

Byron Bay Bridge Club Newsletter



Keeping you up to date with club news

President's Report
February 2025



Greetings to all of our members,

Our first newsletter for 2025. For me personally January has been a whirlwind and will continue till mid February before my personal life will start to calm down. I do hope your start has been not quite so chaotic. But that's life isn't it, with a smile it is always aok.

So here we are as members of the BBBC looking forward to another year of friendships through a game called bridge. What could be better?

This will be my second last newsletter as your President. I say that with some sadness but at the same time I know it's the right decision for the club and for me personally. Change is healthy...it comes with fresh new ideas and direction for our wonderful bridge club and I look forward to enjoying that as a member.

On that note I want to talk about our committee. It always amazes me that it's a struggle as we head toward an AGM to "find" people to step forward and become proactive and join the club's committee. It's not an erroneous task at all. Committee meetings are held only every two months and there is a weekly roster for members of the committee who are willing to be a "host" on a Friday. So every 6-8 weeks you're a host...to help setup the hall, meet and greet the members and welcome visitors...roles that are natural in day to day life so I don't see that as being a onerous task. We have some committee members stepping down this year for personal reasons so please put your hand up as a committee member. No one has at this stage has volunteered for my role. Our club can run without a President but more responsibility is placed on the secretary, treasurer and committee members. I don't think that is far, do you? Enough said.

We held a committee meeting last Friday so read Leo's committee musings in the newsletter.

In the meantime have a great month, I'll be away on the 8th but after that my bridge life should return to normal, yeah. See you around the bridge table.

Eda

We meet every Friday at the
All Souls' Anglican Church Hall
1 Ashton St Bangalow

We ask that you be seated by 12.15pm
for play to commence promptly at 12.30.

Table Fees \$5 members/visitors \$8

Join us for a social time after bridge

Directory

President Eda Bridgeman 0411 872 423/66930359

Vice President Edna D'Cruz 0434 254 602

Secretary Leo Prendergast 0429 672 262

Treasurer Jeff Dolin

Committee Members: Helen Baker, Kay Milne,
Lorraine Mckenzie, Brian Sunstrom, Starlette

Beaumont, Eileen Malabre

& Edna D'Cruz

Masterpoints Helen Baker

What's Happening in February

**Wine Tasting 14th plus a
RED POINT DAY 14TH**



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Harrison 5th

Vonnie Humphreys 6th

Pete Quirke 7th

Clive Klugman 13th

William Keyte 18th

Pat Kranz 28th

**AND to any others that we
don't know about**



THE UPPERCUT by William Keyte

The “uppercut “ is a devastating short range vertical boxing punch (think a young Mike Tyson). In bridge the term refers to the defence ruffing high to promote partner’s (or their own) otherwise vulnerable trump.

Supposing West has strong side suit, and south is declarer. If on the third round, East ruffs high, an otherwise weak Qx trump holding may well provide the setting trick. Suppose the trump suit looks like this:

7 6 3 2	
Q 5	J 4
A K 10 9 8	

If West started with Ace , King , Queen of a side suit , and both east and South (declarer) have only two of the suit, by ruffing with the Jack , East forces a top honour from South, Thereby promoting West’s Queen. If East had lazily ruffed with the 4, declarer could over ruff, draw trumps and play out the hand, making the contract.

It often pays for west to play an outside ace before giving partner the opportunity to uppercut, thereby thwarting declarer from making a “loser on loser” play, which may be a winning line.

East/West Vulnerable. Dealer South

	S: 10 8 4 2	
	H: Q J	
	D: Q 9 6	
	C: K Q 8 6	
S: J 3		S: Q 7
H: 7 5		H: 10 9 6 2
D: K 10 8 7 5		D: A 4
C: A 9 4		C: J 7 5 3 2
	S: A K 9 6 5	
	H: A K 8 4 3	
	D: 8 4 Clubs 5	

With South in 4 Spades, West finds the fortunate lead of the 7 of Diamonds. East takes the Ace and sends back the 4. West can see a potential uppercut from partner, promoting the Jack of Spades. But if West leads a third round of diamonds immediately, declarer may play a loser on loser play of the singleton 5 of clubs, regain the lead, draw trumps and cash out the winning Hearts. The winning play by West is to cash the Ace of clubs at trick 3, and then play the third round of Diamonds. East uppercuts with the Queen of Spades thereby promoting partner's Jack for one down. Nicely played!

