



# Newsletter August 2019

## Message from the President



- Chris McDowell

August is a good month for Bridge! ... as is every other month I hear you say.

Congratulations to Phillip Ross, 90 years and still going strong. Bridge must be good for the mind.

The AGM is coming soon, specifically September 14th. As we near the end of term for the current Management Committee, now is a good time for me to ask members to consider how you might like to help out in the club. There will surely be a few spots need filling on the next Management Committee, and, as I mentioned last month, there really is a need for a stronger 'House' sub-committee. There are always helpers in and around the kitchen, what is needed is a Chief.

More notifications and report will come about the AGM. Keep watch!

I think the new drive way is settling down, and will stabilize further. Paul has organised for the new signs to go up, they have been constructed and we now await installation (we need deep holes to

keep them stable). If the new entry and exit signs are not up when you read this, expect them soon. Note, there will be a speed limit sign too!

Some people have been struggling with the glare coming through the blinds on the west side of the room. New block-out blinds have been ordered by Chery for these windows and will be installed as soon as they are made up. They will be a help at this time of the year when the afternoon sun is lower on that side of the building, and then they can be lifted in other months when the glare is not a problem.

Recently a new computer, screen and keyboard were purchased and installed by our IT guru Bill for use by the Secretarial and Treasury teams. These guys put in a lot of hours and I am pleased to say the new equipment makes their important tasks more manageable. The old computer has been adopted by the dealing team to back up their computing arrangements.

Thursday night Gala teams and dinner was yet again a great success. Well attended with 8 tables and certainly plenty of great food. Thanks to Eric for organising, Liz for directing and special thanks to Lorraine and others who prepared and brought food. For the less experienced players who wonder about these nights, give thought to coming. We have a light hearted set of 3 matches, the less experienced players get to be in a team with more experienced players so it all balances out. This is an easy and non-threatening way to get introduced to team play and scoring while not many other opportunities arise for this through the year.

Cheers from President Chris returned from exile.

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Marjorie Askew

### Events Gone:

#### 1. Fall into Winter Graded Pairs

Wednesdays May 15, June 19 & July 17: In the final week of this event some challengers posted some good scores: in B grade: Beth Martin and Sue Fielder (56.03%) Jenny Hurley and Kay Pearson (55.36%); in Open: Paul Smith and Carol Hocking (60.19%). However, with the average of best 2 scores determining overall winners, victorious were:

**B Grade** (<300mpts) Vicki Ivosevac and Terry Lowe (60.29%) with runners-up: Les Spake and Damien Kennedy (56.01%).

**Open:** Marjorie Askew & Bill Powell (63.11%) with runners-up: Janet Brown and Eric Hurley (62.77%).

A comment from me on the format: a multi-week pairs event such as this aims to provide a little more 'excitement' in our regular weekly session and also affords us the opportunity to award extra masterpoints ie for overall placings. And here 2 scores ex 3, for overall placings, is intended to encourage everyone who could get 2 scores in with the same partner to both go for a 'win' and some extra masterpoints. Next time we run one of these events why not see if you can organise your same partner for at least 2 out of the 3 weeks.

### Rank Promotions

Congratulations to the following who have achieved rank promotions at end July:

**Graduate: Kevin Williams**

**Club: Monika Poole**

**Life: Anne Riley**

#### 2. GNOT Teams Club Qualifier

Sundays July 7 & 14: Many thanks to Judy Forsyth for coordinating this event; Judy's report follows on page 5.

From my perspective, it was great to see some of our less experienced players taking part; and I think enjoying the event and importantly not feeling intimidated by their more experienced opponents. + Everybody 'banked' some gold points.

#### 3. Gala Teams Night

Thursday July 18: Thanks to Eric Hurley and Lorraine Bryant who coordinated this very popular evening. Lorraine's report page 5.

#### 4. Teams of Three

Monday July 22: Lorraine had a busy week as she was also Event Organiser for the Teams of Three –

many thanks Lorraine (report Page 5).

### Events Coming Up:

The first 3 events below are state or national events which you can take part in whilst playing in the comfort of your own club; and all for at most \$4/5 extra on your table money; but no flights to Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney + accommodation, nor even a trip to the Gold Coast. And what about those 'bragging rights' (to friends, grandchildren or ..... ) that you are competing in a state/national event or championship!!

