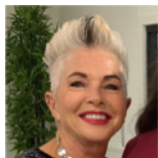


Byron Bay Bridge Club Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with monthly club news



December 2022 President's Report

Can you really believe it's December already and we are on the last month of 2022? I know the years' are going quickly but please let's ask "time" to SLOW down. I'm sure you all agree.

At the end of any year It's a good time to reflect back on our club's progress over the last 12 months. We haven't had the natural growth in members that we had hoped for but with the hard work of Helen Baker with the new players and other member's enthusiasm for inviting "past" bridge players along on a Friday we are regularly seeing 7-8 tables and this is likely to increase in 2023. I often think it's not necessarily about the number of tables but the camaraderie amongst players that is important as we get to know each other better with smaller numbers, wine tasting, dress up days and special afternoon teas etc. It's one of the main reasons I choose to play with the smaller clubs if I play an extra day during the week.

Reports from members for our return visit to the Bowlo for one Friday were very enthusiastic but there is still a strong hesitation by bowlo managers to have us back on a regular basis. This is something that your committee will revisit 2023.

Back to our new players, Helen has them slowly integrating into club bridge. Remind yourselves of how you felt when you were in their shoes as they come to your table.

May I finish by wishing you all a wonderful festive holiday period and its been my pleasure to be your Pres over the last 12 months.

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

Directory

President Eda Bridgeman 0411 872 423/66930359

Vice President Brian Sundstrom 0429 311 830

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Treasurer Greg Farrell

Assistant Treasurer Edna D'Cruz

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Welfare Officers Kay Milne & Peter Kiernan

Afternoon Teas Patricia Ellis 66870441

Recorder Peter Brosnan 0411 121 281

Meet & Greet on Friday's Eric Bridgeman

Committee Members: Kay Milne, Patricia Ellis, Edith MacAuley

DECEMBER REMINDERS

WINE TASTING 2ND December

Host Peter Roger \$5 per person

CHRISTMAS FUN DAY 9TH DEC

**BRIDGE COMMENCES AT 11.30AM
JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES
PRIZES FOR BEST CHRISTMAS HAT WITH
BRIDGE GAMES DURING PLAY
AFTERNOON TEA APPROX 1.30PM WITH
YOUR CHOICE OF BEER CHAMPAGNE WINE
SOFT DRINK \$15 PER PERSON
WHICH INCLUDES YOUR TABLE FEES**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR DECEMBER

Neil Mckenzie 4th

John Harrison 7th

Liz Herriott 11th

Lesley Lawrence 20th

and to ALL those we don't know about

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
FROM YOUR
BYRON BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE**



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CARD PUZZLE

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(solution below)

On your travels you come to an old man on the side of the road holding three cards from a standard deck face down. Trying to make conversation you ask him what the three cards are.

He tells you, "To the left of the queen, are one or two jacks. To the right of the jack, are one or two jacks. To the right of the club, are one or two diamonds. To the left of the diamond, are one or two diamonds." What are the three cards?

(There is more than one solution!)



BBBC COMMITTEE MEETING 18TH NOVEMBER REPORT TO MEMBERS

Attendance

1. **Present** – Eda, Patricia, Leo, Brian, Greg, Helen, Edith, Edna
2. **Apology** – Kay

2. Minutes of Previous meetings

1. Minutes 16 Sept /22 were approved

3. Correspondence

1. **Notice from Dept Fair Trading** re changes to the Act re Associations. It does not seem that the changes have any affect on our Club. They involve changes to the model constitution to allow postal or electronic ballots.
2. **Email from Jeff Dolin** resigning as Treasurer as he will not be around much in 2023.

4. Reports

1. **President.** Eda reported
 1. Jeff has resigned as Treasurer as he will be spending most of his time in Tasmania for the time being. Greg has agreed to take over as Treasurer. Edna has agreed to take on the Assistant Treasurer role. That will leave one Committee spot vacant for the time being. Greg indicated he would only take on the role if we arrange it so he can do the banking deposits of weekly table fees etc at the Post Office. It had been determined that the only way to do deposits at a Post Office is by using an electronic card., It was agreed that the club obtain a debit card and that Eda, Greg and Leo go to the Westpac branch in Byron to make that arrangement.
 2. Neil McKenzie has agreed to take over management of the club website and will look at setting up a Facebook account as well.
2. **Treasurer** (Leo to report in Jeff's absence) Leo tabled Jeff's last Treasurer's report showing income/expend this year so far showing a loss of \$2,393. The club still has almost \$30,000 in the bank account. Leo thought the final accounts for the year would not be that much different to the current report.
3. **Secretary** report – nothing further.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes



