



NEWSLETTER

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Coming Soon

August

Tues 15th Lessons 3

Sat 19th nationwide pairs 16

Committee meeting

Tues 22nd Lessons 4

Tues 29th Lesons 5

September

Sat 2nd Nationwide Pairs 17

Tues 5th Under 100MPs Qualifier 7.30pm

Wed 6th Under 100MPs Qualifier Figtree

Under 1000MPs Qualifier Thirroul

Thurs 7th Under 100MPs Qualifier 9.30am

Fri 8th Under 100MPs Qualifier Thirroul

Sat 9th Under 100MPs Qualifier Figtree

Mon 11th State Open & Country Pairs Qual 1

Thurs 14th Red Masterpoints 1

Sat 16th Nationwide Pairs 18

Sun 17th IBA Swiss Pairs Congress, State
Open Teams Metrop Final

Mon 18th State Open and Pairs Qualifier 2

Thurs 21st Red Masterpoints 2

Sat 23rd Mollmook Pairs Congress
GNOT Metrop Final NSWBA

Sun 24th Mollymook Teams Congress
GNOT Metrop Final NSWBA

Wed 27th Red Masterpoints Thirroul

Thurs 28th Redc masterpoints 3

October

Wed 4th Red Masterpoints Thirroul 2

Sat 7th Nationwide Pairs 19

Mon 9th Monday Pairs Championship 1

Rules and Regulations

A new edition on the Laws of Bridge is printed every ten years. Guess what: this is the year. 1st August was the due date. I'm sure our more than capable directors will advise us if we need to know any of these changes.

As previously printed, please remember it is a request of all club members that they be seated at the table at least ten minutes before the scheduled starting time for all sessions. Let's all try to do the right thing so this request does not become a requirement. It might be an idea for the committee to acquire a small bell and ring it ten minutes before starting time, which is the signal for all members to take their seat.

It is a matter of courtesy that members remain quiet when the Director of the Day is addressing members prior to the commencement of play.

Question: When the bidding has finished, when should the bidding cards be placed back in the bidding box?

Answer: Not until the first playing card has been placed on the table.

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Two hands For You To Think About

You, South, bid to 7NT. E/W did not bid. West leads KC, This is what you see.

N S AKQ	S JT98
H AKQJ	T987
D ----	AKQJ
C 765432	A

Stop for a moment and contemplate. What would you think /say/do. Cuss? Look at the heavens ask ask”why me Lord, why me? Or politely accept the cards as they lie and play on quietly. Make up your mind. I will tell later in the newsletter what I would think/say/do.

Here is a play problem for you to think about. Should you hold up, or should you play your Ace.

S 9654
H AJ
D AK
C KQJT4

S AJ
H KQ2
D 9742
C 7532
Bidding

P 1C P 1NT
P 3NT P P
P

Lead S7 (4th highest).

Answer later in newsletter.

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Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth. Then it becomes a soap opera.

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The Country Teams Zonal Final at Wagga
By Martin Bunder

At the Regional Final, held at Figtree our Schenken Team of John Roodenrys, Duncan Munro, Neville Mooney and I didn't shine coming 5th out of 7 teams. However as two of the more highly placed teams couldn't make it to Wagga, we were asked to go. As neither John nor Neville was able to come we were fortunate to have Tony Wright and Bill Fotheringham willing to join us.

At Wagga there were 8 teams. We had 5 rounds of 12 boards on the Saturday. We all played well and started off with 4 big wins.

Here is an interesting hand from Round 3:

S Q J 5 4

H 9 4 3 2

D A 2

C Q 8 6

S K 8 6
7 3

H K 10 8 6

D K 10 9 8 7 4

C
10 9 7 4

S A 9

H A 5

D 5

C A J

S 10 2

H Q J 7

D Q J 6 3

C K 5 3 2

With this awful misfit Bill (East) finished up in 3NT. South led D 3 (4th highest), Bill played D 4 hoping that a high one would come from North, but North, wanting to keep the A sitting over the K played the 2. This allowed Bill to win the opening lead in a NT contract with a singleton 5! A rather rare event. It also allowed Bill to make the contract which should have been one off!

