

THE GRAND SLAM



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

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An exciting month ahead at the Club. With our Club Teams Championship (14 Teams), Caloundra Pairs Congress (30+ entries and counting), Melbourne Cup Luncheon and several Red Point Days. Good luck to all participants.

Our handicapped car parking area has finally been updated. Many thanks to our previous Committee for their hard work in getting this done.

And well done Bob Hannam. 20+ new beginners lining up for lessons starting on 13th October.

Our Editor has asked me to remind you that this Newsletter is for us all. Please contact Bob Davies with any contribution you may have to share with all our Members.

President Di

More exciting news and articles in this edition. Topics include upcoming events, COVID update, Members' achievements and much more.

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*As always, Good Bridging.
Editor*

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

A small Snapshot of Bridge Etiquette and Protocol.

Above All : avoid any behaviour that would make anyone (especially beginners) feel uncomfortable.

Table Manners:

- **Do** greet your opponents
- **Don't** indulge in lengthy post-mortems, a quick comment or two is fine
- **Don't** criticize your partner
- **'Director PLEASE'** is the correct way to call for the Director for assistance

Play of Hand:

- **Do** thank your partner for dummy, even though it's the wrong bid, cards, or no points and you know you are never going to make to contract !
- **Please do not** 'snap' your cards down on the table when playing your cards. This bends the cards and makes dealing new boards difficult

Dummy's Responsibilities:

- **Dummy** is not allowed to call the director
- **Dummy** may try to prevent any irregularity

Slow Play

- The actively ethical player makes a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness. All players are expected to develop this good habit

Timeliness

- Please ensure players are seated and ready for a session at least 15 minutes before play is scheduled to commence. If you wish to purchase vouchers, please do this before that 15 minute period. This allows the Director ample time to set up the movement.

Many thanks to Kelly Barber (Director and Bridge Teacher) for contributing this article. Kelly will be running a Bridge Etiquette information session at the Club in the near future. Keep a look out for the Flyer.

ABF AND COVID

In order to provide a safe environment for players and officials at ABF Gold Point events in 2022, COVID-19 Event Plans will include the requirement that all players and officials be fully vaccinated.

For those ineligible to be vaccinated for medical reasons, a medical certificate confirming such ineligibility along with confirmation of a negative COVID test conducted within three days of commencement of the event, will be required.

YOUR 2021/22 COMMITTEE

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BRIDGE ACHIEVEMENTS

Some great performances at the Club in September. Congratulations to the pairs listed on the right who achieved the Pinnacle of a Grand Slam in September.

Whilst most of us think of the 'Over 70' Club as some Retirement Village line dancing get together ... Caloundra Bridge has an alternative definition. Again, well done to the following pairs who exceeded the 70% mark in a session in September.

Bob Hannam / Drew Dunlop	74.7%
Randall Rusk / Tony Walford.	73.2%
Cathy Clarke / Judy Leathley.	70.3%

Julie Benjamin / Robyn King	7S W
Gwen Bagley / Patricia Willingham	7S W
Jack Kruizinga / Pat Richardson	7S W
Kate Balmanno / Judy Leathley	7S W
NANCY MAGAZINOVIC / ROSALIND WALSH	7NT W
Kerry Thorp / Janie Brennan	7H S
Astrid Borchardt / Kay Sutherland	7S E
Estelle Laming / Robert Pearce	7NT S
Ian Argent / Jan Argent	7S S
Robyn King / Stephanie Meyland	7NT N

MY CAT JUST CAME HOME WITH 24 BAGS OF KITTEN LITTER. Time to stop this nonsense.

RULES CORNER

Law 20 : Explanation of Calls

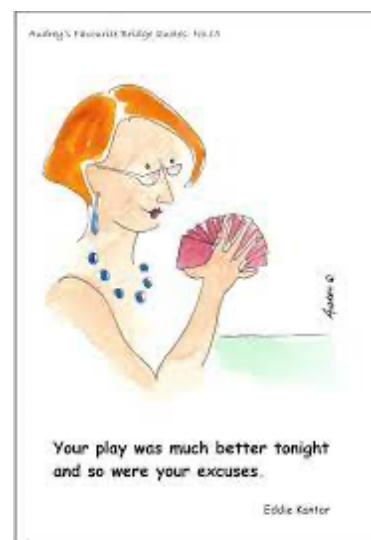
When a Player is asked to give an explanation of a Call, they should be quoting the Partnership's agreed System, NOT their interpretation of what the Bid MIGHT mean.

Where the explanation is correct, but the Partner has made an incorrect Bid, Partner should remain silent. No Law has been transgressed as the Player has no better knowledge of the incorrect Bid than the Opposition. Play on.

If the Partner gives a mistaken explanation, including failing to Alert, a Player MUST NOT correct the explanation during the Auction. The Player should call the Director and inform opponents of the incorrect explanation:

When Declarer or Dummy: After the final pass of the Auction

When Defenders : Not until the end of the play of the hand



MORE ON COVID

During the present situation in Queensland, Caloundra Bridge must conform to compulsory requirements from three separate organisations to stay open for Bridge.

Queensland Government

The Sunshine Coast local government area is presently in Stage 3 of restrictions. Specific details for this stage are available on our Notice Board.

The QR "Check In" is still compulsory and if you do not have a mobile phone then we have a book at the door for people to write their information to check in. Please remember it is easy to Check In a friend on your mobile phone QR code check in. Once their name is in your phone you can check them in regularly.

QBA – Queensland Bridge Association

The latest direction from QBA is that we do NOT have to wear masks while we are sitting at a table or if we are EW moving to the next table. At all other times, while we are inside the club room, we must wear our mask – e.g., going for tea/coffee, refreshments, going to the toilet, into the kitchen/office etc.

The wearing of a mask requires your nose, mouth, and chin to be covered.

ABF – Australian Bridge Federation

Full vaccination will be mandatory in future ABF Gold Point events. Medical exemptions are allowed upon production of a Medical Certificate AND evidence of a negative COVID test.

When this virus thing is over with... I still want some of you to stay away from me.