

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter

November 2024

Oct Club Session Winners

176 members @ end Oct'24

Date

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EW ## Club Championship (x3)

1	J Watson & D Johnson	
2	N Williams & D Hickie	B Shallvey & B Brebner
4	J & S Thorne	T Cooper & N Williams
5	B Johns & R Aitken	J Archer & P Quinlan
7a	P Jonutz & H Eyers	R Rutter & P Quinlan
7b	J Issacs & M Hosie	G Foster & H Murray
8	N Mclvor & D Featherstone	
9	S Dilosa & D O'Meara	R Rutter & P Quinlan
11	B Salisbury & N Mitchell ##	J & S Thorne
12	P Jonutz & N Mitchell	J Stimpson & H Chalk
14a	C Tolley & B Herring	J Burrows & N Williams
14b	J Isaacs & M Hosie	L & L Davis
15	J Parker & M Angus	
16	N Williams & D Hickie	A & D Anderson
18	M Siford & C Tolley ##	J Stimpson & J Buganey
19	J Parker & K Taylor	W Rogers & B Haagsma
21a	L Power & J Leach	T Cooper & D Hickie
21b	P Lee & A Smith	G Battershell & L Powells
22	C Tolley & P Griffin	P Houlton & M Angus
23	N Williams & D Hickie	A & D Anderson
25	I Doland & S Dilosa ##	E Colley & D O'Meara
26	L Smith & J Bryant	P Guthrie & R Levy
28a	J Burrows & A Smith	M Cotsell & R Irwin
28b	C Tolley & P Griffin	
29	D Featherstone & N Mclvor	
30	B Edwards & D McIntyre	T Booth & J Michael

Bridge Development

Beginners and < 50 pts section continues on Monday pm Club sessions
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, and Rob Barrington short teaching videos on You Tube

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Events this month (Nov)

Nov 8th Red Points
Nov 15th Red Points
Nov 11th Presentation of the Importance of body language at bridge table

Nov 25th AGM

Monthly Quiz Answers from October Newsletter

1. Germany 2. Slovakia; Hungary; Romania; Poland 3. Turkey 4. 3 5. Sweden

November Quiz.....Know these ?

1. What is the smallest country in Africa ?
2. What is only country in world whose capital city starts with a 'Q' ?
3. What famous actress was born Margarita Carmen Cansino ?
4. Which country is called the 'linchpin of English Speaking World' ?
5. The Montebello Islands are located in which body of water ?

The Chinese invented playing cards in AD1000. Some interesting facts and observations about playing cards

The traditional deck of playing cards is a strikingly coherent form of calendar There are 52 weeks in a year and 52 playing cards in a deck. There are 13 weeks in each season and 13 cards in each suit. There are 4 seasons in a year and 4 suits in a deck. There are 12 months in a year and 12 court cards in total. The red cards represent day and the black cards the night

If you let Jacks = 11, Queens = 12 and kings =13, then add up all the sums of 1 + 2 + 3 +to 13, the total = 91. Multiply by 4 for the 4 suits and add 1 for Joker the total = 365 being the number of days in a year.

The Spades indicate ploughing or working. The Hearts indicate love thy crops The Clubs indicate flourishing and growth. The diamonds indicate reaping to wealth. There is a deeper philosophy than just merely playing cards. The mathematical perfection is intriguing !!

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Defensive Considerations

1. I THOUGHT ALL THE TRUMPS HAD BEEN PLAYED.

Why do some players mistakenly think all the trumps have been played?

Maybe:

- they just didn't count!
- they weren't alert enough to notice what discards etc. were made!
- they lost concentration and miscounted!

Maybe, their opposition knew how to play players who don't take notice of discards or lose concentration! But what could they do? I've noticed when they haven't a better discard, they play black on black or red on red. It goes like this - if declarer is leading a card and declarer's opponents are out of that suit – they discard a suit of the same colour! If spades are trumps and they are out, they discard a club and vice versa with hearts and diamonds.

Sometimes, if we see a discard of the same colour **and don't take proper note of it**, it's easy to mistakenly think the opposition have followed suit and then we may lose count! Always check your opponents' discards carefully. **And don't turn your card over until you know what cards been played by everyone.**

2. TAKE YOUR TRICKS.

Here's a question posed to me recently - **'What am I doing wrong? Sometimes I'm left with an Ace in my hand. I had a chance to play the Ace but I didn't because I thought I'd save it for later. Then I didn't get a chance to play it and the opposition ended up making an extra trick and we ended up with a bad percentage!'**

To avoid this situation, **as soon as the contract is set, you need to work out your objectives** – for example, your objective may be to limit the opposition to 9 tricks in a 3NT contract instead of allowing them to make an overtrick **or** your objective may be to defeat the contract.

When it becomes clear that the opposition will make its contract, **ensure that you take all the tricks you can take and are not left 'taking your Ace to bed'**.

It is not essential to defeat a contract to get a good score but if you miss out on taking a trick you could have taken, you will probably get a poor score!

3. ALWAYS COVER AN HONOUR WITH AN HONOUR

Was this drummed into you when you started to play bridge? Is it true? **The answer is - NOT ALWAYS.** When declarer / dummy leads an honour, it makes sense to cover the honour with a higher honour, **if you can draw two of declarer's high cards for one of yours.** However, if there is no chance of promoting lower cards for your side (effectively the point of covering an honour with an honour), then don't bother!

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