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From the President

Wow! Another year has passed and so quickly. For those of us who are over 29, (I know many are "just over" - I wish!!!!), that comment is becoming truer with every passing year.

During 2022 we have welcomed a number of new members, many of whom show early skills and acumen with their card playing and who, hopefully, one day will become the doers and maybe even club leaders of the future. Sadly, we have also farewelled a number of other members, all of whom will be missed and they will always be remembered by a number of us.

I wish to thank the many contributors, both those who work constantly week by week for the club and those who contribute when they can, for without these people the club would not function as it does. I wish to thank the Committee and our many Sub-committees, the directors and card dealers (without whom we'd come to a sudden halt), the inservice trainers and educators who foster and develop our members' skills, plus the many other tasks carried out by our volunteers ranging from washing tablecloths to giving phone reminders etc. etc. etc.

What a way to end the year??? The 2022 Xmas Party. Everyone appeared to have a terrific night. I saw many people intermingling in a happy and spirited manner. Everything ran smoothly and on time, drinks, food, awards, speech, more food and then play (with many more people staying to play than in former years), all under the guidance of the organising group led by the House Sub-committee and its wonderful leader. One long term member (a Friday regular) said to me during the night "I've never seen so many new faces at a Xmas party- where do they come from?" I replied that they represent the changing nature of the club.

In ending one year, we start to look to next year, 2023. I personally hope that the club can build upon its strengths and overcome its challenges. This can best be achieved by seeking and reflecting on the aspirations and needs of all its members. In recent months I note that when members are given the chance to express their preferences, they may well take a different approach to the one decided upon by the administration.

From the President *continued*

Two examples- the Tuesday players overwhelmingly voted to change Tuesday from a mainly supervised programme to a mainly normal duplicate programme. Secondly, when the members playing in the 2022 Individual tournament were asked if they wanted that tournament to cease, they unanimously voted to return it to the 2023 programme.

Let me end by wishing one and all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and trust that 2023 will be kind to us all.

John Walsh



NEW MEMBERS

The Geelong Bridge Club welcomes the following new and re-joining members:

G Topfner (aff)
S Jansen (aff)
B O'Dea (aff)
B O'Dea (aff)

PIZZA SUNDAY

The next Pizza Sunday is on

29 January at 4.00pm.

Please come along and join in the fun, but be sure to put your name on the list if you wish to attend.

Rank Promotions

Congratulations to the following members who have received new Masterpoint rankings in October and November.

Graduate	M De Goldi
	C Gray
	D Frederick
Club	D Shandley
	J Flitton
Bronze Local	L Lee
	K Thomas
Regional	S Taylor
State	V Sercombe
Bronze National	P Montgomery



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Club Results

Open Pairs Final Wednesday 12, 19 October

1st	G Bailey, K Bailey
2nd	M Stokie, R Gillard
3rd	R Lawrie, S Irwin

Intermediate Pairs Monday 17, 24 October

1st	J Prowse, D Casey
2nd	S Taylor, A Blackburn
3rd	M Doyle, G Burke

Women's Pairs Friday 4, 11 November

1st	D Read, S Irwin
2nd	P Jones, M Glover
3rd	D Clarke, G Wilson

Men's Pairs Friday 4, 11 November

1st	A Robbins, D Newlands
2nd	R Lawrie, T Johnston
3rd	P Jain, M Stokie

Individual Championship Monday 14, 21 November

1st	L Frankenburg
2nd	J Prowse
3rd	D Read

Eddie Karen Cup (over 9 sessions)

1st	C Dodgshun
2nd	J McGonigal
3rd	J Prowse

Joan Wilson Trophy Winners

Oct M Scambler

Nov L Frankenburg

HIGH SCORES

Oct	D Newland, S Lester	72.37%
Nov	D Newland, S Lester	71.82%

Victorian State Pennants Winners!

