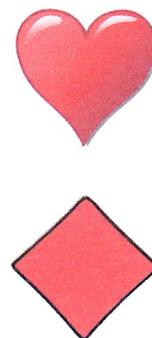


BRIDGE MATTERS

September 2017

Caloundra, Coolum, and Sunshine Coast Bridge Clubs



SUNSHINE COAST NEWS

John Stacey

Events. We are fortunate to have a great team of volunteers who make all our events run smoothly. Chief among these is Ursula Sheldon who has done a great job as Congress Convenor for many years.

Our Club Teams Championship was contested by 18 teams over three weeks in July and was won by the team of Richard Perry, Bev Stacey, Rosemary Crowley and Joan McPheat.

Our Teams Congress in August attracted 24 teams and was won by the team of Drew Dunlop, Tony Walford, Randall Rusk and Steve Hughes.

Building & Surrounds Upgrades. Works completed have been:

- improvements to the toilets, kitchen and office,
- the library and book exchange on the North wall,
- a new screen and new plants along the north facing side of the building.

We owe a massive debt of gratitude to Peter Lewis who project managed all these works, ensuring that good value and good outcomes were achieved. Peter is not a member of the club but is married to Jackie so his efforts are even more appreciated.

Council has made it clear that there are no plans to upgrade our car park within the next several years and there is still the possibility of resumption of land adjacent to the Club for road development purposes.

Attendance and Income at all our sessions has been maintained although income was down due to the three week closure and payment of GST for the first time.

The Tuesday afternoon swiss pairs continues to struggle but it is a very pleasant day's bridge with 3 nine-board matches in each session.

Evening sessions. We have decided to start evening beginner's lessons. To make this viable we felt that it would be necessary to have a concurrent club session to which the beginners could graduate. The response to these initiatives has been encouraging and we expect to start both initiatives this month.

Behaviour Policy Unfortunately, we had reason to form a disciplinary committee to assess a complaint. The committee met and made recommendations. This was a difficult task that was carried out in a professional manner, and the conclusion reached was considered fair. It is to be hoped that such a circumstance will not arise again.

Directors- Peter Busch conducts monthly directors' meetings and has ensured that all our directors understand the new laws which took effect in August. Steve Murray is now a qualified congress director.

Catering. The arrangements put in place last year continue to serve us well, with Ross Maher organising the team, Fay Stanton arranging food supplies and many volunteers contributing to all our events.

Thanks. I have been blessed to have had such a harmonious and hard- working Committee. We have lost three (Adrienne Kelly, Fay Stanton and Wendy O'Brien) and gained three (Michael Phillips, Diane Sargent and Janice Little) and I believe there is every reason to be optimistic about the coming year.

There is a tremendous willingness to help in every aspect of the Club's activities. We have volunteers for the kitchen, bar, organising of events and providing contributions for congresses.

CALOUNDRA NEWS

Drew Dunlop

THE PHANTOM RETURNS

Clubs naturally prefer that players arrange partnerships and games in advance. However, it is great to be able to get a game as a last-minute decision and, to make those decisions possible, Caloundra offers a phantom player system.

Individuals can come alone to Tuesday afternoon, Thursday evening (tapas) and Friday afternoon sessions and play with either the phantom or with another "solo" player.

For the inconvenience of coming and of being available to help other players get a game, the phantom receives a free game on the day, or a voucher for a free game at later date if not required to play when an even number of individuals arrive.

We are always looking for volunteers to be "the phantom". If you can volunteer for any session(s) please call Drew on 0418 199 676.

Even just one day a year would be appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

Oct 7 th & 8 th	QBA Northern Suburbs
Oct 11 th 18 th 25 th	Caloundra Teams
Nov 12 th	QBA Novice Pairs- Sunshine Coast
Nov 12 th	QBA Senior Pairs- Gold Coast
Nov 22 nd	QLD Wide Pairs
Nov 26 th	Toowong Graded Teams
Dec 3 rd	Zone Graded Pairs
Dec 10 th	QBA Teams of Three- Northern Suburbs
Dec 17 th	QBA Individuals- QCBC
Feb 18 th - 25 th	Gold Coast Congress

COOLUM NEWS

Ken Dawson

COOLUM'S 24TH ANNUAL INVITATION DAY

This event attracted a field of 21 tables. The emphasis was on a day of friendly bridge with a quality lunch and drinks, all wonderfully organised by our stalwarts, Di Jones and Ali Walker.