We were running first but were warned that we still had to play the two strongest teams. Our last match on the Saturday was against last year's winners and we won by 18imps!

On Sunday morning we were up against well known locals Steve and Liz Hurley, Jeff Carberry and Theo Mangos. This would have been a draw except for one hand. Jeff opened, I doubled with S Q 10 4 2, H-, D A J 2, C A 8 7 4 3 2. Theo bid Hearts twice and they finished up in 3H. Thinking that Theo would have at least two of the hearts honours Bill, sitting over him, doubled having S 9 7, H K 10 7 4, D, K Q 8 6 4, C 9 6, but as Jeff had H A Q J, he could make only one trump trick and the contract made, losing us 9imps.

After that we were equal with last year's winners with the Hurley team just behind us so we needed a big win against another good team. I started badly by going one off in a contract I knew how to make. Then I, as East, opened a rather weak 1H with S 9 4, H K 9 6 4 3 2, D K J 10 2, C K. Bill had S K Q 7 6 2, H A 10, D A 8, C A 9 8 2 and bid 2S, I bid 3H, Bill 4C asking for keycard in hearts. I bid 4H, showing one and Bill 6H. Hoping for onr opponent to have QJ doubleton in hearts, I played AK North had H Q J 8 7, so we were headed for two off. At one stage however I led the S Q from dummy and north ruffed and then immediately led a spade! The tournament director was called and awarded us two penalty tricks allowing us to make the slam and this won us the tournament!

I messed up another hand, which would have won us the tournament, even if the slam had gone two off. We got into 5D and North led H4, south having bid hearts. Bill had H 9 8 7 5 3, South took the trick and led another Heart. Without thinking that South could well have a 6 card, I ruffed small and was overruffed! Ruffing with D 9 or J would have made the contract!

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As a result of our win we get to play in Sydney in early December against three NSWBA teams, two Sydney metropolitan teams, an outer metropolitan and a Northern NSW team. We'll see how we go!

(Ed) Thanks for all that Martin. A point from it. I reckon players will be queing up to have Bill Fortheringham as a partner. Any player who can take a trick in 3NT with a singleton 5 must be rather special.

Husband (to wife). "If I die I want you to sell all my stuff immediately".

Wife. "Why do you you say that?"

Husband."Because if I die I reckon you will remarry and I don't fancy some other jerk using my stuff".

Wife." What makes you think I would marry another Jerk"?.

(Ed) Sorry guys.

When I returned from my two months overseas sojourn, I was saddened to hear of the passing of George Czubala.

I first was aware of his name way back in my working days when I used to read his weekly bridge column in the Illawarra Daily Mercury. As my knowledge of the game of bridge was absolutely nix, I could never understand the bidding on the hands printed or who should play the first card.

George came to Australia from Poland to play football for St George Budapest in the Sydney comp. From all reports he was a very much above average player.

At our club, I think his last long time partner was Norah Dwyer, who also recently passed away. I used to dread coming to their table but later I enjoyed the challenge, although I knew that the least misjudgement on my bidding or play and they would pounce on it.

That is now history, just another memory added to my ever enlarging list.

The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on.

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You have no entitlement to the cards you think you should have been dealt with.

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The Origin Of 'Sweet Fanny Adams'

Fanny Adams was an eight year old girl living in the town of Alton, Hampshire, England. On the 24th August, 1867, she was abducted by Frederick Baker, a solicitors clerk. Later that same day, her mutilated and dismembered body was found. Frederick Baker was charged with her murder. At his trial, the jury returned a guilty verdict after only fifteen minutes. He was sentenced to death and was hanged on 24th December, 1867, outside Winchester Gaol. A crowd of five thousand attended the hanging.

It was rumoured that a local baker had obtained some parts of Fanny's body and

had used them in the baking of his pies.

Historical facts deny that.

Not long after these events, in an effort to prolong the life of meat on long sea voyages, Admiralty started introducing mutton in tins to the British Royal Navy.

