour immediately below.

If Bill had won the 1st trick with King, I would have **known** he had the Ace. As it was played, he could signal for the suit as much as he liked, I **knew** he didn't have the King since he played the Ace first. Contract made.

Sometimes, a Defender can deliberately mislead Declarer through his card play. There is an old rule in Bridge called the "Law of Restricted Choice". This Law applies to the location of the Q and J of a suit where declarer holds the A and K. Essentially it means that if 1 opponent is shown to hold either the Q or J, the odds favour the other opponent holding the missing honour. So if RHO holds the J, it should be safe to finesse the LHO for the Q. Sometimes, Declarer knows too much. Here is a nice example of deception from the Teams Championship. The bidding had gone:

S	W	N	E
1D	P	1Nt	P
P	X	P	P

X was for Takeout, E passed converting it to penalties and lead a small Spade. With 3 tricks remaining, 3 rounds of Spades had been played and 1 Club trick. Declarer had it in the bag. 1NtX making 7 tricks is worth 180, making 8 tricks is worth 380, (making 6 tricks is worth -200). Having ducked a Club to the 10 early, Dummy held K5 and Declarer held A86. On the play of the K from Dummy, E drops the Q! Knowing this means W is favoured to hold the J, Declarer takes the marked finesse AND LOSES THE NEXT 3 TRICKS. Well done Peter! The Dummy (me) who was Declarer greedily swung the match - +9 Imps converted to -5. A 14 Imp swing allowed the Elliott team to draw the match. How do you play the cards from QJ8?

MEMBER PROFILES

DELMA JOHNSON

When did you first play Bridge?

1983

Where did you grow up?

Giru, Charters Towers, Townsville

What is your favourite colour?

Blue and Lavender

Did you have a nickname at school?

No.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Ironing and Gardening

If you could be an animal what would it be?

Fish

What is your favourite song?

We will Meet Again

What personality trait has got you in most trouble?

Speaking my mind.

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

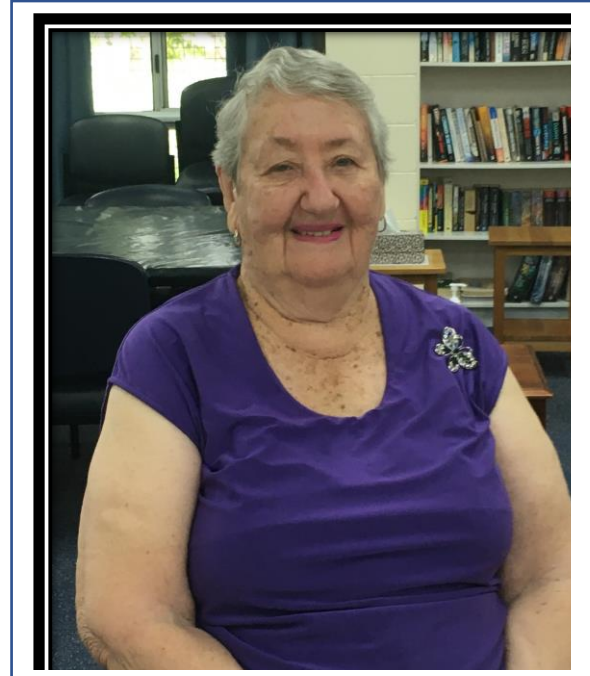
If in doubt – Don't

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

- Ash Barty
- Johnathon Thurston
- Susie O'Neil

Best advice for your bridge partner

Have patience.



MEMBER PROFILES

Rhiannon Heyboer

When did you first play Bridge? [August 2019](#)

Where did you grow up? [Townsville](#)

What is your favourite colour? [Blue](#)

Did you have a nickname at school? [Rhi Rhi](#)

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

[Hanging Washing](#)



If you could be an animal what would it be? [A well-loved Dog like my dog Caesar](#)

What is your favourite song? [Any Song by Luke Combes](#)

What personality trait has got you in most trouble? [Stubbornness](#)

Who is the most famous person you have met? [JT, Billy Slater & Cam Smith](#)

What the best advice you ever had given to you or your Motto is? [Your character will take you further than your talent alone will.](#)

If you could invite three people for dinner (dead or alive) who would it be? [Ash Barty, Lebron James & Hamish & Andy](#)

Best advice for your bridge partner [Go Hard or go home](#)

MY 'BIGGEST' HAND

By Barbara Travis *SABF Newsletter: October 2020*

Writing about Michaels Cue Bids made me think of the 'best' hand I've ever held (not in points though):

