

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter

August 2024

July Club Session Winners

174 members @ end of July '24

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1A	B Edwards & B Salisbury	E Hulbert & L Quinn
1B	A Young & D Jeffery	
2	P Jonutz & H Evers	
3	R Roark & P Griffin	T Cooper & R Tilley
5	E Colley & D O'Meara	A & D Anderson
6	P Griffin & J Bryant	V Gayford & T Levitt
8A	R Roark & D O'Meara	A & D Anderson
8B	J Begg & G Moy	
9	I Martin & D O'Meara	
10	N Williams & D Hickie	A & D Anderson
12	I Doland & S Dilosa	A & D Anderson
13	D & M Featherstone	E Colley & D Strachan
15A	B Herring & C Tolley	T Cooper & D Hickie
15B	P Lee & S Hunt	
16	N McIvor & D Featherstone	and J Parker & M Angus
17	J & B Herring	R Smith & P Quinlan
19	I Doland & S Dilosa	S & A Fox
20	J Parker & K Taylor	W Rogers & D McIntyre
22A	R Roark & D O'Meara	W Rogers & D McIntyre
22B	G Battershell & L Powells	J Clayton & A Smith
23	N McIvor & D Featherstone	
24	L Power & M Rogers	J Stimpson & H Chalk
26	I Doland & S Dilosa	J Bryant & B Brebner
27	P & B Houlton	E Colley & D Strachan
29A	J Bryant & N Mitchell	E Colley & D Strachan
29B	J Isaacs & M Hosie	
30	I Martin & D O'Meara	
31	B Edwards & D McIntyre	D Hickie & N Williams

Bridge Development

Under 50 pts section continues on Monday afternoons. Supervised play lessons continue at Club with **Colin Tolley** at 09.30 hrs Thursdays. Numerous Online bridge video lessons by Peter Hollands via Coffs Bridge Club Website.

**ALSO free lesson Aug 16th
10.30 – 12.30 hrs @ Opal Cove**

Events this month

Aug 2nd State Wide Open Pairs
 Aug 5th Anniversary Teams
 Aug 7th Red Points

Aug 13th to 18th

Coffs Coast Gold Congress

Aug 24th GNOT
 Aug 26th Aussie Open Pairs

Monthly Quiz Answers from July Newsletter

1. Venus 2. Sun 3. Hummingbird 4. Ringo Starr 5. CDL

August Quiz.....Know these ?

- 1. What is biggest organ in human body?**
- 2. What is area of skin between eyebrows called ?**
- 3. What Century did Pablo Picasso die ?**
- 4. What were the first words that Edison said over the telephone?**
- 5. In what country is Mt Kilimanjaro located ?**

@@@ NOTE @@@

Coffs Cartoon Bunker is scheduled to re-open on Saturday August 10th. as The National Holden Motor Museum. Please make yourselves aware of the correct and agreed Bridge Club members car parking agreements as per the note on the Bridge Club car park entry door

Improve your bridge by knowing the odds –

Why do some players do consistently better than others? One of the key reasons is that they play the cards better because they understand the odds of certain things happening. Here are some that may help you:

- An opening 2NT followed by three Passes, goes down 60% of the time
- 3NT makes more often than it should, in part because it includes unbid 4NT and 5NT hands, whereas the least frequently played contract is 5NT
- Contracts of 3♥ or 3♠ go down more often than you think, in part because of poor invitational bids and in part due to competition for the contract.
- The most frequent contracts where players miss 'game' is when they stop in 2NT followed by 2♥ or 2♠
- The most frequently bid (but not necessarily made) contract at the 1-level is 1NT, at the 2-level is 2♠ and at the 3-level its 3♠
- The most frequently played 'game' contract is 3NT, followed by 4♠ and then 4♥
- Too few minor contract slams are bid and made, in part because too often players stop in 3NT
- You have more than a 70% chance of bidding and making 1♥ or 1♠
- If the number of cards you and dummy hold are an even number, the probability is that the odd number of cards held by the opponents will split as evenly as possible.
- If the number of cards you and dummy hold are an odd number, the probability is that the cards in the suit held by opponents will split unevenly.
- An even number of cards probably don't split evenly - i.e. 6 cards missing will probably split 4-2 whereas an odd number of cards probably do split evenly - i.e. 7 cards missing will probably split 4-3 **but** when holding 11 cards in a suit play for the split 1-1 (52%)

If you want to improve your ability to take tricks, I suggest you try to remember a few of these probabilities – you won't be sorry.

Thanks to Richard Levy

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