#### 1. NSW State-wide Pairs

Wednesday July 31 (now has just happened): 8 tables competed and we had a 15-round Howell movement (ie all pairs played every other in 2-board rounds) which was good for a change. Thanks to Bob Hart for directing the day.

The hands were challenging! Paul Smith and Carol Hocking topped the Ballina scores with 59.9% and we'll see how our scores compare when scored state-wide over the coming few days. Red points are awarded to pairs finishing in the top half of the field state-wide. For these results, when finalised go to: <http://www.nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2019&E=swp>

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Marjorie Askew

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### 2. State Open Pairs

Wednesdays August 7 & 21: These are just our 'regular' club sessions but ALL players on these days will be taking part in our Club Qualifier of the State Open Pairs Championships, with red points awarded at state championship level. + NO extra table money for this event! Please note: i) this event is on August 7 and 21 ie not August 14 as some folk will be away at the Coffs Harbour Congress. If you can play on one, or both, of these days you will be part of this 'championship' event, and ii) Wednesday 21st August will thus NOT be a graded day.

All players who take part in the Club event are then eligible to compete in the State Finals, which will also incorporate the Country Open Pairs Championships, to be held at NSWBA on November 23 and 24. Any pairs wishing to proceed to the state finals will need to let me know.

For more information go to: <http://nswba.com.au/tourn/state/se.asp?Y=2019&E=sop>

### 3. Australia-wide Open Pairs

Saturday August 31: We had the novice event in May, this is the Open, and then the Restricted event follows on October 31. There will be a notice on the noticeboard for nominations so we have a rough

idea of numbers for planning.

For this event there is an entry fee of \$5 per player (ie on top of your table money). This covers the hands commentary booklet that all participants will receive after the event, prizes, masterpoints, and of course event running costs.

Around 4000 players are expected to take part across Australia. All players scoring over 57%, when scored Aus-wide, will receive red masterpoints. For more details on the event go to: <http://www.australianbridge.com/AWP.htm>

### 4. Inter-Club with the Gold Coast Bridge Club

Sunday September 22: This is Year 2 of this club 'duel' and we are hosting. We need:

i) 3 teams (ie 6 pairs) in each of 3 masterpoint divisions: <200, <600 and Open; masterpoints as at 30 June 2019.

ii) volunteers to help on the day, especially with catering. Last year we were very well looked after at the Gold Coast BC and I know we can reciprocate.

There are nomination sheets on the noticeboard for both players and helpers. Or please contact me if you are 'thinking' of playing or can help in any way to make the day a success.

+ Let's make sure we retain the CUP!

### 5. Charity Day

Monday October 7 – Which Charity? Our annual charity day looms up. We are looking for nominations for the charity. Last year we supported the Farmers Drought Appeal but this year we want to 'Go Local'. If anyone has any suggestions for a good local cause please pass these on to me or a member of the Play Committee.

### 6. Coffs Harbour Super Congress

August 13-18: Good Luck to all Ballina players who are heading to Coffs to compete in this event.

### Changes re P Plates:

There has been ongoing discussion at both Play Committee and Directors Committee about how we can clarify and simplify our regulations regarding P-plates and both Committees support the changes below.

Our overriding goal is to ensure all players feel 'comfortable' so:

i) new/inexperienced players are encouraged to carry a P-plate which identifies them as new/inexperienced (So says: 'Hello, I'm New Please Help Me')

ii) more experienced players

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are then aware they are playing against new/inexperienced players and are expected to offer extra help/assistance, including full explanations of all bids.

There has been confusion in the past regarding what is or isn't allowed when playing against players with a P-plate, and we believe there is little value in posing bidding restrictions, instead focusing on HELP. Whether this HELP extends to some 'teaching' may depend on who's at the Table but we need to be wary of not overloading or confusing newer players.

So:

In future new/inexperienced players may carry a P-plate to alert fellow players that they are new/inexperienced; defined as being in their first year of play or with less than 2 masterpoints\*.

Playing against a 'P-plater', players are thus expected to offer extra help/assistance, and in particular detailed explanation of any of their bids which may assist the P-plater.