For those of us watching the results as they came through on the weekend of 19 and 20 November, it was a nail-biting wait for the final outcome. Our team of Arthur Robbins, Douglas Newlands, Stephen Lester and Denny Newland were up against some very strong teams and it was a gruelling competition. But we knew they were good, and that weekend they were very good, taking out **first place**. Congratulations team! This truly is a fantastic win for the individuals, the team, the club and for regional Bridge. This is the first time a non-Melbourne team has won the Pennant (Victorian Open Teams)!

The pathway to the Pennant Final is:

1. through the Western Region Congress Teams in February, where the first two teams progress;
2. through the Country Teams Championship in October, where the two Western Region teams from 1 above and two from the Eastern Region and two from Northern Region compete. This year three didn't make it due to floods;
3. the Pennant Semi-finals. The winner from 2 above goes into one of the semi-finals (the other three come from the VBA);
4. the Pennant Final (64 boards), the two semi winners play off.

As I said, a hard won triumph by a worthy team. Denny and the Jets did us proud. Thanks to **Mike Stokie** for the information about the competition's pathway.



Two teams from our region played in the Grand National Open Teams (GNOT) final, held in Brisbane this year from 25–28 November.

The **Geelong** team (Arthur Robbins, Douglas Newlands, Denny Newland and Stephen Lester) won their first match but lost their second to Gippsland 1 by a narrow margin of 14 imps. The **Western Victorian** team (Gavin Bailey, Kirsten Bailey, Geoff Chettle and Piyush Jain) lost their first match to North Queensland. Both teams then played in the repechage finishing 18th (Geelong) and 25th (Western Victorian).

The final of the event was played between **Canberra 2** (George Kozakos - Ian Thomson - Marianne Bookallil - Stephen Fischer) and **Sydney 4** (Nick Jacob - Fraser Rew - Ella Jacob - Lakshmi Sunderasan - Matt Smith - Jamie Thompson) who tied at 129 imps each after 4 rounds.

Arthur and Douglas finished a creditable 10th out of a field of 84 pairs in the Swiss pairs event held on Sunday.

Piyush Jain



Seniors Festival Mini Congress—Tuesday 25 October 2022

Seniors Festival Teams

This annual event is supported financially by the City of Greater Geelong as part of the Geelong Seniors Festival, now re-badged as the Positive Ageing Program. Last year a Pairs event was held after CoGG mandated that all Festival events were to be conducted online due to Covid, but this year it was a good feeling to revert to the traditional face-to-face format.

The event is conducted on a “friendly” basis and players of all abilities and experience are most welcome. The event is open to seniors and non-seniors alike, with invitations extended to teams from across the Greater Geelong region and beyond. This year we welcomed participants from Ocean Grove, Torquay and Warrnambool as well as many local members from Geelong. It was pleasing to have several of our less experienced players participating.

There was a capacity field of 18 teams, with the entry fee set at \$16 per player which included lunch and refreshments at the end of play. This low cost for two sessions of bridge with lunch and drinks was made possible by a generous grant of \$500 from CoGG. A great many players commented on how much they had enjoyed the day and the superb lunch drew particular praise. A big thank-you is extended to Ali Neunhoffer who organised the lunch, ably supported by 18 volunteers who supplied a variety of sandwiches, slices, cheeses, dips and drinks. A wonderful time was had by all.

The event comprised six 8-board matches played in a Swiss-movement. Congratulations to the placegetters:

