

Peninsula News and Views



Newsletter of the Peninsula Bridge Club

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From the President

The Club recently became aware of the Warriewood Valley Strategic Review Update, which is a joint effort between the NSW government and Pittwater Council. Of major concern to us is that it proposes the "redevelopment" of the Nelson Heather Centre. There is no mention in the update regarding what, if any, arrangements might be made for the existing occupants of the Centre. The existing lease for our premises expires in about nine years. We have made a submission to the Council noting our concerns, a copy of which is on the Club noticeboard. In the meantime, we will of course continue to keep our members advised of further developments.

In early May, we participated in the Bridge for Brain Research Challenge, a nationwide ABF-supported event aimed at raising funds for research into Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. We raised in excess of \$1,000 on the day, with the funds going to Neuroscience Research Australia. Well done to all those who supported the event.

Our Swiss Teams Congress, held on April 22, was very well attended, with 26 teams taking part, including some well known Australian representatives. It was a little daunting sitting down at a table to discover the opponents wearing shirts emblazoned "Australian Bridge Team." Great experience, especially if you are looking to improve your game! We had much positive feedback and we made a small profit on the day.

On Sunday, July 15 we will be hosting the News Local Northern Sydney Pairs. For the last two years this event has been run as the Manly Daily Northern Beaches Pairs, with our members acquitting themselves very well. This year the event has been expanded to include North Shore clubs such as Trumps and North Shore Bridge Club. I encourage our members to participate. Please watch for the entry form on the noticeboard. Up to eight pairs from the Club may enter.

We continue to participate in the Nationwide Pairs every fortnight on a Friday night. It is run as a normal club event and is a lot of fun. The results on the night are sent in to the ABF which compares them against all the Clubs that participate nationally. Around 20 clubs and 300 pairs participate. Pairs who perform well nationally receive red points. I encourage you to come along to the next offering. Check the whiteboard calendar on the noticeboard for dates.



Finally, and importantly, a mention of our programme for beginners and improvers. A large number of learners continue to attend lessons and workshops at the Club. Our big challenge is to help them gain the confidence to start playing in our regular duplicate sessions. To that end, on two recent Saturdays we have had our beginners play with an experienced partner to get a taste of a normal duplicate session (*photo*). The feedback from all who have taken part has been very enthusiastic. So be prepared to welcome some new faces to our regular sessions.

Enjoy your bridge!

Alan Davies
President

Recent Results

Summer Pairs:

Daphne Evans and Eunice Newman

State Mixed Pairs (Qualifying):

Ada Duignan and Colin Chase

Grand National Open Teams (Qualifying):

Grace Eisden & Beverley Schultz
& Jacque Hayden & Rica Osmo

Peninsula Swiss Teams Congress:

Winning Team: Judy Osie & Phillip Osie
& Rakesh Kumar & Steven Bock.....

Best PBC Team (9th):

David Farmer & Joy Taylor &
Margaret Draper & Michael Draper

Michael Marks Shield:

Grace Eisden and Jutta Gradwell

Grand National Pairs (Qualifying):

Margaret Partridge and John Rogers

State Open Pairs (Qualifying):

Grace Eisden and Beverley Peters



Ada Duignan & Colin Chase



Jutta Gradwell and Grace Eisden

Promotions

To Graduate Master: Christine Banham, Valerie Duncan, Austin Tobin

To Club Master: Jorg Boehden, Kerry Busteed, Caro Duncan, Pamela Kempster, Felicity Lawn, Sylvia Mychael

To Local Master: Josie Hoffmann

To Local Master*: Norman Bacon

To Local Master:** Helen Carroll

To State Master: Irene Wildfoerster

To State Master*: Michael Hanvey, Maurice Loomes, Rachael Loomes

To National Master:** Alan Davies

To Silver Life Master: Maureen Cooksley

New Members

Please welcome: John Irvin, Ann Irvin, Robin Halliday, Grant Halliday, Judith Croxall, Joan Castle, John Castle, Sandie Rooke, Susan Jensen, Robert Gaven, Robyn McWilliam, Gabrielle O'Grady, Jocelyn Bertram, Lionel Stacey, Jill Kemp, Frederick Peterson, Camilla Barlow, Sarah Young, Moira Payne, John 'Evan' Williams