\* Play Committee may grant other special exceptions.

(Note: our programme book seems to have a misprint that this was < 20 masterpoints).

As now P-plates can be used in ALL our sessions except Championship events or special events eg Australia-wide Pairs, Open congresses.

These P-plate changes will be phased in in the next couple of weeks – seems we need new supplies of P-plates. Let's encourage all newer players to carry these. As our Teaching Group continually reminds us this is a critical time for new players as

they transition from lessons to play.

Moving on: maybe 'Explain your Bids Fully - AND with a SMILE' could be a new Club mantra for us all.

And from me: Remember bridge is a game of full disclosure and your opponents are entitled to know all the information that you and your partner have exchanged through your bidding. For the defence knowing declarer has a singleton, or has a specific shape, or is maximum or minimum, can greatly help you defend. Don't be afraid to ask about the auction – although if you have no intention of bidding it is usually better to wait until the end of the auction when all can be revealed, fully and succinctly.

The next Play Committee meeting is on Saturday August 10.

■ Marjorie Askew



### Fall into Winter Graded Pairs

#### Open Winners:

Marjorie Askew and Bill Powell

#### B Grade (<300) Winners:

Vicki Ivosevac and Terry Lowe





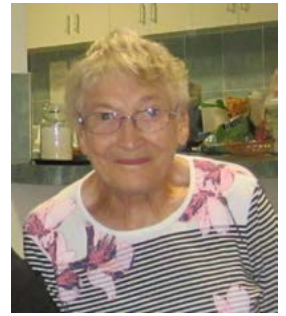
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Welcome to our new home member **Kathryn Gourlay**

## Gala teams and Teams of Three

**Gala Teams night** The 18th July saw 32 people sit down to a delicious meal before a fun evening of teams bridge. On the menu - Asian Chicken Stirfry, Shepherd's Pie, Beef in Red Wine, Vegetarian Vegetable Curry, Barbequed Chicken, White and Brown Rice and Salad followed by a selection of ice-creams. It was the first Gala Teams Night for some of the participants and from the extremely positive feedback I received I feel sure they are all waiting to be at the next one on the 21st November. The dinner was organised by Eric, Maureen Baker, Sue Burns and me. Thank you also to Helen Pearce for bringing the bread. Thank you to Liz Jeffery for directing and of course to Eric Hurley, who organises the evening.



- Lorraine Bryant

Almost incidental to the 'gastronomic delights' the winners on the night were:

1st Lynn (Gary Lynn, Di Kruse, Jean Lowe, Margaret Faulks)

2nd Smith (Paul Smith, Sue Fielder, Michel Boyle, Carol Hocking)

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**Teams of Three** Twenty teams participated in the 'Teams of Three' on Monday, 22nd July. Everyone I spoke with thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. A special thank you to our Director, Rebecca, and to the experienced players who volunteered to be team captains and encourage the less experienced players. Good to see some players just out of lessons joining us. Congratulations to the Preston team (Pat Preston, Marie Ferguson, Greg Lester, Margaret Reddy) who were first on the day and to the runners- up, the Crafti team (Judith Crafti, Catherine Bechaz, Angelo Jones, Cecily Barrack). Both had three wins in the event. To all those who bought items for afternoon tea, thank you, your donations were appreciated by everyone and added to the success of the day.

## GNOT teams Club Qualifier

It was great to see 14 teams play in this event. Every team scored some gold MPs to add to their stash! Results were:

1st – Marjorie Askew, Bill Powell, Janet Brown, Eric Hurley, Gary Lynn.

2nd – Paul Smith, Winston Guymer, Liz Jeffery, Berri Folkard.

3rd – Deb McLay, Ian Michelson, Peter McGruer, John Sheean.

The first 7 teams will be eligible to progress to the Regional Finals at Ballina on 20th & 27th October. I will contact you all next month regarding this event.

Thanks to those who contributed in many ways to ensure this event was enjoyable for all.



- Judy Forsyth

## Member Profile - Anne Bigg (Gold Life Master)



Anne Bigg is one of the early members of the Ballina Bridge Club. Along with a number of other members, she helped build the solid foundations of the Club, which continue to serve us well today. Many of us were taught to play Bridge by Anne, and her 'Green Book' was widely used throughout the region and for many of us, our first Bridge book.

