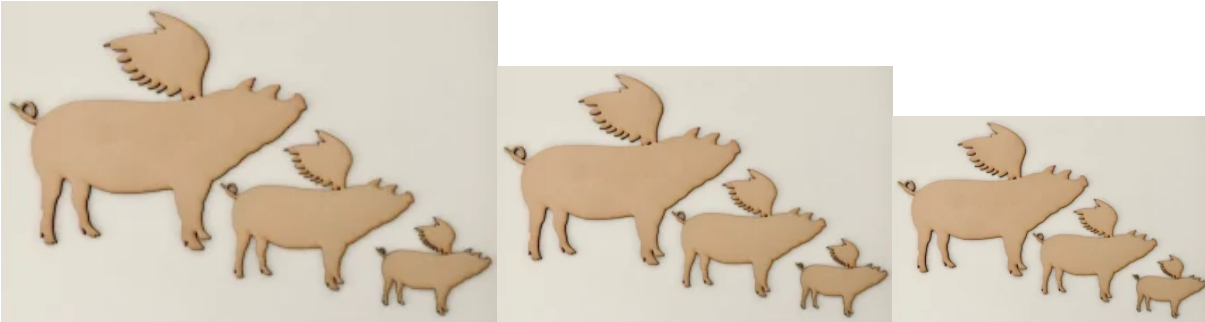


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## *Newsletter: February 2024*



### *Those NY Resolutions...*

### *Are they becoming shadows of their former selves?*

Don't worry, you're just getting to know the new year and it's promising to be a good one. Here's how it started:

### *Congratulations ....*

Winners on January 17th in the **January Pairs** were:

N/S: John Redfearn & Norm Berger

E/W: Matt Raj Mal & Brian Richardson

2nd place N/S: Kerrie & Peter Johnman

E/W: Mary McFadden & Julie Leigh

(Special Congrats, Julie: good to see new faces starring in the awards).

### *Inter-Club Teams, Thursday 1st Feb*

18 teams played 56 boards in the InterClub Teams event.

### *Congratulations ....*

Norm Berger and Stephen Calcroft with Kerrie and Peter Johnman  
flew the Club flag in third place  
and

Chrissie Flanagan and Alan Moore (swimming in the shark pool) teamed with

David Purkiss and Peter Cloughessy to claim eighth place.

CCBC had four teams playing. All Central Coast Clubs were represented, the event was won by Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Sally Clarke and Chris Williams (Central Coast Leagues Club) with Hope Tomlinson, Jaan Oitmaa, Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore (Brisbane Waters) in second place.

## *Congratulations...*

The February 14th Club Individual Champion is:

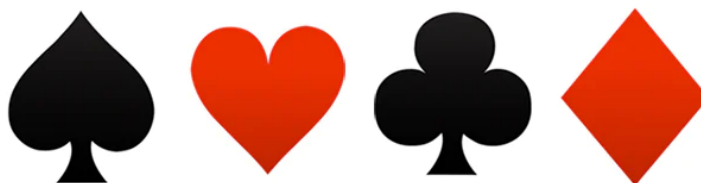


2nd: Vic Pietraszkewicz

3rd: John Redfearn

Special thanks to Director Peter Hume from Brisbane Waters who had a difficult movement to organise and managed it brilliantly.

Thanks, also, to Matt who got the field together and organised the day, including a lunch that featured fish and chips as well as chicken!



*We Wish our Club members playing at the Gold Coast Congress during this week the very best of games, good fortune and fellowship.*



### **WAMBERAL CUP CLUB OPEN PAIRS**

**Thursday morning February 22nd, commencing 9.30am**

Open to everyone but only CCBC members are eligible to win the trophy. It's a **RED** point event and we need to have 5 full tables to run the event. Tea, coffee and nibbles are always available and please switch off the mobile and be seated ten minutes prior to 9.30. If you're likely to be late, please call the Club to inform the Session Director. Cost \$8, enter via notice board.

### **BEP PLATE ROUND 3**

What does BEP stand for? Bidly Encouragement Plate.

