

R.B.C News

Update

Expression of Interest Submission to Council

The newly renovated Redcliffe Bowls Club has been inspected; the information gathered has been shared with interested members of our club and we are now submitting an Expression of Interest in acquiring it as the future venue for the Redcliffe Bridge Club. Our current lease expires next year and the new lease will be the standard one that will be introduced for all community venues with the rent to be nominated by the lessee.

The rooms would fulfil all of our requirements but if successful, costs may have to be outlaid on additional items such as:

relocation, air conditioning, security lights, alarms, window drapes, blinds, cabling for computer and TV, phone connection, plumbing of water cooler, extra shelving in store room, dishwasher, microwave oven, electric power points. It should be noted that we have access to multiple community grants for which we can apply.

A Creative Memory

Merryl Baillie is currently compiling a complete record of the Redcliffe Bridge Club Championship Teams. This innovative concept is being undertaken because of the difficulties of displaying so many names on an honour board. The completed creative memory will be displayed and available for perusal.

BRIDGE BUZZ



REDCLIFFE BRIDGE CLUB - OCTOBER 2011

From the President - Maree Filippini

The response to the first edition of Bridge Buzz was encouraging to say the least. Many of you expressed how much you had enjoyed the read and its content. It is good to get so much positive feedback when a lot of work goes into the production of the newsletter.

Since our last edition much has happened, including many bridge competitions and of course the Redcliffe Congress. The congress was a huge success in so many ways, not least being the record number of participants. We had thirty-six pairs from clubs all over the south east corner, with many travelling a considerable distance on such a wet and gloomy day. The quantity and quality of the food was first class; thanks to the many members who donated so much delicious food and wine. The majority of the guests commented on the lovely day as well as the food and promised to be back next year. Aside from the catering, the preparations that went into making this event such a success were quite remarkable. This was my first year being involved in the congress and I was amazed at the work that goes on behind the scenes in the lead-up to and after the event. I would like to again thank the many people who helped in so many ways to support the event. The most important part of the day was of course playing bridge and this year we had many of our club members compete successfully.

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From The President (Continued from Page 1)

Congratulations to Carolyn Adcock and Janice Gordon on their great performance in coming third in a very highly regarded field. Also making it into the winners' circle were Marilyn Chapman and Jane Doyle who took out first place in the 100 masterpoints or less section.

At long last the proposed constitutional changes have been completed. The Constitution is now awaiting QBA approval. Subsequently a Special General Meeting will be scheduled for the proposed changes to be presented to the members for approval and ratification.

An exciting date on our calendar is approaching as the successful applicants for the lease of the Redcliffe Bowls Club will be notified by the Moreton Bay Regional Council on 26 October.

It is that time of the year when planning for Christmas gets under way and on that note, a reminder that the Club Christmas Party will be held on Friday 16 December.

A Special Chain Letter

(Adapted by David Barnes from the Messenger, the MENSA newsletter for Region 9)

This letter was started by players like yourself in the hope of bringing relief to other tired and discontented players. Unlike other chain letters, this one does not cost anything.

Just send a copy of this letter to five of your friends who are equally tired and discontented. Then bundle up your bridge partner and send him/ her to the player whose name appears at the top of the list. When your name comes to the top of the list, you will receive 16,877 bridge partners. One of them is bound to be considerably better than the one you have already.

DO NOT BREAK THE CHAIN - HAVE FAITH. One player who broke the chain got his own partner back!

Competition Results



Redcliffe Congress 21 August

Visiting and Redcliffe players deep in concentration



Some of the hard-working helpers who prepared the delicious food



Congratulations to Steve Woodrow and Ted Morriss on winning the first Novice Pairs competition held on 7 and 14 July



Well done to Roxane Blaylock and Jenny Reid, the winners of the Club Championship Pairs held on 3, 10 and 17 August

A Congress Favourite Recipe

Date Scones (Gaylene)

Sift 4 cups of self-raising flour into a bowl and add 2 tsp baking powder and mix well. Cut up 400g of dates into another bowl and pour over 600ml of thick cream. Leave to soak, covered, overnight in fridge.

Add the dates and the cream mixture to the flour with a 375 ml can of lemonade. Mix well.

Tip mixture out onto a flour-dusted bench and press it all out evenly and cut into squares. Put them on an oven tray and bake for 12-15 minutes 225 degrees. (Makes about 30 scones).

Celebratory Events

Happiness in bridge surely comes from the intrinsic rewards gained through working hard and utilising talent; through remaining committed and pressing through to success. Extrinsically, we can share our success with others. Some noteworthy achievements are recognised and celebrated here.

