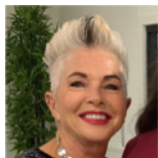


Byron Bay Bridge Club Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with monthly club news



JANUARY 2023

President's Report

WOW IT'S 2023... CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Welcome to a new year of playing bridge with the Byron Bay Bridge Club. A new year always comes with a lot of promise and my hope is that this will be true for all of you.

January's newsletter will be a quick one. By the time you read this Eric and I will be on our way to the Antarctica via Brazil and Argentina to celebrate Eric's 70th but I couldn't leave without something to say to you in January 2023.

First up we had a fabulous Christmas club day with ten full tables everyone with their Christmas hats on and an afternoon tea table that was magnificent. Many thanks to you all for contributing and to Claudia for the table decorations, Judy for the Christmas greenery, Brian for maning the bar and Leo for directing. Claudia's Orange Almond was such a hit that you will find the recipe in this newsletter.

We even had some new players from the lessons join us and a of new players couple observing AND to have Charlotte and John there was a delightful bonus. All of you being their added to the day.

A reminder too that your committee is hard at work behind the scenes. We were elected by you to work for your club. What we decide may not always be meet with approval but everything we do is for the betterment of the BBBC as a whole now and into the future.

Let's make 2023 our best year yet....together.

Happy bridge playing
Eda

We meet every Friday at the Cavanbah Centre Ewingsdale Rd Byron Bay. We ask that you be seated by 12.15pm for play to commence at 12.30.

Join us for a social time afterwards BYO + glass

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Committee Members: Kay Milne, Patricia Ellis, Edith MacAuley

JANUARY REMINDERS

BRIDGE RESUMES 6TH

WINE TASTING

Recommence Friday Feb 3rd



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JANUARY

Eric Bridgeman 1st

Jeff Dolin 6th

Patsy Brosnan 11th

Michelle Clark 23rd

John Kable & Leo Prendergast 24th
and to ALL those we don't know about

Claudia's Orange Citrus Cake

200g unsalted butter (room temp) plus extra for greasing

200g (1cup) demerara sugar

3 large eggs

1 tsp vanilla essence

300g ground almonds

100g fine or instant polenta

1tsp gluten free baking powder

3 oranges

Finely zest the orange skins

Orange Syrup

250ml fresh orange juice

Orange zest

125g (1/2 cup) caster sugar

1. Preheat oven to 160deg C , grease a 20cm springform tin, line with greaseproof paper & grease again
2. Beat the butter and sugar together until light & creamy - don't worry if gritty sugar will dissolve
3. In a small bowl, combine the ground almonds baking powder & some of the zest stir all into cake batter.
4. Pour batter into tin ; bake for 40 to 50 minutes until the surface is light brown & cake is coming slightly away from the sides of the tin
5. Cool cake for 10 minutes then turn onto plate. It will be fragile handle carefully.
6. Lightly toast shaved almonds in pan



ENQUIRING ABOUT AN ALERTED BID

by Mark Miller

If your opponents have used an artificial bid which has been alerted as required, then you are allowed to know the meaning of that bid. BUT there are laws and guidelines that govern if, when and how you seek an explanation. There is also a distinction between asking during the auction and after the auction.

You should never ask about an alerted bid in the following situations:

1. it is not your turn to call during the auction
2. it is not your turn to lead or play to a trick after the auction
3. you are only asking for the benefit of your partner
4. you are only curious about the systems that other people play
5. during the auction you are likely to pass regardless of any explanation
6. during the play and you are dummy

Any transgression here could be seen as conveying unauthorised information to your partner and allow the opponents to make a claim that they have been disadvantaged by the transgression and seek an adjusted score. This is a tricky area for directors and certainly not something that your volunteer playing directors wish to do.

An example: Using Bergen Raises EW had an uncontested auction to 4 with the artificial bid of 2 being alerted but neither opponent enquiring as to its meaning (exactly three hearts and 10-12 total points).

NORTH S Q987
H J6
D J1097
C 1043

EAST S 643
H K83
D 85
C AKJ76

SOUTH S J2
H 1054
D AQ32
C Q952

WEST S AK105
H AQ972
K64
C 8

Just before making his second bid South could have asked for an explanation of the 2 bid but correctly didn't. His uninspiring hand would have been a pass regardless. Point 5 above.

ENQUIRING ABOUT AN ALERTED BID CONTINUED

Before making his final Pass, North could have asked about the 2S bid but didn't partly due to knowing the Bergen system or at least inferring it from the bidding but also because he would pass regardless of the explanation. North is on lead so is again entitled to ask but didn't because no answer would persuade him to lead anything else than the top of his diamond sequence.

