Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter
December 2024

November Club Session Winners

176 members @ end Nov '24

Date	NS	EW
1	C & P Hocking	A & D Anderson
2	P Jonutz & N Mitchell	J Stimpson & H Chalk
4A	R Roark & D O'Meara	B Butler & M Pailthorpe
4B	A M Taylor & G Cutt	
6	J Bryant & B Salisbury	R Roark & P Griffin
8	M & D Johnson	I Doland & S Dilosa
9	R Bingham & A Fisher	W Rogers & B Haagsma
11A	L Power & P Griffin	C & R Tilley
11B	A Young & L Collins	
12	H Rowsell & B Edwards	
13	R Roark & P Griffin	G Buganey & G Keenan
15	I Dolan & S Dilosa	D Hickie & J Burrows
16	J Parker & W Williams	L Edsall & R Levy
18A	B Johns & F Gaunt	B Edwards & B Salisbury
18B	M Hedges & M Timms	G Cutt & A M Taylor
19	J Parker & H Blewitt	
20	N Williams & D Hickie	T Cooper & J Burrows
22	B Johns & F Gaunt	L Quinn & P Haigh
23	C Tolley & B Herring	C Tilley & B Johns
25A	C Tolley & B Herring	J Archer & B Brebner
25B	M Hodges & M Timms	L Collins & A Brentnall
26	D Featherstone & N McIvor	
27	B & J Herring	J Stimpson & J Buganey
29	R Roark & P Griffin	L Quinn & P Haigh
30	J Parker & K Taylor	E Colley & D Strachan

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 (Dec)

Dec 2nd Red Points

Dec 13th Xmas Party

Monthly Quiz Answers from November Newsletter

1. Seychelles 2. Ecuador 3. Rita Hayworth 4. Canada 5. Indian Ocean

December Quiz……Know these ?

1. **Only planet that rotates clockwise ?**
2. **The only food that never spoils ?**
3. **First woman to win a Nobel Prize**
4. **Name the third James Bond movie**

Club member results at Armidale Congress weekend on 9th & 10th November

Team: T Cooper / J Burrows / N Williams / D Hickie came 4th overall and won their category. A & S Fox / G Buganey / G Keenan came 9th overall – 14 teams

Pairs: G Buganey & G Keenan came 6th overall (Cat A)
36 N Mitchell & J Bryant came 8th overall Cat A (and 2nd in Cat B)
P Griffin & R Roark came 9th overall (Cat A)
T Cooper & D Hickie came 13th overall Cat A (and ist in Cat C)
J Burrows & N Williams came 18th overall Cat A (and 4th in Cat C)
Amber and Stephen Fox came 19th overall Cat A (and 5th in Cat B)

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A 2 Q10 9 8 7

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Clubs (North) A 2 Clubs (South) Q 10 9 8 7

Bridge expert and computer genius Fred Gitelman discovered that the best line is non-intuitive: start by leading the Q, running it if it is not covered. This loses to KJx with East, but works when West has KJx, so these cancel out. However, this works if either hand has Jx and also if West has Kx !!

What's alertable in Australia?

The Australian Bridge Federation has its alerting regulations described here:

http://abfevents.com.au/events/tournregs/ABFAlertRegs2017.pdf

It's a lot to digest, and some common questions like "Is a 2/1 game forcing response alterable?" are not clearly answered. On that particular point relevant excerpts seem to be:

3.3.1 If a call is conventional, it must be alerted (unless it requires an announcement or is self-alerting).

3.3.2 (a) The call is natural, but there is an agreement by which the call is forcing or non-forcing in a way that the opponents are unlikely to expect.

"Convention" is defined as: *A call that, by partnership agreement, conveys a meaning other than willingness to play in the denomination named (or in the last denomination named), or high-card strength or length (three cards or more) there. However, an agreement as to overall strength does not make a call a convention.*

So as best I can tell the 2/1 GF response is not alterable, as it is also forcing in standard bidding.

Anyway here is my tentative summary of things that are especially worthy of remembering that may not be otherwise obvious:

Do Alert

1NT forcing response

- Inverted minor raises
- Trial bids
- Weak jump responses
- 3♣ response to 2NT
- Any artificial opening regardless of level
- Pass-or-correct bids

Do Not Alert

- 1NT nonforcing or semi-forcing response
- Natural 2/1 response forcing to game
- Doubles, redoubles, cue-bids
- Weak jump overcalls
- 2♣ response to 1NT without interference
- Non-opening bids above 3NT

Thanks to Rod Rourke…….More next month……..comments appreciated.

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