Errol Miller achieved success with Herold Rienstra in the Sunnybank Teams Championship (1st), Moreton-Bribie Open Congress (2nd) Maryborough Pairs (2nd) and also with H. Baker in Coffs Harbour (2nd).

Ton Vankan and Marilyn Chapman qualified at the GNP Zone Final and are now eligible to compete in the National Final in Canberra.

Patrick Campbell and Henry Jackson were placed 5th nationally in the Bridge for Brain Research Challenge.

QBA Directing Articles - Jan Peach

Unintended Calls

Until his partner makes a call, a player may substitute his intended call for an unintended call but only if he does so, or attempts to do so, without pause for thought.

"Without pause for thought" has nothing to do with the speed of the change or whether the new call was made in the same breath or whether the pencil left the paper. An unintended call is one that was never under consideration even for a nanosecond. An unintended call appears on the bidding slip without any conscious thought and very much to the shock and surprise of the player who made it.

Getting the system wrong, answering the wrong question and passing partner's cue bid are not usually unintended calls. A player must have chosen to write one thing and for some inexplicable reason wrote a different call which had not ever been under consideration.



From our Directors

PSYCHE BIDDING

A psyche bid is defined as:

- an intentional bid to deliberately mis-state suit length or honour strength or both
- not being based on any understanding by the partner of the psyche bidder that the bid conveys a particular meaning
- a bid made with the psyche bidder's partner being as unaware of the meaning as the opposition

In the above circumstances, a psyche bid made without partnership agreement is not illegal. However, any action taken by a partner based on the fact that he is allowing for a psyche becomes unauthorised information and the director will treat such action as the use of an illegal system.

If you are the psyche bidder, you must:

- report your psyche bid at the end of the session or at the end of a round of a competition (this is done by recording your name and details of the bid in the Psyche Register in the clubroom)
- advise the opposition that a psyche bid has been made if you become the declarer and before the first card is led

If you believe that a psyche bid has been made against you:

- call the director if the psyche bidder's partner has acted on the information
- call the director if you have any doubts about the bidding

Other points to remember:

- frequent frivolous psyches may be subject to procedural penalties
- illegal psyches will also incur procedural penalties which may be severe
- all recorded psyche bids in a QBA event or a red or gold point congress will be forwarded to the Tournament Organiser of that event
- failure to record one's own psyche bid will incur a severe penalty

partnered Omar Sharif. In September 1958 at the height of his fame, he appeared on the front cover of "Time Magazine" dressed as the King of Hearts.

Goren developed a high card point count system and this led to greater popularity in the game of bridge. The system was later refined to accommodate distributions with singletons and voids. He advocated opening 4-card majors but eventually revised his system to opening 5 card majors, the present system of "Standard American Bidding".

Apart from winning one world championship, Charles Goren won 34 national championships and published dozens of books. His "Contract Bridge Complete" was revised 12 times and is the most popular-selling bridge book of all time. Charles Goren died in 1991, aged 90.

Bridge is for fun. You should play the game for no other reason. You should not play bridge to make money or to show how smart you are. The instant you find yourself playing the game for any other reason you should go onto something else, tennis maybe or old maid - anything but bridge. Charles Goren

A Hint for the Improving Player

When on lead and the lead is not obvious, a trump lead can be a good choice except if you hold a singleton or four trumps. The old adage, "When in doubt lead trumps", still applies.

A Famous Bridge Player

CHARLES GOREN 1901-1991

Charles Goren was one of the most important figures in the history of bridge and is the person who developed the “Standard American” approach to bidding.

He was born in Philadelphia in 1901 to Russian Jewish immigrant parents. While obtaining a law degree at McGill University, Montreal, a girlfriend laughed at his ineptness at the game of bridge and this motivated him to study existing bridge materials. He briefly practised law but this was abandoned to allow him to pursue his interest by competing in bridge competitions. This was in the time of the growing fame of Ely Culbertson who espoused the counting of “honour tricks” as a way of assessing bridge hands.

Goren attracted the attention of Milton Work who had developed the “Work Point Count System”, another way of assessing bridge hands. This system was later to be used by Goren as the basis for developing his own system of counting high card points. By 1936, Goren’s bridge career had really begun and he published the first of his many books on bridge, “Winning Bridge Made Easy”. He was a bridge instructor and lecturer and in 1950, he became the world champion at the Bermuda Bowl. In the 1950s and 1960s he had daily columns in 194 American newspapers, a television program from 1959-1964 and also famously



HESITATION

Law 16 deals with authorised and unauthorised information. It is the extraneous information from partner, suggested by unmistakable hesitation, remarks, speed of play, special gestures, emphasis when bidding, questions etc. that can come under the heading of unauthorised information.