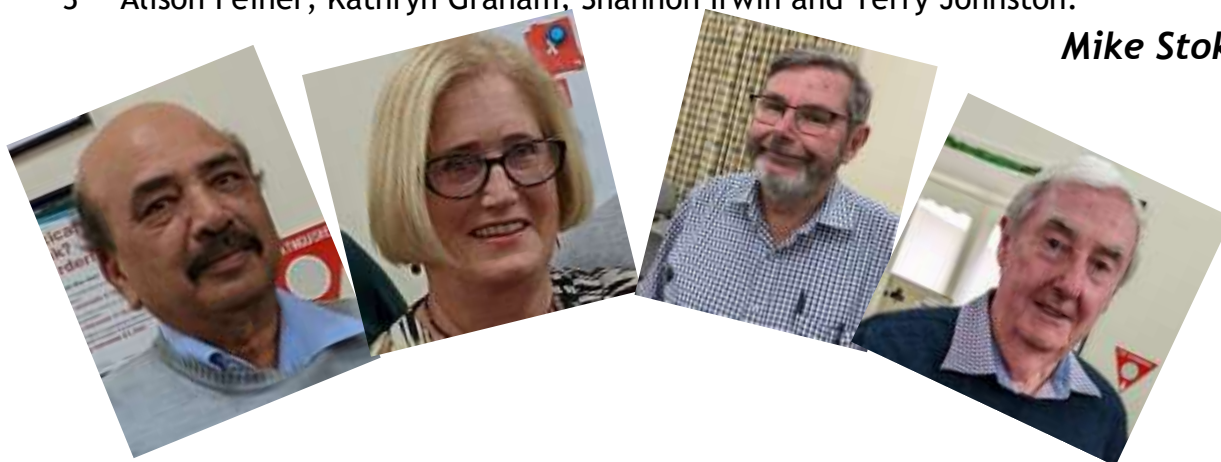
1st Piyush Jain, Denny Newland, Roger Gillard and Mike Stokie

2nd John Sarena, Lucienne Newton-Tabrett, Linda Picone and Paula Bailey

(Warrnambool)

3rd Alison Feiner, Kathryn Graham, Shannon Irwin and Terry Johnston.

Mike Stokie



2022 Christmas Party



The 2022 Christmas Party was held on the evening of Wednesday 14 December. Shown above are some of the 2022 award recipients.

Open Pairs Championship: Kirsten and Gavin Bailey

Intermediate Pairs Championship: David Casey and John Prowse

Restricted Teams Championship: Alan Blackburn, Kath Thomas, Sue Taylor and Linda Lee

Individual Championship: Lynn Frankenburg

Eddie Karen Cup: Chris Dodgshun.

Congratulations to these players and to all the other winners during the year. A big thank you to Roger Gillard, our Masterpoints Secretary, for providing the prize winner information and for everything else masterpoints-related that he does.

2022 Christmas Party

What can I say? The food was good, the wine was good, the company was good and for those who stayed to play, it was a lot of fun. Thanks everyone who contributed and thanks also to everyone who supports the club by coming to play week after week.



Bridge Lessons-Graduation

Another group of beginners have just graduated. Graduation night was a great night - very relaxed and enjoyable for all. I would like to thank all those who helped on the night, especially Marion Scambler and Paula Donohue who provided a delicious homemade supper of lovely sandwiches, shortbread and a variety of slices. A special thank you also to Jennifer Lehmann (a beginner from my last class) who came along especially to do the Compscore for me. How lucky we are to have these younger players stepping up and learning to do these essential tasks!

As this was my last graduation night as a teacher at GBC, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those many people who have helped me over the last ten years of teaching at Geelong. Special thanks goes to my husband, Geoff, who came along to all of my teaching sessions as my helper. I couldn't have done it without him. Also thanks to the many people who came in to help me with various tasks, such as registration and making up a four at a table when needed.

I wish all my past students all the best. Remember you worked hard to complete the ten weeks of beginners lessons, plus the follow on lessons, so don't just give up now! Keep practising and most importantly continue to enjoy this wonderful game of bridge.

Dot Read



Western Region Bridge Association

The Executive - Jenny Johnstone, Dot Peacock and Terry Passlow, wish members a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and hope to see you all firing at our 2023 events.

