



CENTRAL COAST
BRIDGECLUB

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UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

IN THE MATRIX

This newsletter sees us in another lengthy lockdown which looks like extending until the end of August at least. While we are in this situation, the committee is using the time to continue to work on the constitution, planning for the future and most recently, looking to provide some online bridge sessions.

The work on the constitution consists of chipping away at customisation for CCBC, one area that has been recently reviewed by the committee is life membership. While no guidance appears in the current constitution, we have found it necessary to start from scratch. So far, we have come up with some criteria to guide a committee in its decision-making. Please see below for a draft but please be aware that this is only open for consultation at this stage and not set in stone:

'The nominee has been a member for at least 15 years, 10 of which have been served on the committee and they always uphold CCBC values as set out in the strategic plan.

Additionally, the member nominee (nominee) has consistently made outstanding contribution in at least one of three criteria as follows:

1. Is a bridge teacher at CCBC which may include but not limited to: researching bridge systems, preparing teaching resources, teaching club members and beginners.
2. Is an Ambassador – the nominee has professionally and positively represented the Club either through external event participation or through liaison with bodies on Club related matters.
3. Is a Service Person – the nominee has contributed considerable and commendable personal input into the Club which has resulted in the Club being substantially, demonstrably and positively changed by that contribution. This may include but not limited to fund-raising, committee participation, supporting other members, clubhouse maintenance and other areas that a Committee may see as relevant.'

UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In relation to planning for the future, we have consulted an architect who is looking at ways to remodel our premises into a quality, long-term bridge centre that can continue to serve the membership for many years to come. In the near future, the Committee will be displaying some preliminary architectural plans/models to commence the process of member consultation, feedback and comment with the objective of gaining member approval for the final building upgrade.

As you are well aware, plans for our congresses have been greatly affected by COVID and cancellations are imminent. We are in the process of arranging some online bridge activities. See below for information on our first sessions.

Please stay safe during lockdown.

*Louise Lewis,
President*



UPDATE FROM OUR COVID-SAFE COORDINATOR

As you all know, our club is closed due to the lockdown. We want to assure all of our members that we will reopen as soon as we are permitted.

We hope to see you all back soon.

In the meantime, please stay safe, and get vaccinated!



*Stay safe,
Kerrie Ransom*

Online Club Bridge

We're excited to announce that we'll be providing online games with RealBridge during lockdown. Sessions will be at 1pm every Thursday during August - 5, 12, 19, 26. These sessions are for just for the Central Coast Bridge Club and only club members (Full or Social) can register and play.

The cost of play is \$5 per player per session however the club is going to cover the cost on all players' behalf.

What is RealBridge?

RealBridge is an online platform that uses the camera and microphone in your computer to create a more realistic online face to face experience. So, provided you have camera and microphone access on your computer you'll be able to see and talk to players at your online table. Here's a [link to the RealBridge website that provides more details](#).

And here is a [link to a more comprehensive RealBridge Player Guide](#).

Important:

Please check your computer's camera and microphone set up by clicking here.

Don't have a webcam or microphone on your computer? Click here.

Links will be made available on our Club website for upcoming Club Duplicates on RealBridge (links active and open 60 mins before game time)

It will ask you for your NAME (please use as per your ABF registration) and an ID. Please quote your ABF number.

Thursday 5th August, 1:00pm – [RealBridge link – click here](#)

Still got a question? Please call John McIlrath on 0437 274343.

*Enjoy,
Norm Berger*



Volunteer Surveys

We are very pleased to report that we have had a good response to the surveys. A big THANK YOU to all of our members who have responded, and to those who have kindly offered their time and expertise to help. Some of you responded to our initial emailed survey, and we also posted the survey at the beginning of this prolonged lockdown.

We have also had a good response from this mail out. To date, we have had a total of 24 members who have volunteered to help in some capacity. Offers include gardening, office help, help with teaching and lessons, library help, assistance with congresses etc. We have also found that many of you would play bridge more often if a suitable partner were available, so this will be a priority for our committee once we are back.

There is still time to respond to our survey, so please feel free to fill it in and send it back to us. Every offer of help is appreciated. Once we can reopen, we will respond to all of you.

Many thanks again



Kerrie Ransom

Let Me Be Direct

To be a Director you need to have studied the rules and passed an exam. Our Club Directors also have meetings and regular training to keep up with and improve their skills. They are the referees or umpires of the game and therefore they should always be called to make a ruling.