**by Robert Eldridge**

### My early years.

I was born in Lismore, the eldest of 6 children. My father, Alexander Clark, belonged to the Clark family who were the first selection north of Lismore. They have been written up in the early history of Lismore. The town of Corndale was named after their first crop, corn, which was grown as feed for the pigs.

My mother's family selected two farms near Coraki, and also captained boats on the Richmond River.

The Depression in the thirties badly affected the North Coast. There was very little available work. My family took a ship to Perth via Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide and then a train from Perth to Kalgoorlie where we settled.

From Kalgoorlie, my family moved to Sydney where my dad worked on Sir Archibald Harry's property (Jersey Cows). We lived there until the Japanese submarines entered the Harbour during the Second World War. As a result, we moved back to the North Coast, at first to Condon on the Tweed River until the 1945 flood, after which we moved to Stotts Creek.

When I was in 6th Grade at Tumbulgum Catholic School, I remember singing: "There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover..." with two others on the back of a truck at Pottsville, when electricity was being turned on the Far North coast. The electricity was turned on town by town. It was also at Tumbulgum that I undertook an IQ test and won a State Bursary. This paid for my boarding fees and schooling in Lismore. I completed Leaving Certificate at St Mary's, and then went to Armidale Teacher's College and undertook teacher training.

### Work, Marriage and Family.

My first job was in Sydney for a year, followed by Boggabilla.



N / S : Anne Fraser & Anne Bigg  
E / W : Helen & Peter Tootell

September,  
1999

*Photo from the Ballina Bridge Club photo album*

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My husband, Max Bigg, came from Leeton in the Riverina. He taught Science and loved Physics, and Ag Science. In Nimbin we had a farm which was on Government land.

We had three sons whose claim to fame was: "I was born in Nimbin...man!"

I taught primary classes and seniors Sport. I had met John Fraser at Teachers College and met up again when we had school sport visits with Woodenbong, which was John's first teaching appointment.

Max and I later moved to Griffith. Max worked at Griffith High, and I started teaching at Griffith Primary School. I had our baby daughter, Susan Elizabeth, and I transferred to Griffith East. This is when my promotions started. I got my first, second and third promotion there.

In 1977 we moved back to the North Coast. Max went to Kadina when it opened and helped set up the Science lab and equipment before all the teachers arrived. I took up the non-teaching Deputy Principal position at Ballina Primary School. I had a marvellous staff there.

Allan, my third son was about 7 or 8 when he brought Mark home from school one day and said: "Mark is going to live with us now". Mark stayed with us until he went to Sydney at age 20 and set up a business. Susan had 4 and a half brothers, we had 4 and a half sons, our boys treat Mark as a Bro.

In order to finish off my 4th List I had to teach from kinder to 6th Grade, run parent's meetings etc. I finished up taking over running Alstonville Primary School when the principal travelled.

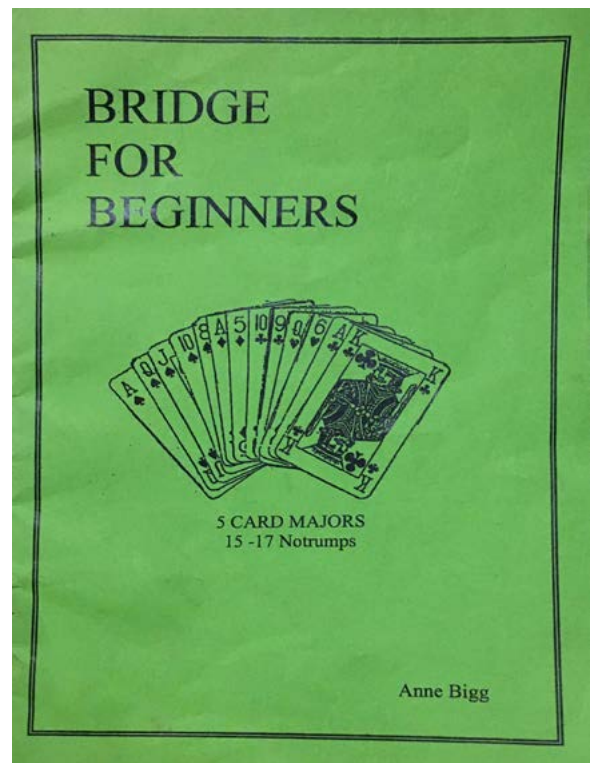
I retired as there were no schools suitable for me on the North Coast, and I was not prepared to go to Sydney again. Max had retired earlier than I did after a couple of big operations in Lismore.

