



NEWSLETTER

Illawarra Bridge Association

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Coming Soon

August

Tues 16th Lessons 3.

Sat 20th Nation Wide Pairs

Tues 23rd Lessons 4

Tues 30th Lessons 5

September

Sat 3rd Nation Wide Pairs

Sun 4th Fathers Day

Sat 17th Under 100mps qualifier (final at Kiama) Nation Wide Pairs

Sun 18th IBA Swiss Pairs Congress

Mon 19th State Open Pairs/Country Open Pairs qualifier 1

Sat 24th Mollymook Congress

Sun 25th Mollymook Congress

Mon 26th State Open Pairs/Country Open Pairs qualiiier 2

Wed 28th Red Materpoints Thirroul

Sad Loss.

It was with much regret that we heard of the passing of long time member Mary White.

Mary was a character in her own right and it is sad that we will never see her again sitting where she so often sat, table two north seat.

I'll miss being cheeky with her. One of our members, Jeanette Marvell, considered Mary a friend and she has sent a poem in her honour, which I gladly print.

Mary White.

Mary we'll miss you
Your laugh is what made you.
The best part about you
Was you were just you

Your dress sense was classic
You never were basic
A bit over the "top-ic"
But it was just you

You've left us a gift
In our lives there's a rift
But you gave us a lift
Because you were you.

So good-bye dear Mary
Your will was extraordinary
But we know you grew weary
And we will miss you

Jeanette Marvall.

Thinking Time

Have a go at this one. You are South playing 3NT. E/W did not bid, opening lead 6H. If you play JH, E will cover with QH. If you duck, W will play another H. When you come to play Spades from N hand, E will hold up KS until 3rd round. Answer later in newsletter.

QJT6

J2

Q54

A632

753 K84

KT864 Q973

AT J962

985 T7

A92

A5

K873

KQJ4

This was a test put to a class of less experienced players. You are South playing 3NT. The lead is the 2H, evidently 4th highest. E plays 10H. Have a go less experienced players. Answer later in newsletter.

972 864 75 A9852
AK6 AQJ5 AK8 763

Library Books

Our hard working librarians, Nola Potter and Lindsey Smith, have been busy little girls lately, clearing out some outdated books and purchasing some modern ones for our enjoyment. Here is a list of those books,

Out Of Hand-Out Of Mind. by Bill Suttle.

Humour

8 Of Clubs Was Good. by Elizabeth Flynn.

Humour

Right Bid At The Right Time. by Neil

Kimelman. Bidding

Tips On Card Play. by Mike Lawrence.

Play

Practice Makes Perfect. by Barbara

Seagram & David Bird. 25 bridge conventions.

Bridge Tips by Mike Lawrence. Bidding.

Winning Duplicate Tactics. by David Bird.

Play

The Power Of Positive Bidding. Secrets of Italian Champions.

52 Bridge Mistakes To Avoid. by David

Bird. Play

Thoughtful Member

Thanks to Martin Bunder for forwarding some bridge newsletters from the Waverly Bridge Club in Melbourne.

Some of what you read in this newsletter are from those publications. Decent of Martin to be thinking of our club members and forwarding the publications. Must be a fair size of a club. One letter gives the names of the 'new members who have joined in the last month or so'. There were forty-two new members. I wondered what was the

connection between Martin and Waverly Club but he told me his sister was a member. So if any of our members are visiting Melbourne and would like a game of bridge when there, I guess Martin could assist with contact details.

Directors Ruling

Our directors have made a rule that members are required to arrive at the hall at least ten minutes before the scheduled start of play or risk being not allowed to play. This is because the Director Of The Day has to organise the play for that day, which depends on knowing the number of tables. It gives the director more work to do when plans have to be changed because of latecomers, and a possible late start. We want to be a friendly club. We want to be a well run club. We want to be a smart club. (Playing skills). So how friendly or how strict should we be? Well, dear reader, for you I have good news and bad news.

The good news is that you have just been elected to the new position of C.E.O. of IBA. Which means you are now the decision boss maker. The bad news is that the first decision you have to make is a tough one. Will you tell a latecomer they cannot play, 'tough but you were warned', and the partner who was there in time also cannot play, or give leniency to 'wayward members', and more work for directors. Your decision, now.

I know there are other clubs who run a be there early rule, but all the the clubs I know of state to be there at least fifteen minutes prior to kick-off time.

Member Dilemma

There are quite a few of our club members who would like to lose a bit of weight. However, one of our members, Ani Basu, evidently reckons he could do with putting some weight on. I say this because Ani told me that, during the last strong winds in Wollongong, he had to put some stones in his pocket before he could leave the house.

Complimentary Letter

I have received a letter for printing from Margaret Carr. I am flattered and embarrassed by its contents. Here it is.

IBA Newsletter

Many thanks to Peter Graham who has been doing a wonderful job of producing our newsletter for that past 6 years.