NS have been exemplary so far but after the auction and before the first lead, South transgressed because he now asked about the 2 bid. The answer above was stated. A further question followed asking whether the 2 bid implied anything about the spade holding. Now both of these questions are against the rules as South is not on lead. South's questions may have implied a spade holding and this would be unauthorized information to North. If North led a spade then declarer had the right to call the director at the end of play of the hand if he thought this disadvantaged the contract. South was only curious about the systemic bid but should have asked after the play of all boards in the round was complete and only if time allowed.

After the auction and if it is your turn to lead or play, the advice is to not ask about a specific bid but ask for a full review of the auction. This removes all chance of conveying unauthorised information. Again this should only be done if the explanations are likely to affect your choice of card to play or lead.

The rules and guidelines are there to prevent unauthorised information and to help with the flow of the game. Please follow them.

Bridge Over Troubled Water



'I guess a bottom's a bottom?'

'Yes, but two bottoms in a row really is too much.'

DAFFYNITIONS

Bath Coup — getting to use the tub before your roommate.

Doubleton — 4,000 pounds.

Dummy — (see below).

Partner — (see above).

Free Bid — all of them, once you pay your entry fee.

Gerber Convention — a meeting of baby-food manufacturers.

Jack Denies — headlines about Marilyn Monroe's relationship with J.F.K.

Key-Card Blackwood — an ingenious convention that allows you to get to a grand slam off the ace of trumps.

Law of Total Tricks — recent Las Vegas ordinance to reduce prostitution.

Quick Tricks — frantic scurry by hookers to beat the ordinance.

Negative Double — the one that gets wrapped around your neck.

Reverse Bid — an opening like "Club One."

Roman Discards — Caesar's trash.

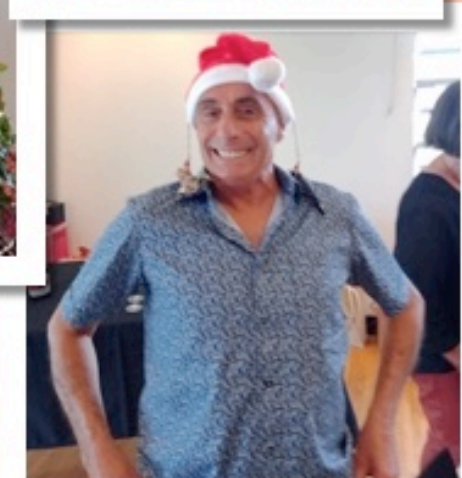
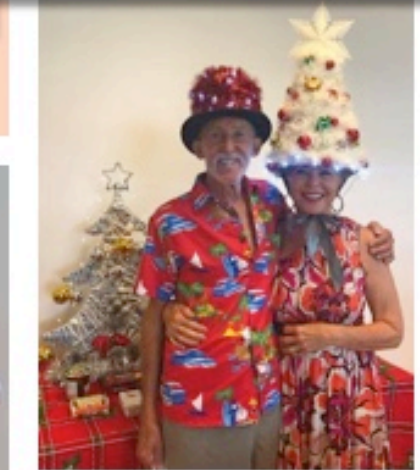
Short Club — a private organization for midgets.

Splinter Bid — the only known way to become declarer with a singleton trump in each hand.

Vienna Coup — the mating sound of Austrian doves.

Wolff Sign-off — the ending of *Little Red Riding Hood*

Renia our Christmas Hat WINNER



Christmas Byron Bay Bridge Club STYLE



MEET A NEW MEMBER

STARLETTE ISAACS

Bio was written by Starlette's daughter



Starlette Beaumont ,known professionally as Starlette Isaacs, has been spending more and more time in Byron Bay to enjoy her two young grandchildren . She was born in Calcutta, India of Persian Jewish descent and completed medical studies in Pakistan before immigrating to Australia with her extended maternal family in the 1960's. She raised two daughters on her own in Sydney while working full time as a doctor. She retired 18 months ago after running her own family medical practice for 50 years servicing four generations in the inner city community of Balmain in Sydney.

After attending a few classes in Sydney she joined the Byron bay newbies classes in September 2022.. Her love for bridge was instant and fulfils the needs of her over active mind. She is loving the change of pace from city life, and lives on 8 acres in the Main Arm valley with her daughter, son in law, grandson and granddaughter. When she is not playing bridge or cuddling her grandkids, you might find her making jewellery, tending her flock of heritage chickens or happily pottering in her garden.