### **Retirement, Bridge and the birth of the Green Book.**

When I retired both Lyn Graham and Lin Hoult were at me to follow them into Bridge. Lyn Graham booked me into lessons with Janet Brown. I took to Bridge like a duck to water. When the Club split and our group under Barbara Meany built the new clubhouse on land given to us by Council, I had two choices as I wanted to help - either the kitchen or, maybe a teaching group. I immediately started writing up lessons and taught morning and evening lessons. Lots of people were willing to help including Jim and Merrilyn Roche and Jenny Wardley. And when other teachers retired, I gradually built up a great group. Lyn Graham and Karl Gombro joined when Lyn retired from teaching, then Lyn Hoult. Jenny Wardley fitted in when needed. Judy Forsyth, Barbara Meany...so many.

We were getting sick of printing out notes each year, so the green book was born and morphed into the blue or pink book when the printer ran out of the current colour.

PS None of my children play Bridge. The boys can all play poker. Max doesn't play either.



*A well-used Green book - author Anne Bigg*



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## Dummy's Rights

- Howard Jeffery



Dummy has rights and responsibilities, and of course, should be aware of the regulations governing Dummy's behaviour.

### Dummy must not participate in the play.

As Dummy, you are watching the play and realize that one of the opponents revoked. What should you do? **Absolutely nothing.** Dummy must wait until the play of the hand is over before pointing out an irregularity and calling the director.

When Declarer designates a suit but not a rank, e.g. "heart please" the card you must play is the lowest card in the suit, even when you are certain that the Declarer meant to play the highest. You can not question the Declarer with a "which one?" question as you will alert them to the fact they haven't designated properly and they may then wish to change their call to "top heart please".

Your partner won a trick with the ♠A. He now says, "Jack." You should play the ♠J if you have it even though you recognise that Declarer almost certainly wanted the Jack of another suit played. You cannot ask "which suit?" as you are alerting Declarer to the fact they haven't designated properly and they may then wish to change their call to "Jack of hearts please".

### Dummy must not indicate which card to play.

The Laws are absolutely explicit on this – "After Dummy's hand is faced, Dummy may not touch or indicate any card (except for purpose of arrangement) without instruction from Declarer. If he does so the Director should be summoned [and] ... at the end of the play the Director shall award an adjusted score if he considers Dummy suggested a play to Declarer and the Defenders were damaged by the play suggested".

The most common example of this is the Dummy whose hands hovers over the card they believe should be played.

### "No Hearts partner?"

Dummy may ask Declarer (but not a Defender) when he has failed to follow suit to a trick whether he has a card of the suit led.

### "Play anything"

If Declarer says "play anything" either Defender may designate the card to be played from Dummy. Dummy cannot insist on playing a particular card.

### "Win the trick"

If Declarer directs Dummy to 'win' the trick, he is deemed to have called the lowest card that it is known will win the trick. Dummy cannot interpret this as play the highest card of the suit but simply beat the card that has been played.



Thankyou to Kallum  
Fidoe and Jetts for their  
contribution to our  
awards.

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# 'Rule of 11'

by Paul Smith



As a beginner, everyone is taught to lead the fourth best card from their longest suit, particularly against No Trumps. Many people still do it years and decades later. Why is it such a good idea?

The first thing is that it tells partner a lot about your hand. Partner knows which is your longest and strongest suit! That has to be good information. But what else does it tell you? Consider this position.

North opens 1♦ and South's response shows 10 or more points with Diamond support, "inverted minors". North's rebid of 2♥ shows a stopper in the suit and South implies stoppers in the black suits and 14-15 points by ending the auction with 3NT.

