



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the end of April, the CBBC held its annual Diggers Congress with 14 teams and 28 pairs competing. The teams were won by the Twyman team (Ched Twyman, Geoff Allen, Bill Bishop, Maria Chippendale) and Leigh Owens and Jan Smith won the pairs. Ann Smith and Heather Colbert played well to finish fourth while ranked in the C category.

The Barrier Reef Congress held at the Mackay Bridge Club this year attracted a large field of players from all over Australia with 128 pairs and 62 teams taking part. Our club was well represented.

The championship teams and pairs events, previously held in May and October, were held on successive weekends this year which is not ideal. The events will be rescheduled in next year's calendar. The championship teams event contested by 12 teams was won by the Owens team (Leigh Owens, Jan Smith, Maria Chippendale, Bill Bishop). Twenty pairs competed in the championship pairs won by Maria Chippendale and Bill Bishop in a closely fought final. Congratulations to the winners of both events whose names will now be placed on the honour boards.

There are still some works to be done to the clubhouse with grant monies received from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Within the next few weeks NQAV will be installing a new PA system with no disruption to our normal playing sessions. In early June Hilditch Plumbing will upgrade the disabled toilet, bringing it up to current standards. Unfortunately this work will require the disabled toilet to be out of use for up to one week.

Sadly, Sandra Bunnett, one of our long-term club members passed away in May. A memorial was held for Sandra at the Villa McAuley Hall with a large number of club members in attendance. On behalf of the club, I would like to offer our condolences to Ainslie and her family. Sandra will be greatly missed.

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

Wilfred Tapiolas



## Director's Tip

On occasions a "no play" has been recorded on the bridgemate as *passed out*.

A *No play* awards both partnership an average while a *passed out* could possibly be a top for one and a bottom for the other. The score outcome can be a significant difference. A director should be called to the table for a *no play*.

Audrey Ledbrook



For competition events, your:

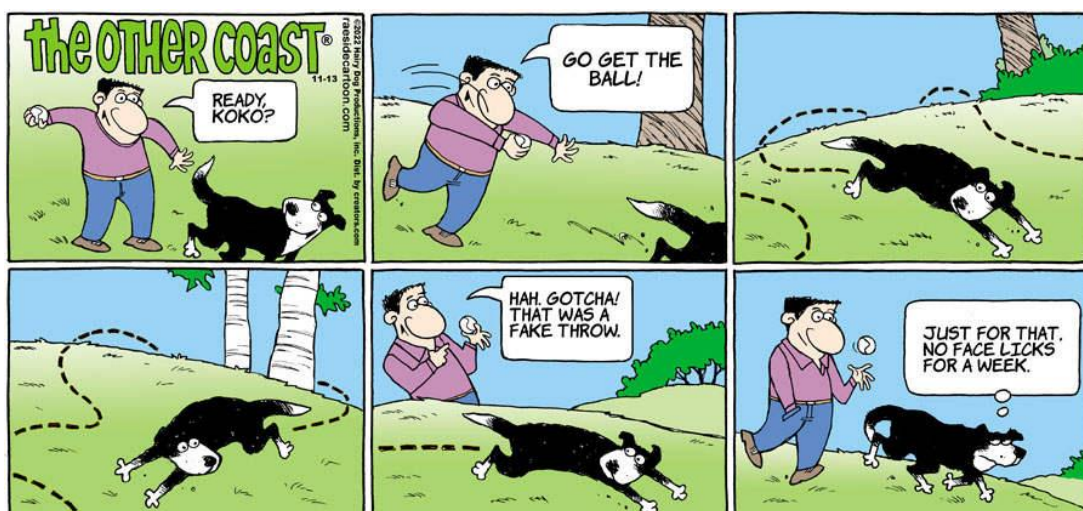
- EFT transfer should be for Team or Pair only.
- Entry has to be emailed simultaneously or lodged physically with Secretary or Joan
- Entry is for one Event only not multiple events.
- EFT should indicate Event and Pair/Team. e.g. Tsv Cong Beric Team/Pair

### RECENT PROMOTIONS

Peter Housden	<b>Bronze Life</b>
Albert Beric	<b>Bronze National</b>
Lynne Worley	<b>State</b>
Jana Zrno	<b>State</b>
Bill Pickering	<b>State</b>
Terry Hughes	<b>Silver Local</b>
Gary Boulton	<b>Club</b>
Dave Care	<b>Graduate</b>

### RECENT GRAND SLAMS

**BETH WHEBELL / GEOFF ALLEN**  
**ANDREE GALEANO / PETER HOUSDEN**  
**JAN MANDERS / DELMA JOHNSON**



Courtesy Adrian Raeside

# Club Pairs Event



# PLANNING AT TRICK 1



You are playing in 3NT with no opposition bidding.

