



Peninsula News and Views

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Upcoming Events

- Members Teams
- Michael Marks Shield
- Swiss Teams Congress
- Grand National Pairs
- State Open Pairs

Check your 2011 Diary for dates!

Don't Miss...

Ron Klinger workshop:

The Losing Trick Count

Wed, 23 March, 9:00-11:30 am.

\$15 Members,

\$30 Non-Members

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The President's Hand

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death late last month of Sue Crawford, a long-standing member who until recently had played regularly at Peninsula. Sue was an outstanding player and a popular partner. She had a great sense of humour and was always generous with praise for the opponents. Sue will be greatly missed by all her bridge friends.

The recent workshop conducted by Greg Eustace and Gaye Allen was well attended and provided some stimulating ideas on how to defend against opening Weak-Two and Multi-Two bids by the opponents. Although our newer members found some elements a little confusing, everyone was able to gain something from the seminar. Ron Klinger will be presenting a workshop on the Losing Trick Count later this month. Book soon to avoid disappointment.

After a successful trial, the Committee has decided to go ahead with the purchase of 32 Bridgemate II devices and associated software. This wireless scoring system has become commonplace in medium to large bridge clubs. It does away with the need for travelling scoresheets and provides an accurate and instantaneous result immediately after the end of a session.

About 20 of our members recently made the annual pilgrimage north to play in the Gold Coast Congress. A great result was achieved by Jeanette Weaver and her partner, Loraine Neville, who won the B Final of the Novice Pairs (photo). In addition, Jeanette Weaver, Loraine Neville, Leslie Treasure and Martin



Loraine Neville and Jeanette Weaver

Beech took out the prize for Best Mixed Team in the Novice section. Congratulations to all of them.

A few months ago, Bess Birchill celebrated her 100th birthday with an afternoon tea, prepared by the members and held at the Club. Bess, who was accompanied by her nephew and his wife, looked a picture of good health. Congratulatory messages from the Queen, the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and others were read out to a large group of her admirers. In a recent interview for the newsletter, Bess recalled how hard life was in the 1930's: "I don't think people realise how poor people were in the Depression. I dressed in hand-me-downs. And that was the 'in thing.' It's a different world today. People say, 'Oh, you've lived a long time.' But they sometimes forget that you have also learnt a lot. I do feel grateful to have gotten off as lightly as I have by some comparisons."

Happy bridging

Colin Chase
President

New Members

Please make welcome: Alexander Wall, Jenny O'Connor and Sylvia Mychael.

Recent Winners



G & B Padman Trophy
Vona Hadfield and
Cath Whiddon



Club Pairs Championship
Jacque Hayden and
Rica Osmo

Recent Promotions

To Graduate Master:
Christine Rynell

To Club Master:
Eda Nyland, Monique Poulain,
Helen Cameron,
Margaret Haddon

To Local Master:
Betty Dunk, Judith O'Bryne,
Rowan Sault, Grace Park

To *Local Master:
Karen Davidson

To **Local Master:
Joan Menck, Carole Bennetts

To Regional Master:
Rebecca Burnett-Smith,
Isabel Buckland,
Kelly Barber

To State Master:
Sally Lazar, Michael Hanvey,
Maris Taylor

To *State Master:
Fiametta Morello, John Rogers

To National Master:
Bernice Yeates, Colin Chase,
Lisa Dunphy

To *National Master:
Rica Osmo

To Life Master:
Elizabeth Petts

To Bronze Life Master:
Jocelyn Bertram, Peg Carlson

To Silver Life Master:
Lloyd Cleaver

2011 Gold Coast Congress



Best Mixed Team – Novice Section:
Martin Beech, Jeanette Weaver,
Leslie Treasure, Loraine Neville



Loraine Neville, Maureen Cooksley, Jeanette Weaver, Lynn Baker, Alan Hadfield, Margaret Partridge, Vona Hadfield



Anita Kite, Alan Hadfield, Trish Giles



Colin Chase

The Full Deal

In late January, Michael Hanvey and I headed to Canberra for the weekend final of the 2010 Grand National Pairs. After a rocky Saturday, we recovered well on Sunday to finish about mid-field out of 116 pairs. Meanwhile, congratulations to Club member Margaret Partridge and her partner John Rogers, who finished 27th overall!

Take a look at the following hand from the event. Michael and I were sitting East-West, defending against 4S.