When you're watching a game of tennis you don't see the players saying "Don't worry, I've played the game before I know what's happening I'll just make a call myself." That's not how the game is played and it's not fair to the player's opposition. The same applies to the game of bridge.

This month's piece is written by Shan Lawson who directs Tuesdays. Over to you Shan!

Dummy's Role

There's often confusion about what dummy can and can't do at the table. Once the opening lead has been made it's dummy's job to lay all the cards out face up for everyone to see. We all know that. After that it gets a little hazy at times so let's clear some things up.

During play, if declarer is about to lead from their hand but they won the previous trick in dummy, then dummy is permitted to correct their partner about where the correct lead should be coming from.

However, if declarer calls for a particular card from dummy when they should have led from their own hand, dummy can say NOTHING. Dummy must play the card that their partner has asked for. It's up to the opposition to accept the lead by playing to the trick, asking declarer to play from their own hand instead or calling the director if you're unsure what to do.

If declarer shows out of a suit and plays a different suit to the one led, dummy should ALWAYS ask their partner if indeed they are out of that suit or if they're about to revoke. A simple "No clubs partner? for example will do.

Let Me Be Direct (cont.)

However, if the opposition has revoked dummy can say NOTHING during play. The only time dummy can bring attention to a revoke is at the end of play of the entire hand.

Speaking of a revoke during play. If that happens dummy cannot be the one to call the Director, nor can they get involved in the explanation of why the Director has been called to the table. You guessed it, they can say NOTHING (starting to sound like Sgt Schultz).

It's dummy's role to keep a proper count of the tricks by placing their cards either towards their partner or the opposition and to clarify tricks won before folding their cards. Yes, everyone does this but it's actually one of dummy's jobs. So not drifting off in the middle of the game or checking your phone would be most helpful to your partner.

And as tempting as it may be to let your hand wander near cards in dummy that are "good" or cards you feel your partner should play next please don't do this. It makes everyone uncomfortable at the table. Keep your hands in a neutral place until your partner asks for a card to be played.

The best role of all for a dummy is to tell their partner "Well done" or "Good try" at the end of a hand. It's nice to have your partner in your corner even when you may have messed up.

Happy Bridging!

*Thank you!
Shan Lawson*



Bridge Problems

You are South playing in 3NT. West leads the King of Spades - what's your plan?



Dummy

43
A32
543
AQJ109

You

A2
K54
AKQ98
432



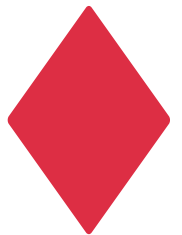
Again, you are South in 3NT and West leads the King of Spades. In this hand what's your plan?

Dummy

62
Q65
KQJ1083
A3

You

A1094
AKJ2
92
874



Bridge Problems Answers

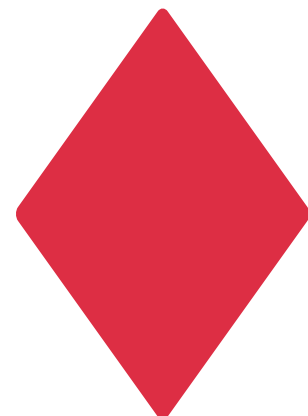
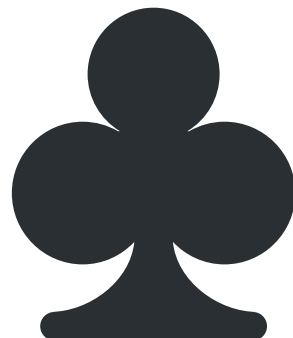
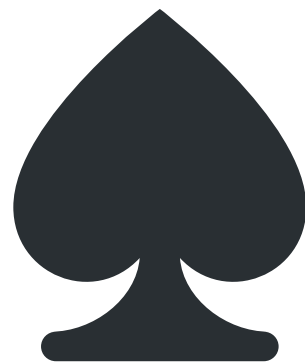
Hand 1

Do you play on diamonds or clubs?

The chances of the diamonds breaking 3-2 are 68%. The chances on the finesse succeeding are 50% so go with the better odds and play on the diamonds.

Hand 2

Win the ace immediately. Declarer cannot afford a club switch. Knock out the ace of diamonds and the 1094 will be a stopper.



*It's a thinking game
John Redbear*