Two Mitchells were set up with EWs changing after lunch. With arrow-switches, we finished with a single list of 42 pairs in both sessions.

Winners of the day were Ines Dawes & Brett Middelberg with a score of 60.7%. Gerald Schaaf & Don Robertson were 2nd and Hilary French & Janelle Kipping were 3rd.

The Restricted group was won by Katherine Collins & Lesley Bloomfield, Ruth Church & Irene Pawlyszyn 2nd and Michael Barra & Suzanne Sabados 3rd.

Coolum Home Club Members Trophy was awarded to Alan Sinclair & Steve Jesienowski (again!) and Pepe Schwegler & Louise Taylor-Smith had a fine win in the afternoon session.

Many players use events like this as their first dip into daylong bridge, and we're sure they'll be back!

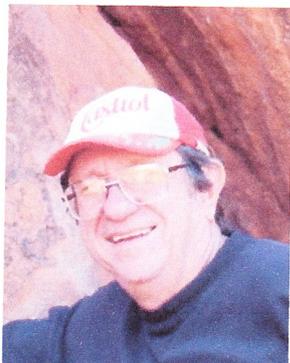
The most interesting hand of the day is shown below. Deep Finesse says that spade contracts from South can always be held to 9 tricks. I was in the hot West seat but couldn't manage it. See if you can spot the line looking at all 4 hands. The solution is on Page 4.

	S- T7	
	H- AJT65	
	D- QT9	
	C- 752	
S- AK5		S- 82
H- 4	Dlr- N	H- 9732
D- 87643	Vul- N-S	D- K52
C- AQ64		C- JT98
	S- QJ9643	
	H- KQ8	
	D- AJ	
	C- K3	

	C	D	H	S	NT
N			2	3	1
S			2	3	1
E	3	3			
W	3	3			

KEN'S CHESTNUT

Ken Dawson



Always maintain length parity with dummy.

This chestnut is a useful guide but not commonly identified at the club level. It applies when declarer is running a long suit and you have to discard after dummy.

You will probably be aware of how many discards that you need to find. Partner will be giving you count and you will have some information from the bidding.

♠AJT43

♥7643

♦

♣

♠KQ75

♥T9852

♦

♣

As declarer runs a long club suit, he begins to discard hearts from dummy. You have a nasty surprise for him in spades. So, you commence to pitch hearts as well.

If it transpires that declarer can make his contract because of your dropped hearts, then he was going to make it anyway. You were squeezed in the majors.

It is more likely that he will lead a spade to the ten and your jack. Make sure that you have retained an exit card – a heart. Of course, he may still prevail by removing all cards except spades.

KEN'S KONUNDRUM #5

♠AQ86

♥K92

♦K2

♣J943

♠K9

♥AJ543

♦Q5

♣QT85

You are declarer in 4H after your LHO opened a strong 1NT, always 4-3-3-3 shape.

Plan your play after west cashes ♣AK and ♦A

You can lose no more tricks. So, the trumps must be brought home without loss. West is marked with ♥Qxx.

Contrary to all logical finessing play, the winning line is to lead ♥J. West must cover or you will duck in dummy, giving no trump loser. So, west covers and you win ♥K. Now, you play ♥2 from dummy and hope that East started with ♥Tx. West's 3rd trump will fall under ♥9.

♥K92

♥Q86

♥T7

♥AJ543

MIKE'S TRILOGY

Mike Phillips



Now you are West. Don't look at East's cards. Trick 1 goes ♥A - Q - 3 - 2.

A TWO-WAY CHALLENGE- PART 1

Ron Klinger has been running an annual bridge holiday at Tangalooma Island Resort, on Moreton Bay, for 25 years. The venue is pleasant, the participants friendly, and Ron's lessons always thought-provoking. This one from the 2017 holiday was framed as a declarer play problem but I believe that it challenges the defence even more.

Dealer North, Both vulnerable

W	N	E	S
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Drury, maximum pass & spade support
First, the defence. You are East. Partner leads ♥A and dummy is tabled.

Dummy

♠ Q83
♥ Q
♦ 8542
♣ KQT83

You

♠ T62
♥ JT9763
♦ J9
♣ A6

Your partnership agreement is normally to show suit preference when dummy has a singleton captured by the opening lead. After studying the dummy, what card do you play at trick 1?

