

# Byron Bay Bridge Club Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with monthly club news



**FEBRUARY 2023**

## President's Report

Greetings to all our home and associated members. Apologies that your newsletter is a little later than usual but your president and her husband were sailing the high seas. Yes, our trip was amazing. I must admit to see Antartica in all of its majestic glory made me quite emotional.

Once again travelling as a bridge player allows you to meet new people and enjoy a few games of bridge while cruising the ocean on a "sea day".

Your committee met on 3rd Feb to plan for the next years bridge events so please make note of the red point calendar dates in the newsletter.

As a committee we like to be transparent with all our members as you can see from Leo's report from our last committee meeting.

Brian Sundstrom has been asked again for more club name badges after a successful first run. If you would like a name badge please let Brian know... cost is \$14 to be paid directly to Brian and he will organise one for you.

January was membership renewal time. We have quite a few new members from the lessons held late last year and did you know that once you have an ABF number you also have access to competitive ABF travel insurance. I know quite a few members from various clubs that are very happy with the travel insurance they provide. I have put a link in at the bottom of my report.

Happy bridge playing  
Eda

<https://abf.online-insurance.com.au/quote/>

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

## FEBRUARY REMINDERS

### COMPUTER TRAINING

**Please show your support  
come along and learn...it's not hard  
(no directing required)**

**11am 17th**

### RED POINT DAY 24TH

## MARCH EARLY REMINDERS

### WINE TASTING

**Friday March 3rd cost \$5**

**AGM 24th**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR FEBRUARY**

**Veronica Humphreys 6th**

**Peter Quirke 7th**

**Clive Klugman 13th**

**Pat Kranz 28th**

**and to all those we don't know about**

## PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY OUR 2023 RED POINT DAYS

Dates will also be up on the club's website

24th February

24th March

Autumn Pairs April 28th & May 5th

Club Championships June 16th & 23rd

Spring Pairs October 6th & 13th

Charity Day November 10th

Christmas Party December 8th

Pin has asked me to put her recipe in our newsletter...who knows we may end up having all your favs from afternoon tea in the newsletter. Our very own BBBC recipe file :-)

### PIN'S FISH CAKE RECIPE

Fillet of barramundi or bass  
Red curry paste amount according to taste  
Thinly sliced Kaffir lime leaves  
Finely chopped green or snake beans

Place all ingredients into a blender or food processor and process till desired consistency  
Deep fry spoonfuls of the mix  
May be served immediately but just as good at room temperature.  
Serve with chutney of choice

ENJOY



# JB Bridge Tip

*Janet Brown (with Permission)*

## Touching honours leads

Top of Touching Honours Leads. There are 3 types

1. A **Solid Sequence of 3 or more** (the best !) Lead the highlighted card. **AKQ54, KQJ87, QJ1052, J10942, 109832** [ Honours stop at the 10, so lead the 8 from 9873 – 2nd highest from useless cards.
2. A **Broken or Interrupted Sequence of Honours** You hold the top 2 – you skip one – and you hold the next one. **KQ1076, QJ952, J10832** and **109742**. So when you lead the Honour, you promise the next lower touching card, but you may not hold 3 in solid sequence.
3. **Top of an Interior Honour Sequence** - Now you hold a high honour, you skip one and you hold the next two touching cards. Lead top of the two touching honours. This lead is usually reserved for against NT – but not always **KJ1082, Q10976**

## FEBRUARY WINE TASTING HOST PETER KEIRNAN



This month's wine tasting selection were

**French Brut Champagne**  
**German Dopft Reisling 2021**  
**Langmeil Cab Sav 2020 Shiraz**  
**and a long time fav**  
**Taylors Clare Valley Merlot**



## Partial Bids and Unauthorised Information

*Mark Miller*

The following situation probably happens regularly but the director is not called to the table. Nor do we want to be called in the initial stage. But the non-offending side may be damaged and so there might be cause to seek a decision from the director. What happens is that a player starts writing part of a bid but then changes it to something else. The original part of the bid was unambiguous.

Example:- North opens 1 , East Passes and then South clearly writes a '2' but then scrawls it out or contrives to turn the figure into a '3' and then completes the bid to become a messy '3S'.

The Laws allow such a change and that is why there is no immediate justification to call the director.