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1. **2022 member fees** It was noted that two members had still not paid the 2022 fee of \$25 and Eda would approach them and ask them to pay (resolved 18th November)
2. **Position Duties**– Secretary still to develop the document.
3. **Club Computer training** – Leo to organise a training session probably after the lessons have finished.
4. **Amendment the Constitution.** The Committee resolved to endorse the changes as outlined in the “proposed Constitution” and to hold a Special General meeting on Friday 16th December to consider a Special Resolution to adopt the changes. The Committee resolved to advise members to approve the proposed changes. Leo to let members know and send out a copy of the proposed changes.
5. **Name tags** Brian noted that 30 badges had been made and he found the badge maker quite efficient. He will let members know that if they want a badge in future to contact him and pay him the money and he can get more badges made as required. It was noted that Phyliss’s badge had the wrong spelling of her name and Brian would get a replacement if she requested it.
6. **Charity Day.** Eda reported that the Charity day had been very successful and we had raised \$376 including the table fees from the day. It was resolved that the club donate \$500 to the project. The speaker from SHIFT had been very moving and had impressed members with her details about the work of the SHIFT Project. Eda noted that following the talk, some members who were also members at the Brunswick Valley club had agreed that the Brunswick club would donate \$1000 to the Project. It was agreed that we would send a note thanking Julie Wells for speaking at our bridge day.
7. **Christmas Function** Eda noted that arrangements had been finalised at the impromptu meeting of some Committee members last Friday. It had been agreed
 1. We would only use one room for the day
 2. We would not have a sit down lunch but would have finger food only. Members would be asked to each bring a small plate of finger food. Patricia would organise a list of foods being brought so as to ensure a variety of foods.
 3. Brian would organise drinks for the day. Leo to bring glasses and we would ask Neil to also bring his wine glasses
 4. Table fees for the day to be \$15 including drinks, food, prizes etc
 5. Bridge (RED point day) would begin at 11.30 am with lunch at about 1.00 – 2.00 pm.
 6. Claudia would organise the decoration of the main food drinks table.
8. **Lessons** – Helen reported the student/beginner group had continued playing on Friday mornings as a transition to normal club play. She believed there were a number of players who would be able to become regular players at the club. The beginners are being urged to



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attend the Xmas party and play with their partners. For anyone without a partner we needed to ensure they were paired with a member for that day.

6. New Business.

1. **2023 Membership fees.** Following a detailed discussion it was agreed that 2023 fees would be

1. Members (home) annual fee \$35
2. Members (associate – not home) \$25
3. Fees would be due from the beginning of 2023 and Leo to send out notice of membership being due in January.

2. **2023 Table fees**

1. \$6 per week for members
2. \$10 per week for visitors

REPORT ENDS



'For Heaven's sake Gerald, we all lead in the wrong suit some evenings.'





TURNING CARDS by Mark Miller

There is some confusion as to when it is permissible to turn your played card face down. The action is known as 'Quitting your trick'. Is it etiquette or a rule to wait for the winner of the trick to first turn their card down? What about looking at a card that has been quitted? The Laws have the answers.

Law 45B says

No player should turn his card face down until all four players have played to the trick

Law 65A says

When four cards have been played to a trick each player turns his own card face down near him on the table.

There is nothing here about waiting for any particular player to do so first.

But the Laws do partially allow for inspection of tricks.

Law 66A says

So long as his side has not led or played to the next trick, declarer or either defender may, until he has turned his own card face down on the table, require that all cards just played to the trick be faced.

So even if you have followed Law 65A and turned your card face down, another player who is yet to quit their trick can ask for all cards to the trick to be faced.

Law 66B says

Until his side has led or played to the next trick, declarer or either defender may inspect, but not expose, his own last card played.

So you are sometimes allowed to peek at your own quitted trick.

Law 66C says that until the play of the hand has been completed, no other quitted trick may be inspected unless under a specific instruction from the director (perhaps to verify a claim of a revoke).

Law 66D says that after the conclusion of play of the hand, quitted tricks may be inspected but no player should handle any cards but their own. It is essential to preserve the orderly arrangement of tricks won and lost.

So what is the answer? Law 65A says you can quit your trick when four cards have been played but 66B allows for another player to request that you face it again. Some players might be very slow to quit their trick as this preserves their option under 66B but it does not preclude you quitting your card. So go ahead and turn your card face down once all four cards have been played.

Perhaps one proviso. It is against Law 73D2 to attempt to deceive an opponent by a hasty play. So rapidly quitting your played card after the fourth card has been played could be seen as an infraction. So quit your tricks in normal tempo.

The following was in a recent ABDA (Australian Bridge Directors Association) Bulletin:

Sometimes there is a cranky pot who wants everyone to leave their cards face up on the table, while he, the important one, does his thinking. Now he has established his territory, taken control of the table, no one is game to quit tricks until the oh, great one, has turned his card. Watch for it. You see the little tremors from the players who want to quit their tricks and get on with the game but don't want to antagonise the table boss. My sport is quitting my tricks as the laws require.



NOVEMBER WINE TASTING with host Lorraine McKenzie



Solution:

From left to right: the jack of clubs, jack of diamonds, and queen of diamonds.