North	W	N	E	S
♠ 8 7		1♦	P	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
♥ A J 7	P	2♥ <sup>2</sup>	P	3NT
♦ Q J 8 4	P	P	P	
♣ K Q 6 4				
Dealer North NS vulnerable				
East				
♠ Q 10 5 3				
♥ K 10 2				
♦ 5 2				
♣ 10 7 5 2				

1 10+ with Diamond support

2 Showing a stopper

Your partner, West, leads the ♥6. **What can you, as East, work out?** It is very unlikely that South has four Hearts as they would have responded 1♥ rather than raising diamonds. If South has three Hearts then your partner has to have four. If South only has two Hearts then partner has five and so on. You have worked out that

partner's lead is from length. If it is from length then it will be "fourth best from their longest and strongest".

Now you can apply some mathematical magic - the rule of 11. The **'Rule of 11'** applies when someone has led fourth best. Subtract the number on the card (six, in this case) from eleven. This gives you five. Five is the number of cards that your partner does not have which are higher than the card led. In other words, North, East and South have a total of exactly five cards which are bigger than the six.

You can see three cards bigger than the six in the dummy and you have two cards bigger than six yourself. That is all five. A light bulb should go off in your head - declarer has no Hearts bigger than the six!

Declarer calls for the seven from dummy. What should you do? You just worked out that declarer has no cards bigger than the six, so play the 10 to win the trick. Confirming your calculation, declarer contributes the four to the trick.

You can see through the back of the cards. Partner has the Queen, Nine and Eight of Hearts and maybe the three and/or five as well. A fourth best lead does not mean exactly four - could be five, six or seven.

Your lead to trick two is just as important as your play to trick one. Obviously you want to keep playing on Hearts as there may be another two, three or more tricks waiting in the suit. If you lead the two what will happen? Partner will play their Queen so that the Jack is not a cheap trick

for dummy. Later in the play if you or partner gains the lead you will be able to take the King of Hearts but partner won't be able to overtake to cash the rest of the suit. Leading the two of Hearts at the second trick would be a mistake.

Lead the King of Hearts (yes, around to dummy's Ace). Now what happens? Either declarer will take the Ace and make partner's **Queen and all the rest of their Hearts** into tricks. Or declarer doesn't take the Ace but instead 'ducks' by playing the Jack. In that case you continue with your Heart 10 and once again you have set up all of partner's remaining Hearts.

If declarer doesn't touch the Diamond suit then they only have seven tricks. When declarer inevitably plays Diamonds West wins their King and takes the remaining Heart tricks to beat the contract.

If West had lead anything except a Heart then declarer would win the trick, drive out the King of Diamonds and make at least one overtrick. Fourth best plus the magic wand of the 'rule of 11' lets East/West defeat a 28 point game.

North		W	N	E	S
<div> <div>D</div> <div>Dealer North NS vulnerable</div> </div>	♠ 8 7		1♦	P	2♦ <sup>1</sup>
	♥ A J 7	P	2♥ <sup>2</sup>	P	3NT
	♦ Q J 8 4	P	P	P	
	♣ K Q 6 4				
West	East				
♠ J 9 4 2	♠ Q 10 5 3				
♥ Q 9 8 6 3	♥ K 10 2				
♦ K 7	♦ 5 2				
♣ J 8	♣ 10 7 5 2				
South		3NT S Lead - ♥6			
♠ A K 6					
♥ 5 4					
♦ A 10 9 6 3					
♣ A 9 3					

# The Real Deal

A lot of work goes into the successful running of our club. The dealing team is just one of the teams that helps facilitate the smooth running of the bridge sessions from day to day.

As with all teams, it's a group effort, and I would like to thank the team who helps with the dealing week in and week out.

Fortunately, when Jack Piece decided to call it a day after 14 years, Anne Jackson was able to help transfer the knowledge to the new team, while Jack holidayed overseas.

I would like to acknowledge the following people who help me generate, print and prepare the deals.

- Anne Jackson
- Paul Buck
- Deb McLay

Generating the deals is the easy part – the computer does most of the work.

The lions share of the effort comes in dealing the cards. This means opening every board, removing the cards and inserting them in the correct order into the dealing machine. You will be surprised how often boards are stored in the incorrect sequence, cards upside down, cards missing, boards missing. The number of errors defies belief for something so simple, but yet it happens every week.