Biddy Boylan, who donated the trophy, was made a life member of the Club in 1989.

Thursday, February 29th, commencing 1.30pm

Round 1 winners were: N/S Julie & Ian Leigh; E/W Robyn Price & Peter Greening

Round 2 winners were: N/S Peter Collett & Keith Perring; E/W Richard McCarthy & Lynette Bigland

Overall winners will be declared after February 29th and names will be added to the Club winners' board.

**CLUB MIXED PAIRS**

Wednesday, March 6th, commencing 9.30am  
Details not yet to hand will be advised by Kerrie.

**MARCH PAIRS**

Thursday, March 14th, commencing 9.30am  
Details not yet to hand will be advised by Kerrie.

*Special Diary Entry:*

*The CCBC Congress (Pairs and Teams) will be held at the Diggers 23rd and 24th March and is open to Novice, Restricted and Open players. The venue is classy and comfortable and we encourage you to sign up for a memorable weekend of cards and company and generous prize money!*



*What Happened on the Ship?*

(You may well ask)  
Courtesy Jill Wildey

Earlier this month six members of our CCBC headed off on a cruise to the Shakey Isles. Lots and fun and laughter was had on board the Queen Elizabeth, despite our initially having to return to Sydney after sailing overnight with a medical emergency which altered the entire schedule!



The Bridgettes (aptly named) represented our club admirably in the bridge room, alternating partners each day and we certainly held our own. Even our intrepid Director eventually softened and joined us for sailaway drinks on the music deck.

**More stories? What happened on the ship stays on the ship!!!**



*Grow your confidence (and masterpoints)  
with John's wit-sharpening lessons*

**BEGINNERS' LESSONS START TUESDAY, FEB 20TH**

This is a series of six weekly lessons, followed by the Class Graduation and three lessons on Supervised Play.

If you have a friend or know of someone who is keen to learn - let them know that lessons started this Tuesday.

### INTERMEDIATE LESSONS: WEDNESDAYS AT 9.30AM

21st Feb	Revision
28th Feb	to be advised
6th March	Negative Doubles
13th March	Takeout Doubles
20th March	Reverse Bids

### ADVANCED LESSONS: FRIDAYS AT 10.30AM

16th Feb	Revision to date
23rd Feb	Revision to date
1st March	) Signals: High/Low; Suit Preference;
8th March	) Count;
15th March	) Queen from Queen Jack;
22nd March	) Discards

## *Do you know the History of Bridge?*

*Courtesy: John Redfearn.*

The game we play developed in four basic stages.

### *Whist*

The game of Whist originated in sixteenth century England and was played by four people in two partnerships. Each player had 13 cards, with the last card left face up on the table to identify the trump suit. The card stayed on the table until it was the dealer's turn to play to the first trick, when he returned it to his hand. The player to the dealer's left made the opening lead and there was no dummy.

Each trick in excess of 6, known as 'the book', scored one point.

### *Bridge Whist*

(possibly anglicised from the Russian "Biritz" which was a form of the game that was developing in Russia in the 19th Century) took over from Whist in popularity in Europe and introduced some refinements. The trump suit was nominated by the dealer or his partner, suits were ranked in value: Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs then Spades, with No Trumps outranking all.

There was still no bidding. Dummy was introduced. Opponents were able to double for penalties.

## *Auction Bridge*

started in 1904 when bidding was introduced. The objective was to keep the bidding as low as possible because dealer's side was credited with the number of tricks won, whether contract or not. If declarer bid 2S and made 12 tricks, he was credited with making a slam.

If declarer won the number of tricks contracted for (over the book), he scored 10,9,8,7 and 6 points for each trick. No trumps outranked all but the suit ranking had changed to today's Spades, Hearts, Diamonds and Clubs. Opponents could double.

## *Contract Bridge*

our modern version, was invented by Harold S. Vanderbilt in 1925. The method of scoring changed, the concept of vulnerability was introduced and bidding became more important because in order to get credit for game or slam, it must be bid.