Session 3 Board 20 Dir: W Vul: Both Declarer: South

			♠ A92	
			♥ QT	
			♦ AK	
			♣ AT8762	
	♠ 6			♠ KT85
	♥ K9865			♥ 73
	♦ 874			♦ JT9532
	♣ KJ53			♣ Q
			♠ QJ743	
			♥ AJ42	
			♦ Q6	
			♣ 94	
Bidding:	W	N	E	S
	P	1C	2D (weak)	2S
	3D	4S	All Pass	

What should have happened: The defence has three certain tricks, one each in spades, hearts and clubs but the contract can be defeated if East can make an extra trick from his spade holding.

If West leads a diamond, this will be won in dummy. Declarer might now decide to attack trumps, playing the Ace and then the nine from dummy which is followed by East's ten and declarer's Jack. He can cross back to one of dummy's diamonds and lead the ♠2 which East should cover with the eight to force declarer to play the Queen. Now declarer is left with the 7 and 4 of spades and East with K5 so however declarer plays the remaining cards East must win two spade tricks.

Alternatively, West might lead a low club which declarer must win with dummy's Ace. At trick 2, declarer might choose to try for finesse in hearts but this fails and West wins with the king. West now plays the ♣K on which East discards his second heart. A third heart gives East a ruff (or overruff) and the spade king provides the setting trick which defeats the contract.

Note: If declarer rises with the ♥A on trick 2, he will eventually lose a second heart trick, even if he keeps the spade losers to one.

What did happen: At our table, Michael, sitting West, led a diamond. On the second round of trumps, I mistakenly chose to cover North's nine with the king rather than with the ten, allowing declarer to bring home the contract.

Colin Chase

Ethics at the Bridge Table: A Wartime Perspective

During the Second World War, a number of allied POW's gambled their lives and escaped from their German or Italian captors. Some eventually found refuge in neutral Switzerland, where they were well-treated. They became known as Evadés. While waiting out the war in Switzerland, a group of British Evadés produced their own English-language newspaper. They called it *Marking Time*. One of the newspaper's staff was Stanley Eldridge, the father-in-law of Club member Vivien Eldridge. This edited excerpt is from an article by A. Lisus, published in *Marking Time* on June 23, 1944. The title is "A Nice Friendly Game of Bridge":

"As most of the Evadés have played a fair amount of bridge during the weary P.O.W. months...perhaps they may be interested in reading of how one can be unethical in Bridge – consciously and unconsciously. Let's play a few games with "Eric the Evadé" and here are a number of characteristic ways of responding which you should be prepared to recognise and use -- that is if you care for that sort of thing.

- (a) You call "One Spade." If Eric has strong support, he will respond with a loud, manly and confident voice, "Two Hearts." Then you know that you will make game easily. If, however, he looks at his cards in a quizzical manner and says, "Well, well, partner – bit of a problem this, let me think...I think we'll try "Two Hearts." Then, of course you know you do not dare go higher than Two Spades.
- (b) You open with "One Spade," Eric says "Two Clubs," you say "Three No Trumps," Eric says "Jesus wept!" In other words, "No slam this time, partner."

- (c) You open "One Spade." Eric says "Two Hearts – Oh, sorry – what did you say, partner? One Spade? Of course if you insist? You don't? Two Spades is what I meant to say of course!" In other words, not quite game support in Spades but something in Hearts might be worth investigating.
- (d) Opponent attempts a finesse to an Ace, Queen. Eric is sitting on the left of Dummy. He looks at the cards on the table, pulls out a card, pushes it back and then throws down a small one. Opponent, unless he is used to Eric, is now certain that Eric has the King, which of course he hasn't.
- (e) The Contract is in "No Trumps" and a suit – usually Eric's weakest – is led. He takes the lead with an exclamation of satisfaction. "Well, that was a champion lead, partner..." That, of course, is designed to discourage an opponent with leading that suit and it is surprising how often it works.
- (f) You open with a Spade – Eric gives a low whistle of joyous amazement – his eyes glisten and his voice is hoarse with excitement when he responds. No need for a double raise – the timbre of his voice shows everything. There is no doubt that Eric's histrionic abilities help him considerably – the inflections of his voice when he wants the bidding to continue – the air of finality when he wants it to cease!

...The above examples are offered by one who, while he enjoys a friendly game of bridge, also dislikes unethical manifestations. Sportsmanship is not out of place at the Bridge table!"



An appeal to members: our hard working Assistant Treasurer, Rosemary Murray, has an onerous job counting vast sums of table-money and taking it to the bank. It would help her enormously if more people purchased the **pre-paid vouchers** rather than putting in coins. Thanks for your help.