Congratulations on a marvellous June Edition.

I felt it hit the magic formula:

*Coming events

*Local information & requests,

namely IBA Congress

*Bridge Etiquette article

*A puzzling hand to test the reader

*Bridge Bidding by Steve Hurley

*Bridge Rules by Jeff Carberry

*A human interest Bridge story

* And, of course, the light-hearted

joke

IBA, at Figtree & Thirroul, is blessed with many volunteers, like Peter, who give generously of their time for the benefit of all club members. Heartfelt thanks & appreciation.

Margaret Carr

(Ed). Thanks Margaret, you are very kind. I do spend a fair bit of time on composing the newsletters, trying to provide an end article to bring a smile to faces, whilst passing on useful information from IBA and bridge in general. I took on the position of editor to relieve Andrew Smith from one of the many jobs he was doing for IBA. I imagined a two year tenure would be the outcome.

I am now nearing the end of my sixth year.

Whilst I enjoy it, I must not outstay my welcome and I wonder when it is time for me to pass on the baton. It was nice to receive this letter of praise, but I would remind all members that there are others who give more to the IBA than I do, so it would be nice for them to receive a pat on the back now and then for their efforts.

National Health System

As you all know the Government is concerned about the ballooning costs of health care.

Seems it is much the same story in the U.K. and their Government has made certain proposals to solve the problem. There was a bit of a backlash following the U.K.

Government new proposals for junior doctors in the National Health Service. The following is the concern of a number of U.K. professions.

The Allergists voted to scratch it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves. The Gastroenterologists had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve. The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception.

Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted. Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up." The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it. The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands of the whole thing. The Ear Nose and Throat specialists didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it.

The Pharmacists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea. The Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no, but The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas. In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the arseholes in Whitehall.

(Ed). After all that I wouldn't be surprised if the taxidermists told the Government to 'get stuffed'.

Arnold Shienwold saying.

It is not enough to win tricks that belong to you, you must try to win some that belong to the opposition.

Dummy Obligations.

With the lead in dummy, if the declarer calls for a suit, but does not nominate which card, dummy, without speech or body action, must play the lowest card in that suit. If the declarer then appears to change his mind, and calls for a different card in that suit, defenders have the right to call the Director, who will make a ruling on whether or not the change is allowable.

Bridge Players Study.

A little of what you fancy. A small study from Berkeley University, California, of twelve female bridge club members, aged in their seventies and eighties, showed significant increases in their immune cells after a card game of ninety minutes.

I Was Hurt

We have recently had our IBA Congress. One point re the Congress disappointed me. When my partner and I were looking for another pair to make up a foursome for the Teams Event, I sent e-mails to Ron Klinger and Eddie Kantar, inviting them to make up a team with my partner and myself. Regretably, neither of them had the courtesy to send a reply of acceptance or unavailability. I won't forget that snub, so, if either of them send me an invitation to partner them in some big tournament, I will tell them to go get lost.

If The Cap Fits

I was highly amused by the comment by a bridge player who stated he and his partner were, "Highly skilled veterans who manage to hate opponents just a little bit more than they hate each other.

Reminder

Members are reminded that when they are the sit-out table, their first commitment, (unless of course they are bustin, in which case it will be their second commitment), is to clear away anything that can be cleared away at that time.

National Election

We have recently had a Government National Election. A bridge playing couple had a young son. After all the media hype leading up to the election, the father wondered how much his young son had understood. So he asked his son what were the three main parties in the election. The little boy said, "The Liberal Party, The Greens Party" and then stopped while he was thinking. Finally he said, "The Bridge Party". (Ed) I can understand that, after all it is fairly easy to confuse bridge with labour.

One For The Girls

1st man.

"I didn't muck about. I told my wife straight out, 'I want a divorce'

2nd man; "Was she hurt"?.

1st man. "She certainly was. She broke her ankle on the third cartwheel.

And one for the Boys

Heard a bloke say that some cad had snuck into his backyard and stole his wife's panties off the line. Reckoned he and his wife didn't mind losing the panties but would have liked to have got the forty clothes pegs back.

And a Normal One

An Australian died and wound his way up yonder. He was met by St Peter at the Pearly Gates who asked him, "What did you do in life"?. "I was a scrap metal dealer", was the reply. "Oh" said St Peter, "I don't know if scrap metal dealers are allowed in Heaven. I will have to go and consult The Master". So off went St Peter to consult the Master. When he returned, the Pearly Gates were gone.

(Ed). I hope that most members enjoy my sense of humour, as I know you cannot please all of the people all of the time. One member did tell me I had an abnormal sense of humour. I did try to be normal once but I reckon it was the worst five minutes of my life. (Andrew Smith said to print that).

Rafferty Still Rules

As all who play at Figtree know, our Warren Parker is physically encumbered. (Nothing wrong with his mental side as he proved against us last week).