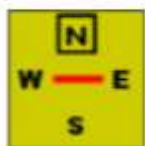
Our biggest weekend is coming up on 4–5 February. Not all that far away. The Pairs competition will be on Saturday and Teams on Sunday. Please try to support it. Details will be on the website and entry will be via the calendar in early January.

The Friendly Teams are at Ocean Grove in April, Friendly Pairs at Ballarat in August and Novice Pairs at Torquay in November. All these events are in your GBC Program booklet - your attendance would be appreciated.

Dot Peacock

My Biggest Plotch at the GNOT

♠ A6
♥ QJ
♦ AT987
♣ QJ75



♠ QT842
♥ A62
♦ K
♣ AK63

Contract: 6♣, E Lead 8♣

Our bidding landed me, East, in 6♣ on the lead of the 8♣, a nice contract with a bit of work to do. A safe lead, giving nothing away. What are the possibilities?

A: something favourable in Spades?

B: a Heart finesse, and if it loses, there is a Spade discard, then a cross ruff?

C: set up Diamonds. This still needs a Heart finesse, but if Q♥ is covered, there is still the problem with controlling the hand.

Anyway, I had to decide at trick 1 whether to win in Dummy, or win in hand. After winning the first trick, my plan was to play A♠ and another Spade to the 10♠. When this lost to the K♠, I now knew where the J♠ was. South returned a Diamond to my K, I cashed Q♣, discarding a Heart, ruffed a Heart, discarded a Heart on A♦, cashed J♣, but could not get back to my hand for the winning Spades!!!

Why not? Because I had won the first trick in my hand (East) instead of in the West hand, and trumps broke 4-1! Such a little error, that cost the contract! What convoluted thoughts went through my head?

If trumps had broken 3-2, my plan would have worked, but against a 4-1 trump split, I needed to win the first trick in Dummy! Schade! The full hand:

Board 25
Dealer N
Vul E-W

♠ A6 ♥ QJ ♦ AT987 ♣ QJ75		♠ QT842 ♥ A62 ♦ K ♣ AK63
♠ K75 ♥ KT983 ♦ Q653 ♣ 8		

Most tables played in 3N, only one pair made 6♠, and one made 6N. Bummer!! If I had won the first lead with Q♣/J♣, the contract makes!!! S*** happens! Another sleepless night!

Arthur Robbins

Breaking the Rules

by James Coutts



At our GBC Congress in June 2022, I was introduced to James by Stephen Lester and, as the Editor of this newsletter, I sensed an opportunity. For those of you who don't know of James' success at the game of Bridge, suffice to say that his national titles include the NZ Teams 2013 and 2017, the NZ Pairs 2018 and 2019, the SW Pacific Teams 2019, Gold Coast Teams 2019 and the ANOT in 2021. He is now making his mark in Australia, his (Hans) team recently placing second in the 2023 Open Teams Playoff in Canberra. So, of course I asked him to write an article for us. Here it is. Editor

When we first learn bridge, we are presented (or confronted!) with an extensive set of rules. It starts with the basics like how many high card points we're required to have to bid various openings and responses, and what cards to lead from specific holdings. Then other rules start appearing such as '25 high card points to make 3NT' - that one's not so rigid in that we've all gone off in plenty of 3NT contracts with more than 25 points, and we've all seen our opponents make 3NT contracts with fewer than 25. More of a guideline than a rule perhaps, but certainly something we base decisions on.

Soon enough, those of us who get hooked on the game are keen to learn conventions, which inevitably are constructed around a set of rules. We also learn about less-concrete 'rules': "eight ever, nine never" referring to whether to play to finesse a missing queen ("ever" - when you have 8 cards in the suit; "never" - and instead play for the drop - when you have 9 cards in the suit) is a classic cardplay example. A classic bidding 'rule' example is "the 5-level belongs to the opponents" or "don't bid 5 over 5", meaning ostensibly the same thing - that being: don't get pushed around and bid too high, since making 11 tricks is often difficult. The popular advice is that it's usually best to just double your opponents and take the money on offer - even if it doesn't fully compensate for your (deserved) score in the 4-level contract you had just bid, said money is better than going minus instead. "Don't over-compete when you are vulnerable" is another bidding rule. I'm sure we all know the pain of going for -200 over the opponents' impending 140 in a matchpoint event, and most of us have probably gone for -800 at IMPs when it would have been better if we (or partner!) had kept our mouth shut.