♠ A K Q 6 5 4

♥ A K Q 10 8 4

♦ void

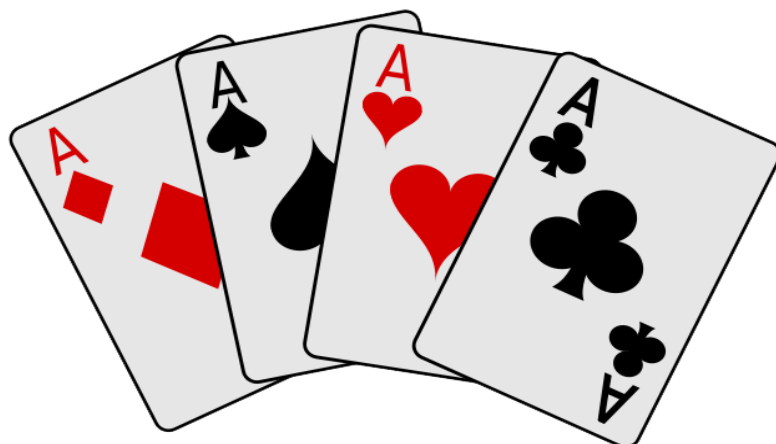
♣ 4

It's not often that you pick up a 12-trick hand! As I was thinking how to bid it, I realised that my LHO had opened 3♣. That seemed to simplify things; I could make a Michael's Cue bid.

LHO	Partner	RHO	Me
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♣ (majors)
Pass	4♦ (!)	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠

RHO led the ♣A and everyone laughed as I tabled such an enormous dummy.

My 4♣ was a Michael's Cue Bid, showing both Majors, but partner wasn't sure so bid her long diamond suit. My 5♣ bid made it clear that I wanted her to choose another suit, and she complied. She held a 3-1-6-3 hand shape, and 6♥ would fail on the 4-2 break.



THE IMPOSSIBLE PASS

This hand, by Alfred Sheinwold, appeared in an article in Australian Bridge (magazine), June 1992.
www.australianbridge.com

Dlr North ♠9 8 2
 Vul NS ♥J
 ♦10 9 6 3
 ♣A K 10 6 3

♠10 7 4
 ♥A K 8 6 2
 ♦Q 7 4 2
 ♣9

♠K 5
 ♥10 9 5 4 3
 ♦A 8 5
 ♣8 7 2

♠A Q J 6 3
 ♥Q 7
 ♦K J
 ♣Q J 5 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥(1)	3♠(2)	4♥(3)	4♠
5♥(4)	Pass	Pass	Pass (5)

- (1) Despite the favourable vulnerability, few experts would overcall at the 2-level with this hand.
- (2) Nowadays, we would use a cue-raise on this hand. Some experts only raised to 2♠.
- (3) If North has the ♠A, this is a sound raise. Given South is more likely to hold the ♠A, the ♠K is of dubious value, as is the 4♥ bid.
- (4) West expects to go down 2 or 3 tricks, doubled, but given the vulnerability is willing to pay out 300 or 500 to stop a vulnerable game.
- (5) The IMPOSSIBLE PASS!

South has obviously missed what was going on. He should realise that the hand “belongs” to North-South and, therefore, he cannot let an opponent play undoubled. South should expect to collect at least 300 points against this obvious sacrifice!

At duplicate bridge, you must double the opponents when they try to steal YOUR hand

Courtesy from SABF News January 2021

LIDS FOR KIDS - RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING

I am an active member the Townsville Northern Suburbs Lions Club and have recently joined the Townsville Bridge Club.

At the Lions Club, we are working with the "Lids for Kids" charity to collect lids from milk bottles, fruit juice and water bottles. These are going to be crushed and melted and various products made from them including prosthetic limbs for the disabled. All proceeds will go to kids with disabilities to enable them to manage their lives better and move into meaningful work. Our Townsville depot has already collected 2 million lids and there is also a big environmental benefit.

We would very much appreciate any contributions you could make. Hard plastic lids lightly rinsed with water are perfect. Please bring them to the club and drop them into the small bin on the kitchen bench just above the white dishwasher.

I am always there on a Tuesday morning so I can collect them weekly. Last week I collected a large shopping bag full of lids. Thank you all for your contributions.

Regards

John Muller



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If anyone has any photos, ideas or feedback for the newsletter, then please contact Albert Beric or email them to me - aberic@tpg.com.au