The amount of mutton in each tin was rather sparse and was filled with amounts of jelly. Seamen started saying the tins were full of sweet Fanny Adams, meaning there was very little mutton in them. Over time, this saying, 'Sweet Fanny Adams' has become to mean something which is nothing, or nothing at all.

So what has this to do with the modern game of bridge?

Actually, S. F. A .

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Sometimes abbreviations of full names can be a bit of a problem. New South Wales Bridge Association is always NSWBA. No problem.

But what about the upcoming Spring National Open Teams. Will you be playing in the SNOT comp?.

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A, if not the, top Australian bridge instructor is coming to Wonderful Wollongong. She will be here on Friday, 1st September at Fabulous Figtree.

As per the wishes of a number of our members, she will discuss two main topics. From 10am to 12noon, the topic will be 'The Art Of Balancing'. 12-12.30 will be lunch and Carol Jeffs promises to even surpass the lunch we had last year. (Ed) I'll be in that. 12.30-2.30 will be about 'Defensive Signals'. The cost for the day is \$15.00 per session with lunch included.

Our committee would like to have an idea how many will be attending so if you could let Jill MacRae know your intentions it would be appreciated.

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Barbara Rewers was sunning herself on the beach, obviously wearing little, although respectable, clothing, when a mature age lady, well wrapped up, like coat, scarf, gloves and beanie against the coolish weather, looked at her and said, "Are you mad?". "No", said Barbara, "I'm English".

How does that saying go again?, Is it 'mad dogs and Englishwomen bask out in the winter sun'.

TO HOLD UP OR NOT TO HOLD UP – for Intermediate players

♠9654

♥AJ

♦AK

♣KQJ104

♠AJ

♥KQ2

♦9742

♣7532

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

Pass 1♣ Pass 1NT

Pass 3NT All pass

West led the ♠7 (4th best). Plan the play.

Assuming East plays an honour, do you win the first trick, or hold up one round?

How is your contract looking? Before you make a decision, spend a few seconds making a plan.

The ♠9 is a highly significant card. Apply the rule of 11. Subtract 7 from 11 and you are left with 4, so North, South and East have 4 spades between them higher than the 7. You can see two between your hand and dummy, so East must have 2 cards higher than the 7. You play the ♠4 from dummy and East plays the King.

East has one more card higher than the ♠7. West led fourth best, so has three cards higher than the ♠7.

We know that he does not have a sequence of spades, i.e ♠QJ107x. If he had, he would have led the top of the sequence. So, East's other card must be an honour - the Queen,

the Jack or the ten.

Take the first trick with the Ace and lead a club to knock out the ♣A. You don't much care who wins the trick. If East takes the trick he can lead his other spade, but the suit is blocked. If West overtakes with a higher honour your ♠9 in the dummy will become a stopper.

If you make the mistake of holding up the Ace till the second trick, you will lose the benefit of the ♠9 and will go down if the hands are as below.

♠9654	
♥AJ	
♦AK	
♣KQJ104	
S QT872	SKJ
♥8754	♥10963
♦Q85	♦J1063
♣A	♣986
	♠AJ
	♥KQ2
	♦9742
	C7532

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Answer to the 7NT hand. What I would say/do/think. I would say "Great". I would play DAKQJ discarding SAKQ and a club. I now have 4S tricks, 4H tricks, 4D tricks and 1C trick. I would think how lucky I was that I had read the answer to this type of hand in an article somewhere.

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Admit your errors quickly, before your partner has time to exaggerate them.

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As we all know whilst playing a hand, when a player can take all the remaining tricks, they can claim. This is good in the respect it helps to speed up the game. No problem with experienced players. However, I have noticed that some players find it difficult when an opponent claims, finds it a bit upsetting, and would prefer that the cards were played out. As this newsletter has often stated a desire to help all members, I, for one, will try to be a bit more careful against whom, and how, I claim. When a claim is made, I believe how the cards will be

played should, without asking, be stated. I know this, but do I always do it?. I plead guilty to not being as good as I should be.

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I was told that it would do me good to go to the gym, so I gave it a go. What did I think of it?. Frankly, I found the best part of the gym was leaving it.