## *.....and now: Duplicate Bridge*

*Courtesy: Matt Raj Mal*

Each form of Bridge is governed by Laws. One of the most misunderstood

**Laws of Duplicate Bridge is Law 46: Incomplete or Invalid designation of a card from Dummy.** It's a Law worth understanding because you can improve your game's outcome by knowing your rights. Most players think that the Declarer is the only player to dictate which card to play from Dummy. Knowing the Law may give you an advantage.

A. Proper Form for Designating Dummy's Card: Declarer should clearly state both the suit and the rank of the desired card.

B. Incomplete or Invalid Designation: the following restrictions apply EXCEPT when Declarer's different intention is incontrovertible.

1. (a) If Declarer in playing from Dummy calls "high" or words of like meaning, he is deemed to have called for the highest card of the suit led

(b) If he directs Dummy to "win" the trick, he is deemed to have called for the lowest card that is known will win the trick

(c) If he calls "low" or words of like meaning, he is deemed to have called for the lowest card of the suit indicated

2. If Declarer designates a suit but not a rank, he is deemed to have called for the lowest card of the suit indicated

3. If Declarer designates a rank but not a suit:

(a) in leading, Declarer is deemed to have continued the suit with which Dummy won the preceding trick provided that there is a card of the designated rank in that suit

(b) In all other cases Declarer must play a card from Dummy of the designated rank if he can legally do so; but if there are two or more such cards that can be legally played, **Declarer must designate which is intended.**

4. If Declarer calls for a card that is not in Dummy the call is invalid and Declarer may designate any legal card

5. If Declarer indicates a play without designating either suit or rank (as by saying 'play anything') **either Defender may designate the play from Dummy.**

Always ask the session Director for clarification if you need an explanation.



## *An Interesting Hand that dares you to Decline the Trump Finesse*

	<u>North</u>	
	♠JT6	
	♥AQJT	
	♦AKQJ	
	♣64	
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>
♠AQ987		♠32
♥54		♥K7
♦32		♦T74
♣KQJ2		♣T98753
	<u>South</u>	
	♠K54	
	♥98632	
	♦9865	
	♣A	

*Courtesy: Brian Richardson*

And if you don't listen to the voice of caution, you may snatch Defeat from the jaws of Victory. It's hard to ignore a trump finesse, but in this case it may lead to defeat.

North has a balanced hand with too many points to open 1NT, so the correct bid is 1D. West makes a Spade overcall. South bids 1Heart and becomes Declarer in a 4H contract.



The Club King is led and Declarer counts 3 Losers: One Heart and 2 Spades. If, after winning the opening lead, Declarer is tempted to take the Heart finesse, he'll be defeated because East, who can have no more than a doubleton Spade, will be able to get a Spade ruff. If he takes the finesse it's likely to lose.

To guard against that possibility, Declarer should play the Heart Ace and then a second Heart and UNLESS East started with a 3 card Heart suit including the King, his contract is safe. It is important that the Declarer remembers that he cannot afford to have 2 Spade Losers, one Heart Loser AND a Spade ruff.

### *Trivia Corner:*

*Did you know that the world's first computer  
is over 2,000 years old?*

It is known as the Antikythera Mechanism and was discovered in the ruins of the ancient Greco-Roman wreck of the Antikythera, by sponge divers in 1900. In the 1950s, the science historian Derek J. Solla Price studied its scattered parts and became convinced that it was an analog computer - advanced imaging techniques have since proven Price correct.

It resembles a mantel-size clock, contains dozens of gears and has a handle on its side. When the handle was turned, the device calculated phases of the Moon and the movements of the five visible planets - Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. It included a dial for the timing of the Olympics and religious festivals. One of its many dozens of gears had 223 teeth!

Nothing else like it is known from antiquity and nothing shows up in archeological records for another 1000 years. It is thought to have been the work of the ancient Greek astronomer and mathematician Hipparchus (founder of trigonometry), possibly together with the famed mathematician and inventor Archimedes. Its precise origin may remain a mystery but its existence has completely altered our understanding of the history of technology.

Until next month, then - happy bridging and let's relax and look forward to an exciting year.



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