Dummy

♠ Q83
♥ Q
♦ 8542
♣ KQT83

You

♠ 5
♥ AK85
♦ KT73
♣ 9742

East's ♥3 is a McKenny signal showing preference for the lower non-trump suit and so, presumably, she has the ace of clubs. What will you lead at trick 2 to defeat this contract? Over to you.

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Solution- Coolum 24th Annual Invitation

(From Page 2)

Lead ♥4 won by South with ♥Q.
South leads a trump and West pounces.
How can West reach the East hand?
I cashed ♣A, hoping East had ♣K. No good.
Instead of ♣A, lead ♣4. East will play ♣8, forcing ♣K. When South leads another trump, pounce again.
As ♣8 pushed out ♣K, who do you think has the ♣J?
Surely East or South would have already played it!
Exit ♣6 to partner's ♣9 which wins.
East will be wondering how he won a trick!
Exit ♥x for West to ruff with his ♠5.
Sweet.

A TWO-WAY CHALLENGE- PART 2

You are West still. If East has ♣A, the auction marks South with ♦AQ so a diamond switch is out. A club would give declarer a tempo and set up dummy's long suit, while a trump switch likewise probably helps declarer. If you switch, even if East has three trumps South will win, knock out the ♣A and draw trumps, ending in dummy. Your only good continuation, therefore, is a heart - but which one? You want South either to shorten dummy's trumps to remove the entry to the clubs, or to concede a trick. The only card that will safely do this is the ♥K. No matter if this may set up the jack as a winner for South, since she has no useful discard from dummy. Did you get that right?

Second, declarer.

Dummy

- ♠ Q83
- ♥ Q
- ♦ 8542
- ♣ KQT83

You

- ♠ AKJ974
- ♥ 42
- ♦ AQ6
- ♣ J5

Now you are South. West wins trick 1 with ♥A and continues with the king. You have lost a heart and must lose another trick in clubs but once the club ace is knocked out that suit could provide discards for your diamond losers. So, how do you plan to make your contract?

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Caloundra

Chris Byrne	Stephanie Meyland
ni Perkins	Doreen Stephens
Denise Trower	Peggy Waldron

Coolum

Beverley Roche	John Roche
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Queries** you might have on tricky aspects
of our game (rules, systems, bidding, play,
defence, or etiquette), which will be
referred to our panel of experts.

HELP!

The Editor is increasingly needing to rely
on recycled materials from a few stalwarts.

There must be interesting hands,
situations, and decisions happening every
day in our three clubs.

Please send them in- Ed.

A TWO-WAY CHALLENGE- PART 3

Solution for declarer. If you ruff the ♥K in dummy you need the trumps to split 2-2, only a 45% chance, or you will probably fail. Your best play is to let West win the second heart, pitching a useless diamond from dummy. Now, whatever West does next cannot hurt you. If it's a diamond or a third heart you will win in hand, knock out the ♣A, draw trumps, ending in dummy, and claim; or if a club is played, the defence is doing your work for you. The full deal was:

	♠ Q83		
	♥ Q		
	♦ 8542		
	♣ KQT83		
♠ 5	N	♠ T62	
♥ AK85	W	♥ JT9763	
♦ KT73	E	♦ J9	
♣ 9742	S	♣ A6	
	♠ AKJ974		
	♥ 42		
	♦ AQ6		
	♣ J5		

Solution for defence. Double dummy the defence can prevail. What's needed is a low heart at trick 2, which South cannot afford to duck into the danger hand (East), and so must ruff in dummy. South can now no longer draw East's third trump before using dummy's clubs.

How can East persuade her partner to play a low heart? McKenny methods won't work here, since a high heart at trick 1 would suggest a diamond switch. However, if your carding is natural East must play the ♥J at trick 1, promising the ten and asking West to continue. Now West should continue hearts with the eight, rather than the five, indicating a preference for diamonds, not clubs - as if East needed prompting. South is forced to ruff this second heart in dummy and

eventually goes two off. In the heat of the contest this defence is probably too hard to find.

Of course, if South happened to have three clubs and only two diamonds the contract cannot be defeated, but the defence must base their play on the layout that would work for themselves - and hope.