(William's contributions are aimed toward beginners and mid range players)



RED POINT DAY FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
AND HOPEFULLY THERE ARE STILL SOME ROMANTICS OUT THERE
IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY
(So tell your special person that you love 'em)

CALENDAR DATES 2025

MARCH 21ST RED POINT DAY

APRIL 4TH & 11TH AUTUMN PAIRS GREEN POINTS

MAY 23RD RED POINTS

JUNE 13TH & 20TH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RED POINTS

NEW AUGUST 29TH TEAMS ALL DAY EVENT RED POINTS

OCTOBER 10TH & 17TH SPRING PAIRS GREEN POINTS

NOVEMBER 21ST RED POINTS



MEET CHER ASSUAGE

I was born in Brewarrina NSW in March 1953, My parents were Graziers with sheep and cattle. Our property was 50 miles from Brewarrina and 40 miles from Lightning Ridge. It was a dirt road to town and if it rained we stayed at home or got bogged as it was black clay soil.

My parents had 33,000 acres and all the mustering was done on horse back, I learnt to ride a horse very young, and rode my horse most days for as far back as I can remember.

I was the middle child of seven 4 boys and 3 girls, the eldest brother was 10 years older than me and the youngest brother was 10 years younger, there were 5 years from me to my next elder sister and 5 years to my next younger brother so in many ways I was like an only child.

The three older children lived with our grandparents in Wellington 300 miles away to go to primary school and then went on to boarding school in Bathurst for high school. I had no formal education until I was eleven when I went to boarding school also in Bathurst.

As a child I roamed the paddocks most days on my horse with a saddle bag full of food, mainly cold meat sandwiches and frozen oranges and a water bottle strapped to my saddle. I helped with mustering when it was happening. I was given a gun when I was 7 years old and I had a pig knife that I would dissect what ever I came across, I was fascinated with looking inside the birds and animals. I learnt to cook at a young age and drive a car as soon as I could reach the pedals also around 7 or 8. On Tuesdays I was allowed to drive 4 mile each way out to the mail box to get the mail, papers and bread that came once a week. I had a lot of freedom and with that came a lot of responsibility, my father was big on safety and us learning the right skill set for the job at hand. When I got my licence before I was allowed to borrow the car I had to move all the tyres around on the car to show I knew how to change a tyre.

When I went to boarding school it took us 22 hours, we left Brewarrina at 5am and got into Bathurst at 3am, (dark and cold). First on a steam train to Dubbo which took about 14 hours and then a diesel train from Dubbo to Bathurst, We only saw our parents in the holidays 3 times a year.

My parents then built a house in Dubbo to educate my 3 younger brothers.

When I left school I wanted to go back to the property however my father insisted we first had to go away and get a career. I went to Sydney and studied nursing and Royal North Shore Hospital as I wanted to see inside the human being, when I graduated I specialised in the acute areas, casualty and intensive care and ended up in theatres which I loved. I married at 21 and went overseas with my husband who was from Wales in the UK, while over there we lived and worked in Wimbledon London and again I was working as a theatre sister.

On our return to Australia we had 12 months down in the Riverina area where my husband had a contract with the rice mills in Leeton and then on return to Sydney I

studied midwifery at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

In this time I also took up sailing and raced catamarans for a number of years on Sydney harbour and Pittwater, this I loved and became very competitive but ended up stopping sailing after my third child and we moved from Avalon to Bowral Southern Highlands.

We had 5 children under 7 and my eldest was borne with severe cerebral palsy and passed away at 27years of age. Life was extremely busy for many years and my career and sailing went on old for a time, I was a full time mother for 10 years.

When I started thinking of going back to work I decided to go back to Uni and study Psychology and then specialised in Psychotherapy, Self Psychology and later studied Buddhist Psychotherapy all I which I am still practising. When I went back to study My first marriage fell apart and five years later I remarried a Psychologist and we opened a practise in North Sydney, we then had a blended family of 8 children.

As our children became adults and took up their various careers, moved around the world, got married and started having children this gave rise to us traveling most years to visit them in various locations.

We had our practise in North Sydney and spent most weekend at home on the central coast, where we were part of a large ocean swimming group and walking group, we also incorporated these interests into our travels.

