

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter June 2024

May Club Session Winners NS EW

173 members @ end of May '24

1st	G. Stubbington & J Hunt	T Cooper & J Burrows
3	E Colley & D O'Meara	J Stimpson & J Buganey
=	P Houlton & B Salisbury	
6a	C Tolley & B Herring	V Gayforth & P Quinlan
6b	A Young & D Jeffrey	P Lee & A Smith
7	J Bryant & N Mitchell	
8	R Roark & P Griffin	T Cooper & J Burrows
10	D Jeffrey & P Houlton	A & D Anderson
11	D & M Featherstone	V Gayforth & P Haigh
13a	S Dilosa & M Johnson	V Gayforth & R Smith
13b	T Levitt & P Lee	
14	D Featherstone & N McIvor	
15	S Dilosa & D O'Meara	A & D Anderson
17	E Colley & D O'Meara	D Stachan & M Angus
18	J Bryant & P Houlton	J Stimpson & H Chalk
20a	R Roark & D O'Meara	A & D Anderson
20b	A Taylor & G Cutt	
21	D Featherstone & N McIvor	
22	H Blewitt & A Windows	K & P O'Connor
24	A & D Anderson	S Dilosa & I Doland
25	J Parker & K Taylor	R Rutter & V Gayford
27a	R Roark & D O'Meara	M Hodges & K Taylor
27b	N Williams & J Burrows	V Gayford & H Eyers
28	J Watson & D Johnson	
29	J Bryant & B Salisbury	G Buganey & G Keenan
31	L Smith & H Blewitt	D Strachan & M Angus

Bridge Development

Under 50 pts section continues on Monday afternoons.

Contact **Julie Bryant** for start of next beginners lessons

Supervised play lessons continue at Club with **Colin Tolley** at 09.30 hrs Thursdays

Numerous Online bridge video lessons by Peter Hollands through Coffs Bridge Club Website

All welcome

Forthcoming Events

June 15th Red Point Event

June 24th Red Point Event

Monthly Quiz Answers from last Newsletter

Marchioness; Bask ; 50% ; Tittle

June Quiz.....Know these ?

- 1. How many lifeboats did the Titanic have ?**
- 2. What is the most northern capital city of a Sovereign State ?**
- 3. How many countries in the World ?**
- 4. In which country does the sun never set ?**
- 5. 1985..Live Aid concerts in London and ????**

Members performing elsewhere

Congratulations to Neah Williams and John Burrows for success in the two day Yamba Swiss Pairs tournament. Ranked 26 out of 32 entries they finished 4th overall, easily winning their B Section. Brilliant result

Are Your ALERTS up to Scratch ?

When the bidding proceeds: West 1C North 1H East dbl the double could be 4+ spades, 5+ spades, deny spades, or show the unbid minor. Not since around 1970 has anybody played it as penalties – it is always a negative double of some sort

It is particularly frustrating when you ask what the double means and the answer is “a negative double”. Of course it is a negative double, we all know that. When I hear (or see) the answer “Negative” I think, wow , so that is a negative double!” The Kindest thing I can say about this answer is that it is lazy and unthinking, rather than evasive and misleading. It seems you either have to let the matter rest without knowing what the double means, or ask again while explaining that yes, you understand it is a negative double. But what does it show? Four spades ? Fewer than four spades? Spades and diamonds? The 2017 Laws of Bridge state:

LAW 40A 1(b)

Each partnership has a duty to make its partnership understandings available to its opponents

LAW 39B 5(a)

When explaining the significance of partner’s call or play in reply to an opponents enquiry (see law 20) a player shall disclose all specific information conveyed to him through partnership agreement or partnership experience but he need not disclose inferences drawn from his knowledge and experience of matters generally known to bridge players.

Clearly saying a ‘Negative Double’ constitutes an infringement. On the same track while watching BBO recently the bidding proceeded: W 1C, N Pass, E 2S...On BBO you alert your own calls. I have seen this 2S response played as a sic-card suit and 0-5, 0-6, 4-8, 5-8. and 6-9 HCP but the alert was simply “weak”. My guess would be 0-6 HCP but it was actually 8 HCP. A similar ploy is to label a call “preemptive” rather than give a range of strength. Both “weak” and “preemptive” are surely insufficient explanations.

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WHAT DO YOU AS MEMBERS OF A BRIDGE CLUB THINK ??

If there are other items you might like to see on a monthly / periodic newsletter then please email me with your thoughts barrybutler45@gmail.com