As we get better at bridge, and once we know many of these rules, the next (tricky) step is figuring out when the rules should be broken. We acknowledge that the rules are there because they have been constructed to get what is the best result on average, but also realise that on every bridge hand there are clues which mean that sometimes we should use our judgement to deviate from the norm.

I recently contested the Australian Mixed Teams playoff in Canberra. The purpose of the event was to determine the team to represent Australia at the world championships (known as the Wuhan Cup) in Marrakech, Morocco in 2023. The format was 120-board knockout matches (IMP scoring, 60 boards per day) starting with quarter-finals. An interesting hand came up in the semi-final, which featured a lot of Breaking the Rules, but for calculated reasons.

Breaking the Rules *continued from previous page*

Board 28 (dealer W, NS vul):

	♠AK852	
	♥Q6	
	♦AT432	
	♣A	
♠96		♠Q3
♥AJ543		♥KT9872
♦J		♦Q85
♣KT942		♣Q6
	♠JT74	
	♥	
	♦K976	
	♣J8753	

I was south. My LHO west opened 1H as the dealer. Here's the first rule-break already! Only 9 points. Speaking of rules, this hand doesn't even meet the "Rule of 20" (under this rule you add the number of high card points (9 in this case) to the length of your 2 longest suits (5+5=10) - if the total equals 20 or higher you may open). My opponent decided to break this rule because the quality of their suits were reasonable, and the vulnerability is the most suitable for competing, with the cost of sacrificing small and the windfall from the opponents misjudging large.

My partner bid 2H (Michaels - 5+ spades and 5+ of a minor). East bid 4H; I bid 4S. No rules broken with any of these. West the opener then bid 5H, still enamoured with their shapely hand and the favourable vulnerability. My partner doubled and east passed. Again, all of this seems normal - my partner heeding the "don't bid 5 over 5" rule, particularly clear in this case since they have a very defensive looking hand (2 trumps, 3 aces), and rightfully confident that 5H would not make.

Hopefully you agree that the south hand looks appealing to bid on to 5S. So it's time to stop, use our judgement, and make a decision on which (if any) rules should be broken. Let's start with the facts. We know partner must have an absolute maximum of 3 hearts and very likely fewer, since their 2H bid showed 10+ cards in 2 other suits, and the opponents were competing vigorously. We have 4 spades, increasing the chances that one of our opponents will have 0-1 and we won't be taking many spade tricks. We have 4 diamonds and 5 clubs, and partner has at least 5-card support for one of them! So that's another suit that one of our opponents is likely to be short in. Although we aren't too worried about 5H making (though it is possible), we should be concerned about not getting adequate compensation for our vulnerable game which we were very confident about making. We have a double fit. The 'law of total tricks' (oh look, another 'rule') suggests that double-fit hands produce significantly more total (i.e. combined available NS and EW) tricks. Finally, we have no hearts (and plenty of trumps), so we know we have no losers there.

Based on all of this information I decided to break a couple of bidding rules from above: don't over-compete when you're vulnerable, and don't bid 5 over 5. West led a low club and I was very pleased with dummy - I could see that 5S was in no jeopardy. I won the AC and trumped a heart in hand. Low spade back to the AS and I trumped the last heart.

Now with JT spades opposite K852, we play the JS and west follows low, so the only spade we haven't seen is the QS. Is it time to break the "eight ever, nine never" rule? This rule is fine in its most basic sense, since in isolation, the odds of a 2-2 break is (very) slightly higher than a 3-1 break. However, we're not in isolation.