OR: jack of diamonds, jack of clubs, queen of diamonds

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Some of the playing cards have a life beyond the deck. For example, the seven of diamonds is known as the beer card. As any young bridge player would know, if you win the last trick with the seven of diamonds, your partner is expected to buy you a beer. Other cards are more Jekyll and Hyde. The four of spades is known as the Devil's bedpost because it has that evil look about it, and the similar looking four of clubs is said to foretell of an imminent setback of epic proportions. And the nine of diamonds has been known as the Curse of Scotland since the early 18th century. No one is exactly sure as to why, but it was certainly a curse to West on this deal.

NORTH			
♠ Q982			
♥ J985			
♦ K92			
♣ 73			
WEST		EAST	
♠ A5		♠ 6	
♥ 43		♥ KQ762	
♦ QJ104		♦ 8763	
♣ AQJ96		♣ 1085	
West deals, both sides vulnerable			
SOUTH			
♠ KJ10743			
♥ A10			
♦ A5			
♣ K42			
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the queen of diamonds against four spades. Declarer was in danger of losing two clubs along with a heart and a spade, but she found a way to keep East off lead. She won the ace of diamonds and played a spade, winning in dummy when West played low. She played a heart off dummy and beat East's king with the ace. If she now played another heart, she would be down. East would win the queen and return a club allowing the defence to take two club tricks for one off, but declarer did better. She played a diamond to the 10 and king followed by dummy's nine of diamonds, which she did not ruff. Instead, she cleverly discarded the 10 of hearts, a loser-on-loser play.

West could win with the jack, but he was end played. He chose to lead a heart (nothing is better). Declarer ruffed East's queen setting up two heart winners in dummy. Then she forced out the ace of trumps and later threw two clubs on dummy's good hearts, losing just a club, a spade, and a diamond.

The loser-on-loser play was certainly an elegant solution, but it was only possible because dummy had the nine of diamonds. Give it to East and the contract is down.

Paul Marston

MEET PETER KIERNAN

Selected memory flashes from a fairly long and somewhat fortunate life:

Sitting on grandfather's shoulders watching my father march along George Street with the 9th Division AIF

Mustering sheep on the family property on New England Tablelands

Burial service of hurricane lanterns when electricity came to our town in 1947 – marvelling at the ability to hit a switch for light, I've not experienced a better invention or innovation

Watching the cortege wind its way up the hill from the same village on death of my Father 4 years later.

The joy of growing up in a small village with school population of 25 pupils
Trepidation, if not outright fear, when first Boarding at de La Salle, Armidale with 65 pupils in one class.

Excitement of Leaving School and starting career at the ripe old age of 15, along with the majority of fellow students – the usual practice for country kids into the 1950's.

Transfers with NSW State Crown Lands/Justice Department to combined offices in Regional Towns.

Travelling by train, many still steam driven, throughout the State with the Local Land Board.

Of local interest, watching a Whale being hauled up onto the jetty at Byron Bay.
Standing on a hill on the northern side of Brunswick River being shown the exciting new proposal by an American group for a new “Up Market” Community Village.

In 1964 in St. Mary's Casino beaming as my beautiful young bride joined me at the Altar, the first Bride permitted past the Altar Rails following Vatican II.

Three visits to the Mater Maternity by 1970 to welcome son, daughter and son.

Working on the personal Staff of three State Ministers, unique by current standards in that they represented the three main political parties:

Keith Compton, Labour, Member for Lismore and Minister for Lands

Tom Lewis, Liberal, Member for Wollondilly and Minister for Lands and Mines
(Later Premier)

Sir John Fuller, Country Party, President of the Legislative Council and Minister for Decentralisation and Development.

Discussing tomato growing at a Christmas Party in Sydney's Trocadero with Gough Withlam and Chips Rafferty.

Managing the New England Regional Advisory Council Council charged with advising Government on social and economic development, the region at that time had 27 local government Councils and was approximately the size of Tasmania.

Relocating and renovating a 100year old home from the centre of Armidale to a small rural block.

With great pride watching Claudia guide her partner in establishing and running a successful fabric retailing business.

In the mid 80's acquiring a share in an L J Hooker Real Estate Franchise and becoming Licencee holding Real Estate, Auctioneer and Stock & Station Agency Licences.

Moving to Byron Bay in the mid 90's where we purchased an ran a bed & breakfast from

“Rosewood House” a large turn of the Century home next to the Anglican Church. With friends from Bed & Breakfast group we had the makings of a successful international wholesale marketing business until our major market was struck down along with the Twin Towers.

Organisations – enjoyed membership or association with many including YCW; Rotary; Regional Art Museum; Tourism, Chamber of Commerce; Sporting, St. Vincent de Paul.

Elected as a Director of Ocean Shores Country Club at age 80, after 2 years of battling through Covid to stay afloat, I decided to leave it to the younger brigade. Golf – have enjoyed the game since I first joined a club as a teenager, though never better than a very average B grader.

Bridge – attempted to learned the basics with Gary Lynn at Bangalow in early 2000's and under the kindly encouragement of Marg Buckley. Took on the role of Treasurer for a number of years.

Other than the occasional Wednesday social game at Ocean Shores, stopped competition bridge about 15 years ago. Am again appreciating and enjoying the company of the BBBClub regulars and particularly the immediate post game socialising.