We would be lost without our A

team of dealers:-

- Anne Riley
- Hilary Lewis

From time to time one of these dedicated ladies is not available and we have a great backup team, that includes

- Sophie Davis
- Margaret Faulks
- Jenny Wardley
- And others

Our busiest day in the last 9 months saw us deal 19 sets of boards. At an average of 32 boards per set, that's 608 boards to deal on a single Wednesday morning. Thankfully we don't have those sorts of numbers every week. Usually it's about 9 sets for the weekly sessions, and, if we have time, we deal the special event boards.

We recently added extra sets of boards for our special events. Previously Jack used to use the weekly boards for special events but this meant he had to deal on Saturday evening for a Sunday event. I believe the dealers put in enough effort without asking them all to help on the weekends.

We now have lots of boards for extra events, as well as for the weekly sessions. We upgraded all the double 32 sets of boards to double 36's. This provides directors greater flexibility in choosing a movement and dealing an extra 4 boards per set is of little consequence if they are only used as 32 boards of the 36.



Clive Klugman

Jack set up a fantastic system that works really well. All sets are numbered clearly. Special events were named according to the event they were prepared for. For example GNOT-1-AM, GNOT-1-PM, GNOT-2-AM, GNOT-2-PM. The problem with this is that, the director in their infinite wisdom decides to use GNOT-2-PM as the first set instead of – GNOT-1-AM. And if they don't use a set for some reason we are left with GNOT-1-AM to be used for teams of 3! Hardly the correct naming conventions.

I decided to create EVENT cards. Since we have 12 sets of 28 boards for special events and 10 sets of 32 boards, you will now find cards for the following sets

- E28-1
- E28-2
- E32-1
- E32-2

The number of sets in each event is determined by the person in charge of the event. Each set will have a card indicating which event they belong to.

There is a yearly program guide next to the dealing computer. In it I annotate the requirements for each event. Following is a page from the book. As you can see on

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the 14 July we prepared 6 sets of E28-1 and 6 sets of E32-2. On 22 July we prepared 6 sets of E28-2. And finally on 31 July we prepared a single special set SWP19. Hopefully this will make things easy for directors and people running events. If in doubt look at the book and use the boards indicated.

Rounds 1 & 2				
Gold Points				
14	E28-1 x 6 <sup>15</sup>	16	17	18
GNOT E32-2 x 6			Fall into Winter Graded Pairs 3	Gala Teams Night
Gold Points				
21	22	23	24	25
Surfers Teams	Teams of Three			
	E28-2 x 6			
28	29	30	31	
			State-wide Pairs	
			SWP19 x 1	



For those interested, creating a set of boards is completely random. The computer software just produces a set of deal and the operator has absolutely nothing to do with their contents. You will notice at the foot of the printouts, the statistics for the set of boards. The computer tries to ensure all directions get more or less the same average number of HCP's across all boards. So if you think you are being hard done by check the statistics. Also remember, defence is as much a part of the game as declaring – use the cards you are given to practise your defence. You can come first without declaring a single hand.

I am always happy to answer any

questions regarding dealing – feel free to ask.

My hat off to Jack for running the dealing for 14 years. I don't think I will last that long! However his legacy remains and if you ever want to complain about the boards you have been

dealt, remember to blame Jack.

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I had an interesting director's call recently. I approached the table to see two 4 hearts on the table – one by south and one by west. The first thing to go thru my mind was "how is this even possible". I know the dealing machine does not allow duplicate cards in a single board. However mistakes never cease to amaze me, so my mind started racing! After recovering from my shock, I noticed that one 4H was in fact a red card and one a blue card. Turns out all south's cards were blue and the other 3 were red. Problem solved – south had taken their cards out of the next board to play – their cards for this hand

were still in their slot on the table. The table had managed to bid, and play 4 tricks before noticing the problem. Bottom line, it's not always the dealer's fault.

If you ever want to help dealing, please let me know and you can join the team or just come and look.

Regards

Clive, on behalf of the entire dealing team.





## Happy 90th Birthday to Phillip Ross



## Ballina Mah Jong Club News

The Mahjong Club thanks the Ballina Bridge Club for their generous donation of funds for three new Mahjong sets and racks which have been purchased to augment our library of games. They have been released for play and we have received many favourable comments by our players.