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We know that the hands are very distributional based on looking at dummy and our own hand. We also know that the opponents' hands are distributional based on their having no hesitation bidding quickly to the 5-level with only 18 points. It felt to me that spades breaking 3-1 was more likely than 2-2 and so I finessed, losing to east's QS. Disappointing, but don't forget this is IMP scoring and our 5S contract is still safe as long as we can ensure we don't lose 2 diamond tricks. East returns the QC and we ruff that in dummy.

Now to the final declarer play part of the hand: the diamond suit. The only way we can lose 2 diamond tricks is if one opponent has QJ85 and we cash the wrong honour first (so the QJ85 is then sitting over the remaining honour). How should we play the diamonds then?

We know that each opponent has 2 spades, and we presume that one of them has 5 hearts and the other has 6 (though perhaps west might have 7 and east 4). We don't really know much about what's going on in the club suit, certainly not enough to draw any firm conclusions. So if the diamonds are in fact 4-0, annoyingly we can't guarantee only one of the opponents who may have 4 and play the suit accordingly.

I think the best part of this hand is that all of that information actually doesn't matter - we can 100% ensure our contract regardless of the layout. Well done if you spotted it. We're in dummy, and we lead the 2D. If east follows suit, just cover their card with the lowest spot necessary to beat it! If they have 4 diamonds, no problem - we've won an extra-cheap trick and can just lose to one of their honours after we then cash the AD and KD. If east shows out, win the KD and lead towards the AT43, inserting the TD if west does not play an honour (or playing the AD if they do). This guarantees losing only one trick in the suit.

When I played the 2D to the 5D, 6D, and west's JD, I had lost unnecessary tricks in both spades and diamonds. But I had safely ensured my vulnerable game and +650. Both declarers in the other semi-final made all of the tricks (one in 5S and one in 4S) - both listening to "eight ever, nine never" and upon not losing a spade trick there was no need to take my ultra-safety play in diamonds.

Let's not count the number of rules broken on this hand. I am a big believer in judgement over prescription, and a recidivist rule-breaker. But this brings me to the one rule which in my opinion at IMP scoring you should never (well ... maybe almost never) break: when you can ensure making your contract for a large score, play as safely as possible. I already told you what I think the best part of this hand is, but my favourite part of the story is that even though the 2 out of 3 declarers of spade contracts who weren't me got +710, my teammates were in 5Hx for -300. So whether I had made 11, 12, or 13 tricks in 5S, we were going to win exactly the same 8 imps (score difference of 370-420). Now that definitely supports my unbroken rule.

Who wants to play against stronger players?

The Geelong Bridge Club used to have two sessions - the **black** session for the stronger players and the **red** session for the weaker players. My partner (Fred) and I played in the red session. We usually came first or second. One day a powerful player, Gary Ridgway, suggested we play in the black session. Mmm, okay. Well, we came well and truly LAST! We both agreed - LET'S GO BACK TO THE RED SESSION. But as time went on, I played with players of different abilities. For me, it was playing against stronger players that improved my bridge skills.

Margaret Glover Ranking: Intermediate

Managing Late Entries

In this hand, both players stretched slightly to arrive in a slam. North's double of two hearts was, in the modern way, for take out. When the spade fit came to light, an exchange of cue bids suggested both players felt slam suitable. North was short in hearts and South had the ace, so having 24 hcp in the other three suits seemed to suggest that an ace and queen, at most, were missing in those three suits. So North used RKC and bid the slam. West led the king of hearts and South paused to form a plan. You should cover the EW hands and make a plan too, before reading on.

The bidding suggested that West started with the king of clubs to justify overcalling 2H vulnerable. As he had only eight top winners, declarer saw that he needed to make four trumps, four diamonds, the two round-suit aces and two heart ruffs in dummy to come to twelve tricks. It is important to have a plan like this even if you cannot yet see the organization of the play. Since the auction suggests the KC is offside, a good plan will try to avoid the club finesse since you have a sure diamond loser.

