

Coffs Harbour Bridge Club Monthly Newsletter

July 2025

June Club Session Winners

168 **members** @ end June '25

Date	NS	EW
2A	H Pitt & F Gaunt	A & D Anderson
2B	G Stubbington & D Jeffery	H Michener & J Boyle
4	H Pitt & R Roark	D Hickie & N Williams
6	B Johns & R Aitken	T White & B Lidster
7	J Bryant & A Fisher	E Colley & D Strachan
9A	N Williams & J Burrows	B Butler & M Pailthorpe
9B	R Irwin & M Cotsell	C Everson & J Isaacs
10	S Kreplins & J Isaacs	
11	J Burrows & T Cooper	R Rutter & T Booth
13	H Pitt & F Gaunt	J Stimpson & G Battershell
14	J Parker & P Houlton	D & M Johnson
16A	H Pitt & F Gaunt	T Cooper & D Hickie
16B	G Stubbington & D Jeffery	H Michener & J Boyle
17	D Featherstone & N McIvor	
18	N Williams & D Hickie	J & B Herring
20	I Doland & S Dilosa	V Gayford & P Haigh
21	S & A Fox	E Colley & D Strachan
23A	R Roark & D O'Meara	T Cooper & D Hickie
23B	G Battershell & P Rongen	J Archer & B Brebner
24	D Johnson & J Watson	
25	H Pitt & R Roark	R Rutter & P Quinlan
27	J Burrows & C Brown	L Quinn & P Haigh
30	L Power & J Leach	J Archer & B Brebner

Bridge Development

Supervised play lessons continue at Club with **Colin Tolley** at 09.00 hrs Thursdays

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

What options are available when somebody makes an Lead out of Turn and the Director is called ?

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Monthly Quiz Answers from June Newsletter

1. Omicron 2. John Landy 3. Eric Clapton, Jack Bruce & Ginger Baker 4. 1666 5 Andes

July Quiz.....Know these ?

- 1. Which Euro country name is spelt with 11 letters (non repeated) ?**
- 2. What famous singer was born Anthony Dominick Benedetto ?**
- 3. What is a male fox known as ?**
- 4. What is special about Spanish National Anthem ?**
- 5. What is longest word in English language without a vowel ?**

Club Members tournament results

Yamba Swiss Pairs June 7 / 8th

Overall winners were Sharyn Dilosa and Rod Roark

9th Overall were Philip & Cathy Hocking

11th Overall were Neah Williams & John Burrows - 1st in category B

Nambucca Valley Swiss Pairs May 31 / June 1st

3rd Overall were Barbara Herring and Colin Tolley

4th Overall were Pauly Griffin and James Parker

8th Overall were Neah Williams and John Burrows - 1st in category B

27th Overall were Lyndall Edsall and Richard Levy - 10th in category B

NSW Northern Section Country Teams Zonal final June 28th / 29th = 16 teams

Coffs (1) placed 6th – I Doland, S Dilosa, D & M Johnson

Coffs (2) placed 9th – J Burrows, N Williams, D Hickie, T Cooper

Coffs (3) placed 12th – J Bryant, N Mitchell, P Houlton, P Griffin

Coffs (4) placed 15th – C Tolley, B Herring, E Colley, B Brebner, D Strachan, R Aitken, B Johns

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On February 16th 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 **opening lead out of turn** :-

Opening Lead Out of Turn

LAW'S REFERENCES
Opening Lead out of Turn
2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge:
Law 54

Opening leads are to be made face down on the table.
However, ...

In this example, North is the declarer but West incorrectly leads a face up card and the **DIRECTOR IS CALLED**.

North should be given five options:

1. Accept the lead and still be declarer, but dummy's hand goes down next before declarer plays to the trick.
2. Accept the lead and be dummy. ie Declarer's hand goes on the table and the trick continues in normal rotation.
3. Ask the correct hand to lead a card of the same suit, in which case the card incorrectly led is replaced in the hand.
4. Ask the correct hand **NOT** to lead a card of that suit (for as long as they retain the lead), in which case the card incorrectly led is replaced in the hand.
5. Ask the correct hand to lead any card they wish, in which case the card incorrectly played stays on the table **AND** all penalty provisions apply.

If you have the situation where both defenders lead face up cards at the same time, you should allow the correct player to lead, and the other card becomes a penalty card.

You may occasionally see a defender who has played a face down card change this to play an alternative card. This should not be allowed as **illegal information** has now been passed to partner, i.e. a natural second choice of leads.

Lead out of Turn By declarer or dummy

- A. During the course of play, North, the declarer, **WINS** the trick in dummy but then leads from his hand, or **WINS** the trick in hand and calls for a card from dummy.
The **DIRECTOR IS CALLED**.

There are two options, either:

- I. The lead can be accepted by defenders either verbally or by the next player in rotation playing to the trick. Whichever action takes place first will have precedence.
- II. If the lead is not accepted, then the card played is returned to declarer's or dummy's hand. (Note that it is not necessary to lead a card of the same suit).

N.B. Dummy may warn declarer about leading from the wrong hand, but not after declarer has led.

- B. During the course of the play North, the declarer, **DOES NOT WIN** the trick, but leads to the next trick from either their own or dummy's hand. The **DIRECTOR IS CALLED**. The options are exactly as in i) or ii) above.

LAW'S REFERENCES
Lead out of Turn
by declarer or from dummy,
2017 Laws of Duplicate Bridge:
Law 53 & Law 55

Opening lead out of turn by defender next month

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