♠ A K Q 9

♥ A 2

♦ K 6 4

♣ J 10 5 4

♠ 10 7 3

♥ K 5

♦ D A J 2

♣ 9 8 7 6 2

West leads the ♥HQ. How would you play?

It looks like you should be creating winners with your clubs, but a second look is necessary.

Establishing the club suit will involve losing the lead at least twice (perhaps three times).

The heart lead, however, has removed one of your two heart stoppers, so this line will lead to inevitable defeat – losing 3+ hearts and 2+ clubs.

You need some good luck instead, and should plan to win 4 spades, 2 hearts and 3 diamonds. So you need spades to break 3-3 or for the ♠J to be singleton or doubleton, and you also need the diamond finesse to work (East holding the ♦Q). Play accordingly – and you will make your contract.

Always check your initial plan for flaws. One of the main faults for most bridge players is playing too quickly at trick 1 (or not developing your plan properly).

Source: Hand provided by Lauren Travis, Bridge at Beaumont (Barbara Travis)



Bridge Topic of the Week

## **SYSTEM CARDS**

- Both players in a partnership should have identical ABF system cards, and these should be made available to your opponents at the commencement of each round.
- Systems should be designated as Green, Blue, Red or Yellow, and with Brown Sticker where appropriate. If in doubt as to the classification of your system, consult the Director.



The person that said “*outa sight outa mind*” hasn’t seen a spider disappear in their bedroom before going to sleep!!



## Did you know?

# Playing Cards Once Helped Rescue Prisoners of War

During World War II, American and British intelligence agencies collaborated on a top-secret mission with the US Playing Card Company. To help Allied prisoners of war escape from Nazi prison camps, the company devised a way to hide a map of Germany inside playing cards.

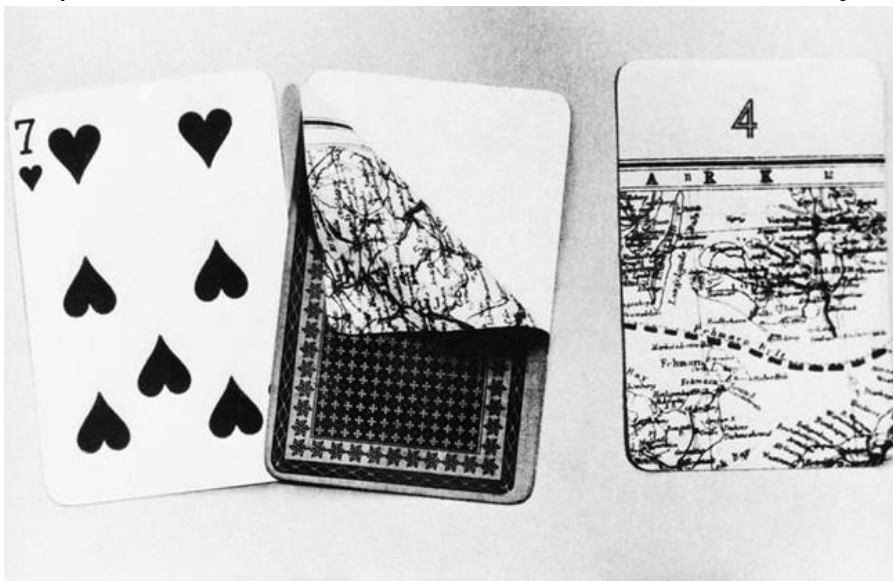


American Red Cross parcel for prisoners of war.

Source: Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History. Usage conditions apply.

To facilitate escape attempts, the American Office of Strategic Services (precursor to the CIA) and British Special Operations Executive hatched a plan. They tasked the United States Playing Card Company (USPCC) to create decks of Bicycle brand playing cards that could conceal maps of Germany.

