

S.P.B.C. JUNE NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT - PAT HOBSON.

It is the first day of Winter, and I can think of nothing better on a chilly Winter's day than to come into our nice warm Club House and have a pleasant game of Bridge! We have some "big days" coming up in the next few months - Aveo All Day Red Teams 20th June; SPBC Congress - Butler Pairs 28th July and Swiss Teams 29th July; and the Grand National Restricted Pairs 4,11,and 25th August. I would like to ask Members if they could lend a hand on such days, when the Committee is flat out preparing & serving food, carrying out other many & varied tasks, and cleaning up after. It would really be appreciated. Thank you very much, Pat.

FORTHCOMING JUNE COMPETITIONS.

Red Eclectic Saturdays (Restricted is also Red) - Saturday 16/6 & 23/6.
GNOT Heat 3 at GCBC (Gold mp). - Monday 18/6, 25/6 & 2/7.
Aveo All Day Red Teams (+ Club Chsp. - Wednesday 20/6.
Final & David Read Top Qual.)

RESULTS FROM MAY COMPETITIONS.

Swiss Autumn Teams - 2/5 & 9/5. - B. Travers & J. Cox and B. Pigdon & B. Jennings.
SPBC GNOT Heat 2 - 11/5, 18/5 & 25/5. - C. Howard & K. Ward and N. Tuxworth & A. Tuxworth.
SPBC Swiss Teams Congress - Sat. 12/5. - B. Kempthorne & A. Kempthorne and M. Carter & N. Moore
Surfers City Holden Teams (+ Qual. Club - B. Pigdon & B. Jennings and J. Cox & B. Nightingale.
Chsp. & David Read Lower Sections) 30/5.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 70 PERCENTERS.

*72.4% Robert Slobom & Michael Kent. 25/5. *71.0% Liz Jones & Kaye Donaldson 28/5.
*71.2% Kaye Donaldson & Barry Wilson. 4/5. *70.6% Annette Maluish & Neville Francis. 22/5.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: FROM LINDSAY KUBLER (MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY).

*Don Ralph 529 - 0417721506 *Valerie Reuter-Buck 986 - 5528 6786 *Dorothy Meier 720 - 5526 9910
*Des Parsell 815 - 0418672378 *Kia Small 821 - 5592 3237 *Fran Taylor 736 - 5535 0996
*Gail Pantan 738 - 0406525621 *Martin Pantan 855 - 043442270 *Tony Coxen 148 - 5510 8918
*Membership as at May 2012 = 708: (Home Club 547 (inc. Life Members 30) + Non Affiltd. Members 161).

PROMOTIONS :CONGRATULATIONS FROM BEVERLEE TRAVERS & NOELINE ROSSITER

Graduate: Leonie O'Brien. Local*: Thelma Cox. Local** : Elvie Kemp.
Club: Janette Watson. Local*: Gaynor Rogers. Regional: Judith Davis.
Local: Annette Ryan. Local*: Louise Thomson. National: Trevor Fletcher.

OLYMPIC HOPEFUL:

S.P.B.C. Member Lillian Hannon proudly announces that her Granddaughter, 16 year old Gold Coast school girl Brittany Broben, is creating much excitement in diving circles world wide with her success in the 10 metre platform diving competitions, and hopes are high for her prospects in the forthcoming Olympics. Brittany has won National titles both in Australia and America and has recently returned from diving in Canada. Her next International Meet is in Spain, this being the last of her training opportunities before the Olympics, where she will face some strong competitors, including the Chinese, who she has beaten once in one of the Meets. I know that everyone in our Bridge Club will want to wish Brittany every success!

"WHO AM I?"..... (GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BRIDGE MATES). I was born in Vienna, and lived there until I completed my Doctorate degree in Philosophy, and German and Russian literature. I remember Vienna as a city full of history, which prefers diplomacy to harsh words. I then married and moved to Switzerland with my husband Willi, where we lived with our daughter Nora for many years. The Swiss people are very busy, correct and reserved, and through my marriage it became my new home country. Nora later married an American, who had lived in Australia for a long time, and one day my husband (who passed away 5 years ago) and I decided to emigrate "Down Under". I have been an Australia citizen for many years now, and cherish my citizenship. Some people may not understand this, but I love all three countries, with all their ups and downs. Through the love and enormous help of my daughter (and son-in-law) I lead a very fulfilling life, doing things which I like so much to do: such as Reading; using my Computer to keep up with the great deal of correspondence I receive, mainly from Switzerland and Vienna; and brushing up on my languages. I am with my daughter nearly every day, and of course I regularly attend my Bridge Club!