Pairs, Both vul, Dealer South

<p>♠ QJ52 ♥ 6 ♦ AK976 ♣ QJ2</p>		W	N	E	S
<p>♠ 6 ♥ KQ10854 ♦ Q103 ♣ K54</p>		2H	X	P	1NT
<p>♠ 9743 ♥ J73 ♦ J8 ♣ 10976</p>		P	3H	P	2S
<p>♠ AK108 ♥ A92 ♦ 542 ♣ A83</p>		P	4D	P	4H
		P	4NT	P	5D
		P	6S	all pass	

Declarer took the first trick with the ace of hearts and then ruffed a heart with the two of trumps. After drawing one round of trumps with the QS, declarer made the key play of leading a low diamond from dummy! East won the trick with eight of diamonds and exited with a club. However, declarer made no mistake and rose with the ace of clubs and ruffing the last heart with the jack of trumps. It was then possible to draw East's remaining trumps and play on diamonds. As the suit was originally 3-2, the ace and king of diamonds removed the outstanding diamonds and the two long diamonds were the declarer's eleventh and twelfth tricks. It is important to see that playing the diamond ace and king and then ducking one leaves no diamond entry and a heart return shortens dummy's trump holding so that trumps cannot be drawn before playing the diamonds even if there were a 3-2 trump split.

Douglas Newlands

Over-calling with strong hands

I've had some instances recently of players with strong hands not knowing what to bid. These can be testing, because if the opponents open, there will be not a lot left for partners to hold and getting it right can be difficult.

If your right hand opponent (RHO) opens and you hold a flat 15-17, a natural 1NT (assuming you have a stop in their suit) with systemic responses should apply, noting that four cards, hopefully with an honour, is regarded as a stop.

If you are stronger, say 18-20, then double and rebid 1NT with a balanced hand, again with system responses from partner. This applies equally if RHO, or if LHO, opens, followed by pass, pass to you.

If partner happens to bid a suit (after your X) that you hold, all good, but remember they are forced and may hold nothing of value. You have choices:

1. Raise their suit.... If adventurous and choose to blunder blindly, bid game,
2. Bid 1NT, showing the 18+ hand, hoping to play that with a minor suit fit and good stops.
3. Cue bid the opponents' suit to show a big hand and a fit with partner.

Should you not have a fit, but have your own good suit, bid that as a new suit. Doubling and rebidding a suit, independent of your partner, shows a great hand, almost game going.... partner will raise you to game with a couple of your suit and a few points. Alternatively partner may cue the opponents' suit to show support and slam interest.

It is fun to explore the situation and not try to guess the best spot, knowing that there will be little opportunity to get to partner's hand for finesses, etc.

Gavin Bailey

How do you handle aggressive players?

Jean McGonigal 'Keep quiet & send for director'
(Jean's Master Points as at 15/2/2020....28.94)

Denise Clarke 'With difficulty. Have called the director re some players' behavior a few times. It helps to know the rules regarding ethics and bad behavior'
(Denise's Master Points as at 15/2/2020....1530.62)

Arthur Robbins 'Try to stay calm and always call the Director'
(Arthur's Master Points as at 15/2/2020....4519.53)

Margaret Glover

Douglas Newlands

Vale

PEARL THORNTON 8/12/1920 - 27/11/2022

Pearl was already a long standing member of Geelong Bridge Club when I arrived in 1999. She quickly befriended me and organised a regular social game with Doris Gunn and Lois Donald. This continued well into the 2010s complete with her legendary ginger fluff sponges. Failing eyesight eventually put paid to this as well as her regular club play. For this reason she always sat north at the window and was definitely in charge of the table!



Widowed early in life, she lived independently in Clifton Springs, tending her beloved garden. The annual apricot crop was prolific, the climb up the tree no obstacle.