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GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

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Just received news of the new additions to our bridge family. They are:

NEW MEMBERS

Inga Scarr, Alison Wiig, Barbara Campbell, Peter Gilbert, Gae Southwell, Rhonda Ross, Kim Chalker, Therese Nichols, Maria Dutkiewicz, Piyadasa (Piyal) Kitulagodage, Nicole Patterson, Irene Piela, John Kilgower, Kerry Nicholls, Greg Ross.

Most of these new members are due to the recent lessons, so great credit to Jill and Fran.

I add my personal welcome to all you new members. May you all turn out to be as good a player as I wish I was.

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I guess that's all for this issue. I will attach the committee jottings. I'll say farewell with this cheeky wish:

May your life be like toilet paper, long and useful.

Till Next Time,
P.B.G.(Ed).

Late news

From Jill MacRae.

THE DIRECTOR IS YOUR FRIEND

Changes to the Bridge Laws were introduced in August 2017. The main aims of the changes are to ensure that play continues at the table. We will print some in the newsletter for you. (today's ref: The Director is Called by J MCILWRAITH).

Law 29 and 30: **Pass out of rotation.** (not accepted)

1. RHO's turn to call, reverts to RHO and offender must Pass at his turn to call.

2. Partners or LHO's turn to call
Offender's partner may make any legal call at his proper turn,

Offender may make any legal call at his turn to call and when the call is a "COMPARABLE" call there is no further rectification.

When the call is NOT a **COMPARABLE** call offender must pass at his *next* turn to call.

More on "COMPARABLE CALLS" next time.

J MacRae

SWISS PAIRS 17th September 2017.

Have you and your partner applied through NSWBA website to play?

Have you VOLUNTEERED to help? LOTS of jobs available!

We are also looking for a SPARE PAIR to be available to play.

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Committee Jottings

From **Marie Pickering**

From the committee 19th August 2017

Once again our committee members met on Saturday from 10am to 12.10pm to discuss all club related concerns.

Manager's Report: Ken Mc Ivor

- Fire door exit: The door has been repaired and now opens with a light push.
- Outside guttering has been repaired.
- Still waiting for "No Parking" sign for the end of the driveway.
- The card club is very happy with

their attendances and is continuing with bookings for this month and September.

Many thanks Ken

iBand Report: Barbara

- Monday night members were down last month due to the Teams Comp at Figtree.
- Wednesday table numbers average 7.
- Friday table numbers between 7 and 10
- Barbara stated her disappointment that Joan Butts lessons are scheduled for a Friday as it impinges on their session. Carol offered her apologies to Thirroul but stated that this was the only time Joan was available. Carol stated she would approach Joan to come on a Thursday for subsequent lessons.

Many thanks Barbara

General Business:

- 1) Emergency evacuation procedures: please be aware of the evacuation procedures that are on display and follow the directions of the directors.
- 2) Slow Play: Several players voiced their concerns re slow play. The directors are addressing this issue at each session.
- 3) Noise issues with APA: This has caused concern with members particularly on a Saturday and Lindsey is in communication with WCC over this.
- 4) Our Swiss Pairs Congress is on Sunday the 17th September. Please enter online or ask one of the committee to help you do this. The Committee is also looking for helpers on the day and we also need someone to look after the kitchen on the day. Is this you?
- 5) Youth membership, Margaret Spira has put some suggestions to the committee, Ngaire and Marie will be following this up as part of our Business Plan.
- 6) The Tournament Committee is currently working on our 2018

calendar.

7) If you need to change your phone number for next year's club book please see Malcolm Kerr.

8) As a result of effective teaching and outreach programs there has been a significantly increased load on the existing committee members. As a result the MC has voted to expand the MC by two at our AGM on the 25th November. The main reason/concern is to enable good succession planning. We wish to ensure that if and when one of the executive wishes to resign, there is someone who is familiar with the relevant duties and can step smoothly into the job.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another member, nomination forms are available from Lindsey and will also be available in the club room for a month before the AGM. Nomination forms must be delivered to the secretary (Lindsey) a week prior to the AGM. If you have any questions please see one of the committee.

We all hope you continue to enjoy playing the great game of bridge.