Flyers and Registration Forms for the 27th Australasian Mahjong Festival which we are hosting in Ballina in August 2020 have been sent to the Rockhampton Club who will distribute them at this years Festival on Norfolk Island, 13th to 20th August.

The winners for July are: Denise Bridge, Shirley Atkinson, Sally Lowry and Judy Brent.



# Supervised Play on Friday Mornings - by Rebecca Rogers

Friday morning sessions are run by the Education Team with the intent of providing a transition session from lessons to play in regular Club sessions and events.



Run by Peter Forsyth and with regular assistance from Col Gale and Paul and Mary Blanch ( with the occasional help from Dawn Horder when not travelling!) these sessions are an invaluable forum for players to ask questions, check bidding and card play in a proper playing environment.

Peter regularly gives a short lesson at the beginning of the morning usually responding to difficulties players are experiencing. This week (2/08/19) we showed a short video on the ABCs of bidding in an effort to clarify when to bid and to what level. These are reinforcing basics learnt in the Club's Beginner Lessons plus adding some new information.

This is a session that the Australian Bridge Federation would love every club to have as it works as a "bridge" between lessons and competitive play and we are very fortunate to have the time and resources to be able to offer this morning session almost 52 weeks of the year.

It takes a long time for new players to accumulate Masterpoints....a very long time (and I say that from experience!) so new and inexperienced players are able to learn from these sessions for some years.

It is expected of course that as players learn and play more they will progress to regular Club sessions, and, new players from lessons will join in.

A guide to Supervised Play upper level would be say the ABF definition of Novice which is 20 Masterpoints.

We play 15 boards each Friday and the players can earn a special low level of MPs to get them on the road to ruin! If a teacher is needed to fill in and make up a table for play the teacher and partner are NOT awarded points.

Although we have not defined a limit on Masterpoints, the intention of this session is clear.

The Club hosts a Social Bridge session on Monday mornings from 9am for players who just want to play in a social environment without teaching, or rules.





# Newsletter August 2019

## Achievements during 2018 to 2019



Robert Eldridge, Secretary

Soon after the current Management Committee commenced, a list of goals for the year was developed and agreed between the sub committees and the Management Committee. Below is a report on progress against those goals. This list bears witness to the enormous effort by volunteers in continually improving our Club.

### EDUCATION:

- New short course Mini Bridge developed and commences July 2019;
- Commenced development of new Buddy system, including manual. (To be introduced next year);
- 46 people participated in Introduction to Bridge Classes

### DIRECTORS:

- Handbook of different movements for various sized fields developed for Directors use.

### DEALING:

- Two new Dealing Machines

### HOUSE:

- New Waste Recycling System introduced consistent with Council Guidelines;

### CARPARK:

- Completion of Northern Driveway entrance, along with the laying of GeoHex to reduce the incidence of potholes, and improving the safety of access to and egress from the car park;

### GARDEN:

- Reconstituted garden watering system;

### CLUBROOMS:

- painting completed
- new blinds installed
- new carpets
- new photocopier

### PLAY:

- New Inter Club competition Ballina vs Gold Coast developed and commenced;
- New formats for Pairs and teams Championships introduced;
- Updates to the weekly program including graded pairs on 3rd Wednesday of the month, and more state/national events played at our own club;
- Introduced event regulations for multi-session special events and our Congress;
- Continued comprehensive communications with members regarding events via Club Newsletter and email and of course lots of events.

### TECHNOLOGY:

- New Computer for Administration and Dealing.

### NEWSLETTER:

- Reinvigoration of Newsletter, with expanded content introduced;
- Policy Guidelines for Newsletter agreed;

### SPONSORSHIP and MARKETING:

- Sponsorship policy developed and agreed.
- New Sponsorship from Harcourts

### EXPANSION/IMPROVED FACILITIES including for the DISABLED.

- Initial consideration undertaken. Advice received from Council re impediments to expansion. Further consideration required re facilities for disabled.

### FINANCE:

- New financial reporting arrangements implemented.

### OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS:

- Operating Arrangements clarified between Committee of Management and sub committees
- Limited Financial delegation given to sub committees.