Her other great interests were cricket and the Geelong Football Club. She even missed a game to stay home and watch the Cats in the grand final parade. Not being technically minded myself, I could never understand how she managed to record the Bulldogs Foxtel games to video tape for me but she was all over it.

Pearl spent her last years in care in Drysdale and passed away peacefully there.

Dot Peacock

Vale

TERENCE ROBERT (TERRY) WILLOUGHBY 24/10/46 – 4/12/2022

Husband of Anne (dec), much loved father of Christopher, Julian & Simone, grandad of Xavier. Cherished partner of Maree & loved by her family.

Suzanne Smith remembers that she and Terry met learning bridge and formed a bridge partnership for several years. They had such fun, everyone at the club loved him. In later years he played on Thursdays with Bob Patrzalek and there was often great mirth to be heard at their table as they tried to break their own record—the number of Thursdays in a row that they could come last!



Jennifer Blyton

Vale

DORIS GUNN 22/07/1921– 19/08/2022

Doris was born in Gourock, Scotland, coming to Australia in 1959 to teach at Camperdown High School. She was Secretary of GBC from 1992 to 2001. She played bridge for about 36 years.

Information from the GBC archive



Do you remember?



Do you remember when ladies dressed up to play Bridge? When men wore dinner suits and smoking cigarettes and cigars during play was perfectly acceptable?

Some practices are probably better off staying in the past, but here is a reminder of what life was like...in some quarters.

I was at a friend's house playing Bridge a while back and we were reminiscing about the different forms of Bridge that used to be played and how the game and its traditions and rituals has changed over the years.

Catherine Bowman kindly showed me some of her collection of scorecards. I thought they were gorgeous, very un-PC and definitely worth sharing.

Jennifer Blyton





Did you know?

Each year, the House of Commons takes on the House of Lords in a bridge competition. It started in 1975 as a whole day affair, including a lavish dinner. These days it is just an afternoon—tant pis! To date, the Lords are ahead by 25 to 21.

(Taken from an article by Paul Marston in The Australian newspaper)



Coming Up

Monday 2 January

Bridge resumes!

10-22 January

Summer Festival, Canberra

Monday 23, 30 January

Mixed Pairs (Red point event)

Sunday 29 January

Pizza Sunday Bridge

Tuesday 31 January

Tuesday play resumes

Saturday 4 February

Western Region Pairs (at GBC)

Sunday 5 February

Western Region Teams (at GBC)

Thursday 9, 15 February

Restricted Pairs

17-25 February

Gold Coast Congress

Sunday 26 February

Pizza Sunday Bridge

Monday 27 February, 6 March

Open Teams A (Gold Points, GNOT qualifier)

Friday 3, 10 March

Open Teams B (Gold Points, GNOT qualifier)

Wednesday 15, 22 March

Open Teams Semis and Final

23-26 March

Tasmanian Festival, Launceston

A note from the editor

As the editor, I would like to encourage you all to pass on anything you think will be of interest to the members regarding the Bridge Club. Thanks again to those who contributed information and interesting articles for this edition. Contact the committee or me at jlbyton@gmail.com.

Jennifer Blyton

**THE WESTERN REGION BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO THE FOLLOWING EVENTS
AT THE GEELONG BRIDGE CLUB**



Date: Saturday, 4 February 2023 Pairs - 10:00 am start

Date: Sunday, 5 February 2023 Teams - 10:00 am start

These are both red point events!

Cost: \$25.00 per head per day. Fees will be collected at the table prior to each event.

Director: Stephen Lester

Please enter via the "Calendar" tab on the Geelong Bridge Club website: <https://www.geelong.bridge-club.org/bridge/au3360/integrated-event-calendar>

Any queries please contact Dot Peacock (Secretary) at

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BYO lunch. Morning and afternoon teas, nibbles and drinks at completion of play are all provided.

This will be a fun weekend, please consider playing on either or both days.