Hesitation itself is legal. This may occur because the hand is difficult to bid or it may be that the opposition’s intervening bids necessitate some extra thought. Any hesitation then is information to the partner and any bid made by the hesitator’s partner must be made as if the hesitation had not occurred. In other words, the bid of the partner must be able to be justified and not made because of the unauthorised information given by the hesitation.

Some players believe that once the hesitation has occurred then the hesitator should always bid to protect the options of the partner. Some are also of the belief that once the hesitation has occurred and is not followed by a bid, the partner should always pass. If the action is one that the majority of players in the room would take, then the hand should be bid accordingly and the Director will determine if any disadvantage has occurred.

If unmistakable hesitation occurs, the opposition may announce that they reserve the right to call the Director if they consider that an advantage is gained by the unauthorised information. Depending on the circumstances after play has ceased, the Director may adjust the score but this is not an accusation of cheating. It is just the Director administering the law.

Something to Ponder

There are three kinds of bridge players

1. Those who can count
2. And those who can’t

Honorary Life Members

In the last newsletter, the first two Honorary Life Members, Edna Hodgen and Nora Hodgen were profiled and in this edition, we are acknowledging the considerable contributions made to the club by our other two Honorary Life Members, Joan Dark and Ton Vankan.

Joan Dark has been a long-time member of the Redcliffe Bridge Club and has performed a variety of tasks in a very worthwhile manner. Joan's name appears in the committee notes from the 1980s, through the 1990s until she moved to her present home at Aveo Retirement Village, Durack in 2006. Joan's roles have been committee member, President for three years, Masterpoint Secretary, Director and Scorer for 10 years. Joan was ably assisted in the manual scoring of results by her husband Roger who also served the club as President for two years.

Joan was a very supportive mentor of new directors and she gave generously of her time to this endeavour. She continues her directing at the social games of The Aveo Duplicate Bridge Club as well as playing at the nearby Western Suburbs Bridge Club. Joan is happy to share with our readers that she had her 90th birthday on 20 September 2011.

In 2001 Joan was given Honorary Life Membership of the Redcliffe Bridge Club for her dedicated service to the club. In the same year she began her sponsorship of a perpetual trophy for the winner of the Club Individual Championship.

Ton Vankan and Estelle Vankan joined the Redcliffe Bridge Club in 1996 and from the outset, it was clear that their interest in the betterment of the club would prove invaluable, Ton as a long-time Secretary and Estelle in her role as President and then Masterpoint Secretary after Joan Dark moved to her new home.

Ton Vankan was Secretary of the Redcliffe Bridge Club for a period of seven years. He helped oversee major changes to the club during that time and those changes shaped the club's direction for the future. The club was relocated many times during Ton's tenure as Secretary.

The hard-working committee of the time supported Ton in his tireless efforts to secure our current premises. Their endeavours secured our present lease with the Redcliffe City Council, now the Moreton Bay Shire Council.

The commitment of Ton and the committee members was evidenced by the growth of the membership of the club and the increase in the number of playing sessions that ensued.

Ton also helped the committee members oversee the improvements in the use of computer technology at the club which led to the introduction of our first computer dealt hands. The committee of the time introduced Rapscore and this was a welcome innovation, particularly for the scorers.

Ton Vankan had Honorary Life Membership of the Redcliffe Bridge Club bestowed on him at the 2007 Annual General Meeting for his service to the club.

From the Masterpoint Secretary

The number of B4c red point session entitlements is determined by the number of green points issued by the club for the four quarters of a year ending in September. If a club runs two sections of a movement, more green points will be awarded than for just one section. The points earned, whether red or green, come at a cost to the club.

Rank Promotions

Since the publication of the previous newsletter, the following members have been promoted:

Graduate Master	Jack Nyhouse, Leanne Paddison , Yvonne Gibb, Warwick Pridham
Club Master	Richard Back, Alan Metcalf, Jayne Doyle, Wayne Willis
Local Master	Barbara Brown, Elsa Arahill, Maureen Neubauer
*Local Master	Marilyn Chapman, Maree Filippini, Jill Hanley, Desley Norris, Steve Woodrow
**Local Master	Marleen Hallahan
Regional Master	John Arahill
State Master	Nicky Ballard, Jennifer Bavage, Anita Crestanelli