But there is potential for **Unauthorized Information** to have been conveyed.

Assuming a simple bidding system, it looks like South has a scratchy 10 total points in support of partner's opening bid.

Maybe a good 10HCP but no ruffing potential and South was initially downgrading the hand. North is not allowed to know any of this. North must pretend that the bid was a cleanly written 3S and bid on according to system and his hand.

If the defence believe that North has made use of the **Unauthorized Information** and they also believe that they might get a poor score on the board as a result, then they are entitled to call the director. Be careful here, requests for an adjusted score that are without merit can go against the non-offending side.

Suppose North has 14 total points. With partner promising at least 3 spades and 10-12 total points, most North players would bid on to game. If they fail to do so in this situation then it looks like they have used the Unauthorized Information.

Suppose this NS pair make 3S when most other pairs are one off in 4S, then EW have been damaged. The director would adjust the score to 4S making 9 in this situation. If NS actually make 10 tricks and most other NS pairs are in the making game then clearly EW have not been damaged and no score adjustment is required.

So what should a non-offending player do in this situation? At the end of the auction such a player should politely notify North that they are concerned about the potential use of unauthorized information and announce that they reserve their right to call for the director. Then at the end of play, the concerned player should ask north to display their hand. This player should now be able to assess whether a call for the director is warranted. If called, the director will determine if the non-offending side has been damaged. The decision may not be possible until the end of the session and that will be when the score adjustment is made.

Please avoid all of this by following the advice: Think before you bid NOT DURING THE BID





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



## FEBRUARY'S BRIDGE HUMOUR

HAHA  
HAHA!

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## IGUAZU FALLS (Means "big water")

One of the 7 natural  
wonders of the world  
Bordering Brazil and  
Argentina

Breathtaking..photo taken from  
the Brazilian side looking across  
to the Argentinian side. The falls  
are over 1.5 kms long

## Musings from recent Committee Meetings

The AGM will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at about 2.30pm at afternoon tea time at Friday bridge. Remember we now allow proxy voting at the AGM and members who cannot attend can get a proxy form from the Secretary if they wish and appoint another member to vote on their behalf. There are a number of important issues that need to be addressed at the AGM.

The Committee is continuing to look at possible alternative venues for club play on a Friday. The venue at Cavanbah, while very appropriate is also quite expensive. This month we looked at the Brunswick Heads Bowlo. The venue is available free, but there are concerns re noise in the area available to us. We were confident a while ago that we may be able to move back to the Bangalow Bowlo, but unfortunately that venue is only available every second week. It is likely we will have a vote at the AGM to determine member preferences.

The financial statement for 2022 has been completed and the club run at a loss of \$1500 for the year, although we retain about \$30,000 in the bank. While we cant continue to lose money every year, we are OK for the time being. The statement will be available to members prior to the AGM. We are also looking at changing banks as we cannot easily deposit weekly table fees due to a lack of Westpac branches.

The new club website is now running well and the Committee are keen to see some broader information and links on the site as well continued update of member information. We hope to have a member take over management of the website soon.

The Committee has adopted a new Policy re Committee Roles and Responsibilities, to ensure existing and potential committee members understand what is required of them. The policy will be placed on the website and be available for members prior to call for nominations for the Committee in 2023.

The Committee is concerned that the current Constitutional clause re fee setting does not allow the Committee to meet its legal requirements from the Dept Fair trading. The Committee will propose a rule change to ensure our Constitution better aligns with the recommendations of the Dept.

The Committee were pleased to see member response to the annual Christmas party held in December as a "bring a plate" luncheon alongside Friday bridge. It seemed most members were very happy with that arrangement and it has been agreed to hold a similar type of party in 2023.

The club had a successful annual charity event and \$500 was donated to the SHIFT Project.

The club had a very successful set of beginner lessons and assisted play sessions in late 2022 and we now have some new members playing with us each week from that process. Special thanks to Peter Q and Helen B and their various helpers for making the lessons a success.

We now have 56 home members and 23 associate members which is an increase from recent years and the Committee feels the club is recovering from the disruption of the COVID years. Weekly table numbers are also increasing and with a bit of luck we can get back to having an average 10 tables each week.

**Leo Prendergast – Secretary**