

# Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter

**June 2025**

**May Club Session Winners**

167 members @ end May '25

Date	NS	EW	
2	R Roark & H Pitt	L Quinn & P Haigh	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bridge Development</b></p> <p>Supervised play lessons continue at Club with <b>Colin Tolley</b> at 09.00 hrs Thursdays</p> <p>Copies of Peter Holland's excellent presentation notes on 'The art of Slam Bidding' and 'Seeing through the Cards' are available for members. See Barry Butler</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">What options are available when somebody makes an insufficient bid and the Director is called ?</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">See page 2 of newsletter</p> </div>
3	R Roark & F Gaunt	V Gayforth & P Haigh	
5A	R Roark & D O'Meara	T Cooper & D Hickie	
5B	P Griffin & B Herring	A & D Anderson	
6	J Bryant & N Mitchel		
7	J Bryant & B Salisbury	M Angus & H Rowsell	
9	P Griffin & D O'Meara	M Pailthorpe & J Abbey	
10	L Smith & J Bryant	L Powells & G Battershell	
12A	R Roark & D O'Meara	T Cooper & D Hickie	
12B	L Edsall & R Levy	V Gayford & R Smith	
13	P Jonutz & H Eysers		
14	S Dilosa & D O'Meara	J Stimpson & H Chalk	
16	R Roark & F Gaunt	L Quinn & P Haigh	
17	R Roark & S Dilosa	M Cotsell & R Irwin	
19	C & L Coupe	E Hubert & L Quinn	
20	J Bryant & N Mitchell		
21	R & L Brocker	T Cooper & J Burrows	
23	L Essex-Clark & H Chalk	L Quinn & P Haigh	
26A	R Roark & D O'Meara	B Johns & R Aitken	
26B	H Michener & J Boyle	M Pailthorpe & J Abbey	
28	S Dilosa & D O'Meara	D Hickie & N Williams	
30	T Cooper & N Williams		
31	R Roark & S Dilosa	S Kreplins & J Isaacs	

## Monthly Quiz Answers from May Newsletter

**1. 15 2. Brazil, Bolivia & Argentina 3. Apollo 4. Guinea 5 Woodwind**

## June Quiz.....Know these ?

- 1. Which letter comes before pi in Greek alphabet ?**
- 2. Second man to run a mile under 4 minutes ?**
- 3. Name the 3 original members of group CREAM**
- 4. What year was the great fire of London ?**
- 5. What is the longest mountain range in the world**

### Coffs members results from Coffs Swiss Teams Congress May 24 & 25th

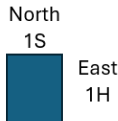
Overall	Category	Names
2	A2	S Dilosa; F Gaunt; R Roark; H Pitt
4	C2	I Martyn; D O'Meara; W Wilkins; J Parker
7	A5	J Abbey; C Tolley; B Herring; P Griffin
8	A6	D Ford; C Seymour; P Hocking ; C Hocking
9	B1	P Jonutz; H Eyres; N Mitchell; J Bryant
10	B2	B Johns; R Aitken; L Edsall; R Levy
11	B3	R Rutter; B Haagsma; P Quinlan; P Houlton
12	C3	T Cooper; J Burrows; N Williams; D Hickie
13	B4	J Stimpson; H Chalk; S Kreplins; J Isaacs
14	B5	E Hulbert; P Haigh; V Gayford; L Quinn
15	C4	G Battershell; H Rowsell; J Hunt; D Llewellyn
17	B6	L Smith; L Coupe; C Coupe; C Denney

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On February 16<sup>th</sup> a group of club members visited Port Macquarie Hastings Bridge Club to attend a Club Level Bridge Directors Course. It is important that all bridge players should be aware of the many, many regulations that are implemented within our great game. Consequently, each month I will be including one of the many actions that may occur when a mistake is made and the **Director is Called**. Get to know these choices as YOU might have to select one in a somewhat stressful situation.

Here are the options for an insufficient bid :-



### Insufficient bid

North is the dealer and opens the bidding with 1♠. Next East bids 1♥ which is an insufficient bid. The DIRECTOR IS CALLED. Regrettably, more often than not, club players tend to make their own rulings with a comment like "you can't do that" and either they cross it out or bid 2♥.

You, the Director, know better and the first option is to the next player (in this example, South) as to whether they wish to accept the bid. If it is accepted, then it becomes the current legal bid and the auction proceeds in the usual way. If South, in fact bids before noticing the insufficient bid, then they have condoned the bid and the auction proceeds in the usual way.

When the bid has not been accepted, the offender now has 3 options:

1. Correct the bid to the lowest sufficient level which specifies the same denomination(s) and the bidding continues as if no wrong had occurred.
2. Correct the bid with a comparable call that would have the "same" meaning and the bidding continues as if no wrong had occurred
3. May make any other sufficient bid or pass but partner must pass whenever it is their turn to call. Lead penalties may apply.

LAWS REFERENCES  
**Insufficient Bid,**  
2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge:  
Law 27

### Insufficient Bids / Acceptable Corrections

- a. West            East  
1♠            3♠  
4NT           4♦            If the Director is satisfied that East was answering Blackwood but at the wrong level, then East will be allowed to correct to 5♦.
- b. West            North        East  
1♦            1♠           1♥            If 1♥ was intended to show at least four hearts and enough HCP to respond then a replacement of 2♥ is permitted. Or, if a negative double by East would show at least a 4-card heart holding then East could also replace the 1♥ with a double.
- c. West            North        East  
1NT           2♠           2♦            If East's intention was to transfer to hearts (he did not see the 2♠ bid) then a replacement bid of 3♥ would not bar his partner.
- d. West            North        East  
1NT           2♦           2♣            If 2♣ was intended as simple Stayman. Then a cue bid replacement of 3♦ (asking about a 4-card major), would now have the same meaning as the original insufficient bid and thus not bar West. Alternatively, if the Director is satisfied that the player intended to bid 3♠ naturally, he allows that change.
- e. West            East  
2NT           2♥            If 2♥ was intended as a transfer, then a bid of 3♥ (still transferring) would permit the auction to continue.
- f. West            North        East  
1♠            2♥           1NT           Here the replacement of 1NT with 2NT is permitted (unless 2NT would have a conventional meaning).

Summary: Most insufficient Bids arise either from a failure to observe the call of RHO or a general confusion about the current level of the auction.

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](mailto:barrybutler45@gmail.com)