GENERAL NEWS.

***The Current Management Committee is:** President: Pat Hobson. Vice President: Kaye Donaldson. Treasurer: Angus Lightbody. Secretary: Faye Atkinson. Committee Members: Sandra Allen, Barry Blight, Anna Cornell-Bray, Evol Cresswell, Trevor Fletcher, Michael Kent, Lindsay Kubler, and Jan Palm. Carole Cooke has resigned from the Committee and we thank Carole for her contribution.

***Highlights from M.C. Meeting 16/5/12:** (full report from Secretary Faye Atkinson on the Notice Board).

-**Club Subscriptions** will be increased to \$38 p.a. effective 1/9/12. Treasurer Angus Lightbody considered the deficit of \$263 for April reasonable, as it was a short month. Expenses were down, but so was income. He expects a deficit for the rest of the year, despite a current surplus of \$1,610 year to date.

(Attendance Analysis: April 2012 – 3,353 Attendees. April 2011 – 3,278 Attendees. Up – 75.)

-**Radio 4CRB** will soon begin advertising our June Beginners Lessons, and the *Sun* will also be contacted regarding an advertisement for the same.

-**The roof, ceiling and concertina door** have all been repaired, but the Contractor will be contacted regarding two small subsequent leaks in the roof.

-**Trevor Shaw has pledged \$3000** (\$1000 a year for 3 years) for an event to be held in Lorraine's memory. Trevor has asked for a focus on the upcoming players rather than Open. Thank you Trevor.

-**The Connection of the Solar Hot Water System** is now imminent.

-**Thank you to all our hard working Committee Members** who are each responsible for various tasks connected with the smooth running and maintenance of our Club.

***Thanks to our Volunteers** (who are not Committee Members). This month we would like to thank:

Elaine Baric, who always seems to be on duty in the kitchen even when she's not on duty in the kitchen, and Felicity Wilkes, who organizes finger food for big day events, and who regularly works hard in the kitchen.

***New book in the Library** "*Managing Depression Growing Older*". See Sew Yoon Yap-Giles.

***Doreen Hinton: Chicks @ Lunch** 10th Birthday Cruise is on Friday 15/6. Board 'Imagine' berthed at Marina Mirage, Sea World Drive, at 3.00pm for 4.00pm departure. Price \$30 pp. Dress 50s & 60s Rock'nRoll (opt). Chef's Platters. Contact: taurus 28@virginbroadband.com.au or 07 5668 8625. Aid Animal Welfare League.

***Joan Butts and David Beauchamp** will conduct a lesson in the Club on Friday 15th June on Defence -\$22.

SEARCHING FOR NOTRUMPS: FROM KAYE DONALDSON (TEACHING CO-ORDINATOR).

1C 1S ? A cue bid is a useful bid to make in these sequences. The Partner of the Opener has an opening hand or better, no four hearts and only Kxx in spades. This Person can bid 2S asking Opener for a spade stopper and promising game values. The 2S bid asks but not promises spades. As a cue bid it does not have to be alerted. So, the bidding goes:

1C 1S 2S Pass

2NT Opener has a spade stopper. Responder bids 3NT.

1C 1S 2S Pass

3C Opener is denying a spade stopper. Responder makes a choice of bids, perhaps 3NT - remember both have opening hands. Good bridging, Kaye.

THE VIENNA COUP: FROM ERIC PARSONS.

South is declarer in 3NT on this hand: (sorry - shortage of space prevents me setting hands out in a diamond pattern).

<u>WEST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
S 942	S KQT3	S 876	S AJ5
H 97	H 864	H JT53	H AKQ2
D T932	D Q754	D KJ8	D A6
C AKT3	C 74	C Q62	C J985

South is declarer in 3NT on this hand. West led 3C and the Defence took 4 clubs. West exits with a spade. Declarer can see 8 top tricks - 4 spades, 3 hearts, and the diamond Ace. He hopes the hearts will break 3-3, and so make 9 tricks with the 4th heart. No such luck! But there is another way. Cash the diamond ace before running the spades. Now if either defender has both length in hearts and the diamond king, he will have no good discard on the last spade – he will have to throw away his fourth heart or his diamond king. Either way you make 9 tricks and your contract. The play of the AD is known as the Vienna Coup.

FROM THE EDITOR - MERLE GOLTZ.

Thank you to Dr. Schweiter (whom we all know as Erica) for her contribution to Who Am I? We have people from all over the world in our Club, and it is great to read of their adventures. Contributions to this segment are welcome (even if you've '*bin nowhere and dun nuthin*'), as are your email addresses. Cheers, Merle.