To assist Warren, the member who is sitting at the table before Warren is asked, after they have finished playing their hand, to set up the cards for Warren by 'separating the cards into the different suits', before passing the cards on. Recently, a 'newie' to this procedure, did as instructed and 'placed the cards into the different suits'. Thirteen Spades, Thirteen Hearts, Thirteen Diamonds, Thirteen Clubs. Would certainly make for some interesting bidding. I would believe that our directors will, in future, ensure that what is required is clearly stated.

Help

I have asked members on a number of occasions to let me know of anything out of the ordinary, which would be of interest to other members, to let me know so I can print it for others to enjoy. This could be from the bridge table or something about a member. In my time as editor I have always managed to find a number of items to print but I have a persistent nagging worry that one day I am going to be left with a one page newsletter. So come on, don't be backward in coming forward. I will print the following which I think is a bit unusual.

My partner, Steve Dynan, was dealt a Yarborough hand, with a 3,3,4,3 distribution. Admitted he did have two 10s which some claim is not a true Yarborough. Defending against a 3NT contract with the opposition having 28 HCP between them, Steve took the last two tricks to put the opposition two down. I think that taking two tricks with a 4,3,3,3 Yarborough is pretty rare.

Workshops

Joan Butts is coming to our club at Figtree. For those who do not know who Joan Butts is, she is the Australian bridge teacher of teachers. The date is 9th September. Two

workshops will be given, 10-12 on competitive bidding, 1-3pm on declarer skills. The cost is \$15 per session. Workshops are suitable for regular players. Partners not required.

If you attend both sessions, lunch will be provided. Well done to our committee to get such a high profile person to our club.

News From Thirroul

Jeff will be at IBAND this Friday (12th August) 12.30 start.

There is a under 100 MP pairs event at Kiama on Sunday, 27th November.

In order to qualify for this event you must play at one of the following sessions.

Figtree: Tuesday night, 13th September

Thursday morning, 15th September

Thirroul: Monday night, 12th September

Wednesday night, 14th September

Friday afternoon, 16th September.

Solutions to Page 1 Hands

1st Hand

We have all heard of playing loser on loser. The answer to this hand is playing winner on winner. Play as follows.

AH, KD, QD, JD (overtake with AD winner on winner). QS, JS, TS, (Win with AS), 4D, 6S. Nine tricks. Did you see the 6D as the second necessary entry to the North Hand?.

2nd Hand

As W has four hearts, and you have seven hearts between you and dummy, you know that E has only two hearts. Win opening lead with JH, give away a Club, win whatever is returned and give away another Club. W may be able to win one more Heart but he has to then give the lead back to you. Play your last Club to the Ace, and the two remaining Clubs are winners. Nine tricks, well done.

I will attach the Committee Minutes when they come to hand, otherwise, that's all for this issue,

Till next time

P.B.G. (Ed).

Jottings

From the committee

6th August 2016

The president Carol Jeffs thanked everybody involved in preparing the application for the renewal of our licence. We will be finalizing and signing the new lease arrangements soon.

The committee met on Saturday morning for 2.5 hours of club business. Lindsey has been very busy getting quotes and information on how best to deal with the excessive heat that we get in the building. Wollongong City Council has decided that planting trees on the Northern Wall is not a feasible option. Lindsey is going to pursue the following: applying to the council for a grant for a new air conditioner and getting further quotes for methods on blocking heat coming in the northern window. The committee through Lindsay is going to approach council about the procedures to be followed for an extension to our room on the northern wall (major) and repairing the fence on the southern side (minor). This will hopefully give us more parking spaces as people shopping at Westfield won't park there.

Manager's Report

Ken has organised for the upgrade of the flyscreens and continues to do a great job looking after our premises.

iBand Report

Barbara reports that Friday's session is up to 9 tables, Wednesday night 6 to 7 tables whilst numbers are down on Monday night due to holidays.

Directors

Jeff and Rob will be away for 3 weeks. A big thank you to Andrew and John S for agreeing to run our bridge sessions whilst

they are on holidays. Have a great holiday gentlemen. The club will order 10 new bridge mates to help when we have 2 sessions on a Saturday and to give iBand more for their needs.

graham@

We are checking to see if we can publish information about our bridge club on UOW website and we are approaching Smith's Hill High School to see if we can run bridge lessons there.

Peter may have mentioned the following events

- 1) The week of September 12th there will be qualifying events both at Figtree and Thirroul for the under 100 masterpoints event at Kiama on Sunday 27th Nov.
- 2) Joan Butts will run two workshops at Figtree on Friday 9th September – see flyer for details.
- 3) Our IBA Swiss pairs congress is on September 18th.

Suggestion Box

- 1) That contributions for Melbourne Cup day and Christmas be monetary instead of food for those who find it difficult to provide food. Passed.
- 2) That we investigate a better method to store ladies handbags during session times. Ken is going to follow up in this.

Next committee meeting 8th October