Then 9 years ago two of my sons moved back from Singapore and bought farms in the Byron Bay area and 7 years ago we bought a farm here with my daughter and her family who moved over from Exmouth.

It has been in this time that I have been able to reconnect with my love of horses and I once again went back into studying this time Equine Psychotherapy.

Then just last year after I had been wanting to learn bridge for over 10 years I got this opportunity with the Byron Bay Club, I feel very appreciative of how friendly and supportive everyone has been and am loving the challenge of learning this very complex game.



Byron Bay Bridge Club Committee Musings

The operation of the club computer each week is problematic as we do not have and cannot get internet access in the hall. We only need the internet for a few minutes to upload weekly results to our website. Byron Parish does not offer internet access to any hall renters. WE are continuing to try yo find a solution.

There has been comment about the cleanliness of the hall and the Committee is liaising with Byron Parish re improved cleaning of the female toilets at the hall.

Our draft financial report for the full year 2024 shows a surplus of \$2,133 for the year and \$34,765 assets as at 31 Dec 2024. The Committee agreed that we continue operating financially as we have been - with no increase in table or membership fees. The report will be tabled at the AGM for approval by all members.

We currently have 45 home members and 27 associate members who have paid membership for the year. Any previous year member s who have not paid by 14th Feb will be removed from the member list, ABF list and the email list.

Red and Major Competitions points for 2025.

- (1) February 14th – red
- (2) March 21st – red
- (3) April 4th and 11th autumn pairs – green
- (4) May 23rd – red
- (5) June 13th and 20th club championship – red
- (6) August 29th teams day – red
- (7) October 10th and 17th spring pairs – green
- (8) November 21st - red

Beginners lessons for 2025. to be held 14th March to 18th April 2025 at 10-11.45 am each Friday. Ruth and Renia will lead the lessons. Fee for the lessons to be \$50 with a copy of the Paul Marston book “Introduction to Bridge” to be provided to all the beginners. We will advertise in the Echo over the next few weeks and also in the Bangalow community newsletter. WE are seeking a member to run the beginners’ supported duplicate play for four weeks following the 6 weeks of lessons. The beginner duplicates to be held 10am-12noon prior to regular weekly Friday duplicate. We will also need members to volunteer to come to the sessions and support the beginners.

Partner Coordinator Role - Peter and Eileen are now sharing the role. Members wanting a partner should contact either Peter or Eileen.

We purchased three larger pedestal fans for the hall. They had “Byron Bay Bridge Club” written in permanent marker all over them. Two disappeared from the hall. We will purchase three more fans as well as a bike chain to chain them together each week. Byron Bridge to be written all over the fans in permanent marker pen.

The Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 14th March at afternoon tea time.

A “teams” event to be held in late August. It will be a red point day. It would be an all day event probably starting at about 9.30am with bookings needed in advance.

The club will purchase a defibrillator to be held at the hall in case of any issues arising with a member while at Friday bridge. The Committee agreed we hold a duty of care to members to ensure a first aid kit and defibrillator are on hand each week. We will investigate whether we can get a training session for members re using a defibrillator from the Ambulance service or from St Johns.

We will recommence the wine tastings on the second Friday of each month and the first tasting for 2025 to be 14th Feb. We are looking for volunteers to run sessions.

466a Bidding Sequence Quiz

W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♠	P
2NT			

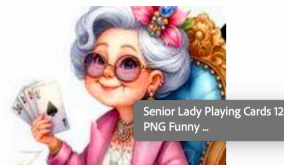
C How many points is 2NT?

W	N	E	S
1♣	p	1♠	2♥
2NT			

D How many points is 2NT?

W	N	E	S
1♦	P	2♣	2♦
2NT			

E How many points is 2NT?



466a Bidding Sequence Answers

W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♠	P
2NT			

C How many points is 2NT?

The jump to 2NT here is 18-19, obviously.

W	N	E	S
1♣	P	1♠	2♥
2NT			

D How many points is 2NT?

2NT here is again 18-19. Partner has only responded at the one level (6+ pts) and it is an opponent who has pushed the bidding up to the two level.

W	N	E	S
1♦	P	2♣	2♦
2NT			

E How many points is 2NT?

But here it's different. Partner has responded at the two level (10+ pts) and so 2NT is the minimal 12-14.