Under the rules of the Geneva Conventions, the Red Cross and other charitable organizations could send parcels and mail to prisoners of war. In addition to clothing, food, medical supplies, and tobacco, parcels could contain games, such as playing cards. If Allied POWs were lucky, an enclosed deck of cards would offer more than just a way to keep busy.



Playing cards from Bicycle map deck revealing concealed map of Germany beneath outer layers of paper.

Courtesy of the Imperial War Museum © IWM HU 58537

Source: National Park Service USA

# Member Profile: **JEAN McKENZIE**



## **When and where did you first play Bridge?**

I first played Bridge in Sydney many years ago.

My friend Mavis wanted to play Bridge so we formed the Jambiry Bridge Group. The name came from the first letter of each of our names.

## **Who taught you to play bridge?**

Ron Klinger taught us the basics.

We were happy to play just the basics and Bridge on Thursdays became synonymous with friends and fun.

Our table money went to World Vision.

## **Tell us some of your family background, for example where did you grow up, what is your favourite childhood memory?**

I grew up in Newport Sydney. Newport is on a peninsula with the ocean on One side and beautiful Pittwater on the other. Newport is famous for surfing and sailing. My favourite childhood memory is visiting my grandparents on their farm near the Clarence River. I used to help with the animals, play with the pets and fish in the river.

## **Did you have a nickname at school? If so, why did the name arise.**

No real nickname at school just Jean short for Jeanette.

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

I dislike weeding the garden.

## **Do you have any other interests, other than bridge?**

My other interests include studying French and Italian. Bird watching and learning to play the Ukulele.

## **What type of Jobs (employment) have you done? What was your first job? Did you have a favourite job?**

My first job was a sales assistant at the sweet counter at Coles Manly.

During my student years I worked as a nurse's aide and a waitress.

After obtaining a B.Sc. from Sydney University I taught Science before I married a doctor in the RAAF. My favourite job was teaching.

## **If you could be an animal, what would it be and why?**

I would like to be a sea eagle so I could live near the sea, catch fish to eat and fly anywhere.





**What is your favourite song?**

My favourite song is Auld Lang Syne by Robert Burns.

**Do you have any “hidden talents” or achievements that might surprise us?**

I have sailed in a yacht race from Canary Islands across the Atlantic to St Lucia.

Also, I have flown a glider solo.

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

I tend to leave things to do until the last minute.

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

The most famous person I have met was Sir Roden Cutler Governor of NSW.

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

My mother told me “Be thankful for small mercies”.

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

I would invite Sir David Attenborough, Prince William and Aung San Suu Kyi to Dinner.

**Best advice for your bridge partner**

Enjoy the game Good results will follow eventually.

**Do you have a joke?**

Student leads an 8 rom 8,9 doubleton, wins the trick and does not lead the 9

Teacher asks “why” Student says you said 8 ever 9 never.



# BRIDGEMATES.....



Glad Short, Claire Moloney, Aileen Keogh and Rae Freer



Doris Mann, Laurie Kelso, Del Ward (Background: Joy Dean)



1<sup>st</sup> Photo: Nancy O'Hara, Irene Leahy ? Billy Harrington

2<sup>nd</sup> Photo: Helen Bolton Ada White Iris Ariotti (standing) Beryl Elliott Phil Toohey



GEORGE, DEAR, YOU PLAYED PERFECT BRIDGE ALL EVENING! YOU'VE ALWAYS PLAYED A BRILLIANT GAME BUT THIS EVENING YOU OUTDID YOURSELF. THE FEW TIMES YOU WERE SET MY STUPID BIDDING WAS ENTIRELY TO BLAME. YOU'RE A MARVEL AND I'M PROUD OF YOU!

WHY, HELEN, I PLAYED LIKE A DUB! IT WAS YOUR PLAYING THAT PULLED US THROUGH. YOU REALLY PLAYED A FLAWLESS GAME FROM START TO FINISH. WORK, FOSTER, FERGOSON OR ANY OF THE EXPERTS COULDN'T HAVE PLAYED BETTER

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

HUSBAND AND WIFE



A PICTURE DRAWN ENTIRELY FROM IMAGINATION

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