Details of all Ron Klinger bridge holidays, and lots of other good bridge stuff, are available at www.ronklingerbridge.com.

DO YOU NEED POINTS OR TRICKS?

Many pairs bid strictly on points but Terrance Reece, a famous bridge player, reportedly said "I want my partner to have tricks, not points".

The hand below was allegedly played in Cincinnati USA about 45 years ago.

N/S bid and made 7S, redoubled.

S- AT9876
H- ---
D- 9876542
C- ---

S- K
H- AKQT98
D- AKQ
C- AKQ

S- Q
H- J765432
D- JT3
C- J2

S- J5432
H- ----
D- ----
C- T9876543

If Vulnerable, N-S would have scored 2940 points, or would have been down by 7600 with one card relocated.

(From a recent Townsville Club newsletter)

6-CARD FIT? NO WORRIES!

These deals come from a congress in Sydney. On Deal 1, as North-South, what contract do you want to be in?

Dir S	♠ K84			
Vul EW	♥ AJT98			
	♦ A9			
	♣ AK9			
♠ 72		N		♠ JT95
♥ 7652		W	E	♥ KQ4
♦ Q2		S		♦ JT84
♣ QT865				♣ 42
	♠ AQ63			
	♥ 3			
	♦ K7653			
	♣ J73			

3NT is the obvious contract and makes comfortably, perhaps with an overtrick..

Sometimes, however, the bidding goes awry even in experienced partnerships. Suppose you find yourselves in 4 hearts, is that a problem? No, that makes easily on your 5-1 fit. Even if the opponents lead a spade and come later to a spade ruff, the club position can give you three tricks in that suit, or you can squeeze East in spades and diamonds.

Congratulations if you bid to a Moysian six spades. No worries – cross-ruffing hearts and diamonds produces seven tricks, plus the heart, two diamonds and two clubs..

So, can 5 diamonds be defeated? Surprisingly, no; the contract can be made in a variety of ways, including one that prettily squeezes East in spades and hearts.

OK, let's say that there has been a total bidding fiasco and somehow you have finished up in the ridiculous contract of 5 clubs, on your 3-3 fit. Curses, how many does that go off? Don't panic, you can make it! There are several lines of play for eleven tricks, and no defence.

No lead can hurt you, but suppose that West leads a heart. You take the ace, cash ♦A, and ruff ♥8 with ♣3. Cross to ♠K and ruff ♥9 with ♣J (you will see why). Cash ♦K and lead ♣7 towards dummy's ♣AK9. West should insert ♣10 to force ♣K – otherwise finesse ♣9. Cash ♣A, discarding a spade from hand (even ♣A if you want to rub your opponents' noses in it). Cash ♥J and cross to hand with a spade. You have the first ten tricks, and when you lead a diamond from hand in this 3-card ending West has no answer.

♠ 8				
♥ T				
♦ --				
♣ 9				
♠ --		N		♠ J
♥ --		W	E	♥ --
♦ --		S		♦ JT
♣ Q86				♣ --
	♠ --			
	♥ --			
	♦ 765			
	♣ --			

Other variations on this line of play succeed just as dramatically, as long as you play West for his actual club holding. Poor East-West. There is no defence to any game that you care to bid on your combined 29 HCP with no fit!

Now look at Deal 2.

Dir S	♠ 53			
Vul NS	♥ Q43			
	♦ K976			
	♣ J872			
♠ Q6		N		♠ AKT8
♥ K87		W	E	♥ AJ95
♦ AJT2		S		♦ Q85
♣ QT63				♣ A4
	♠ J9742			
	♥ T62			
	♦ 43			
	♣ K95			

This time East-West have the cards and can make, on a 6-card fit, 4 clubs or 4 spades, or on a 7-card fit 5 diamonds, or 6 hearts or no trumps if played by East. Either small slam comes home via a black suit squeeze on South.

Suppose, for example, East has declared 6NT, South leading a diamond, ducked to North's king. Now East can take eleven tricks via three spades, four hearts, three diamonds and a club, but South must find three discards, giving up another trick in spades or clubs.

The play in 4 spades is also neat. Declarer gives up a diamond and a club, draws two rounds of trumps, and then plays off winners, end-playing South in trumps. Once again, the defence is helpless against virtually any contract that the declaring side settles in. It's not hard to make these tricky contracts on paper: if only one could get them right at the table.