The Full Deal

7	♠ 763	Dir: S
	♥ 10873	Vul: Both
	♦ J8743	
	♣ 5	
♠ 84	♠ QJ952	
♥ KJ9652	♥ 4	
♦ 962	♦ Q10	
♣ 63	♣ J10842	
	♠ AK10	
1	♥ AQ	
4	♦ AK5	
6	♣ AKQ97	
29		
		♣♦♥♠NT
		N 5 6 4 4 6
		S 5 6 4 4 6
		E - - - - -
		W - - - - -

Making a 'pre-emptive' bid with a huge hand can sometimes prove to be the right option. Take a look at this hand from the Autumn Swiss Pairs Congress held at the NSW Bridge Association in Sydney on Sunday, 27 May. Thanks to Roy Cotton for contributing the hand to the newsletter. Roy's partner, Kelly Barber, was sitting South. Roy was a little taken aback when Kelly opened with a bid of 6NT. Her opponents were perhaps a bit surprised as well and all passed.

Lead was the H6 which turned out to be a lucky one for declarer. Kelly picked the right approach on the diamond suit and went on to make 13 tricks for a score of 1470. As the datum on this hand was only 760, this was an excellent result.

THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND IS FLEECE FOR £20,000!

NORTH		
	♠ ———	
	♥ 5 4 3 2	
	♦ 5 4 3 2	
	♣ 6 5 4 3 2	
WEST		EAST
♠ J 10		♠ A K Q
♥ J 10 9 8 7 6		♥ A K Q
♦ 10 9 8 7 6		♦ A K Q J
♣ ———		♣ K J 9
SOUTH		
	♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	
	♥ ———	
	♦ ———	
	♣ A Q 10 8 7	

Final contract: Seven Clubs Redoubled, played by South

Opening lead: Jack of Hearts

This is likely the most famous hand in the history of bridge, although it was actually first reported in a game of Whist. The story has it that the Duke of Cumberland (son of King George III) some 200 years ago held the East hand. The wager from his opponents was that in spite of the duke's incredible hand, he would not win a single trick against a contract of Seven Clubs redoubled. The bet was some £20,000, and, alas, the duke lost his wager for the grand slam cannot be defeated if the declarer plays correctly.

Assuming that West's opening lead is a diamond or a heart, the declarer trumps, ruffs a spade in dummy, and then returns a club for a successful finesse against East. Now the declarer ruffs another spade in dummy, takes another successful trump finesse, and ruffs a third round of spades in dummy. His remaining spades are now established, and he returns to his hand by trumping a diamond or a heart. After cashing the ace of trumps, he claims. *(Thanks to John Rogers and Margaret Partridge for locating this hand and commentary, which is reproduced with the kind permission of www.who-dini.com).*

Peninsula Behind the Scenes

In our last issue, we highlighted a few of the hard-working volunteers at Peninsula Bridge Club who generously contribute their time to benefit the Club, often with little or no recognition of their efforts. Some help in the kitchen, others prepare hands for play using the dealing machine, some sell pre-paid vouchers to reduce the cash burden on the Club and some even contribute plants from their garden to benefit charity fundraising. Pictured below are a few more of the many people who keep your Club running smoothly....



Lois & Terry Rothwell



Elizabeth Postle



Robyn Hoey



Grace Park



Janet Bean & Judy O'Bryne



Peninsula Bridge Club June Workshop

Topic: "Talk to Me Partner"

Monday 18 June, 9.30am – 11.30am

Celebrity Presenter: David Beachamp

David Beachamp has been playing for close to 40 years and lives in Sydney. He is a full-time professional bridge player. His bridge partners have included Ted Chadwick, Khokan Bagchi, Matthew Thompson and Warren Lazer. David and Ted represented Australia in the Bridge Olympiad in Rhodes in 1996.

As a professional, David has done it all – director, teacher, player and mentor. During recent times his focus has been on teaching.

Please consult the Club noticeboard for further details or ring 9970 6527.